



Access the opportunities.

# Important Information Supplementary Product Disclosure Statement

ASX code	Fund name	ARSN
XCO2	VanEck Global Carbon Credits Complex ETF	658 412 901

Issued by VanEck Investments Limited  
ABN 22 146 596 116  
AFSL No 416755

Issue date: 28 March 2025

This Supplementary Product Disclosure Statement dated 28 March 2025 ("**SPDS**") is issued by VanEck Investments Limited ACN 146 596 116 AFSL No 416755 as responsible entity ("**VanEck**") of the VanEck Global Carbon Credits Complex ETF ("**Fund**"). This is the first SPDS to the Product Disclosure Statement for the Fund dated 23 May 2022 ("**PDS**").

This SPDS is an important document and should be read together with the PDS. The purpose of this SPDS is to advise the termination of the Fund. The information below is taken to be included in the PDS. Defined terms used in this SPDS have the meaning given to them in the PDS. If there is a conflict between the PDS and this SPDS, this SPDS will prevail.

The following new section is inserted at the end of section 1 – Important Information to read first.

### **Termination of Fund**

VanEck has resolved to terminate the VanEck Global Carbon Credits Complex ETF (ASX: XCO2) (the **Fund**), effective after close of trading on 28 April 2025 (**Last Trading Day**).

Upon the close of trading on the Last Trading Day, ETF Units in the Fund will be suspended and removed from trading on the ASX as soon as practicable. At the end of the Last Trading Day, the closure process for the Fund will commence in accordance with the Fund's constitution and the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)* (**Corporations Act**).

VanEck has applied to the ASX for the Fund's trading status to be revoked. As the in-principle advice for the Fund is granted, VanEck will seek formal revocation of trading status from the ASX. Please note that the ASX is involved in the revocation of trading status, which is separate to the termination of the Fund. The ASX is not involved in the termination of the Fund.

The decision to close the Fund recognises that, since its launch, it has not achieved sufficient scale to be sustainable and is not likely to do so. Having considered the alternatives, VanEck has resolved that termination of the Fund is in the best interests of investors as a whole.

*Investors in the Fund have two options:*

1. Sell their ETF Units on the ASX before close of trading on the Last Trading Day via their broker or investing platform in the normal manner. Authorised Participants may redeem ETF Units until the Last Trading Day; or
2. Continue to hold their ETF Units, participate in the Fund's termination, and receive a final distribution payment that represents a final distribution of any income (if applicable), as well as their pro-rated share of the net proceeds from the sale of the Fund's assets. This payment will be made to each investor's nominated bank account for distributions. It is important to note that investors who hold their ETF Units and participate in the Fund's winding up will be subject to market movements until the Fund's assets have been sold.

The Fund will then be wound up in accordance with the Fund's Constitution and the Corporations Act.

Upon termination, the Fund's assets will be realised, and the net proceeds, after deducting actual or expected expenses will be distributed to investors in proportion to their holdings as at the Record Date. VanEck will cover the costs of winding up the Fund, excluding any transaction costs and taxes incurred from the realisation of the Fund's assets.

## Important dates

Set out below are a summary of the key dates relating to the termination.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Target Date (indicative)</b>
Notice of termination made via ASX announcement and letter sent to investors.	Friday, 28 March 2025
Last date of trading on ASX and last day for redemption of ETF Units in the Fund by Authorised Participants	
The date on which the Fund's termination process will commence. The Fund's assets will start to be liquidated upon close of trading on the ASX and consequently the Fund will no longer provide its pre-existing investment exposure.	Monday, 28 April 2025
The date final trades on the ASX will settle. Investors, following the settlement time on this date (Record Date), will participate in the closure process.	Wednesday, 30 April 2025
Final distribution to be paid to investors holding ETF Units on the Record Date.	By Wednesday, 28 May 2025
The date by which former investors will receive their annual tax statement containing details of their payment, to assist with completing their tax returns.	By Thursday, 31 July 2025

The dates above are subject to change and any change will be announced to the market via ASX.

The information in this notice does not take into account the objectives, financial situation or needs of any particular investor. Investors should seek independent professional advice to ensure that they understand the implications, including the tax implications, costs and risks of each choice.

24 March 2025

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**  
**VANECK GLOBAL CARBON CREDITS COMPLEX ETF (ASX: XCO2)**  
**CHANGE TO FUND NAME EFFECTIVE 20 MARCH 2025**

In accordance with the revised naming conventions for Exchange Traded Products set out in ASIC Information Sheet 230 the name of XCO2 has changed from VanEck Global Carbon Credits ETF (Synthetic) to VanEck Global Carbon Credits Complex ETF.

As a result, any reference to the VanEck Global Carbon Credits ETF (Synthetic) in the **Product Disclosure Statement** dated 23 May 2022 is replaced with VanEck Global Carbon Credits Complex ETF. The underlying investment strategy of XCO2 remains unchanged.

For more information about **VANECK GLOBAL CARBON CREDITS COMPLEX ETF** visit

<https://www.vaneck.com.au/etf/alternatives/xco2/snapshot/>

**For more information:**

- Call +61 1300 68 38 37
- Go to [vaneck.com.au](http://vaneck.com.au)

It is important for investors to register with the MUFG Corporate Markets Investor Centre as correspondence from VanEck regarding your investments in our funds including statements (such as tax, dividends, periodic and exit) are given here. In addition to reducing the carbon footprint associated with paper-based correspondence, we hope this is more convenient for our investors. Investors can register with the MUFG Corporate Markets Investor Centre via:  
<https://au.investorcentre.mpms.mufg.com/Login/Login>

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Issued by VanEck Investments Limited ABN 22 146 596 116 AFSL 416755 ('VanEck'). VanEck is the responsible entity and product issuer of a range of VanEck exchange traded funds ('Funds'). This information contains general information only about financial products and is not personal advice. It does not take into account any person's individual objectives, financial situation or needs. Before making an investment decision in relation to a VanEck Fund, you should read the relevant Product Disclosure Statement and the relevant Target Market Determination which are available at [www.vaneck.com.au](http://www.vaneck.com.au) or by calling 1300 68 38 37 and with the assistance of a financial adviser consider if it is appropriate for your circumstances. No member of the VanEck group of companies gives any guarantee or assurance as to the repayment of capital, the performance, or any particular rate of return of any VanEck Fund. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.



VanEck Investments Limited  
ABN 22 146 596 116, AFSL 416755  
Level 47, Suite 2, 25 Martin Place  
Sydney NSW 2000  
[www.vaneck.com.au](http://www.vaneck.com.au)

30 January 2025

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION UPDATE TO REGISTRAR INFORMATION**

Link Market Services Limited, as the Registrar for the Fund named in the below Product Disclosure Statement (PDS), changed its name to MUFG Corporate Markets (AU) Limited, effective 20 January 2025. Each reference to “Link Market Services Limited” in the PDS is replaced with “MUFG Corporate Markets (AU) Limited”.

VanEck considers the change is not adverse and is in investors’ best interests.

Please read the Product Disclosure Statement for more information regarding the Registrar.

#### **Updated Registrar Information**

MUFG Corporate Markets (AU) Limited

Locked Bag A14

Sydney South, NSW, 1235

Telephone: 1300 68 38 37

Email: [vaneck@cm.mpms.mufg.com](mailto:vaneck@cm.mpms.mufg.com)

Website: <https://www.mpms.mufg.com/en/for-individuals/>

It is important for investors to register with MUFG Corporate Markets as correspondence from VanEck regarding your investments in our funds including statements (such as tax, dividends, periodic and exit) are given here. In addition to reducing the carbon footprint associated with paper-based correspondence, we hope this is more convenient for our investors. Investors can register with the MUFG Investor Centre via: <https://au.investorcentre.mpms.mufg.com/>

#### **For more information:**

- Call 1300 68 38 37
- Go to [vaneck.com.au](http://vaneck.com.au)

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Issued by VanEck Investments Limited ABN 22 146 596 116 AFSL 416755 (‘VanEck’). VanEck is the responsible entity and product issuer of a range of VanEck exchange traded funds (‘Funds’). This information contains general information only about financial products and is not personal advice. It does not take into account any person’s individual objectives, financial situation or needs. Before making an investment decision in relation to a VanEck Fund, you should read the relevant Product Disclosure Statement and the relevant Target Market Determination which are available at [www.vaneck.com.au](http://www.vaneck.com.au) or by calling 1300 68 38 37 and with the assistance of a financial adviser consider if it is appropriate for your circumstances. No member of the VanEck group of companies gives any guarantee or assurance as to the repayment of capital, the performance, or any particular rate of return of any VanEck Fund. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.



VanEck Investments Limited  
ABN 22 146 596 116, AFSL 416755  
Level 47, Suite 2, 25 Martin Place  
Sydney NSW 2000  
[www.vaneck.com.au](http://www.vaneck.com.au)

28 March 2024

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**  
**VANECK GLOBAL CARBON CREDITS ETF (SYNTHETIC) (ASX: XCO2)**  
**CHANGE TO REFERENCE INDEX EFFECTIVE 1 APRIL 2024**

VanEck Global Carbon Credits ETF (Synthetic) aims to provide investment returns, before fees and other costs that track the performance of the ICE Global Carbon Futures Excess Return Index - AUD (**Reference Index**) published by ICE Data Indices, LLC (**ICE**).

Effective market open on 1 April 2024, the Reference Index will be replaced with the ICE Global Carbon Futures Total Return Index – AUD (**New Index**).

VanEck considers the change is not adverse and is in investors' best interests.

Please read the **Product Disclosure Statement** dated 23 May 2022 for more information regarding the methodology of the New Index.

For more information about **VanEck Global Carbon Credits ETF (Synthetic)** visit [www.vaneck.com.au/alternatives/xco2](http://www.vaneck.com.au/alternatives/xco2).

It is important for investors to register with the Link Investor Centre as correspondence from VanEck regarding your investments in our funds including statements (such as tax, dividends, periodic and exit) are given here. In addition to reducing the carbon footprint associated with paper-based correspondence, we hope this is more convenient for our investors. Investors can register with the Link Investor Centre via: <https://investorcentre.linkmarketservices.com.au/>.

**For more information:**

- Call +61 1300 68 38 37

Go to [vaneck.com.au](http://vaneck.com.au)

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Issued by VanEck Investments Limited ABN 22 146 596 116 AFSL 416755 ('VanEck'). VanEck is the responsible entity and product issuer of a range of VanEck exchange traded funds ('Funds'). This information contains general information only about financial products and is not personal advice. It does not take into account any person's individual objectives, financial situation or needs. Before making an investment decision in relation to a VanEck Fund, you should read the relevant Product Disclosure Statement and the relevant Target Market Determination which are available at [www.vaneck.com.au](http://www.vaneck.com.au) or by calling 1300 68 38 37 and with the assistance of a financial adviser consider if it is appropriate for your circumstances. No member of the VanEck group of companies gives any guarantee or assurance as to the repayment of capital, the performance, or any particular rate of return of any VanEck Fund. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

14 December 2022

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**  
**VANECK GLOBAL CARBON CREDITS ETF (SYNTHETIC) (ASX: XCO2)**  
**CHANGE TO MANAGEMENT FEE EFFECTIVE 14 DECEMBER 2022**

Effective market open on 14 December 2022, the management fee for XCO2 is changing to 0.45% p.a.

VanEck considers the change is not adverse and is in investors' best interests.

As a result, effective market open on 14 December 2022, any reference to the management fee in the **Product Disclosure Statement** dated 23 May 2022 is replaced with 0.45% p.a.

