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## VANECK VECTORS ETF TRUST

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**666 Third Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017** (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

John J. Crimmins

| Number Value of Shares  |     |
|---|-----|
|   |     |
| August 31, 2016 (Unaudited)   |     |
| Schedule of Investments   |     |
| High Income MLP ETF   |     |
| tem 1. Schedule of Investments  |     |
| A registrant is required to disclose the information specified by Form N-Q, and the Commission will make this information public. A registrant is not required to respond to the collection of information contained in Form N-Q unless the Form displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") control number. Please direction concerning the accuracy of the information collection burden estimate and any suggestions for reducing burden to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, Washington, DC 20549. The OMB has eviewed this collection of information under the clearance requirements of 44 U.S.C. § 3507. | the |
| Form N-Q is to be used by management investment companies, other than small business investment companies registered on Form N-5 (§§ 239.24 and 274.5 of this chapter), to file reports with the Commission, not later than 60 lays after the close of the first and third fiscal quarters, pursuant to rule 30b1 -5 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR 270.30b1-5). The Commission may use the information provided on Form N-Q in its regulatory, lisclosure review, inspection, and policymaking roles.  |     |
| Date of reporting period: August 31, 2016   |     |
| Date of fiscal year end: November 30  |     |
| Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 293-2000  |     |
| Name and address of agent for service)  |     |
| New York, N.Y. 10017  |     |
| 566 Third Avenue  |     |
| VanEck Vectors ETF Trust  |     |
| Treasurer & Chief Financial Officer   |     |

## MASTER LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS — 99.3%

| Energy -           | <b>- 76.4</b> %                         |              |
|--------------------|---|--------------|
| 262,348            | Alliance Holdings GP                    | \$6,574,441  |
| 294,815            | Alliance Resource Partners              | 6,011,278    |
| 337,298            | Archrock Partners                       | 5,072,962    |
| 264,797            | Black Stone Minerals                    | 4,289,711    |
| 259,640            | Calumet Specialty Products Partners     | 1,446,195    |
| 151,766            | CrossAmerica Partners                   | 3,945,916    |
| 174,152            | Enviva Partners                         | 4,435,651    |
| 221,656            | GasLog Partners                         | 4,397,655    |
| 273,765            | Global Partners                         | 4,150,277    |
| 257,712            | Golar LNG Partners                      | 5,004,767    |
| 224,059            | KNOT Offshore Partners                  | 4,171,979    |
| 456,806            | NGL Energy Partners                     | 8,286,461    |
| 113,124            | Sunoco                                  | 3,368,833    |
| 436,710            | Transocean Partners                     | 4,912,987    |
| 331,935            | USA Compression Partners                | 5,480,247    |
|                    |   | 71,549,360   |
| Materials          | s — <b>9.6</b> %                        |              |
| 145,180            | Ciner Resources                         | 4,208,768    |
| 203,835            | Westlake Chemical Partners              | 4,743,241    |
|                    |   | 8,952,009    |
| <b>Utilities</b> – | <b>- 13.3</b> %                         |              |
| *                  | AmeriGas Partners                       | 4,006,367    |
| 210,434            | Ferrellgas Partners                     | 4,246,558    |
| 126,415            | Suburban Propane Partners               | 4,190,657    |
|                    |   | 12,443,582   |
|                    | ster Limited Partnerships<br>0,625,084) | \$92,944,951 |
| Other ass          | sets less liabilities: 0.7%             | 677,922      |
| NET ASS            | SETS: 100.0%                            | \$93,622,873 |

## GP - General Partner

| <b>Summary of Investments by Sector</b> | % of Inve | stments | Value        |
|---|-----------|---------|--------------|
| Energy                                  | 77.0      | %       | \$71,549,360 |
| Materials                               | 9.6       | %       | 8,952,009    |
| Utilities                               | 13.4      | %       | 12,443,582   |
|   | 100.0     | %       | 92,944,951   |

As of August 31, 2016, all of the Fund's investments were considered Level 1, in accordance with the authoritative guidance under U.S. GAAP.

There have been no transfers between levels during the period ended August 31, 2016.

