



SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT  
June 30, 2021 (unaudited)

VanEck VIP Trust

VanEck VIP Emerging Markets Fund

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

June 30, 2021  
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Dear Fellow Shareholders:

The way we think about the financial markets—since no one knows the future for sure—is to identify potential scenarios. Last year, we said that roaring global growth would push interest rates to 1.5%-2.0% during 2021. This already happened in the first and second quarters! Now that we are into the third quarter, what next?

The mainstream, high-probability scenario (“Goldilocks”) continues to be that the rate increases pause and stock markets continue to make new highs. To support this idea of strong-but-tapering growth, the first major country that went through the COVID-19 cycle has continued to level off after its boom. Following some temporary weakness in February, China’s manufacturing PMI (Purchasing Managers’ Index) had a greater than expected rise in March (the services PMI soared), thereafter it tended to be on the weaker side. In May, however, while the official manufacturing PMI was a touch stronger than expected, the services PMI showed a significant (and surprising) pullback, raising concerns about the rebalancing. For updates on this, please follow our Emerging Markets Fixed Income Strategy Chief Economist Natalia Gurushina’s daily [emails](#) and our monthly China [updates](#).

Another scenario is the “Wage Inflation” scenario. I like to distinguish between commodity price inflation and wage inflation. Commodity prices have been rallying strongly since last summer with almost all commodity prices continuing to touch multi-year highs. But wage inflation is more important for financial markets. Wage inflation is the driver of a longer-lasting inflation and can be hard to extinguish. The level of stimulus from the U.S. Federal Reserve we saw in 2020 was unprecedented, as is the spending planned by the new Biden administration. We may find that we are witnessing a paradigm change in the “environment” of the financial markets and a new “dynamic” compared with the last 10 years. And a burst of commodity price inflation isn’t the concern in this “Wage Inflation” scenario, rather the concern is that investment consequences could endure not only through 2021, but also well into 2022. My investment colleagues are divided on whether wage inflation is possible in an over-stimulated yet deflationary world. We’ll see in 2022.

The “Too Hot” scenario remains that, with this tremendous stimulus, we expect to see interest rates rise unexpectedly further in the second half of 2021. In fact, I believe there is a chance that 10-year U.S. interest rates can exceed 2.5% by the end of 2021—“Rate Surprise”—and that investors should have this scenario on their radar screens. This could lead to turbulence in financial markets. By definition, bonds will fall further. But again, this may be okay for equities.

Last, there is a “Too Cold” scenario. With rates below 1.5% in early July, we are suddenly facing the risk of a deflationary slowdown. Perhaps the markets think that the Fed will tighten—it did slightly signal this at the last meeting—or that the economy will react badly to the lack of new stimulus in 2022. I would call this a flavor of Goldilocks for the financial markets, but not without worries.

We sincerely thank you for investing in VanEck’s investment strategies. On the following pages, you will find the financial statements for the six month period ended June 30, 2021. As always, we value your continued confidence in us and look forward to helping you meet your investment goals in the future.



*Jan F. van Eck*  
*CEO and President*  
*VanEck VIP Trust*

July 20, 2021

## VANECK VIP EMERGING MARKETS FUND

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### PRESIDENT'S LETTER (unaudited) (continued)

*Investing involves substantial risk and high volatility, including possible loss of principal. An investor should consider the investment objective, risks, charges and expenses of the Funds carefully before investing. To obtain a prospectus and summary prospectus, which contain this and other information, call 800.826.2333 or visit [vaneck.com](http://vaneck.com). Please read the prospectus and summary prospectus carefully before investing*

EXPLANATION OF EXPENSES  
(unaudited)

As a shareholder of the Fund, you incur two types of costs: (1) transaction costs, including program fees on purchase payments; and (2) ongoing costs, including management fees and other Fund expenses. This disclosure is intended to help you understand the ongoing costs (in dollars) of investing in the Fund and to compare these costs with the ongoing costs of investing in other mutual funds.

The disclosure is based on an investment of \$1,000 invested at the beginning of the period and held for the entire period, January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021.

**Actual Expenses**

The first line in the table below provides information about account values and actual expenses. You may use the information in this line, together with the amount you invested, to estimate the expenses that you paid over the period. Simply divide your account value by \$1,000 (for example, an \$8,600 account value divided by \$1,000 = 8.6), then multiply the result by the number in the first line under the heading entitled "Expenses Paid During the Period."

**Hypothetical Example for Comparison Purposes**

The second line in the table below provides information about hypothetical account values and hypothetical expenses based on the Fund's actual expense ratio and an assumed rate of return of 5% per year before expenses, which is not the Fund's actual return. The hypothetical account values and expenses may not be used to estimate the actual ending account balance or expenses you paid for the period. You may use this information to compare the ongoing costs of investing in your Fund and other funds. To do so, compare this 5% hypothetical example with the 5% hypothetical examples that appear in the shareholder reports of other funds.

Please note that the expenses shown in the table are meant to highlight your ongoing costs only and do not reflect any transactional costs, such as program fees on purchase payments. Therefore, the second line of the table is useful in comparing ongoing costs only, and will not help you determine the relative costs of owning different funds. In addition, if these transactional costs were included, your costs would have been higher.

	Beginning Account Value January 1, 2021	Ending Account Value June 30, 2021	Annualized Expense Ratio During Period	Expenses Paid During the Period January 1, 2021 - June 30, 2021*
<b>Initial Class</b>				
Actual	\$1,000.00	\$1,044.40	1.15%	\$5.83
Hypothetical**	\$1,000.00	\$1,019.09	1.15%	\$5.76
<b>Class S</b>				
Actual	\$1,000.00	\$1,042.10	1.55%	\$7.85
Hypothetical**	\$1,000.00	\$1,017.11	1.55%	\$7.75

\* Expenses are equal to the Fund's annualized expense ratio (for the six months ended June 30, 2021), multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by the number of days in the most recent fiscal half year divided by the number of the days in the fiscal year (to reflect the one-half year period).

\*\* Assumes annual return of 5% before expenses

# VANECK VIP EMERGING MARKETS FUND

## SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

June 30, 2021 (unaudited)