For more information about **VanEck Global Carbon Credits ETF (Synthetic)** visit <https://www.vaneck.com.au/etf/alternatives/XCO2>.

**For more information:**

- Call +61 1300 68 38 37
- Go to [vaneck.com.au](http://vaneck.com.au)

It is important for investors to register with the Link Investor Centre as correspondence from VanEck regarding your investments in our Funds including statements (such as tax, dividends, periodic and exit) are given here. In addition to reducing the carbon footprint associated with paper-based correspondence, we hope this is more convenient for our investors. Investors can register with the Link Investor Centre via: <https://investorcentre.linkmarketservices.com.au/>.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Issued by VanEck Investments Limited ABN 22 146 596 116 AFSL 416755 ('VanEck'). VanEck is the responsible entity and product issuer of a range of VanEck exchange traded funds ('Funds'). This information contains general information only about financial products and is not personal advice. It does not take into account any person's individual objectives, financial situation or needs. Before making an investment decision in relation to a VanEck Fund, you should read the relevant Product Disclosure Statement and the relevant Target Market Determination which are available at [www.vaneck.com.au](http://www.vaneck.com.au) or by calling 1300 68 38 37 and with the assistance of a financial adviser consider if it is appropriate for your circumstances. No member of the VanEck group of companies gives any guarantee or assurance as to the repayment of capital, the performance, or any particular rate of return of any VanEck Fund. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.



Access the opportunities.

# Product Disclosure Statement

ASX code	Fund name	ARSN
XCO2	VanEck Global Carbon Credits ETF (Synthetic)	658 412 901

Issued by VanEck Investments Limited  
ABN 22 146 596 116  
AFSL No 416755

Issue date: 23 May 2022



# Corporate directory

**Responsible Entity**

VanEck Investments Limited  
Level 47, Suite 2, 25 Martin Place  
Sydney, NSW, 2000  
Telephone: 1300 68 38 37  
Website: [www.vaneck.com.au](http://www.vaneck.com.au)  
Email: [enquiries@vaneck.com](mailto:enquiries@vaneck.com)

**Registrar**

Link Market Services Limited  
Locked Bag A14  
Sydney South, NSW, 1235  
Telephone: 1300 68 38 37  
Website: [www.linkmarketservices.com.au](http://www.linkmarketservices.com.au)  
Email: [vaneck@linkmarketservices.com.au](mailto:vaneck@linkmarketservices.com.au)

**VanEck Capital Markets**

8:30am to 5:30pm Sydney time  
Monday to Friday  
Telephone: +61 2 8038 3317  
Facsimile: +61 2 8038 3349  
E-mail: [capital.markets@vaneck.com.au](mailto:capital.markets@vaneck.com.au)  
Website: [www.vaneck.com.au](http://www.vaneck.com.au)

**Auditor**

Ernst & Young  
The EY Centre, Level 34  
200 George Street  
Sydney, NSW, 2000  
Telephone: (02) 9248 5555

# Contents

1	Important information to read first .....	4
2	Introduction to Carbon Credits and VanEck .....	5
3	Summary of the Fund.....	6
4	The AQUA Rules .....	9
5	Benefits of the Fund.....	11
6	How the Fund works .....	12
7	Investment objective, strategy, valuation, pricing and performance of the Fund .....	13
8	Reference Index .....	14
9	Risks .....	15
10	Fees and other costs .....	19
11	Transacting with VanEck .....	23
12	Dividends .....	24
13	Tax .....	25
14	Other information you need to know .....	26
15	Glossary of terms.....	31

# 1 Important information to read first

## 1.1 This product disclosure statement

This product disclosure statement ('PDS') is issued by VanEck Investments Limited ABN 22 146 596 116 AFSL No 416755 as Responsible Entity of the VanEck ETF named on the front cover and throughout this PDS ('the Fund').

The Fund is a registered managed investment scheme regulated by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission ('ASIC'). A class of units in the Fund ('ETF Units') is expected to be admitted to quotation and trading as an Exchange Traded Fund ('ETF') on the Australian Securities Exchange ('ASX'). ETF Units may also be traded on the licensed financial market operated by Cboe Australia Pty Ltd. For ease, all references in this PDS are only to 'ASX'.

References in this PDS to 'VanEck', 'us', 'we', 'our' or 'Responsible Entity' are a reference to VanEck Investments Limited in its capacity as Responsible Entity of the Fund. Capitalised terms (Like This) in this PDS are defined in the 'Glossary of terms'.

A copy of this PDS has been lodged with ASIC, and is subject to an exposure period of seven days after the date of this PDS, and is subject to possible extension by ASIC for a further seven days. This PDS will also be lodged with ASX and the Registrar of Financial Service Providers, New Zealand ('RFSPNZ'). Neither ASIC, ASX, nor RFSPNZ take any responsibility for the contents of this PDS. We have applied to ASX for Units in the Fund ('ETF Units') to be admitted to trading status on ASX under the AQUA Rules as an ETF. As at the date of this PDS, ETF Units are yet to be quoted. No applications for ETF Units will be accepted until the PDS exposure period has expired and ASX has approved the ETF Units for admission to quotation and trading status.

## 1.2 The offer is to Authorised Participants

The offer of ETF Units in this PDS is only for Authorised Participants ('APs'). Only APs may acquire ETF Units directly from VanEck. The process for APs to acquire ETF Units is set out in 11.1.

## 1.3 ASX Investors

All investors may trade ETF Units on ASX ('ASX Investors'), in the same way they trade shares in a listed company without submitting an application under this PDS. ASX Investors may use this PDS for information purposes only but are bound by its terms.

## 1.4 Foreign Investors

The offer in this PDS does not constitute an offer in any other jurisdiction.

Professional and institutional Foreign Investors may act as APs subject to relevant laws and regulations but may be subject to restrictions on redemptions. Other Foreign Investors may trade ETF Units on ASX as other ASX Investors do.

ETF Units are not intended to be sold to United States persons as defined under Regulation S of the United States federal securities laws.

## 1.5 Classes of units

As at the date of this PDS, the ETF Units offered is the only class of ETF Units in the Fund. Under the Constitution, VanEck is permitted to establish further classes of units including further classes of ETF Units.

## 1.6 Up to date information

All information in this PDS is current as at the date of this PDS. Information and terms in this PDS will change from time to time. Check our website [www.vaneck.com.au](http://www.vaneck.com.au) for the most up to date information before making a decision.

## 1.7 General advice warning

This PDS contains general information only about Australian financial products and is not personal financial advice. It is not a recommendation by us or any other person to invest in the Fund. The information does not take into account the individual investment objectives, financial situation or needs of any person. Before making an investment decision, you should consider (in consultation with a licensed financial adviser) whether the decision is appropriate for your investment strategy, individual risk tolerance, financial situation, needs and objectives. You can check if an adviser is licensed by contacting ASIC on 1300 300 630 or at [www.asic.gov.au](http://www.asic.gov.au).

An investment in the Fund is subject to various risks described in section 9, including possible delays in repayment and loss of income and capital invested. None of VanEck Investments Limited, VanEck Australia Pty Ltd, Van Eck Associates Corporation or their related entities, directors or officers, gives any guarantee or assurance as to the performance of the Fund, the payment of income or the repayment of capital invested.

## 2 Introduction to Carbon Credits and VanEck

### 2.1 Carbon pricing

Carbon pricing is an instrument that captures external costs of greenhouse gas ('GHG') emissions and ties them to their sources through a price, usually in the form of a price on the carbon dioxide ('CO<sub>2</sub>') emitted. A price on carbon helps shift the burden for the damage from GHG emissions back to those who are responsible for it and who can avoid it.

Placing an adequate price on GHG emissions is of fundamental relevance to internalise the external cost of climate change in the broadest possible range of economic decision making and in setting economic incentives for the development of "clean" alternatives. It can help to mobilize the financial investments required to stimulate clean technology and market innovation, fueling new, low-carbon drivers of economic growth.

### 2.2 Emissions Trading Scheme and Carbon Credits

An Emissions Trading Scheme ('ETS'), also known as "cap and trade", is a market for trading carbon allowances which are regulated by governmental organisations. The ETS caps the total level of GHG emissions and allows those industries with low emissions to sell their extra allowances to larger emitters. By creating supply and demand for emissions allowances, an ETS establishes a market price for GHG emissions. The cap helps ensure that the required emission reductions will take place to keep the emitters (in aggregate) within their pre-allocated carbon budget.

Carbon Credits, also known as emissions allowances are official permits that allow a company to produce a certain amount of carbon emissions and which can be traded if the full allowance is not used.

### 2.3 Carbon credit futures

A way to invest in Carbon Credits is through carbon credit futures. A futures contract is a type of derivative in which two parties agree to trade an underlying asset at a specific date for a specific price. In the case of carbon credit futures, Carbon Credits are the underlying assets.

### 2.4 VanEck Investments Limited

VanEck Investments Limited is the Responsible Entity and AQUA product issuer of the Fund and the issuer of this PDS and the ETF Units. As such, VanEck is responsible for the management, operation and administration of the Fund.

More information about VanEck's powers and duties as Responsible Entity can be found in section 12.1.

VanEck Investments Limited is a wholly owned Australian subsidiary of New York based Van Eck Associates Corporation.

### 2.5 VanEck ETPs

VanEck's exchange traded products ('ETPs') have been offered in the US since 2006 and span many asset classes including equities and fixed income in both developed and emerging markets.

As at 30 April 2022 VanEck's family of ETPs totalled over \$105 billion in assets under management, making it one of the largest ETP families worldwide.

### 2.6 Founded in 1955

Van Eck Associates Corporation is a privately held global asset management firm founded in New York in 1955. The firm was among the first US money managers helping investors achieve greater diversification through global investing.

Today the firm is recognised for being a pioneer in global markets and for drawing on its experience to offer innovative solutions.

The firm's mission is to offer investors intelligently designed investment strategies that take advantage of targeted market opportunities.

With affiliated offices in key financial centres and regions including New York, Sydney, Melbourne, Amsterdam, Dublin, Frankfurt, Madrid, Singapore, Shanghai, and Zurich, the firm offers investors broad investment reach with deep experience.

As at 30 April 2022, the firm managed over \$113 billion in investor assets including its VanEck ETP business.

For more information on VanEck, visit [www.vaneck.com.au](http://www.vaneck.com.au).

