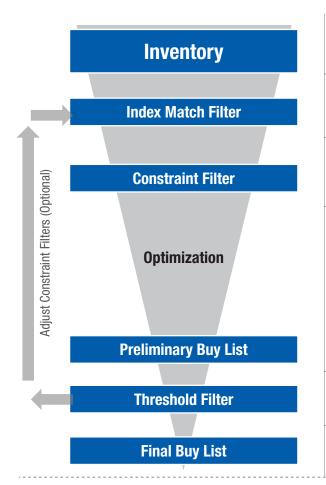


## Van Eck's Municipal Bond ETF Index Optimization Process

Our optimization process allows our Market Vectors Municipal Bond ETFs to successfully track very large indexes through a representative sampling of their constituents.



- Receive daily inventory from over 75 dealers
  - Optimization model can accommodate as many as 10,000 bonds
- CUSIPs and prices matched against daily index constituents file
  - Bonds not matched are excluded
- Portfolio manager inputs selective constraints (if additional control is required)
  - -- Exclusions may include: states, sectors, issuers, price vs. IDC\* price, etc.
- Multi-variable factor program tests each index eligible bond
  - Step 1 Comparative Analysis: Test the result of adding each bond to the portfolio to analyze impact on characteristics vs. the index (duration, coupon, yield, maturity, quality)
    - Model built with acceptable thresholds bonds with impact beyond index matching characteristics are excluded
  - Step 2 Yield Curve Scenarios: Test the result of adding each bond that passes the comparative analysis filter against different interest rate scenarios (potential changes to the previous day yield curve) to determine impact on portfolio
    - -- Model built with acceptable thresholds -- bonds with impact beyond thresholds are excluded
- Portfolio manager can adjust price thresholds to broaden the buy list
  - -- Set a narrow threshold above or below IDC\* price
- Model delivers 'optimized' list of the best-matched index eligible bonds available for purchase in the market on that day (portfolio manager makes final determination as to the bonds to be purchased)

## **About Van Eck Global**

Founded in 1955, Van Eck Associates Corporation was among the first U.S. money managers helping investors achieve greater diversification through global investing.

Today, the firm continues this tradition by offering innovative, actively managed investment choices in hard assets, emerging markets, precious metals including gold, and other alternative asset classes. Van Eck Global's mutual funds are sold nationwide through retail brokers, financial planners and investment advisors.

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## Jim Colby, Portfolio Manager and Senior Municipal Strategist

- Serves as Senior Municipal Strategist, Fixed Income, responsible for Market Vectors' municipal bond investments, including market strategy and security analysis.
- Prior to joining Van Eck, Mr. Colby held several senior municipal fixed income positions, including director and senior portfolio manager for High Yield Municipal Fixed Income at Lord Abett; director and senior portfolio manager for Municipal Fixed Income at John Hancock Funds; director for fixed income management at Old Harbor Capital; and co-manager/senior portfolio manager for municipal funds at Evergreen Asset Management.
- Featured speaker at various industry conference roundtables; has made appearances on and/or been quoted by various media, including CNBC, Bloomberg and Daily Bond Buyer.
- Member of National Municipal Buyers Conference (Chairman, 1996), Municipal Forum of New York and Boston Fixed Income Management Society.
- MBA, Finance, Hofstra University, 1979; BA, Economics and International Relations, Brown University, 1972.

Municipal bonds are subject to risks related to litigation, legislation, political change, conditions in underlying sectors or in local business communities and economies, bankruptcy or other changes in the issuer's financial condition, and/or the discontinuance of taxes supporting the project or assets or the inability to collect revenues for the project or from the assets. Bonds and bond funds will decrease in value as interest rates rise. Additional risks include credit, interest rate, call, reinvestment, tax, market and lease obligation risk. High-yield municipal bonds are subject to greater risk of loss of income and principal than higher-rated securities, and are likely to be more sensitive to adverse economic changes or individual municipal developments than those of higher-rated securities.

\*The income generated from some types of municipal bonds may be subject to state and local taxes as well as to federal taxes on capital gains, and may be subject to alternative minimum tax.

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