	Number of Shares	Value		Number of Shares	Value
<b>COMMON STOCKS: 95.9%</b>			<b>China (continued)</b>		
<b>Argentina: 2.2%</b>			New Oriental Education & Technology Group, Inc. (ADR) *		
MercadoLibre, Inc. (USD) *	2,540	\$ 3,956,787	OneConnect Financial Technology Co. Ltd. (ADR) *	105,258	\$ 862,063
<b>Brazil: 6.0%</b>			Pharmaron Beijing Co. Ltd. (HKD) 144A #	73,500	883,470
Fleury SA	310,400	1,617,590	Ping An Bank Co. Ltd. #	80,500	2,143,398
Infracommerce CXAAS SA *	61,400	293,557	Ping An Insurance Group Co. of China Ltd. (HKD) #	665,970	2,330,918
JSL SA	735,700	1,774,981	Qingdao TGOOD Electric Co. Ltd. #	150,000	1,466,310
Locaweb Servicos de Internet SA 144A *	285,200	1,551,633	Shanghai Baosight Software Co. Ltd. #	410,968	1,912,581
Movida Participacoes SA *	386,000	1,528,075	Tencent Holdings Ltd. (HKD) #	266,347	2,096,360
Rede D'Or Sao Luiz SA 144A	55,900	775,821	Topsports International Holdings Ltd. (HKD) 144A #	125,200	9,426,618
Rumo SA *	224,400	863,979	Wuxi Biologics Cayman, Inc. (HKD) 144A # *	1,236,000	2,021,100
Vamos Locacao de Caminhoes Maquinas e Equipamentos SA *	154,000	1,753,392	Yifeng Pharmacy Chain Co. Ltd. #	121,500	2,224,699
Vasta Platform Ltd. (USD) * †	62,012	503,537	Yum China Holdings, Inc. (USD)	224,607	1,948,942
Westwing Comercio Varejista Ltda *	236,000	436,527	Zai Lab Ltd. (ADR) *	33,230	2,201,487
		<u>11,099,092</u>		8,400	<u>1,486,716</u>
<b>British Virgin Islands: 1.2%</b>					<u>55,385,747</u>
Fix Price Group Ltd. (GDR) # * †	215,400	1,889,036	<b>Egypt: 1.7%</b>		
Juhayna Food Industries (EGP) # *	743,012	270,475	Cleopatra Hospital # *		
		<u>2,159,511</u>	Commercial International Bank Egypt SAE # *		
<b>China: 30.1%</b>			Fawry for Banking & Payment Technology Services SAE # *		
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. (ADR) *	29,760	6,748,973		656,418	<u>790,080</u>
Alibaba Health Information Technology Ltd. (HKD) # *	1,004,000	2,223,958			<u>3,213,053</u>
China Animal Healthcare Ltd. (HKD) # * ∞	3,588,969	0	<b>Georgia: 1.2%</b>		
China Conch Venture Holdings Ltd. (HKD) #	128,000	538,567	Bank of Georgia Group Plc (GBP) *		
China Education Group Holdings Ltd. (HKD) # †	2,013,000	4,490,018	Georgia Capital Plc (GBP) *		
China Feihe Ltd. (HKD) 144A #	805,000	1,735,598		84,700	1,574,705
Fu Shou Yuan International Group Ltd. (HKD) #	1,469,000	1,435,477		60,700	604,557
GDS Holdings Ltd. (ADR) *	37,200	2,919,828			<u>2,179,262</u>
Hundsun Technologies, Inc. # *	58,984	849,785	<b>Germany: 2.1%</b>		
Meituan (HKD) 144A # *	49,000	2,021,306	Delivery Hero SE 144A # *		
NetEase, Inc. (ADR)	12,300	1,417,575		29,000	<u>3,831,657</u>
			<b>Hong Kong: 2.3%</b>		
			A-Living Smart City Services Co. Ltd. 144A # †		
				857,250	<u>4,254,991</u>
			<b>Hungary: 1.0%</b>		
			OTP Bank Nyrt # *		
				32,500	<u>1,749,531</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements

	Number of Shares	Value		Number of Shares	Value
<b>India: 10.3%</b>			<b>South Korea (continued)</b>		
Bandhan Bank Ltd.			LG Chem Ltd. #	6,165	\$ 4,655,128
144A # *	63,678	\$ 283,416	Naver Corp. #	10,965	4,068,765
Cholamandalam			Samsung SDI Co. Ltd. #	3,025	1,872,891
Investment and					<u>11,648,400</u>
Finance Co. Ltd. #	315,400	2,180,460	<b>Taiwan: 10.4%</b>		
HDFC Bank Ltd. #	268,200	5,413,809	Chroma ATE, Inc. #	189,000	1,298,222
HDFC Bank Ltd. (ADR)	51,400	3,758,368	MediaTek, Inc. #	108,000	3,724,513
Lemon Tree Hotels Ltd.			Poya International Co.		
144A # *	800,073	452,898	Ltd. # *	114,010	2,220,278
Obero Realty Ltd. # *	116,000	979,924	Sea Ltd. (ADR) *	11,100	3,048,060
Phoenix Mills Ltd. # *	103,800	1,143,337	Taiwan Semiconductor		
Reliance Industries Ltd. #	167,133	4,695,696	Manufacturing Co.		
		<u>18,907,908</u>	Ltd. #	329,000	7,086,011
<b>Japan: 1.1%</b>			Wiwynn Corp. #	47,000	1,681,221
Bank BTPN Syariah Tbk					<u>19,058,305</u>
PT (IDR) #	10,450,000	2,078,509	<b>Tanzania: 1.2%</b>		
<b>Kazakhstan: 1.4%</b>			Helios Towers Plc (GBP) *	961,900	2,168,872
Kaspi.kz JSC (USD)			<b>Turkey: 2.2%</b>		
(GDR) #	23,170	2,456,020	AvivaSA Emeklilik ve		
Kaspi.kz JSC (USD) 144A			Hayat AS #	232,296	492,341
(GDR) *	770	81,620	MLP Saglik Hizmetleri AS		
		<u>2,537,640</u>	144A *	684,140	1,741,240
<b>Kenya: 0.4%</b>			Sok Marketler Ticaret		
Safaricom Plc #	2,117,600	823,833	AS # *	664,968	897,902
<b>Kuwait: 0.5%</b>			Tofas Turk Otomobil		
Humansoft Holding Co.			Fabrikasi AS	247,000	838,014
KSC #	73,455	914,403			<u>3,969,497</u>
<b>Mexico: 2.5%</b>			<b>United Kingdom: 0.0%</b>		
Qualitas Controladora			Hirco Plc # * ∞	1,235,312	2
SAB de CV	379,783	1,778,506	<b>Total Common Stocks</b>		
Regional SAB de CV	471,800	2,795,913	(Cost: \$125,349,790)		<u>176,252,733</u>
		<u>4,574,419</u>	<b>PREFERRED SECURITIES: 3.2%</b>		
<b>Philippines: 2.3%</b>			(Cost: \$5,743,994)		
Bloomerry Resorts			<b>South Korea: 3.2%</b>		
Corp. # *	8,780,000	1,169,481	Samsung Electronics Co.		
International Container			Ltd., 1.94% #	89,900	5,883,958
Terminal Services,					
Inc. #	940,200	3,151,792	<b>MONEY MARKET FUND: 1.3%</b>		
		<u>4,321,273</u>	(Cost: \$2,349,988)		
<b>Poland: 0.6%</b>			Invesco Treasury		
InPost SA (EUR) # *	51,217	1,030,645	Portfolio -		
<b>Russia: 3.6%</b>			Institutional Class	2,349,988	2,349,988
Detsky Mir PJSC 144A #	641,200	1,323,821	<b>Total Investments Before Collateral for</b>		
Sberbank of Russia PJSC			<b>Securities Loaned: 100.4%</b>		
(ADR) #	194,480	3,231,672	(Cost: \$133,443,772)		<u>184,486,679</u>
Yandex NV (USD) * †	28,837	2,040,218			
		<u>6,595,711</u>			
<b>South Africa: 5.3%</b>					
Naspers Ltd. #	14,745	3,108,937			
Prosus NV (EUR) #	47,005	4,604,966			
Transaction Capital Ltd.	785,280	2,079,782			
		<u>9,793,685</u>			
<b>South Korea: 6.3%</b>					
Doosan Fuel Cell Co.					
Ltd. # *	23,700	1,051,616			