### 3 Summary of the Fund

Subject	Summary	For more information
Responsible Entity	VanEck Investments Limited ABN 22 146 596 116 AFSL No 416755	Sections 2, 12
Exchange Traded Fund (ETF)	An ETF is an open-ended fund traded on ASX. Like many ETFs this Fund aims to track the performance, before fees and other costs, of a financial market index by investing in the assets that constitute the index.	Sections 5, 6, 7
Investment purpose	The Fund gives investors exposure to the price of carbon as reflected in futures markets.	Sections 6, 7
Investment objective	The Fund aims to provide investment returns before fees and other costs which track the performance of its Reference Index in Australian dollars.	
Reference Index	ICE Global Carbon Futures Excess Return Index - AUD	
Investment strategy	The Fund employs a passive management strategy of investing directly in the futures contracts that comprise the Reference Index.	
Benefits	<p>The Fund provides investors with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o a convenient way to invest via ASX in the price of carbon as reflected in futures markets; trading throughout the ASX Trading Day;</li> <li>o liquidity;</li> <li>o immediate access to the prices at which you have traded;</li> <li>o transparency of the holdings, pricing and performance; and</li> <li>o no foreign tax paperwork.</li> </ul>	Section 5
Risks	<p><b>An investment in the Fund is subject to various risks, including possible loss of income and capital invested.</b> You should carefully consider the risks in consultation with a financial adviser, before deciding to invest. Below is a summary of key risks only. You should carefully read section 9 for more details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <b>Market risk:</b> an investment in the Fund involves risks that affect entire financial markets including investor sentiment and economic conditions.</li> <li>o <b>Concentration risk:</b> the Fund's assets are concentrated, as determined by its Reference Index.</li> <li>o <b>Index tracking error risk:</b> the risk that the performance of the Fund will differ from the performance of its Reference Index, including due to fees and costs.</li> <li>o <b>Regulatory risk:</b> changes in regulation and the enforcement of regimes underpinning Carbon Credit trading could adversely affect the Fund. If the regulation of negative emissions are not enforced, this may adversely impact the price of carbon.</li> <li>o <b>Futures strategy risk:</b> Investing in the Fund does not provide the same return as investing directly in Carbon Credits. Futures contracts involves risks that are in addition to, and potentially greater than, the risks of investing in securities and other traditional assets.</li> <li>o <b>Currency risk:</b> The Fund does not hedge its exposure to foreign currency. Investments in the Fund may decrease in value because of unfavourable changes in currency exchange rates.</li> </ul>	Section 9

Investing in the Fund			
<b>All investors</b>			
NAV	The NAV of the Fund is calculated by dividing the Fund Net Asset Value by the number of ETF Units on issue. It is calculated daily, once all relevant markets are closed for that day, based on the closing price of the futures contracts on the relevant futures exchange. It is then converted to Australian dollars based on the relevant London WM Reuters 4pm exchange rate and will be available at <a href="http://www.vaneck.com.au">www.vaneck.com.au</a> the ASX Trading Day following the ASX Trading Day to which the NAV relates.	Section 7	
<b>Authorised Participants – transacting under this PDS</b>			
Transacting with VanEck by APs	Authorised Participants must enter into an agreement with VanEck and submit written applications for creations or redemptions of ETF Units.	Section 10	
Price paid by APs	Authorised Participants transact with VanEck for creations or redemptions of ETF Units at the relevant Fund's NAV calculated following the close of trading for that day, plus or minus fees and other costs.		
Cut-off time for APs	4pm on each ASX Trading Day unless we agree otherwise.		
Creations	Unless we agree otherwise, Units in the Fund will be created in multiples of Creation Units by way of a cash transaction.		
Redemptions	Unless we agree otherwise, Units in the Fund will be redeemed in multiples of Redemption Units with redemption proceeds paid in cash.		
APs minimum transaction size	Unless we agree otherwise, the minimum number of ETF Units for a creation (' <b>Creation Unit</b> ') and a redemption (' <b>Redemption Unit</b> ') is 200,000.		
<b>Investing in the Fund via ASX – ASX Investors</b>			
Buying/selling ETF Units on ASX	ASX Investors may buy and sell ETF Units in the Fund on ASX through their Broker just like trading shares in listed companies.	Sections 4, 5, 12	
ASX prices	ASX Investors trade ETF Units at trading prices quoted on ASX throughout each ASX Trading Day. A Market Maker is engaged to facilitate liquidity for trading in ETF Units on ASX. The presence of a Market Maker means trading prices should remain close to the NAV, adjusted for changes in the values of the underlying assets during the ASX Trading Day.		
Cooling-off	There are no cooling-off rights applicable to the offer in this PDS or to the trading of ETF Units on ASX.		
<b>Fees and other costs</b>			
<b>Ongoing annual fees and costs</b>			
Management fees and costs	Management fee	0.75% p.a.	Section 10
	Indirect costs	Nil	
Management fees may be negotiated by wholesale clients.			
Transaction costs	Transaction costs	0.06% (an estimate)	
<b>Member activity related fees and costs – not payable if buying or selling on ASX</b>			
Contribution fee and Withdrawal fee	\$200 per creation or redemption by an AP. Contribution and Withdrawal fees may be negotiated.	Section 10	
True Up	The excess of the cost the Fund incurs in investing the proceeds of a cash creation in new futures contracts over the NAV used to calculate the units issued for that cash creation is charged to Authorised Participants as a true-up.		
<b>Dividends</b>			
Frequency	There will be no more than one dividend a year. There may not be a dividend every year.	Section 12	

Payments or reinvestment	Dividends will be paid as cash to your nominated bank account unless you elect to have the dividends reinvested under the Dividend Reinvestment Plan. Under the Dividend Reinvestment Plan, your dividends will be credited to you as additional ETF Units. Contact the Registrar to elect into the Dividend Reinvestment Plan.
<b>Additional information</b>	
Website	<p>The following information is available at <a href="http://www.vaneck.com.au">www.vaneck.com.au</a>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fund Net Asset Value;</li> <li>○ NAV;</li> <li>○ holdings;</li> <li>○ number of ETF Units outstanding;</li> <li>○ the current PDS, any supplementary PDS and updated information;</li> <li>○ DRP Rules;</li> <li>○ information about any dividends;</li> <li>○ a link to any announcements lodged with the ASX Market Announcements Platform;</li> <li>○ continuous disclosure notices and any other material information that has been made available or provided to Unitholders; and</li> <li>○ annual reports and half-year reports including financial statements.</li> </ul>
Statements	<p>The following statements will be provided to investors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ a holding statement for any transactions made during the month;</li> <li>○ an annual tax statement including dividend information, after 30 June of the year; and</li> <li>○ a periodic statement showing your transactions and investments in the Fund, sent annually and following your exit from the Fund.</li> </ul>
Electronic communications	<p>To reduce our carbon footprint most types of statements are issued in electronic form. When you become a Unitholder in the Fund, you will receive a welcome letter that provides instructions for you to login at the Registrar's investor centre and provide certain information. If you wish to receive communications by post, please login at the investor centre or call 1300 68 38 37 to change your preferences.</p>

## 4 The AQUA Rules

### 4.1 The AQUA Rules

ETF Units in the Fund are admitted to trading on ASX under the AQUA Rules. The AQUA Rules are a subset of the ASX Operating Rules that provide a tailored framework for the quotation of managed funds, ETFs and other products on ASX, providing issuers with access to ASX back office clearing and settlement services.

The only products that can be admitted to trading under the AQUA Rules are those where the product has a capital value or dividends linked to liquid underlying instruments with robust and transparent pricing mechanisms.

Under the AQUA Rules, ASX generally requires the issuer to facilitate liquidity in the ETF Units by way of the appointment of a Market Maker whose role generally is to act as a seller and buyer to match demand from purchasers and sellers of ETF Units on ASX in certain circumstances and subject to certain conditions. As a result, the Fund is expected to remain liquid.

### 4.2 VanEck has no influence or control over the value of the underlying assets

The key difference between products admitted to trading under the ASX Listing Rules and those admitted to trading under the AQUA Rules is the level of influence that the issuer has over the underlying instrument.

Under the ASX Listing Rules, a listed equity issuer typically lists securities which reflect the value of a business which they operate and control. By contrast, securities admitted to trading under the AQUA Rules typically reflect the value of some other asset which the issuer does not control, such as a parcel of listed securities of other companies, indices, bonds, commodities, or currency.

The value of the Fund reflects the value of the underlying investments and not the value of VanEck's business.

The following table highlights the key differences between the ASX Listing Rules and the AQUA Rules. VanEck is an AQUA product issuer under the AQUA Rules.

### 4.3 Key differences between the ASX Listing Rules and the AQUA Rules – per ASX Rules Framework

ASX Listing Rules	AQUA Rules
<b>Continuous disclosure</b>	
Issuers are subject to the continuous disclosure requirements under Listing Rule 3.1 and section 674 of the Corporations Act.	AQUA product issuers are not subject to the continuous disclosure requirements under Listing Rule 3.1 and section 674 of the Corporations Act (because the underlying instruments are) but must disclose via the ASX Market Announcements Platform: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o ETF Units outstanding;</li> <li>o dividends;</li> <li>o information the non-disclosure of which may lead to the establishment of a false market in its products or would materially affect the price of its products; and</li> <li>o any other information that is required to be disclosed to ASIC under section 675 of the Corporations Act must be disclosed to ASX at the same time it is disclosed to ASIC.</li> </ul>
<b>Periodic disclosure</b>	
Issuers are required to disclose their half-yearly and annual financial information or annual reports to ASX under Chapter 4 of the Listing Rules	AQUA product issuers are not required to disclose their half-yearly and annual financial information or annual reports to ASX. However, the responsible entity of a registered managed investment scheme is required to lodge with ASIC and disclose to ASX at the same time, the scheme's financial reports as required under Chapter 2M of the Corporations Act.
<b>Corporate control</b>	
Requirements in the Corporations Act and the Listing Rules in relation to matters such as takeover bids, share buy-backs, change of capital, new issues, restricted securities, disclosure of directors' interests and substantial shareholdings, apply to companies and listed schemes.	These requirements do not apply to AQUA product issuers. Section 601FM of the Corporations Act continues to apply to the removal or change of the responsible entity. An extraordinary resolution would be required to change the responsible entity. An extraordinary resolution is a resolution supported by a majority of the total votes that may be cast by the scheme's members entitled to vote on the resolution.



<b>Related party transactions</b>	
Chapter 10 of the Listing Rules, which relates to transactions between an entity and persons in a position to influence the entity, specifies controls over related party transactions.	Chapter 10 of the Listing Rules does not apply to AQUA products. Products quoted under the AQUA Rules which are registered managed investment schemes remain subject to the related party requirements in Part 5C.7 and Chapter 2E of the Corporations Act.
<b>Auditor rotation obligations</b>	
There are specific requirements in relation to auditor rotation under Part 2M.4 Division 5 of the Corporations Act.	These requirements do not apply to AQUA product issuers. Responsible entities of registered managed investment schemes will continue to be required to undertake an independent audit of its compliance with each scheme's compliance plan in accordance with section 601HG of the Corporations Act and the auditor must not be the auditor of the scheme's financial statements (but may be from the same firm).
<b>Disclosure documentation</b>	
Entities admitted under the Listing Rules are subject to the requirements of the Corporations Act in relation to the issue of a prospectus or PDS.	Products admitted to trading under the AQUA Rules will also be subject to these requirements of the Corporations Act.

## 5 Benefits of the Fund

### 5.1 Access to the price of carbon as reflected on futures markets

The Fund provides you a convenient way to access on ASX via your existing ASX Broker account during ASX trading times, the price of carbon as reflected in futures markets.

As the ETF Units are quoted on ASX, you have the ability to trade the ETF Units in the Fund throughout the day, like trading shares, with immediate access to the prices at which you have traded.

The Fund is a regulated Australian ETF issued and operated by VanEck, a trusted global ETF provider.

An investment in the Fund will result in your holdings of ETF Units being recorded on your HIN with your chosen Broker, simplifying your administration and reporting.

### 5.2 Liquidity

You can buy and sell ETF Units on ASX. Liquidity in the Fund is facilitated by a Market Maker. The Market Maker's role is to match buy and sell orders for ETF Units from ASX Investors.

### 5.3 Transparency of holdings

The Fund's holdings will be published daily at [www.vaneck.com.au](http://www.vaneck.com.au).

## 6 How the Fund works

### 6.1 Registered managed investment scheme

The Fund is registered with ASIC and regulated as a 'registered managed investment scheme' a class of units, the ETF Units, which is admitted to trading on ASX. The Fund operates like most other managed investment schemes:

- o the Fund is constituted as a 'unit trust';
- o when you invest you acquire 'units' in the trust which give you a beneficial interest in the assets of the Fund; and
- o your money is pooled together in the Fund with other investors' money to buy investments which are managed by the Responsible Entity under fiduciary obligations to act in the best interests of all investors.

