

# Report of Organizational Actions Affecting Basis of Securities

▶ See separate instructions.

**Part I Reporting Issuer**

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| <b>1</b> Issuer's name<br><br><b>VANECK VECTORS HIGH YIELD MUNICIPAL INDEX ETF</b> |  | <b>2</b> Issuer's employer identification number (EIN)<br><br><b>26-1171115</b> |
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| <b>3</b> Name of contact for additional information<br><br><b>VanEck Shareholder Services</b> | <b>4</b> Telephone No. of contact<br><br><b>800-826-2333</b> | <b>5</b> Email address of contact<br><br><b>info@VANECK.COM</b> |
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| <b>6</b> Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) of contact<br><br><b>666 THIRD AVENUE, 9TH FLOOR</b> | <b>7</b> City, town, or post office, state, and ZIP code of contact<br><br><b>NEW YORK, NY 10017</b> |
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| <b>8</b> Date of action<br><br><b>SEE STATEMENT 1</b> | <b>9</b> Classification and description<br><br><b>COMMON STOCK</b> |
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| <b>10</b> CUSIP number<br><br><b>92189F361 (pre-split)<br/>92189H409 (post-split)</b> | <b>11</b> Serial number(s) | <b>12</b> Ticker symbol<br><br><b>HYD</b> | <b>13</b> Account number(s) |
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**Part II Organizational Action** Attach additional statements if needed. See back of form for additional questions.

**14** Describe the organizational action and, if applicable, the date of the action or the date against which shareholders' ownership is measured for the action ▶ **SEE STATEMENT 1**

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**15** Describe the quantitative effect of the organizational action on the basis of the security in the hands of a U.S. taxpayer as an adjustment per share or as a percentage of old basis ▶ **SEE STATEMENT 1**

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**16** Describe the calculation of the change in basis and the data that supports the calculation, such as the market values of securities and the valuation dates ▶ **SEE STATEMENT 1**

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**Part II Organizational Action** (continued)

**17** List the applicable Internal Revenue Code section(s) and subsection(s) upon which the tax treatment is based ▶ **SEE STATEMENT 1**

Multiple horizontal lines for listing applicable Internal Revenue Code sections.

**18** Can any resulting loss be recognized? ▶ **SEE STATEMENT 1**

Multiple horizontal lines for providing information regarding loss recognition.

**19** Provide any other information necessary to implement the adjustment, such as the reportable tax year ▶ **SEE STATEMENT 1**

Multiple horizontal lines for providing other necessary information.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

**Sign Here**  
Signature ▶  Date ▶ 12/11/18

Print your name ▶ **JOHN CRIMMINS** Title ▶ **CFO**

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| <b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b> | Print/Type preparer's name | Preparer's signature | Date | Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed | PTIN         |
|                               | Firm's name ▶              |                      |      |   | Firm's EIN ▶ |
|                               | Firm's address ▶           |                      |      |   | Phone no.    |

**Information Furnished Pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 6045B  
Relating to Actions Affecting the Basis of Securities**

**Issuer's Name:** VanEck Vectors High Yield Municipal Index ETF (the "Fund")  
**EIN:** 26-1171115  
**Ticker** HYD  
**CUSIP:** Original CUSIP 92189F361; CUSIP Post-Split 92189H409  
**Classification:** Common Stock

Effective as of the market open on October 26, 2018, the Fund completed a 1-for-2 reverse stock split for its outstanding shares of common stock. The CUSIP number changed from 92189F361 to 92189H409. Pursuant to the reverse stock split, every 2 shares of issued and outstanding common stock automatically converted into 1 share of common stock. No fractional shares were issued. A shareholder who would have otherwise been entitled to a fractional share as a result of the reverse stock split received cash in lieu thereof and was deemed for federal income tax purposes to have received and then immediately sold such fractional share for cash.

The 1-for-2 reverse stock split was a non-taxable transaction for U.S. Federal income tax purposes pursuant to IRC Sections 368(A)(1)(E) and 354(a)(1). Except with respect to cash received in lieu of fractional shares, a shareholder will not recognize any gain or loss for U.S. Federal income tax purposes as a result of the reverse stock split.

Pursuant to Section 358 of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"), shareholders must allocate the aggregate tax basis in their shares held immediately prior to the reverse stock split among the shares held immediately after the reverse stock split (including fractional shares for which cash in lieu was received). In general, a shareholder's aggregate tax basis in shares of the Fund held immediately prior to the reverse split should be allocated in proportion to the reduced number of shares. Shareholders that have acquired different blocks of common stock at different times or at different prices are urged to consult their tax advisor regarding the allocation of their aggregated adjusted basis among, and the holding period of, that common stock.

In general, if a shareholder received cash in lieu of fractional shares, the shareholder will recognize gain or loss based on the difference between the amount of cash received and the shareholder's adjusted tax basis in the fractional shares.

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