See Notes to Financial Statements

# VANECK VIP EMERGING MARKETS FUND

## SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

(unaudited) (continued)

	Number of Shares	Value
<b>SHORT-TERM INVESTMENT HELD AS COLLATERAL FOR SECURITIES ON LOAN: 0.7%</b>		
(Cost: \$1,308,779)		
<b>Money Market Fund: 0.7%</b>		
State Street Navigator		
Securities Lending		
Government Money		
Market Portfolio	1,308,779	\$ 1,308,779
<b>Total Investments: 101.1%</b>		
(Cost: \$134,752,551)		185,795,458
<b>Liabilities in excess of other assets: (1.1)%</b>		(2,022,339)
<b>NET ASSETS: 100.0%</b>		<u>\$ 183,773,119</u>

### Definitions:

ADR	American Depositary Receipt
EGP	Egyptian Pound
EUR	Euro
GBP	British Pound
GDR	Global Depositary Receipt
HKD	Hong Kong Dollar
IDR	Indonesian Rupiah
USD	United States Dollar

### Footnotes:

- \* Non-income producing
- † Security fully or partially on loan. Total market value of securities on loan is \$5,497,946.
- # Security has been valued in good faith pursuant to guidelines established by the Board of Trustees. The aggregate value of fair valued securities is \$128,050,845 which represents 69.7% of net assets.
- ∞ Security is valued using significant unobservable inputs and is classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy.
- 144A Security exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or otherwise restricted. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, unless otherwise noted, and the value amounted \$24,443,198, or 13.3% of net assets.

### Summary of Investments by Sector Excluding Collateral for Securities Loaned

	% of Investments	Value
Communication Services	12.6%	\$ 23,287,496
Consumer Discretionary	24.4	45,030,768
Consumer Staples	2.6	4,852,917
Energy	2.5	4,695,697
Financials	18.0	33,282,100
Health Care	7.1	13,173,094
Industrials	9.7	17,860,619
Information Technology	18.1	33,175,612
Materials	2.5	4,655,128
Real Estate	1.2	2,123,260
Money Market Fund	1.3	2,349,988
	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$ 184,486,679</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements

The summary of inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of June 30, 2021 is as follows:

	Level 1 Quoted Prices	Level 2 Significant Observable Inputs	Level 3 Significant Unobservable Inputs	Value
Common Stocks				
Argentina	\$ 3,956,787	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 3,956,787
Brazil	11,099,092	—	—	11,099,092
British Virgin Islands	—	2,159,511	—	2,159,511
China	16,520,112	38,865,635	0	55,385,747
Egypt	—	3,213,053	—	3,213,053
Georgia	2,179,262	—	—	2,179,262
Germany	—	3,831,657	—	3,831,657
Hong Kong	—	4,254,991	—	4,254,991
Hungary	—	1,749,531	—	1,749,531
India	3,758,368	15,149,540	—	18,907,908
Japan	—	2,078,509	—	2,078,509
Kazakhstan	81,620	2,456,020	—	2,537,640
Kenya	—	823,833	—	823,833
Kuwait	—	914,403	—	914,403
Mexico	4,574,419	—	—	4,574,419
Philippines	—	4,321,273	—	4,321,273
Poland	—	1,030,645	—	1,030,645
Russia	2,040,218	4,555,493	—	6,595,711
South Africa	2,079,782	7,713,903	—	9,793,685
South Korea	—	11,648,400	—	11,648,400
Taiwan	3,048,060	16,010,245	—	19,058,305
Tanzania	2,168,872	—	—	2,168,872
Turkey	2,579,254	1,390,243	—	3,969,497
United Kingdom	—	—	2	2
Preferred Securities *	—	5,883,958	—	5,883,958
Money Market Funds	3,658,767	—	—	3,658,767
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>\$ 57,744,613</b>	<b>\$ 128,050,843</b>	<b>\$ 2</b>	<b>\$ 185,795,458</b>

\* See Schedule of Investments for geographic sector breakouts.

# VANECK VIP EMERGING MARKETS FUND

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

June 30, 2021 (unaudited)

### Assets:

Investments, at value (Cost \$133,443,772) (1) . . . . .	\$ 184,486,679
Short-term investment held as collateral for securities loaned (2) . . . . .	1,308,779
Cash denominated in foreign currency, at value (Cost \$502,264) . . . . .	502,451
Receivables:	
Investment securities sold . . . . .	4,244,723
Shares of beneficial interest sold . . . . .	157,262
Dividends and interest . . . . .	168,478
Prepaid expenses . . . . .	358
Other assets . . . . .	3,974
<b>Total assets</b> . . . . .	<u>190,872,704</u>

### Liabilities:

Payables:	
Investment securities purchased . . . . .	4,825,633
Collateral for securities loaned . . . . .	1,308,779
Shares of beneficial interest redeemed . . . . .	411,806
Due to Adviser . . . . .	149,666
Due to Distributor . . . . .	305
Deferred Trustee fees . . . . .	129,573
Accrued expenses . . . . .	273,823
<b>Total liabilities</b> . . . . .	<u>7,099,585</u>

**NET ASSETS** . . . . . \$ 183,773,119

### Initial Class:

Net Assets . . . . .	\$ 182,281,792
Shares of beneficial interest outstanding . . . . .	<u>10,332,567</u>
Net asset value, redemption and offering price per share . . . . .	<u>\$ 17.64</u>

### Class S:

Net Assets . . . . .	<u>1,491,327</u>
Shares of beneficial interest outstanding . . . . .	<u>86,048</u>
Net asset value, redemption and offering price per share . . . . .	<u>\$ 17.33</u>

### Net Assets consist of:

Aggregate paid in capital . . . . .	\$ 111,680,761
Total distributable earnings (loss) . . . . .	72,092,358

**NET ASSETS** . . . . . \$ 183,773,119

(1) Value of securities on loan . . . . .	\$ 5,497,946
(2) Cost of short-term investment held as collateral for securities loaned . . . . .	<u>\$ 1,308,779</u>

# VANECK VIP EMERGING MARKETS FUND

## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the Period Ended June 30, 2021 (unaudited)

### Income:

Dividends (net of foreign taxes withheld \$156,632) . . . . .	\$ 1,358,894
Securities lending income . . . . .	33,491
Total income . . . . .	<u>1,392,385</u>

### Expenses:

Management fees . . . . .	926,265
Distribution fees – Class S . . . . .	1,478
Transfer agent fees – Initial Class . . . . .	12,528
Transfer agent fees – Class S . . . . .	6,624
Custodian fees . . . . .	34,221
Professional fees . . . . .	49,620
Reports to shareholders . . . . .	17,558
Insurance . . . . .	6,771
Trustees' fees and expenses . . . . .	9,970
Interest . . . . .	100
Other . . . . .	6,443
Total expenses . . . . .	<u>1,071,578</u>
Waiver of management fees . . . . .	(5,621)
Net expenses . . . . .	<u>1,065,957</u>
Net investment income . . . . .	<u>326,428</u>