### 6.2 Primary and secondary markets

Large numbers of ETF Units are first issued by VanEck in the 'primary market' to Authorised Participants in exchange for a specified number of Carbon Credits futures contracts, or cash with which we buy the Carbon Credits futures contracts. The Carbon Credits futures contracts become the assets of the Fund.

Once the ETF Units have been acquired by the AP, the AP makes them available for purchase on ASX by ASX Investors. This is referred to as the 'secondary market'.

ASX Investors can buy and sell ETF Units on ASX throughout the ASX Trading Day, trading with an Authorised Participant, the Market Maker or other ASX Investors.

The presence of a Market Maker means trading prices should remain close to the NAV, adjusted for changes in value of the underlying assets during the ASX Trading Day. The Market Maker charges a spread which means ASX Investors cannot trade precisely at NAV.

APs can redeem ETF Units directly with the Fund.

APs and Market Makers retain for their own account any trading profits and bear any losses generated by their activities.

### 6.3 Rights of a Unitholder

Whether you invest in the Fund as an AP or as an ASX Investor you hold ETF Units and have the rights of a Unitholder, as set out in the Constitution. For more information on your rights as a Unitholder see section 14.2.

### 6.4 Roles and responsibilities

The key roles involved in the operation of the Fund are set out in the table below. VanEck may change the parties performing these roles at any time in its discretion, with the exception of the Responsible Entity which can only be changed in accordance with the Corporations Act.

Role	Responsibility
Responsible Entity	Issues the ETF Units and this PDS and is responsible for operating the Fund.
Custodian	Holds the assets of the Fund for safe-keeping on behalf of the Responsible Entity and Unitholders. Assets are segregated from the Custodian's assets and any other assets.
Fund Administrator	Processes creations, redemptions and other requests from Unitholders and maintains the books and records of the Fund, including calculating the NAV.
Index Provider	Publishes the Reference Index that are used to value the Fund and produce the NAVs.
Registrar	Maintains the register of Unitholders which includes names, quantity of securities held, tax file numbers; and issues correspondence to Unitholders on behalf of the Responsible Entity.
Authorised Participants	Transact directly with the Responsible Entity to create or redeem ETF Units enabling them to offer to buy from and sell to from ASX Investors. In some cases an AP will also act as a Market Maker.
Market Maker	Subject to certain conditions, provides liquidity and volume in the Fund on ASX by acting as a seller and a buyer of ETF Units to and from ASX Investors throughout the ASX Trading Day, typically having acquired the ETF Units as an Authorised Participant.

# 7 Investment objective, strategy, valuation, pricing and performance of the Fund

## 7.1 Investment objective of the Fund

The Fund aims to provide investment returns before fees and other costs which track the performance of its Reference Index in Australian dollars. The Fund does not necessarily aim to perfectly replicate the Reference Index on a one-to-one basis. See section 7.2 for more information.

## 7.2 Investment strategy of the Fund

The Fund employs a passive management strategy of physically replicating the Reference Index by investing in the future contracts that comprise the Reference Index, in proportion to their relative weightings in the Reference Index. The Fund may also hold other assets determined by us as appropriate to achieve its investment objective, including swaps and other futures contracts which have the same economic outcome.

Any assets over and above the margin requirement for the futures will be held in cash or cash-like equivalents and will generally be denominated in the currencies of the underlying futures which at the date of the PDS include USD, Euro and British pound sterling. The Fund may also hold a small amount of cash in Australian dollars. The margin for the Fund's futures is held with the futures clearing broker or futures exchange. Any interest earned from holding cash or cash-like equivalents will accrue to the benefit of the Fund.

See section 8 for more information on the Fund's Reference Index.

## 7.3 Performance information

Performance information up to the most recent month end is available at [www.vaneck.com.au](http://www.vaneck.com.au).

Neither the return of capital invested nor the performance of the Fund is guaranteed. Past performance is not an indicator of current or future returns, which may be higher or lower.

## 7.4 Valuations and pricing

The NAV of the Fund is calculated by dividing the Fund Net Asset Value by the number of ETF Units on issue at the time of the valuation.

The Fund Net Asset Value is calculated by subtracting the total value of all the liabilities and provisions of the Fund from the total value of all the assets of the Fund.

The valuation methods applied by VanEck to value the Fund's assets and liabilities are consistent with the range of ordinary commercial practices for valuations.

The NAV of the Fund is calculated by dividing the Fund Net Asset Value by the number of ETF Units on issue. It is calculated daily based on the closing prices of the futures contracts held by the Fund that day.

Due to Australia's time zone, the NAVs for the Fund will not be available at [www.vaneck.com.au](http://www.vaneck.com.au) until the ASX Trading Day following the ASX Trading Day to which the NAV relates.

## 7.5 Borrowing arrangements

VanEck may maintain borrowing arrangements on behalf of the Fund if it believes it would be in the best interest of Unitholders.

## 7.6 Changes to the Fund's investment objective and strategy

We may from time to time vary the Fund's investment objective and strategy. We will notify Unitholders of any such changes. We provide notices of any updates or changes to information that are not materially adverse to investors by publishing a notice at [www.vaneck.com.au](http://www.vaneck.com.au) on the Fund's page or by an announcement on the ASX.

## 7.7 Environmental, social and ethical considerations

The Fund does not take into account labour standards or environmental, social or ethical considerations when implementing its investment strategy.

## 7.8 Securities lending

The Fund will not engage in securities lending.

## 8 Reference Index

### 8.1 The Reference Index

The Fund uses the ICE Global Carbon Futures Excess Return Index - AUD as its Reference Index.

### 8.2 The Index Provider

The Reference Index is maintained by ICE Data Indices, LLC ('ICE').

### 8.3 Overview

The ICE Global Carbon Futures Excess Return Index - AUD measures the performance of a long-only basket of ICE Carbon futures contracts across a range of geographic jurisdictions. The Reference Index consists of futures that expire in the December month of each year. The Reference Index caps the weighting of ICE Carbon futures contracts to a particular futures contract.

### 8.4 Rolling and Rebalancing Schedule

The Reference Index is rebalanced during the first 15 business days of the months of September, October and November. Futures contracts are rolled from the current year's December expiration to the next year's December expiration.

### 8.5 More information

Further information about the Reference Index and ICE is available at <https://www.theice.com/>

### 8.6 Changes to the Reference Index

Details of the Reference Index may change. The Reference Index itself might be changed. Check our website [www.vaneck.com.au](http://www.vaneck.com.au) for the most up to date information before making a decision.

### 8.7 The Index Provider's disclaimer

ICE Global Carbon Futures Excess Return Index - AUD (the 'Reference Index') is a service/trade mark of ICE Data Indices, LLC or its affiliates. Source ICE Data Indices, LLC ("ICE Data"), is used with permission. "ICE" is a service/trade mark of ICE Data Indices, LLC or its affiliates. These trademarks have been licensed, along with the ICE Global Carbon Futures Excess Return Index - AUD ("Index") for use by VanEck in connection with the VanEck Global Carbon Credits ETF (Synthetic) (the "Fund"). Neither the VanEck nor the Fund, as applicable, is sponsored, endorsed, sold or promoted by ICE Data Indices, LLC, its affiliates or its Third Party Suppliers ("ICE Data and its Suppliers"). ICE Data and its Suppliers make no representations or warranties regarding the advisability of investing in securities generally, in the Fund particularly or the ability of the Index to track general stock market performance. ICE Data's only relationship to VanEck is the licensing of certain trademarks and trade names and the Index or components thereof. The Index is determined, composed and calculated by ICE Data without regard to VanEck or the Fund or its holders. ICE Data has no obligation to take the needs of the Licensee or the holders of the Fund into consideration in determining, composing or calculating the Index. ICE Data is not responsible for and has not participated in the determination of the timing of, prices of, or quantities of the Fund to be issued or in the determination or calculation of the equation by which the Fund is to be priced, sold, purchased, or redeemed. Except for certain custom index calculation services, all information provided by ICE Data is general in nature and not tailored to the needs of VanEck or any other person, entity or group of persons. ICE Data has no obligation or liability in connection with the administration, marketing, or trading of the Fund. ICE Data is not an investment advisor. Inclusion of a security within an index is not a recommendation by ICE Data to buy, sell, or hold such security, nor is it considered to be investment advice.

ICE DATA AND ITS SUPPLIERS DISCLAIM ANY AND ALL WARRANTIES AND REPRESENTATIONS, EXPRESS AND/OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING ANY WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR USE, INCLUDING THE INDICES, INDEX DATA AND ANY INFORMATION INCLUDED IN, RELATED TO, OR DERIVED THEREFROM ("INDEX DATA"). ICE DATA AND ITS SUPPLIERS SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO ANY DAMAGES OR LIABILITY WITH RESPECT TO THE ADEQUACY, ACCURACY, TIMELINESS OR COMPLETENESS OF THE INDICES AND THE INDEX DATA, WHICH ARE PROVIDED ON AN "AS IS" BASIS AND YOUR USE IS AT YOUR OWN RISK

# 9 Risks

## 9.1 What is risk?

All investments have some level of risk. Different investment strategies have different levels of risk depending on the underlying mix of assets that make up the strategy. Usually assets with the potential for the highest long-term returns carry the highest levels of short-term risk. These investments are generally described as more 'volatile' and have a higher risk of losing money, but they can also give you a better chance of achieving your long-term objectives. Investments that produce more stable returns are considered less risky, but they may not provide sufficient long-term returns for you to achieve your long-term goals.

The level of risk you are willing to accept will depend on a range of factors including:

- o your investment goals;
- o your age;
- o your investment time frame;
- o where other parts of your wealth are invested; and
- o your overall risk tolerance.

It is important for you to carefully consider the risks of investing in the Fund and to understand that:

- o the value of your investment will vary;
- o investment returns will vary and future returns may differ from past returns;
- o returns are not guaranteed and you may lose money; and
- o laws affecting managed investment schemes may change, impacting your investment.

The Fund is not intended to provide a complete investment solution. It is intended to form part of a broader diversified investment portfolio.

You should consult a financial adviser to help you understand investment risk and to design an investment strategy that is right for your individual risk tolerance, financial situation, needs and objectives.

## 9.2 Risks associated with the Fund

Investing in global markets has specific risks which are in addition to the typical risks associated with investing in the Australian market. Investors in the Fund must be willing to accept a high degree of volatility in the performance of the Fund.

### 9.2.1 Market risk

There are a number of risks that affect entire financial markets including investor sentiment, economic conditions, regulatory conditions, industry or sector-specific events, and political and catastrophic events. Changes in factors such as this can cause the value of your investment to go down. Investors should be aware that markets can fluctuate affecting the returns on an investment portfolio from day-to-day. In any asset class, the returns of individual securities are a combination of the market return and the returns specific to the security. The use of futures contracts involves risks that are in addition to, and potentially greater than,

the risks of investing in securities and traditional assets.

### 9.2.2 Cap and trade risk

There is no assurance that cap and trade regimes will continue to exist. Cap and trade may not prove to be an effective method of reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. If the price of credits become too high, it may be more economical for companies to develop or invest in green technologies, thereby suppressing the price of carbon futures which may adversely affect the Fund.

### 9.2.3 Currency risk

The Fund does not hedge its exposure to foreign currencies. Unfavourable fluctuations in the value of the Australian dollar relative to other currencies will adversely affect the value of the Fund measured in Australian dollars, due to the Fund being invested in underlying carbon futures contracts that trade in those foreign currencies. A rise in the value of the Australian dollar relative to foreign currencies will decrease the value of the NAV.

### 9.2.4 Futures strategy risk

The primary risks associated with the use of futures contracts include 1) an imperfect correlation between the price of carbon and the price of the futures contract; 2) possible lack of a liquid secondary market for a futures contract and the resulting inability to close a futures contract when desired; and 3) the inability to predict correctly the direction of market prices, interest rates, currency exchange rates and other economic factors.

The successful implementation of the strategy depends upon the Responsible Entity's skill, experience and execution.

### 9.2.5 Futures roll risk

The difference between the profit or loss of a futures contract and the change in the price of the underlying asset of that futures contract is called the "roll yield". Roll yield can be either positive or negative depending on the price in the underlying asset of the futures contract.

Roll yield will be positive when a futures curve is in "backwardation", which describes a situation where the prices are lower in the distant delivery months than the nearest delivery months. Roll yield will be negative when the futures curve is in "contango", which describes a situation where the prices are higher in the distant delivery months than in the nearer delivery months.

In the event of a prolonged period of contango, and assuming there is no change in price of carbon, there could be a significant negative impact on the Fund when it "rolls" its futures contract positions.

### 9.2.6 Price limit risk

Some futures exchanges have regulations that limit the amount of fluctuation that may occur in futures contract prices during a single business day. The maximum or minimum price on a contract on any given day as a result of these limits is referred to as a "limit price". Once the limit price is reached on a contract, no trades may be made at a price beyond the limit. The limit price may preclude trading or force liquidation of a particular contract at potentially disadvantageous prices or times. Such circumstances could adversely affect the Fund.

### 9.2.7 Commodity-linked derivative risk

Investments in commodity-linked derivatives such as carbon futures contracts may be subject to greater volatility than non-derivative based investments. The value of a commodity-linked derivative investment may be affected by changes in overall market movements, changes in interest rates, or factors affecting a particular industry or commodity, such as drought, floods, weather, war, embargoes, tariffs and international economic, political and regulatory developments.

### 9.2.8 Concentration risk

The Fund's assets are concentrated. Economic, political or other conditions that have a negative effect on the price of carbon will impact the value of the Fund to a greater extent than if the Fund's assets were more diversified.

### 9.2.9 Tracking error risk

The performance of the Fund will differ from the performance of its Reference Index due to fees and costs and for other reasons including but not limited to:

- o there may be times when the Fund is unable to acquire particular futures contracts or to acquire sufficient volume of a particular futures contract to match its weighting in the Reference Index;
- o we may consider it appropriate for various reasons to allow the weightings to vary from the weightings in the Reference Index;
- o we may invest in assets that are not in the Reference Index;
- o the Fund can be prevented by Government sanctions from acquiring a particular asset;
- o differences between the Reference Index and the Fund in asset valuations;
- o differences between the trading price for futures contracts achieved by the Fund and the value used by the Reference Index; and
- o taxes incurred by the Fund may differ from the taxes assumed by the Reference Index.

### 9.2.10 Trading risk

Trading of the ETF Units on ASX may be suspended by the ASX or halted by us because of market conditions or for other reasons such as a failure by the Market Maker to make a market. In these circumstances, ASX Investors will be unable to buy or sell ETF Units and the processing of application for

creations and redemptions for Authorised Participants may be suspended or modified.

Suspension from trading for more than 5 consecutive ASX Trading Days may give rise to a right for ASX Investors to redeem their ETF Units directly from the Fund. See section 14.2.11 for more information.

### 9.2.11 ASX trading time differences

ETF Units are only able to be traded during ASX trading hours. Market factors could adversely impact the value of the Fund while ASX is closed for trading. This could result in losses due to being unable to trade until ASX re-opens.

### 9.2.12 Liquidity risk

An investment may not be able to be sold quickly enough to prevent or minimise a loss. A lack of liquidity may also affect the amount of time it takes us to satisfy redemption requests from Authorised Participants. As the underlying assets of the Fund are exchange traded and a Market Maker has been appointed to support liquidity on ASX, the Fund is expected to generally be liquid but there is no assurance that it will remain liquid at all times. Situations in which there may be no liquidity include but are not limited to market disruptions, there not being a Market Maker and Market Maker obligations being suspended. See sections 9.2.10 and 9.2.13.

### 9.2.13 Market Maker risk

Although the ETF Units are admitted to trading on ASX, and a Market Maker is appointed to assist in maintaining liquidity in accordance with the AQUA Rules, there can be no assurance that a Market Maker will produce a liquid market.

The market making arrangements agreed by the Responsible Entity with a Market Maker specify certain permitted circumstances where the market making obligations may be suspended. These circumstances include operational disruptions, market disruptions and unusual conditions including those which make it impossible, impracticable or unduly onerous for the Market Maker to perform the market making function (such as a fast market), other events set out in the ASX Operating Rules, the suspension or rejection of applications for Units or redemption requests, or the Market Maker not having ASIC relief to allow short selling of Units.

A Market Maker's terms of appointment may limit or exclude its liability or recourse to it by VanEck or Unitholders.

#### **9.2.14 Trading price risk**

The Market Maker charges a spread which means that ASX Investors cannot trade precisely at NAV. The spread will generally be higher during unusual market conditions.

It is possible for the trading price of the ETF Units to differ from the NAV for other reasons, including the risks relating to the Market Maker in section 9.2.13.

This risk increases in the period shortly after the ASX opens for trading and near the close of trading.

In the absence of Market Maker activity the trading price is dependent on a number of factors including the demand for and supply of ETF Units and investor confidence.

#### **9.2.15 Derivatives risk**

Derivatives may be used by the Fund as described in section 7.2

The use of derivatives may expose the Fund to losses as the use of derivatives involves risks that are different from and potentially greater than the risks associated with investing directly in the underlying assets.

The risk of using derivatives includes, but is not limited to, the derivative failing to move in line with the value of the underlying asset, counterparty risk and lack of liquidity.

See section 9.2.23 for information on counterparty risk.

These risks are mitigated by entering into such transactions on an exchange with an active and liquid market.

#### **9.2.16 Fund risk**

Investing via the Fund may result in lower performance compared to investing in the underlying assets directly because of the fees and costs involved, the income or capital gains accrued in the Fund or the consequences of creations and redemptions by Authorised Participants.

There is a risk that the characteristics of the Fund could change after you invest.

There is a risk that the Fund could be terminated. See section 14.2.9 for more information on the termination of the Fund.

#### **9.2.17 Index risk**

The components, sectors and countries represented in the Reference Index will change over time. As the Fund aims to track its Reference Index, these index changes will be reflected in the Fund's holdings.

There is a risk that the Index Provider makes errors in its calculation of the Reference Index which may not be identified and corrected for a period of time. Any gains, losses, or costs associated with the Index Provider's errors will be borne by the Fund.

There is also a risk that the Index Provider discontinues the Reference Index, resulting in the Fund not being able to achieve its stated investment objective.

#### **9.2.18 Operational risk**

The Fund is exposed to operational risk arising from a number of factors including, but not limited to, human error, processing, communication and technology errors. Errors may be made by us or by the Fund's service providers, counterparties or other third parties. VanEck seeks to reduce operational risk through controls and procedures but errors cannot be eliminated completely.

#### **9.2.19 Force majeure**

Circumstances beyond our reasonable control may impact on the operation, administration and performance of the Fund. Examples are strikes, industrial disputes, failure of a securities exchange, fires and other disasters, war, civil disturbance, criminal acts, governmental pre-emption in connection with an emergency of state and epidemics.

#### **9.2.20 Regulatory and tax risk**

The Fund, the investments of the Fund and the tax consequences for Unitholders investing in the Fund, may be affected by changes to legislation or government policy in Australia or in other countries where the futures contracts the Fund invests in are regulated, operate or are invested.

Changes in regulation and the enforcement of the cap and trade regimes could adversely affect the Fund. If fines or penalties for non-compliance are not enforced, incentives to purchase Carbon Credits will deteriorate which may result in a decline in the price of carbon and reduce the value of the Fund. The regulation of futures transactions is a rapidly changing area of law and is subject to modification by government and judicial action. It is not possible to predict the effect of any future regulatory change on the Fund, however it could be adverse.

These changes are monitored by VanEck and action is taken, where possible and appropriate, to facilitate the achievement of the Fund's investment objectives.

Investors should consult their own professional tax advisers before making an investment decision.

#### **9.2.21 Foreign markets closure risk**

The foreign markets in which the Fund's assets are traded may be closed at different times to ASX. The difference in trading times may adversely impact liquidity, valuations and tracking error.

#### **9.2.22 Settlement risk**

The processes of issuing and redeeming ETF Units associated with creations and redemptions are subject to the ASX settlement procedures. The Fund may be exposed to losses if an Authorised Participant fails to comply with its settlement obligations. This risk is mitigated by the fact that Authorised Participants are subject to ASX Rules and ASX fail fees.



### **9.2.23 Counterparty risk**

The parties that the Fund enters into agreements with, including for trades, may become insolvent or otherwise unable to meet their obligations.

If the Fund does enter into derivative transactions there is a risk that the Fund may not be able to post the required collateral or close out a derivatives position. This is minimised by entering into such transactions with reputable OTC counterparties or on an exchange with an active and liquid secondary market.

### **9.2.24 Cyber security risk**

Despite security measures, fraud, data loss, business disruption or damage to the information of the Fund or to investors' personal information may result from cyber threats against or infiltration of our technology systems and networks or those of our service providers. We have procedures in place to manage this risk and, as much as possible, monitor the controls within these procedures to ensure cyber security risk is adequately managed.

## 10 Fees and other costs

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

**Small differences in both investment performance and fees and costs can have a substantial impact on your long term returns.**

**For example, total annual fees and costs of 2% of your investment balance rather than 1% could reduce your final return by up to 20% over a 30 year period (for example, reduce it from \$100 000 to \$80 000).**

**You should consider whether features such as superior investment performance or the provision of better member services justify higher fees and costs.**

**You may be able to negotiate to pay lower fees. Ask the Fund or your financial adviser.**

### **TO FIND OUT MORE**

If you would like to find out more, or see the impact of the fees based on your own circumstances, the **Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC)** website ([www.moneySMART.gov.au](http://www.moneySMART.gov.au)) has a managed fund fee calculator to help you check out different fee options.

### **Fees and other costs**

This section shows fees and other costs that you may be charged. These fees and costs may be deducted from your money, from the returns on your investment or from the assets of the Fund as a whole.

Taxes are set out in another part of this document.