### Net realized gain (loss) on:

Investments . . . . .	15,638,697
Foreign currency transactions and foreign denominated assets and liabilities . . . . .	(37,688)
Net realized gain . . . . .	<u>15,601,009</u>

### Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on:

Investments (a) . . . . .	(8,171,645)
Foreign currency transactions and foreign denominated assets and liabilities . . . . .	3,038
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) . . . . .	<u>(8,168,607)</u>

<b>Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations . . . . .</b>	<b><u>\$ 7,758,830</u></b>
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(a) Net of foreign taxes of \$22,350

# VANECK VIP EMERGING MARKETS FUND

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2021 (unaudited)	Year Ended December 31, 2020
<b>Operations:</b>		
Net investment income (loss) . . . . .	\$ 326,428	\$ (323,818)
Net realized gain . . . . .	15,601,009	5,889,390
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) . . . . .	(8,168,607)	18,376,282
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations . . . . .	<u>7,758,830</u>	<u>23,941,854</u>
<b>Distributions to shareholders from:</b>		
Initial Class . . . . .	—	(7,773,763)
Class S . . . . .	—	(33,666)
Total distributions . . . . .	<u>—</u>	<u>(7,807,429)</u>
<b>Share transactions *:</b>		
Proceeds from sale of shares		
Initial Class . . . . .	21,978,335	34,870,041
Class S . . . . .	678,958	457,149
	<u>22,657,293</u>	<u>35,327,190</u>
Reinvestment of dividends and distributions		
Initial Class . . . . .	—	7,773,763
Class S . . . . .	—	33,666
	<u>—</u>	<u>7,807,429</u>
Cost of shares redeemed		
Initial Class . . . . .	(24,186,029)	(48,373,904)
Class S . . . . .	(26,200)	(77,692)
	<u>(24,212,229)</u>	<u>(48,451,596)</u>
Net decrease in net assets resulting from share transactions . . . . .	<u>(1,554,936)</u>	<u>(5,316,977)</u>
Total increase in net assets . . . . .	6,203,894	10,817,448
<b>Net Assets:</b>		
Beginning of period . . . . .	177,569,225	166,751,777
End of period . . . . .	<u>\$ 183,773,119</u>	<u>\$ 177,569,225</u>
<b>* Shares of beneficial interest issued, reinvested and redeemed (unlimited number of \$.001 par value shares authorized):</b>		
<b>Initial Class:</b>		
Shares sold . . . . .	1,236,293	2,432,248
Shares reinvested . . . . .	—	523,839
Shares redeemed . . . . .	(1,369,902)	(3,484,023)
Net decrease . . . . .	<u>(133,609)</u>	<u>(527,936)</u>
<b>Class S:</b>		
Shares sold . . . . .	40,084	33,096
Shares reinvested . . . . .	—	2,301
Shares redeemed . . . . .	(1,535)	(6,109)
Net increase . . . . .	<u>38,549</u>	<u>29,288</u>

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For a share outstanding throughout each period:

	For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2021 (unaudited)	Initial Class For the Year Ended December 31,				
		2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$16.89	\$15.14	\$11.93	\$15.63	\$10.40	\$10.50
Income from investment operations:						
Net investment income (loss)	0.03 (a)	(0.03) (a)	0.29 (a)	0.07 (a)	0.04 (a)	0.08
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	0.72	2.53	3.29	(3.73)	5.24	(0.08)
Total from investment operations	0.75	2.50	3.58	(3.66)	5.28	0.00 (b)
Less distributions from:						
Net investment income	—	(0.30)	(0.06)	(0.04)	(0.05)	(0.05)
Net realized capital gains	—	(0.45)	(0.31)	—	—	(0.05)
Total distributions	—	(0.75)	(0.37)	(0.04)	(0.05)	(0.10)
Net asset value, end of period	\$17.64	\$16.89	\$15.14	\$11.93	\$15.63	\$10.40
Total return (c)	4.44% (d)	17.25%	30.60%	(23.49)%	51.03%	0.10%
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>						
Net assets, end of period (000's)	\$182,282	\$176,779	\$166,479	\$134,440	\$187,872	\$121,723
Ratio of expenses to average net assets	1.15% (e)	1.23%	1.26%	1.21%	1.19%	1.18%
Ratio of expenses to average net assets excluding interest expense	1.15% (e)	1.22%	1.26%	1.21%	1.19%	1.19% (f)
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets	0.35% (e)	(0.21)%	2.15%	0.48%	0.27%	0.70%
Portfolio turnover rate	23% (d)	29%	24%	34%	42%	62%

(a) Calculated based upon average shares outstanding

(b) Amount represents less than \$0.005 per share.

(c) Total return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the net asset value at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of any dividends and distributions at net asset value on the dividend/distributions payment date and a redemption at the net asset value on the last day of the period. The return includes adjustments in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and as such, the net asset values for financial reporting purposes and the returns based upon those net asset values may differ from the net asset values and returns for shareholder transactions. The return does not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund dividends/distributions or the redemption of Fund shares. Total returns do not include fees and expenses imposed under your variable annuity contract and/or life insurance policy. If these amounts were reflected, the returns would be lower than those shown.

(d) Not Annualized

(e) Annualized

(f) Excludes reimbursement from prior year custodial charge of 0.02%.

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For a share outstanding throughout each period:

	Class S					
	For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2021 (unaudited)	For the Year Ended December 31,				For the Period May 2, 2016(a) through December 31, 2016
		2020	2019	2018	2017	
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$16.63	\$14.95	\$11.80	\$15.48	\$10.36	\$10.35
Income from investment operations:						
Net investment income (loss)	0.01 (b)	(0.09) (b)	0.28 (b)	(0.04) (b)	(0.04) (b)	0.01
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	0.69	2.51	3.22	(3.64)	5.21	— (c)
Total from investment operations	0.70	2.42	3.50	(3.68)	5.17	0.01
Less distributions from:						
Net investment income	—	(0.29)	(0.04)	—	(0.05)	—
Net realized capital gains	—	(0.45)	(0.31)	—	—	—
Total distributions	—	(0.74)	(0.35)	—	(0.05)	—
Net asset value, end of period	\$17.33	\$16.63	\$14.95	\$11.80	\$15.48	\$10.36
Total return (d)	4.21% (e)	16.90%	30.23%	(23.77)%	50.16%	0.10% (e)
<b>Ratios/Supplemental Data</b>						
Net assets, end of period (000's)	\$1,491	\$790	\$272	\$150	\$38	\$10
Ratio of gross expenses to average net assets	2.50% (f)	3.69%	7.50%	19.19%	51.45%	30.43% (f)
Ratio of net expenses to average net assets	1.55% (f)	1.55%	1.55%	1.59%	1.75%	1.75% (f)
Ratio of net investment income (loss) to average net assets	0.09% (f)	(0.60)%	2.05%	(0.27)%	(0.33)%	0.12% (f)
Portfolio turnover rate	23% (e)	29%	24%	34%	42%	62%(e)(g)

(a) Commencement of operations.