**You should read all the information about fees and costs because it is important to understand their impact on your investment.**

## 10.1 Fees and costs summary

TYPE OF FEE OR COST	AMOUNT	HOW AND WHEN PAID
<b>Ongoing annual fees and costs</b>		
<p><b>Management fees and costs</b></p> <p>The fees and costs for managing your investment</p> <p>Management fees may be negotiated by wholesale clients.</p>	<p>Management Fee 0.75% p.a.</p> <p>Indirect Costs Nil</p>	<p>Management fees and costs are accrued daily in the Fund Net Asset Value and reflected in the daily NAV. The management fee is payable to us from the Fund's assets after the end of the month.</p>
<p><b>Performance fees</b></p> <p>Amounts deducted from your investment in relation to the performance of the product</p>	Nil	Not applicable
<p><b>Transaction costs</b></p> <p>The costs incurred by the scheme when buying or selling assets</p>	0.06% p.a. (an estimate)	Transaction costs are paid from the assets of the Fund as they are incurred.
<b>Member activity related fees and costs (fees for services or when your money moves in or out of the scheme)</b>		
<p><b>Establishment fee</b></p> <p>The fee to open your investment</p>	Nil	Not applicable
<p><b>Contribution fee</b></p> <p>The fee on each amount contributed to your investment</p>	<p>If you are buying on ASX: Nil</p> <p>If you are an Authorised Participant creating units: \$200</p>	Payable only by Authorised Participants for the creation, at the time of the creation. The amount and timing of this fee may be negotiated.
<p><b>Buy-sell spread</b></p> <p>An amount deducted from your investment representing costs incurred in transactions by the scheme</p>	Nil	Not applicable
<p><b>Withdrawal fee</b></p> <p>The fee on each amount you take out of your investment</p>	<p>If you are buying on ASX: Nil</p> <p>If you are an Authorised Participant redeeming units: \$200</p>	Payable only by Authorised Participants for the redemption, at the time of the redemption. The amount and timing of this fee may be negotiated.
<p><b>Exit fee</b></p> <p>The fee to close your investment</p>	Nil	Not applicable
<p><b>Switching fee</b></p> <p>The fee for changing investment options</p>	Nil	Not applicable

## 10.2 Example of annual fees and costs

This table gives an example of how the ongoing annual fees and costs for VanEck Global Carbon Credits ETF (Synthetic) can affect your investment over a 1-year period. You should use this table to compare this product with other products offered by managed investment schemes. The example assumes that the value of the investment is a constant \$50,000 throughout the year with an additional \$5,000 invested on the last day.

EXAMPLE: - VanEck Global Carbon Credits ETF (Synthetic)		BALANCE OF \$50,000 WITH A PURCHASE OF \$5,000 DURING THE YEAR
Contribution fees	If you are buying on ASX: Nil. If you are an Authorised Participant creating units: \$200	For every additional \$5,000 you put in, you will be charged nil if you are buying on ASX or \$200 if you are an Authorised Participant.
<b>PLUS</b> Management fees and costs	Management Fee 0.75% p.a. Indirect Costs Nil	<b>And</b> , for every \$50,000 you have in VanEck Global Carbon Credits ETF (Synthetic) you will be charged \$375 each year
<b>PLUS</b> Performance fees	Nil	<b>And</b> , you will be charged \$0 in performance fees each year
<b>PLUS</b> Transaction Costs	0.06% p.a.	<b>And</b> , you will have deducted from your investment \$30 in transaction costs
<b>EQUALS</b> Cost of VanEck Global Carbon Credits ETF (Synthetic)		If you had an investment of \$50,000 at the beginning of the year and you put in an additional \$5,000 during that year, you would be charged fees and costs of: <b>\$605</b> if you are an Authorised Participant and <b>\$405</b> if you are not. <b>Wholesale investors and Authorised Participants can negotiate lower fees.</b>

## 10.3 Additional explanation of fees and costs

### 10.3.1 Impact of tax

Fees and costs are disclosed including goods and services tax less reduced input tax credits.

### 10.3.2 Transaction costs

Transaction costs are costs incurred when assets are bought or sold. Examples include brokerage, commission, exchange settlement fees and transaction taxes.

Implicit costs, otherwise known as market impact costs, are not included in transaction costs.

In some instances of determining transaction costs, estimates are used based on our experience of investment markets.

Transaction costs are shown net of any amount that has been recovered. The estimated amount of such recoveries is nil.

### 10.3.3 Negotiating fees and costs

To negotiate any fee or cost that is described in this PDS as negotiable, use the contact details for VanEck Capital Markets in the 'Corporate directory' at the beginning of this PDS.

### 10.3.4 Brokerage and similar fees

Investors will also incur customary brokerage fees when buying and selling ETF Units on ASX. You should discuss these fees with your stockbroker prior to investing.

There can be also be fees charged if the purchase or sale of the ETF Units is arranged through a financial adviser, platform or superannuation fund.

VanEck does not pay commission to intermediaries.

### 10.3.5 True-up

The excess of the cost the Fund incurs in investing the proceeds of a cash creation in new futures contracts over the NAV used to calculate the units issued for that cash creation is charged to Authorised Participants as a true-up.

### 10.3.6 Other costs

Under the Fund's Constitution, it is possible for the Fund to incur other costs including reimbursing VanEck for costs that VanEck has incurred. The estimated amount of other costs that the Fund will incur is nil.

### 10.3.7 Changes to fees and costs

We may vary the management fee or introduce new fees without investor consent up to the maximums described in the Fund's Constitution. Under the Constitution we are entitled to charge the following relevant maximum fees:

- o Management fee: 3% p.a. of the Fund's NAV;
- o Entry fee: 2% of the consideration payable on the application;
- o Exit fee: 2% of the redemption price payable; and

- Application or redemption fee, known as contribution or withdrawal fees: \$10,000 per creation or redemption.

We will give 30 days' notice of any increase in such fees on our website at [www.vaneck.com.au](http://www.vaneck.com.au) and through the ASX Market Announcements Platform.

Indirect costs, transaction costs and other management fees and costs will vary over time. We will update these fees and costs on our website at [www.vaneck.com.au](http://www.vaneck.com.au).

#### **10.3.8 Related party payments**

We may pay fees to related parties and associates of VanEck on arms' length commercial terms for

providing services to the Fund. We may engage the services of related parties and associates at our discretion. These fees would be paid by us out of the management fee we receive from the Fund.

#### **10.3.9 Commissions and other benefits received**

We, our related parties and associates, may receive commissions and other benefits, such as research, from stockbrokers effecting trades for the Fund. These benefits may flow to the Fund or to other funds managed by us or to our related parties and associates.

# 11 Transacting with VanEck

**This section provides a summary of the creation and redemption process that only applies to transactions between the Fund and Authorised Participants. These procedures do not apply to ASX Investors who may trade ETF Units on ASX.**

## 11.1 Prior to transacting

Creation and redemption procedures will be agreed between VanEck and Authorised Participants from time to time and contained in a written agreement and related AP Procedures. Authorised Participants must complete an agreement with VanEck prior to transacting directly with us. Provisions in such an agreement supersede the provisions in this PDS.

Contact VanEck Capital Markets on +61 2 8038 3317 or email [capital.markets@vaneck.com.au](mailto:capital.markets@vaneck.com.au) for more information.

## 11.2 Applications by Authorised Participants

Unless we agree otherwise, applications for creations and redemptions of ETF Units may only be made by delivering a written application to us by 4pm on an ASX Trading Day. We may accept or reject applications in a different form at our discretion. We may, in our sole discretion and without giving any reason, accept or reject all or part of an application for a creation or redemption.

## 11.3 Minimum transaction sizes for APs

Applications for creations and redemptions by Authorised Participants can only be made in multiples of Creation Units or Redemption Units respectively, unless we agree otherwise. The number of ETF Units in a Creation Unit and Redemption Unit are set out in the table below.

Minimum transaction size for APs is 200,000 units.

We may change these amounts without notice.

## 11.4 Creation and redemption prices

The prices at which Authorised Participants transact with VanEck for creations or redemptions is the NAV calculated at the next valuation time following an

application, plus or minus fees and costs including a true-up. See section 9 for the applicable fees and costs.

## 11.5 Delay or suspension of creations and redemptions

We may suspend the processing of creations or redemptions in certain circumstances. This will generally occur:

1. around the end of a dividend period when we are calculating and paying dividends; or
2. in circumstances, such as adverse market conditions, where we determine it is not possible to accurately calculate the NAV.

We may also suspend creations or redemptions in other circumstances. We will notify APs of any suspension.

We may also process applications for creations in instalments over a period of time and may also suspend processing of redemptions we have already accepted, for example, where we are unable to sell the underlying securities due to circumstances outside our control, or where the Fund ceases to be liquid for the purposes of the Corporations Act.

In circumstances where redemptions are delayed, suspended or being paid in instalments, the NAV used for the redemption may be that applicable to the day the relevant instalment of the redemption is processed, rather than the time the application for redemption is received.

An application for a creation or redemption lodged but not processed before or during a period of suspension, will be taken to be lodged the day after the end of the relevant suspension period.

# 12 Dividends

## 12.1 Payment of dividends

You may earn income from the Fund paid in the form of dividends. We do not guarantee that dividends will be paid.

We will provide details in advance of any dividends to be paid by the Fund via the ASX Market Announcements Platform.

The amount of any dividend will vary between periods and in some cases we may decide not to pay a dividend.

Payments are usually made within 28 days after the end of the dividend period. Dividends will be paid as cash to your nominated bank account unless you elect to participate in the DRP.

## 12.2 Frequency of dividends

There will be no more than one dividend a year. There may not be a dividend every year.

We may pay more or fewer dividends at our discretion. We will update the expected dividend frequency for the Fund on our website [www.vaneck.com.au](http://www.vaneck.com.au).

## 12.3 Dividend Reinvestment Plan

A DRP is available. If you elect to participate in the DRP the amount of any dividends will be credited to you as additional ETF Units. Unitholders can only elect to reinvest all of the dividends for a particular dividend period. Partial reinvestment is not available.

Participation in the DRP is subject to the DRP Rules as determined by VanEck from time to time. A copy of the DRP Rules is available at [www.vaneck.com.au](http://www.vaneck.com.au) or free of charge from us or the Registrar on request.

To elect into the DRP contact the Registrar whose details are in the 'Corporate directory' at the beginning of this PDS.

# 13 Tax

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

**The Australian tax commentary in this PDS is provided for general information only.**

**This information is necessarily general in nature and does not take into account the specific circumstances of any person who may invest in the Fund. It should not be used as the basis upon which a decision is made to invest in the Fund.**

**Investing has tax implications that can be complex, that are particular to each investor's circumstances and that change over time. All investors should consult their own professional tax advisers before making an investment decision.**

**The taxation information in this PDS is based on the income tax law in force at the date of this PDS.**

### 13.1 Taxation of Australian resident investors

You will be liable for tax on your share of the Fund's income, as determined by VanEck at the end of the financial year.

The amount you will be required to include in your tax return will not be the same as the amount you will receive as dividends. You will be provided with a tax statement, after 30 June each year, that will provide you with the necessary information. Also, the Australian Taxation Office will prefill your MyGov account with this information.

This information will include details of any credits you are able to claim including credits for any foreign income tax paid.

You may also be liable for tax on any gains you make when you sell or redeem your ETF Units. These gains are not included on the tax statement or in the MyGov pre-filled information.

### 13.2 Quoting your TFN or ABN

Unitholders will be asked to provide their tax file number ('**TFN**') or Australian Business Number ('**ABN**') or to claim an exemption from doing so. There are strict guidelines that govern the use and storage of TFNs.

There is no obligation to provide a TFN or ABN. However, if no TFN or ABN is provided and no exemption is available, tax will be withheld from the Unitholder's dividends at the highest marginal rate and remitted to the Australian Taxation Office.

These amounts will be credited to you when you lodge your tax return.

### 13.3 Taxation of Foreign Investors

If you are not a resident of Australia for income tax purposes, tax may be withheld from your dividends at the legislated rates and remitted to the Australian Taxation Office. You are exempt from needing to quote a TFN or ABN.

You will be required to identify to the Registrar whether you are a resident or a non-resident for income tax purposes.