(b) Calculated based upon average shares outstanding

(c) Amount represents less than \$0.005 per share.

(d) Total return is calculated assuming an initial investment made at the net asset value at the beginning of the period, reinvestment of any dividends and distributions at net asset value on the dividend/distributions payment date and a redemption at the net asset value on the last day of the period. The return includes adjustments in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and as such, the net asset values for financial reporting purposes and the returns based upon those net asset values may differ from the net asset values and returns for shareholder transactions. The return does not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund dividends/distributions or the redemption of Fund shares. Total returns do not include fees and expenses imposed under your variable annuity contract and/or life insurance policy. If these amounts were reflected, the returns would be lower than those shown.

(e) Not Annualized

(f) Annualized

(g) Portfolio turnover is calculated at the fund level and represents a one year period.

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**Note 1—Fund Organization**—VanEck VIP Trust (the “Trust”) is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, as an open-end management investment company. The Trust was organized as a Massachusetts business trust on January 7, 1987. The VanEck VIP Emerging Markets Fund (the “Fund”) is a diversified series of the Trust and seeks long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in equity securities in emerging markets around the world. The Fund currently offers two classes of shares: Initial Class Shares and Class S Shares. The two classes are substantially the same, except Class S Shares are subject to a distribution fee.

**Note 2—Significant Accounting Policies**—The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The Fund is an investment company and follows accounting and reporting requirements of Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 946, *Financial Services-Investment Companies*.

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Fund.

**A. Security Valuation**—The Fund values its investments in securities and other assets and liabilities at fair value daily. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. Securities traded on national exchanges are valued at the closing price on the markets in which the securities trade. Securities traded on the NASDAQ Stock Market LLC (“NASDAQ”) are valued at the NASDAQ official closing price. Over-the-counter securities not included on NASDAQ and listed securities for which no sale was reported are valued at the mean of the bid and ask prices. To the extent these securities are actively traded, they are categorized as Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy (described below). Certain foreign securities, whose values may be affected by market direction or events occurring before the Fund’s pricing time (4:00 p.m. Eastern Time) but after the last close of the securities’ primary market, are fair valued using a pricing service and are categorized as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy. The pricing service, using methods approved by the Fund’s Board of Trustees, considers the correlation of the trading patterns of the foreign security to intraday trading in the U.S. market, based on indices of domestic securities and other appropriate indicators such as prices of relevant ADR’s and futures contracts. The Fund may also fair value securities in other situations, such as when a particular foreign market is closed but the Fund is open. Short-term debt securities with sixty days or less to maturity are valued at amortized cost, which with accrued interest approximates fair value. Money market fund investments are valued at net asset value and are classified as Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy. The Pricing Committee of Van Eck Associates Corporation (the “Adviser”) provides oversight of the Fund’s valuation policies and procedures, which are approved by the Fund’s Board of Trustees. Among other things, these procedures allow the Fund to utilize independent pricing services, quotations from securities dealers, and other market sources to determine fair value. The Pricing Committee convenes regularly to review the fair value of financial instruments or other assets. If market quotations for a security or other asset are not readily available, or if the Adviser believes it does not otherwise reflect the fair value of a security or asset, the security or asset will be fair valued by the Pricing Committee in accordance with the Fund’s valuation policies and procedures. The Pricing Committee employs various methods for calibrating the valuation approaches utilized to determine fair value, including a regular review of key inputs and assumptions, periodic comparisons to valuations provided by other independent pricing services, transactional back-testing and disposition analysis.

Certain factors such as economic conditions, political events, market trends, the nature of and duration of any restrictions on disposition, trading in similar securities of the issuer or comparable issuers and other security specific information are used to determine the fair value of these securities. Depending on the relative significance of valuation inputs, these securities may be categorized either as Level 2 or Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy. The price which the Fund may realize upon sale of an investment may differ materially from the value presented in the Schedule of Investments.

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The Fund utilizes various methods to measure the fair value of its investments on a recurring basis, which includes a hierarchy that prioritizes inputs to valuation methods used to measure fair value. The fair value hierarchy gives highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The inputs or methodologies used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

Level 1 — Quoted prices in active markets for identical securities.

Level 2 — Significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.).

Level 3 — Significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments).

A summary of the inputs and the levels used to value the Fund's investments are located in the Schedule of Investments. Additionally, tables that reconcile the valuation of the Fund's Level 3 investments and that present additional information about valuation methodologies and unobservable inputs, if applicable, are located in the Schedule of Investments.

- B. Federal Income Taxes**—It is the Fund's policy to comply with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute all of its net investment income and net realized capital gains, if any, to its shareholders. Therefore, no federal income tax provision is required.
- C. Currency Translation**—Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies and commitments under foreign currency contracts are translated into U.S. dollars at the closing prices of such currencies each business day as quoted by one or more sources. Purchases and sales of investments are translated at the exchange rates prevailing when such investments are acquired or sold. Foreign denominated income and expenses are translated at the exchange rates prevailing when accrued. The portion of realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments that result from fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates is not separately disclosed in the financial statements. Such amounts are included with the net realized and unrealized gains and losses on investment securities in the Statement of Operations. Recognized gains or losses attributable to foreign currency fluctuations on foreign currency denominated assets, other than investments, and liabilities are recorded as net realized gain (loss) and net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on foreign currency transactions and foreign denominated assets and liabilities in the Statement of Operations.
- D. Distributions to Shareholders**—Dividends to shareholders from net investment income and distributions from net realized capital gains, if any, are declared and paid annually. Income dividends and capital gain distributions are determined in accordance with U.S. income tax regulations, which may differ from such amounts determined in accordance with GAAP.
- E. Restricted Securities**—The Fund may invest in securities that are subject to legal or contractual restrictions on resale. These securities generally may be resold in transactions exempt from registration or to the public if the securities are registered. Disposal of these securities may involve time-consuming negotiations and expense, and prompt sale at an acceptable price may be difficult. Information regarding restricted securities, if any, is included at the end of the Fund's Schedule of Investments.
- F. Offsetting Assets and Liabilities**—In the ordinary course of business, the Fund enters into transactions subject to enforceable master netting or other similar agreements. Generally, the right of offset in those agreements allows the Fund to offset any exposure to a specific counterparty with any collateral received or delivered to that counterparty based on the terms of the agreements. The Fund may pledge or receive cash and/or securities as collateral for securities lending. For financial reporting purposes, the Fund presents securities lending assets and liabilities on a gross basis in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Cash collateral held in the form of money market investments, if any, at June 30, 2021, is presented in the

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Schedule of Investments and in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Non-cash collateral is disclosed in Note 9 (Securities Lending).

**G. Other**—Security transactions are accounted for on trade date. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date except that certain dividends from foreign securities are recognized upon notification of the ex-dividend date. Realized gains and losses are determined based on the specific identification method.

Income, non-class specific expenses, gains and losses on investments are allocated to each class of shares based on its relative net assets. Expenses directly attributable to a specific class are charged to that class.

The Fund earns interest income on uninvested cash balances held at the custodian bank. Such amounts, if any, are presented as interest income in the Statement of Operations.