### 13.4 Reporting of investors' details

Investments in the Fund are subject to information collection and reporting, for the purposes of enforcing compliance with tax laws. Information is reported to the Australian Taxation Office who may share it with foreign governments. Specifically, there is a United States law known as 'FATCA' and a related intergovernmental agreement between Australia and the United States under which information is shared with the United States. In addition, Australia participates in the OECD's Common Reporting Standard reporting network allowing information to be shared with participating countries.



# 14 Other information you need to know

## 14.1 VanEck's powers and duties as Responsible Entity

The powers and duties of the Responsible Entity are determined by the Constitution for the Fund, the Corporations Act and general trust law. The duties of VanEck in relation to the Fund under the Corporations Act include to:

- o act honestly;
- o exercise the degree of care and diligence that a reasonable person would exercise if they were in VanEck's position;
- o act in the best interests of Unitholders and, if there is a conflict between their interests and VanEck's interests, give priority to Unitholders' interests;
- o ensure that property in the Fund is clearly identified as property of the Fund and held separately from property of VanEck, property of the Custodian and property of any other fund, except as permitted by the Corporations Act;
- o ensure that the assets in the Fund are valued at regular intervals; and
- o ensure that payments out of the Fund's property are made in accordance with the Constitution and the Corporations Act.

We will work with our external service providers to:

- o manage the income and arrange for payments to creditors of the Fund;
- o determine and arrange payment of any dividends from the Fund and administer dividend and taxation statements;
- o process and administer creation and redemption transactions for the Fund;
- o co-ordinate and manage communications with ASX in relation to the ongoing admission to trading status of the ETF Units on ASX and communicate with ASIC and other regulators as appropriate in relation to the Fund;
- o address and respond to investor and Unitholder enquiries and complaints;
- o co-ordinate Unitholder updates and reports;
- o prepare, maintain and implement policies and procedures in respect of the operation of the Fund including a compliance plan; and
- o market and promote the Fund, providing information and support as appropriate to Authorised Participants, Market Makers and intermediaries.

## 14.2 The Constitution

The terms and conditions of the Constitution are binding on each Unitholder and all persons claiming through them, as if the Unitholder or person were a party to the Constitution.

Under the Constitution, VanEck has all the powers of a natural person, corporation, trustee or Responsible Entity in respect of the operation of the Fund. The Constitution gives VanEck the right to be paid fees and expenses from the Fund and governs matters such as the rights of Unitholders, conducting

Unitholder meetings, the creation and redemption of ETF Units and unit pricing, as well as what happens when the Fund is terminated. We will provide potential investors and Unitholders with a paper copy of the Constitution on request.

Some of the more important provisions of the Constitution are outlined below:

### 14.2.1 Beneficial interest

An ETF Unit confers a beneficial interest in the assets of the Fund to the Unitholder but not an entitlement or interest in any particular part of the Fund or any particular asset.

### 14.2.2 Reimbursement of expenses

VanEck is indemnified and entitled to be reimbursed out of, or paid from, the assets of the Fund for all liabilities, losses and expenses incurred in relation to the proper performance of its duties as Responsible Entity of the Fund. VanEck has the power to appoint an agent, or otherwise engage a person, to do anything that it is authorised to do in connection with the Fund. For the purpose of determining whether VanEck has properly performed its duties as Responsible Entity, VanEck is not liable for any loss unless the loss is caused by our fraud, negligence or breach of trust without due care.

### 14.2.3 Removal of VanEck as Responsible Entity

VanEck may retire as Responsible Entity of the Fund by calling a meeting of the Fund's Unitholders, if the meeting chooses another company to be the new responsible entity and that other company consents. If the meeting does not result in another company being appointed, VanEck may apply to a court to appoint a temporary responsible entity. There is a similar process for the Unitholders to cause VanEck to be removed through a meeting called by Unitholders. ASIC or a Unitholder may request a court to remove VanEck.

### 14.2.4 Limitation of liability of Unitholders

The Constitution states that the Unitholder's liability is limited to the amount subscribed or agreed to be subscribed for ETF Units by the Unitholder. However, the courts are yet to determine the effectiveness of provisions of this kind.

### 14.2.5 Meeting of Unitholders

VanEck may convene a meeting of Unitholders at any time in accordance with the Constitution and Corporations Act. Examples of circumstances where meetings may be called include to approve certain amendments to the Constitution or some circumstances where the Fund is being terminated. See section 14.2.9 for more information on the termination of the Fund.

Unitholders also have limited rights to call meetings and have the right to vote at any Unitholder meeting in accordance with the Constitution and

Corporations Act. A resolution passed at a meeting of Unitholders held in accordance with the Constitution binds all Unitholders.

#### **14.2.6 Limitation of liability and indemnity of VanEck**

In general, VanEck may act in good faith on the opinion of, advice of or information obtained from, advisers and experts. VanEck is indemnified out of the assets of the Fund against any expenses, loss, costs, damages and liabilities that may be incurred in properly performing any of its duties or prosecuting or defending any action or suit in connection with the Fund, other than if it arises out of its fraud, breach of trust or negligence.

Subject always to any liability which the Corporations Act might impose on VanEck, so long as it acts without fraud, negligence or breach of trust, it is not liable in equity, contract, tort or otherwise to Unitholders for any loss suffered in any way relating to the Fund. VanEck's liability to any person in respect of the Fund is limited to our actual indemnification from the assets of the Fund for that liability.

#### **14.2.7 Borrowings**

Under the Constitution, VanEck has the power to enter into borrowing arrangements on behalf of the Fund and grant security over the assets in the Fund in favour of a lender. This may involve delivering some of the future contracts to the lender as collateral for repayment of the loan in accordance with usual commercial borrowing arrangements. The costs of any borrowing are borne by the Fund.

#### **14.2.8 Amendments to the Constitution**

VanEck may amend the Constitution from time to time, subject to the provisions of the Constitution and the *Corporations Act*. Generally, VanEck can only amend the Constitution where we reasonably consider that the change will not adversely affect the rights of Unitholders. Otherwise the Constitution can only be amended if approved at a meeting of Unitholders.

#### **14.2.9 Termination of the Fund**

VanEck may wind up the Fund at any time in accordance with its Constitution, the Corporations Act and general trust law. Following winding up, the net proceeds will be distributed to Unitholders.

#### **14.2.10 Compulsory redemption of ETF Units**

In certain circumstances under the Constitution, VanEck may compulsorily redeem some or all of the ETF Units issued to a Unitholder, including where we believe ETF Units are held in breach of the Constitution or an applicable law or regulation, or the holding will otherwise adversely affect the Fund in any material way. We are required under the Constitution to provide a Unitholder with 60 days' notice of a compulsory redemption of some or all of their Units, except in circumstances where the Unitholder is not entitled to hold Units under an applicable law, in which case we will provide 3 days' notice.

#### **14.2.11 ASX Investor redemptions**

ASX Investors will normally sell their ETF Units on ASX and will not have a right to redeem their ETF Units directly from the Fund. However, the Constitution provides that if ETF Units are suspended from trading on ASX for more than 5 consecutive ASX Trading Days, ASX Investors will have the right to directly redeem their ETF Units for cash unless:

- o the Fund has been terminated;
- o the Fund is not a liquid scheme; or
- o VanEck has suspended the redemption of ETF Units on the basis of a determination that it is reasonable and in the best interests of Unitholders to do so.

#### **14.3 Compliance plan**

VanEck has lodged a compliance plan for the Fund with ASIC, which sets out the key measures that we take to ensure that we comply with the Corporations Act and the Constitution in relation to the operation of the Fund. Each year VanEck's compliance with the compliance plan is independently audited, as required by the Corporations Act. The auditor's report is lodged with ASIC.

#### **14.4 Compliance committee**

VanEck has a compliance committee which comprises at least three members, of which the majority are external members. The compliance committee monitors VanEck's compliance with the Fund's compliance plan, assesses the adequacy of the compliance plan and reports to the directors of VanEck, and in some circumstances to ASIC.

#### **14.5 Settlement**

All transactions by ASX Investors will be settled in accordance with the ASX Rules. Settlement generally occurs on the second ASX Trading Day after the effective trade date.

The number of days in this ASX Rule may be changed by ASX. Check with ASX before making a decision.

#### **14.6 Cooling-off**

There are no cooling-off rights applicable to the offer in this PDS or to the trading of ETF Units on ASX.

#### **14.7 'Liquid' for the purposes of the Corporations Act**

The redemption of ETF Units assumes that the Fund remains 'liquid'. Under the Corporations Act, the Fund is liquid if 80% of the value of its assets comprises liquid assets. We expect that the Fund will remain liquid.

If the Fund ceases to be liquid for the purposes of the Corporations Act, the Constitution requires that we must pay redemption proceeds within 21 days of the date of redemption of the relevant ETF Units.

If the Fund ceases to be liquid for the purposes of the Corporations Act, a redemption request will be dealt with in accordance with the Constitution and that Act.

#### 14.8 Related party contracts

At the date of this PDS VanEck has arrangements in place with VanEck Australia Pty Ltd, a related party from the VanEck group of companies, for business administration, sales and marketing and support services. Where related parties receive a financial benefit, those payments are made out of the management fee and are not an additional cost incurred by Unitholders. Such arrangements are entered into after considering the requirements of VanEck's conflicts of interest policy.

#### 14.9 Custodian and Fund Administrator

VanEck has appointed State Street Australia Limited ('**State Street**') as Administrator of the Fund and Custodian of the assets. State Street provides certain fund administration services, such as fund accounting and unit pricing, for the Fund. State Street has not been involved in any way in the preparation of this PDS and is named only for information purposes.

VanEck may change the Custodian or the Fund Administrator without notifying Unitholders or the market.

#### 14.10 Registrar

VanEck has appointed Link Market Services Limited as Registrar to maintain Unitholder records such as quantity of ETF Units held and address details. The Registrar can be contacted as follows:

Locked Bag A14  
Sydney South, NSW, 1235  
Telephone: 1300 68 38 37

Link has had no involvement in the preparation of any part of this PDS other than being named as the Registrar for the Fund. Link has not authorised or caused the issue of and expressly disclaims and takes no responsibility for any part of this PDS.

VanEck may change the Registrar without notifying the market but would notify existing Unitholders.

#### 14.11 Continuous disclosure

As a disclosing entity, the Fund is subject to certain regular reporting and disclosure obligations under the Corporations Act. VanEck will comply with the continuous disclosure obligations in the Corporations Act as if the Fund is an unlisted disclosing entity. New material information will be disclosed on our website [vaneck.com.au](http://vaneck.com.au). Copies of documents lodged with ASIC in relation to the Fund may be obtained from, or inspected at, an ASIC office. We will send a requesting Unitholder a printed or electronic copy of the above documents free of charge.

#### 14.12 Annual reports

A copy of the annual financial report, the annual directors' report and the auditor's report on the annual financial report for the Fund will be made available at [www.vaneck.com.au](http://www.vaneck.com.au) as soon as practicable after they are filed with ASIC.

#### 14.13 Interest on cash held in the Fund

In circumstances where the Fund holds cash, any interest earned on those amounts will be retained for the benefit of all Unitholders in the Fund. For example, the Fund may hold cash pending the purchase of securities for a cash-only application or payment of cash-only redemption proceeds.

Cash may also be held by the Registrar on behalf of the Fund immediately pending the payment of a dividend. Any interest earned on such cash will be retained by the Registrar.

#### 14.14 Investor identification and verification

VanEck and the Registrar have investor identification and verification procedures, ('ID procedures'), in place to manage risks associated with fraud and unauthorised transactions. In addition, under Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorism Financing legislation, we are required to establish and enforce appropriate risk control programs with accompanying ID procedures and transaction monitoring procedures.