In the normal course of business, the Fund enters into contracts that contain a variety of general indemnifications. The Fund's maximum exposure under these agreements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Fund that have not yet occurred. However, the Adviser believes the risk of loss under these arrangements to be remote.

**Note 3—Investment Management and Other Agreements**—The Adviser is the investment adviser to the Fund. The Adviser receives a management fee, calculated daily and payable monthly based on an annual rate of 1.00% of the Fund's average daily net assets. The Adviser has agreed, until at least May 1, 2022, to waive management fees and assume expenses to prevent the Fund's total annual operating expenses (excluding acquired fund fees and expenses, interest expense, trading expenses, dividend and interest payments on securities sold short, taxes, and extraordinary expenses) from exceeding 1.30% and 1.55% of average daily net assets for Initial Class Shares and Class S Shares, respectively. For the period ended June 30, 2021, the Adviser waived management fees in the amount of \$5,621 for Class S shares.

In addition, Van Eck Securities Corporation (the "Distributor"), an affiliate of the Adviser, acts as the Fund's distributor. Certain officers and trustees of the Trust are officers, directors or stockholders of the Adviser and Distributor.

At June 30, 2021, the aggregate shareholder accounts of two insurance companies owned approximately 65% and 21% of the Initial Class Shares and two insurance companies owned approximately 69% and 29% of the Class S Shares.

**Note 4—12B-1 Plan of Distribution**— Pursuant to a Rule 12b-1 Plan of Distribution (the "Plan"), the Fund is authorized to incur distribution expenses for its Class S Shares which will principally be payments to securities dealers who have sold shares and serviced shareholder accounts, and payments to the Distributor for reimbursement of other actual promotion and distribution expenses incurred by the Distributor on behalf of the Fund. The amount paid under the Plan in any one year is 0.25% of average daily net assets for Class S Shares and is recorded as Distribution Fees in the Statement of Operations.

**Note 5—Investments**—For the period ended June 30, 2021, the cost of purchases and proceeds from sales of investments, excluding U.S. government securities and short-term obligations, aggregated to \$42,101,795 and \$43,006,149, respectively.

**Note 6—Income Taxes**—As of June 30, 2021, for Federal income tax purposes, the identified cost, gross unrealized appreciation, gross unrealized depreciation and net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments were as follows:

<u>Tax Cost of Investments</u>	<u>Gross Unrealized Appreciation</u>	<u>Gross Unrealized Depreciation</u>	<u>Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)</u>
\$ 134,928,055	\$ 61,478,150	\$ (10,610,747)	\$ 50,867,403

The tax character of current year distributions, if any, will be determined at the end of the current fiscal year.

The Fund recognizes the tax benefits of uncertain tax positions only where the position is "more-likely-than-not" to be sustained assuming examination by applicable tax authorities. Management has analyzed the

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Fund's tax positions, and has concluded that no liability for unrecognized tax benefits should be recorded related to uncertain tax positions taken on return filings for all open tax years. The Fund does not have exposure for additional years that might still be open in certain foreign jurisdictions. Therefore, no provision for income tax is required in the Fund's financial statements. However, the Fund is subject to foreign taxes on the appreciation in value of certain investments. The Fund provides for such taxes, if any, on both realized and unrealized appreciation.

The Fund recognizes interest and penalties, if any, related to uncertain tax positions as income tax expense in the Statement of Operations. During the period ended June 30, 2021, the Fund did not incur any interest or penalties.

**Note 7—Principal Risks**—The Fund may purchase securities on foreign exchanges. Securities of foreign issuers involve special risks and considerations not typically associated with investing in U.S. issuers. These risks include devaluation of currencies, currency controls, less reliable information about issuers, different securities transaction clearance and settlement practices, future adverse economic developments and political conflicts, or natural or other disasters, such as the recent coronavirus outbreak. Additionally, the Fund may invest in securities of emerging market issuers, which are exposed to a number of risks that may make these investments volatile in price or difficult to trade. Political risks may include unstable governments, nationalization, restrictions on foreign ownership, laws that prevent investors from getting their money out of a country, sanctions and investment restrictions and legal systems that do not protect property risks as well as the laws of the United States. These and other factors can make emerging market securities more volatile and potentially less liquid than securities issued in more developed markets. Certain securities of Chinese issuers are, or may in the future become restricted, and the Fund may be forced to sell such restricted securities and incur a loss as a result.

The respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus, which has spread internationally and declared as a pandemic by the World Health Organization, has resulted in closing borders, quarantines, disruptions to supply chains and customer activity, loss of life, as well as general concern and uncertainty. The coronavirus has already negatively impacted the economies of many nations, individual companies, and the market. This pandemic is expected to have a continued impact in ways that cannot necessarily be foreseen presently.

A more complete description of risks is included in each Fund's Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information.

**Note 8—Trustee Deferred Compensation Plan**—The Trust has a Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Deferred Plan") for Trustees under which the Trustees can elect to defer receipt of their trustee fees until retirement, disability or termination from the Board of Trustees. The fees otherwise payable to the participating Trustees are deemed invested in shares of eligible Funds of the Trust, or other registered investment companies managed by the adviser, which include VanEck Funds and VanEck Vectors ETF Trust, as directed by the Trustees.

The expense for the Deferred Plan is included in "Trustees' fees and expenses" in the Statement of Operations. The liability for the Deferred Plan is shown as "Deferred Trustee fees" in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

**Note 9—Securities Lending**—To generate additional income, the Fund may lend its securities pursuant to a securities lending agreement with the securities lending agent. The Fund may lend up to 33% of its investments requiring that the loan be continuously collateralized by cash, cash equivalents, U.S. government securities, or any combination of cash and such securities at all times equal to at least 102% (105% for foreign securities) of the market value of securities loaned. Daily market fluctuations could cause the value of loaned securities to be more or less than the value of the collateral received. When this occurs, the collateral is adjusted and settled on the next business day. During the term of the loan, the Fund will continue to receive any dividends, interest or amounts equivalent thereto, on the securities loaned while receiving a fee from the borrower and/or earning interest on the investment of the cash collateral. Such fees and interest are shared with the securities lending agent under the terms of the securities lending agreement. Securities lending income is disclosed as such in the Statement of Operations. Cash collateral is maintained on the Fund's

behalf by the lending agent and is invested in the State Street Navigator Securities Lending Government Money Market Portfolio. Non-cash collateral consists of U.S. Treasuries and U.S. Government Agency securities, and is not disclosed in the Fund's Schedule of Investments or Statement of Assets and Liabilities as it is held by the agent on behalf of the Fund. The Fund does not have the ability to re-hypothecate those securities. Loans are subject to termination at the option of the borrower or the Fund. Upon termination of the loan, the borrower will return to the Fund securities identical to the securities loaned. The Fund bears the risk of delay in recovery of, or even loss of rights in, the securities loaned should the borrower of the securities fail financially. The value of loaned securities and related cash collateral, if any, at June 30, 2021 is presented on a gross basis in the Schedule of Investments and Statement of Assets and Liabilities. The following is a summary of the Fund's securities on loan and related collateral as of June 30, 2021:

<u>Market Value of Securities on Loan</u>	<u>Cash Collateral</u>	<u>Non-Cash Collateral</u>	<u>Total Collateral</u>
\$ 5,497,946	\$ 1,308,779	\$ 4,461,679	\$ 5,770,458
			<b>Gross Amount of Recognized Liabilities for Securities Lending Transactions* in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities</b>
Equity Securities . . . . .			\$ 1,308,779

\* Remaining contractual maturity: overnight and continuous

**Note 10—Bank Line of Credit**—The Trust participates with the VanEck Funds (collectively the “VE/VIP Funds”) in a \$30 million committed credit facility (the “Facility”) to be utilized for temporary financing until the settlement of sales or purchases of portfolio securities, the repurchase or redemption of shares of the Fund and other temporary or emergency purposes. The participating VE/VIP Funds have agreed to pay commitment fees, pro rata, based on the unused but available balance. Interest is charged to the VE/VIP Funds based on prevailing market rates in effect at the time of borrowings. During the period ended June 30, 2021, the Fund borrowed as follows:

<u>Days Outstanding</u>	<u>Average Daily Loan Balance</u>	<u>Average Interest Rate</u>
7	\$341,142	1.35%

At June 30, 2021, the Fund had no outstanding borrowings under the Facility.

**Note 11—Subsequent Event Review**—The Fund has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through the date the financial statements were issued.

### APPROVAL OF ADVISORY AGREEMENT

June 30, 2021 (unaudited)

#### **VANECK VIP EMERGING MARKETS FUND (the "Fund")**

The Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), provides, in substance, that an investment advisory agreement between a fund and its investment adviser may continue in effect from year to year only if its continuance is approved, at least annually by the fund's board of trustees, including by a vote of a majority of the trustees who are not "interested persons" of the fund as defined in the 1940 Act (the "Independent Trustees"), at a meeting called for the purpose of considering such approval. On June 23, 2021, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of VanEck VIP Trust (the "Trust"), including a majority of the Independent Trustees, approved the continuation of the existing advisory agreement (the "Advisory Agreement") between the Fund and its investment adviser, Van Eck Associates Corporation (together with its affiliated companies, the "Adviser"). Information regarding the material factors considered and related conclusions reached by the Board in approving the continuation of the Fund's Advisory Agreement is set forth below.

In considering the continuation of the Advisory Agreement, the Board reviewed and considered information that had been provided by the Adviser throughout the year at meetings of the Board and its committees, including information requested by the Independent Trustees and furnished by the Adviser for meetings of the Board held on June 4, 2021 and June 23, 2021, specifically for the purpose of considering the continuation of the Advisory Agreement. The Independent Trustees were advised by independent legal counsel throughout the year, including during the contract renewal process, and met with independent legal counsel in executive sessions outside the presence of management. The written and oral reports provided to the Board pertaining to the continuation of the Advisory Agreement included, among other things, the following:

- Information about the overall organization of the the Adviser and the Adviser's short-term and long-term business plans with respect to its mutual fund operations and other lines of business;
- The consolidated financial statements of the Adviser for the past two fiscal years;
- A copy of the Advisory Agreement and descriptions of the services provided by the Adviser thereunder;
- Information regarding the qualifications, education and experience of the investment professionals responsible for portfolio management, investment research and trading activities for the Fund, the structure of their compensation and the resources available to support these activities;
- A report prepared by Broadridge Financial Solutions ("Broadridge"), an independent consultant, comparing the Fund's investment performance gross of expenses for a representative class of shares (including, where relevant, total returns, standard deviations, Sharpe ratios, information ratios, beta and alpha) for the one-, three-, five- and ten-year periods (as applicable) ended December 31, 2020 with the investment performance of (i) a universe of mutual funds selected by Broadridge with similar investment characteristics, utilizing for these purposes the oldest share class of each fund gross of expenses (the "Performance Category"), (ii) a sub-group of funds selected from the Performance Category by Broadridge further limited to approximate more closely the Fund's investment style without regard to asset size (the "Performance Peer Group") and (iii) an appropriate benchmark index;
- A report prepared by Broadridge comparing the advisory fees and other expenses of a representative class of shares of the Fund during its fiscal year ended December 31, 2020 with a similar share class of (i) funds in the Performance Category that have the same share class (the "Expense Category") and (ii) a subset of the funds that comprise the Performance Peer Group that have the same share class (the "Expense Peer Group");
- An analysis of the profitability of the Adviser with respect to its services for the Fund and the VanEck complex of mutual funds as a whole (the "VanEck Complex");

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- Information regarding other investment products and services offered by the Adviser involving investment objectives and strategies similar to the Fund ("Comparable Products"), including the fees charged by the Adviser for managing the Comparable Products, a description of material differences and similarities in the services provided by the Adviser for the Fund and the Comparable Products, the sizes of the Comparable Products and the identity of the individuals responsible for managing the Comparable Products;
  - Information concerning the Adviser's compliance program and resources;
  - Information with respect to the Adviser's brokerage practices, including the Adviser's processes for monitoring best execution of portfolio transactions and the benefits received by the Adviser from research acquired with soft dollars;
  - Information regarding the procedures used by the Adviser in monitoring the valuation of portfolio securities;
  - Information regarding how the Adviser safeguards the confidentiality and integrity of its data and files, cybersecurity, overall business continuity and other operational matters;
  - Information regarding the Adviser's policies and practices with respect to personal investing by the Adviser and its employees;
  - Information regarding the Adviser's investment process for the Fund, including how the Adviser integrates non accounting based information (including, but not limited to "environmental, social and governance" factors) and the non-security selection, non-portfolio construction activities of the investment teams, such as engagement with portfolio companies and industry group participation;
  - Information regarding the Adviser's role as the administrator of the Trust's liquidity risk management program;
  - Information about shareholder servicing arrangements for the Fund with various intermediaries, as well as revenue sharing arrangements involving the Adviser and not paid by the Fund;
  - Descriptions of other administrative and other non-investment management services provided by the Adviser for the Fund, including the Adviser's activities in managing relationships with the Fund's custodian, transfer agent and other service providers; and
  - Other information provided by the Adviser in its response to a comprehensive questionnaire from the Independent Trustees.

*Nature, Extent, Quality of Services.* In determining whether to approve the continuation of the Advisory Agreement, the Board considered, among other things, the following: (1) the nature, quality, extent and cost of the investment management, administrative and other non-investment management services provided by the Adviser; (2) the nature, quality and extent of the services performed by the Adviser in interfacing with, and monitoring the services performed by, third parties, such as the Fund's custodian, transfer agent, sub-transfer agents and independent auditor, and the Adviser's commitment and efforts to review the quality and pricing of third party service providers to the Fund with a view to reducing non-management expenses of the Fund; (3) the terms of the Advisory Agreement and the services performed thereunder; (4) the willingness of the Adviser to limit the overall expenses of the Fund from time to time, if necessary or appropriate, by means of waiving all or a portion of its fees and/or paying expenses of the Fund; (5) the quality of the services, procedures and processes used to determine the value of the Fund's assets and the actions taken to monitor and test the effectiveness of such services, procedures and processes; (6) the ongoing efforts of, and resources devoted by, the Adviser with respect to the development and implementation of a comprehensive compliance program; (7) the responsiveness of the Adviser to inquiries from, and examinations by, regulatory authorities, including the Securities and Exchange Commission; (8) the resources committed by the Adviser to information technology and cybersecurity; and (9) the ability of the Adviser to attract and retain quality professional personnel to perform investment advisory and administrative services for the Fund. The Board

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concluded that the nature, extent and quality of the services provided by the Adviser supported the renewal of the Advisory Agreement.