Our ID procedures require Authorised Participants to provide satisfactory proof of identity which must be verified before an application for a creation or redemption of ETF Units can be accepted. The ID Procedures may also require us, from time to time, to verify that information or request additional identification or related information from the Authorised Participant, before we can process a requested transaction on their behalf.

Failure to provide all the information requested may cause an application to be delayed or rejected. We do not accept any liability for any loss incurred, as a result of a delay in accepting or processing an application or otherwise, arising from undertaking our ID procedures.

#### 14.15 Complaints

VanEck has arrangements in place for handling complaints. If you have a complaint regarding the Fund or our services, please contact us either by phone or in writing. Our procedures ensure that we deal with complaints as soon as possible. We will acknowledge any complaint made in writing immediately on receipt and provide a written response within 30 days. Complaints should be directed to:

Complaints Officer  
VanEck Investments Limited  
Level 47, Suite 2  
25 Martin Place, Sydney NSW 2000  
Telephone: (02) 8038 3300  
Email: [complaints@vaneck.com.au](mailto:complaints@vaneck.com.au)

If we are unable to resolve the complaint or you are dissatisfied with the outcome you can contact an independent external dispute resolution service to assist in resolving the complaint. The Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA) is an independent body approved by ASIC to consider complaints.

In order for a complaint to be considered by AFCA, the claim must not exceed \$1,085,000 and the

complainant must meet AFCA's definition of an 'eligible person'. The maximum amount per claim that may be awarded by an AFCA Decision Maker for complaints relating to VanEck's funds, not including awards of costs or interest, is \$542,500.

AFCA can be contacted as follows:

Online: [www.afca.org.au](http://www.afca.org.au)

Email: [info@afca.org.au](mailto:info@afca.org.au)

Phone: 1800 931 678 (free call)

Mail: GPO Box 3 Melbourne VIC 3001

#### 14.16 Privacy Notice

This Privacy Notice informs Authorised Participants and ASX Investors how your personal information may be collected, stored, used and disclosed if you invest in the Fund, and should be read together with VanEck's Privacy Policy, available on our website: [www.vaneck.com.au](http://www.vaneck.com.au).

VanEck and the Registrar may collect, hold and use your personal information in order to process applications, administer your investment, comply with relevant laws and provide you with services related to the investment and with information about other products and services offered by or through VanEck, in accordance with VanEck's Privacy Policy.

ASX Investors must provide their personal information to open a stockbroking account in order to invest. That information may be provided by your stockbroker to the Registrar and in turn provided to VanEck. If you do not provide the personal information required you will be unable to invest.

We may use your information, for example to:

- o ensure compliance with all applicable regulatory or legal requirements. This includes the requirements of ASIC, ATO, AUSTRAC, ASX and other regulatory bodies or relevant exchanges including requirements under the Corporations Act and superannuation law; or
- o ensure compliance with the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Act.

VanEck may be required to disclose some or all of your personal information, for certain purposes to: our service providers, related bodies corporate or other third parties for the purpose of account maintenance and administration and the production and mailing of statements, such as share registries, custodians, accountants and auditors of the Fund and certain software providers related to the operational management and settlement of the ETF Units and fraud monitoring.

We may also disclose your personal information to other external service providers (including companies conducting market research) who assist us in:

- o marketing products and services to you; and
- o improving customer service.

This is to keep you informed of VanEck products and services. If you apply for ETF Units, you agree to be contacted for these purposes.

The third parties to whom we may disclose your personal information (listed in the bullet points

above) may be located overseas, including in the United States.

If you do not wish to receive marketing communications from us or our associates, including by email, please contact us at [privacy@vaneck.com.au](mailto:privacy@vaneck.com.au).

VanEck's Privacy Policy contains information about how you may complain about a breach of your privacy and how we will deal with such a complaint.

To access, update or seek correction of your personal information, please speak to your stockbroker or contact the Registrar directly on 1300 68 38 37 (toll free), or in writing addressed to:

Link Market Services Limited,

Locked Bag A14,

Sydney South, NSW, 1235

#### 14.17 ASIC Relief

##### 14.17.1 No equal treatment for withdrawals

Under ASIC Class Order [CO/13/721], responsible entities of ETFs do not need to comply with the equal treatment requirement in section 601FC(1)(d) of the Corporations Act, to the extent necessary to permit only authorised participants to withdraw from the Fund. The Responsible Entity will not treat Unitholders of the same class equally to the extent that it restricts withdrawals from the Fund to Authorised Participants.

For the purposes of this relief, except in exceptional circumstances, only Authorised Participants may withdraw from the Fund, but other Unitholders may sell their ETF Units on the ASX. However, if ETF Units are suspended from trading on ASX for more than 5 consecutive ASX Trading Days, Unitholders will have a right to withdraw from the Fund and receive payment for their ETF Units in money within a reasonable time of the request unless:

- o the Fund is being wound-up;
- o the Fund is not liquid as defined in subsection 601KA(4) of the Corporations Act; or
- o the Responsible Entity suspends withdrawals in accordance with the constitution.

##### 14.17.2 No relevant interest in ETF assets

ASIC Class Order [CO13/721] ASIC has modified section 609 of the Corporations Act to ensure that the ability to lodge a redemption by an Authorised Participant does not by itself give Authorised Participants a relevant interest in the assets held by the Fund for the purposes of the takeover provisions in Chapter 6 of the Corporations Act and the substantial holder provisions in Chapter 6C.

The ASIC relief applies while the units in the Fund are able to be traded on ASX. The relief will not apply once the Authorised Participant has made a redemption application in respect of the units.

This relief will apply to the Fund which, at the date of this PDS, employs an investment strategy, the implementation of which would not be likely to lead to the scheme property of the Fund including securities in a class of securities that (a) would represent more than 10% by value of scheme property; and (b) were, or would result in the

Responsible Entity having a relevant interest in, securities in a listed company, an unlisted company with more than 50 members, a listed body that is formed or incorporated in Australia or a listed scheme.

For the purposes of this relief, we confirm that the investment strategy for the Fund is to make investments that are expected to result in the value of a ETF Unit changing in proportion to the value of the Reference Index, ignoring the effect of fees and other costs.

#### **14.17.3 Less disclosure in periodic statements**

Under ASIC Class Order [CO13/1200], periodic statements are not required to disclose amounts paid in relation to a transfer of the units or the return on investment during the reporting period, if the Responsible Entity is not aware of the price at which the units were transferred, the return on investment is not able to be calculated by the Responsible Entity and the periodic statement explains why this information is not included as well as describes how it can be obtained or calculated.

The periodic statement will itemise transactions by disclosing the date of transfer and whether the Unitholder acquired or disposed of units and the number of units transferred, and will explain why

prices of units for transfers and the total dollar value of transfers have not been included. The periodic statement will also include performance information of the Fund relative to the investment objective,

#### **14.17.4 Ongoing disclosure relief**

Under ASIC Class Order [CO13/721], responsible entities of ETFs do not have to comply with the ongoing disclosure requirements in section 1017B of the Corporations Act if that responsible entity complies with the continuous disclosure requirements in section 675 of the Corporations Act as if the Fund were an unlisted disclosing entity. The Responsible Entity will comply with the continuous disclosure requirements of the Corporations Act as if the Fund were an unlisted disclosing entity.

#### **14.18 Changes to information**

Information contained in this section may change from time to time. Any updates or changes to information that are not materially adverse to investors will be published at <http://www.vaneck.com.au> on the Fund page. Check our website for the most up to date information before making a decision

## 15 Glossary of terms

The following expressions when used in this PDS have the meanings set out below. Named parties and other details may change. Check our website [www.vaneck.com.au](http://www.vaneck.com.au) for the most up to date information before making a decision

Term	Meaning
AP Procedures	The procedures for transacting with VanEck in relation to the Fund as agreed in writing with Authorised Participants from time to time
AQUA Rules	Schedule 10A of the ASX Operating Rules and related rules and procedures, as amended, varied or waived from time to time
ASIC	The Australian Securities and Investments Commission
ASX	The Australian Securities Exchange operated by ASX Limited
ASX Investor	Unitholders who acquire ETF Units on ASX
ASX Rules	The Operating Rules, Settlement Operating Rules and any other applicable rules and procedures as amended by ASX Limited from time to time
ASX Trading Day	A day that ASX is open for trading
AUSTRAC	The Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre
Authorised Participant or AP	A person who is a Trading Participant or has engaged a Trading Participant to act on its behalf to acquire and dispose of interests in the Fund, and who has entered into an agreement with the Responsible Entity to be an Authorised Participant
Carbon Credit	Usually refers to a tradeable instrument, issued and/or certified by a government or other body or organisation, which provides the holder of the instrument with the right to emit certain amount (usually one metric tonne) of carbon dioxide or other greenhouse gas. See section 2.1.
Constitution	The trust deed registered with ASIC establishing the Fund, as varied or replaced from time to time
Corporations Act	Corporations Act 2001 (Commonwealth) as amended from time to time
Creation Unit	The minimum number of ETF Units that must be applied for in the Fund by an Authorised Participant in an application for a creation of ETF Units as specified in section 11.3
Custodian	The holder of the Fund's assets, at the date of this PDS being State Street Australia Limited
Dividend Reinvestment Plan or DRP	The plan available to Unitholders to have any dividends from the Fund reinvested in additional ETF Units to be credited to their account, instead of receiving a cash payment to their nominated Australian bank account
DRP Rules	The rules relating to a Unitholder's participation in the DRP, a copy of which are available at <a href="http://www.vaneck.com.au">www.vaneck.com.au</a>
ETF	Exchange Traded Fund
ETF Units	Interests in the Fund issued by the Responsible Entity pursuant to this PDS, the Fund's Constitution and the Corporations Act
Exchange Traded Fund	An open-ended managed fund, units in which are traded on ASX under the AQUA Rules, which generally tracks the value of an underlying index
Foreign Investor	A person who is not an Australian resident for income tax purposes
Fund	The fund named on the front cover of this PDS
Fund Administrator	Performer of many Fund administration tasks, at the date of this PDS being State Street Australia Limited
Fund Net Asset Value	The total value of all of the assets of the Fund minus the total value of all of the liabilities and provisions of the Fund
Index Provider	At the date of this PDS, ICE, the maintainer of the Reference Index



Term	Meaning
Market Maker	An institution appointed by VanEck to assist it in maintaining liquidity of trading of the ETF Units on ASX. A Market Maker may also be an Authorised Participant
NAV	The Fund Net Asset Value divided by the number of ETF Units outstanding
PDS	Product disclosure statement
Redemption Unit	The minimum number of ETF Units that must be redeemed by an Authorised Participant in the event of a redemption as specified in section 11.3
Reference Index	ICE Global Carbon Futures Excess Return Index - AUD
Registrar	Maintainer of the registry of ETF Units, at the date of this PDS being Link Market Services Limited
Responsible Entity	The licensed entity authorised by ASIC to act as the Responsible Entity of the Fund with responsibility for operating the Fund and the issuer of ETF Units and this PDS. For the life of this PDS the Responsible Entity is VanEck.
Standard Basket	The specified parcel of futures contracts required for a Standard Basket Transaction
Standard Basket Transaction	A creation or redemption where the consideration is paid by way of an in specie transfer of the Standard Basket
Trading Participant	Has the meaning defined in the ASX Rules as amended from time to time
Unitholder	A person named as a holder of ETF Units in the Fund as recorded in the register maintained by the Registrar or a person entitled to be recorded as such
VanEck	VanEck Investments Limited in its capacity as Responsible Entity of the Fund, unless the context requires otherwise