*Investment Performance and Fund Expenses.* The performance data and the advisory fee and expense ratio data from Broadridge that is described below for the Fund is based on data for a representative class of shares of the Fund. The performance data is gross of expenses for periods on an annualized basis ended December 31, 2020, and the advisory fee and expense ratio data is as of the Fund's fiscal year end of December 31, 2020. The Board found the data provided by Broadridge generally useful, but it recognized the limitations of such data, including, in particular, that notable differences may exist between the Fund and the other funds in the Fund's Performance Peer Group and Performance Category (for example, with respect to investment objective(s) and investment strategies) and that the results of the performance comparisons may vary depending on (i) the end dates for the performance periods that were selected and (ii) the selection of the Performance Peer Group and Performance Category. The Board also considered the Fund's performance for periods subsequent to the performance period covered by the Broadridge reports, and considered the Adviser's assessment of the same, and in addition, throughout the year, the Board considered Fund performance information on a net of fee basis. The Board also considered benefits, other than the receipt of fees under the Advisory Agreement, that may be derived by the Adviser from serving as investment adviser to the Fund and the Trust.

In considering the Fund's performance, the Board noted, based on a review of comparative annualized total returns, that the Initial Class shares of the Fund had underperformed its Category median for the one-, three- and five-year periods and outperformed its Category median for the ten-year period. The Board noted that the Initial Class shares of the Fund outperformed the Peer Group for the three- and ten-year periods and performed equal to the Peer Group for the one- and five-year periods. The Board also noted that the Initial Class shares of the Fund had underperformed its benchmark index for the one-, three- and five-year periods and outperformed its benchmark for the ten-year period. On the basis of the foregoing and other relevant information provided in response to inquiries by the Board, the Board concluded that the performance of the Fund supported the renewal of the Advisory Agreement.

In considering the Fund's advisory fee, the Board also noted that the advisory fee rate for the Fund was the same as the median advisory fee rate for its Peer Group and higher than the median advisory fee rate for its Category. The Board also noted that the Adviser has agreed to waive all or a portion of its advisory fees and/or pay expenses of the Fund through April 30, 2022 to the extent necessary to prevent the expense ratio of the Fund from exceeding a specified maximum amount (subject to certain exclusions). The Board also considered the advisory fee charged to the Fund as compared to the fees charged to the Comparable Products, noting the differences in the services provided to the Fund as compared to those other products.

On the basis of the foregoing, and in light of the nature, extent and quality of the services provided by the Adviser, the Board concluded that the advisory fee rate charged to the Fund is reasonable.

*Profitability and Economies of Scale.* The Board considered the profits, if any, realized by the Adviser from managing the Fund and other mutual funds in the VanEck Complex and the methodology used to determine such profits. The Board noted that the levels of profitability reported on a fund-by-fund basis varied widely depending on such factors as the size, type of fund and operating history. Based on its review of the foregoing information, and in light of the nature, extent and quality of the services provided by the Adviser, the Board concluded that the profits realized by the Adviser supported the renewal of the Advisory Agreement. In this regard, the Board also considered the extent to which the Adviser may realize economies of scale, if any, as the Fund grows and whether the Fund's fee schedule reflects any economies of scale for the benefit of shareholders, and concluded that the fee schedule was appropriate. The Board also considered that the Fund benefits from economies of scale through lower fees charged by third party service providers based on the combined size of the VanEck Complex.

*Conclusion.* In determining the material factors to be considered in evaluating the Advisory Agreement for the Fund and the weight to be given to such factors, the members of the Board relied upon their own business judgment, with the advice of independent legal counsel. The Board did not consider any single factor as

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controlling in determining whether to approve the continuation of the Advisory Agreement and each member of the Board may have placed varying emphasis on particular factors in reaching a conclusion. Moreover, this summary description does not necessarily identify all of the factors considered or conclusions reached by the Board. Based on its consideration of the foregoing factors and conclusions, and such other factors and conclusions as it deemed relevant, the Board unanimously approved the continuation of the Advisory Agreement for the Fund for an additional one-year period.

### FUND'S LIQUIDITY RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

(unaudited)

In accordance with Rule 22e-4 under the 1940 Act (the "Liquidity Rule"), the Funds have adopted and implemented a Liquidity Risk Management Program, (the "Program") and the Funds' Board has designated each Fund's Adviser as the administrator of the Program. Each Fund's Adviser administers the Program through its Liquidity Committee. The purpose of the Program is to outline the techniques, tools and arrangements employed for the management of liquidity risk within the Funds, and the terms, contents and frequency of reporting and escalation of any issues to the Board. The Liquidity Rule defines liquidity risk as the risk that a fund could not meet redemption requests without significant dilution of remaining investors' interests in the fund. Liquidity is managed taking account of the investment strategy, liquidity profile, and redemption policy and history of the Funds, with the objective of maintaining a level of liquidity that is appropriate in light of each Fund's obligations to its shareholders. The Program assesses liquidity risk under both normal and stressed market conditions.

The Board reviewed a report (the "Report") prepared by each Fund's Adviser regarding the operation and effectiveness of the Program for the period January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 (the "Review Period"). The Report noted that during the Review Period, the Funds maintained a high level of liquidity and primarily held assets that are defined under the Liquidity Rule as "Highly Liquid Investments." The Report also noted significant market volatility occurring during a portion of the Review Period and the effectiveness of the Funds' liquidity risk management during such time. As a result, the Funds have not adopted a "Highly Liquid Investment Minimum," as defined under the Liquidity Rule. A Highly Liquid Investment is defined as cash and any investment reasonably expected to be convertible to cash in current market conditions in three business days or less without the conversion to cash significantly changing the market value of the investment.

During the Review Period, there were no liquidity events that materially affected the performance of the Funds or their ability to timely meet redemptions without dilution to existing shareholders, and each Fund's Adviser provided its assessment that the program had been effective in managing each fund's liquidity risk. Further information on liquidity risks applicable to the Fund can be found in each Fund's prospectus.

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Additional information about the VanEck VIP (the "Trust") Board of Trustees/Officers and a description of the policies and procedures the Trust uses to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities are provided in the Statement of Additional Information. The Statement of Additional Information and information regarding how the Trust voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent twelve month period ending June 30 is available, without charge, by calling 800.826.2333, or by visiting [vaneck.com](http://vaneck.com), or on the Securities and Exchange Commission's website at <https://www.sec.gov>.

The Trust files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the Securities and Exchange Commission for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-PORT. The Trust's Form N-PORT filings are available on the Commission's website at <http://www.sec.gov> and may be reviewed and copied at the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 202.942.8090. The Fund's complete schedule of portfolio holdings are also available by calling 800.826.2333 or by visiting [vaneck.com](http://vaneck.com).



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