See Notes to Schedules of Investments

## **High Income Infrastructure MLP ETF**

Schedule of Investments

August 31, 2016 (Unaudited)

Number Value Value

## MASTER LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS — 98.6%

| Energy - | <b>- 98.6</b> %                    |             |
|----------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| 42,178   | Antero Midstream Partners          | \$1,162,426 |
| 83,295   | Columbia Pipeline Partners         | 1,130,313   |
| 110,310  | Crestwood Equity Partners          | 2,294,448   |
| 40,554   | DCP Midstream Partners             | 1,328,955   |
| 60,641   | Enbridge Energy Partners           | 1,410,510   |
| 137,046  | Energy Transfer Equity             | 2,453,123   |
| 37,449   | Energy Transfer Partners           | 1,495,713   |
| 92,079   | EnLink Midstream Partners          | 1,625,194   |
| 14,522   | <b>Equities Midstream Partners</b> | 1,141,574   |
| 33,887   | Genesis Energy                     | 1,212,816   |
| 31,793   | Holly Energy Partners              | 1,034,226   |
| 54,561   | Martin Midstream Partners          | 1,081,399   |
| 37,291   | MPLX                               | 1,235,451   |
| 26,199   | NuStar Energy                      | 1,257,552   |
| 34,087   | ONEOK Partners                     | 1,320,871   |
| 46,124   | Plains All American Pipeline       | 1,294,240   |
| 126,088  | Plains GP Holdings, Cl A           | 1,434,881   |
| 21,743   | Spectra Energy Partners            | 992,133     |
| 67,975   | Summit Midstream Partners          | 1,700,735   |
| 42,246   | Sunoco Logistics Partners          | 1,250,482   |
| 59,857   | Tallgrass Energy GP, Cl A          | 1,392,872   |
| 27,876   | Tallgrass Energy Partners          | 1,284,526   |
| 23,945   | Tesoro Logistics                   | 1,148,402   |
| 25,269   | Western Gas Partners               | 1,271,536   |
| 54,297   | Williams Partners                  | 2,068,716   |
|          |                                    |             |

**Total Master Limited Partnerships** 

(Cost \$36,705,936)

\$35,023,094

**Other assets less liabilities: 1.4%** 512,624 **NET ASSETS: 100.0%** \$35,535,718

Cl — Class

GP — General Partner

#### Summary of Investments by Sector % of Investments Value

Energy 100.0 % \$35,023,094

As of August 31, 2016, all of the Fund's investments were considered Level 1, in accordance with the authoritative guidance under U.S. GAAP.

There have been no transfers between levels during the period ended August 31, 2016.

See Notes to Schedules of Investments

#### VanEck Vectors ETF Trust

Notes to Schedules of Investments

August 31, 2016 (Unaudited)

Security Valuation—The Funds value their investments in securities and other assets and liabilities carried 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 or traded on the NASDAQ National Market System are valued at the last sales price as reported at the close of each business day. Securities traded on the NASDAQ Stock Market are valued at the NASDAQ official closing price. Over-the-counter securities not included in the NASDAQ National Market System 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). Short-term obligations with more than sixty days remaining to maturity are valued at market value. Short-term obligations 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 considered to be Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy. Securities for which quotations are not available are stated at fair value as determined by the Pricing Committee of VanEck Associates Corporation, the Adviser. The Pricing Committee provides oversight of the Funds' valuation policies and procedures, which are approved by the Funds' Board of Trustees. Among other things, these procedures allow the Funds 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 for which market prices are not readily available. 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, 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 classified either as Level 2 or Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy. The price which the Funds may realize upon sale of an investment may differ materially from the value presented in the Schedules of Investments.

The Funds utilize various methods to measure the fair value of most 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 transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy assume the financial instruments were transferred at the beginning of the reporting period. 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, the levels used to value the Funds' investments, and transfers between levels are located in the Schedules of Investments. Additionally, tables that reconcile the valuation of the Funds' Level 3 investments and that present additional information about valuation methodologies and unobservable inputs, if applicable, are located in the Schedules of Investments.

**Income Taxes**—As of August 31, 2016, for Federal income tax purposes, the identified cost of investments owned, net unrealized appreciation (depreciation), gross unrealized appreciation, and gross unrealized depreciation of investments were as follows:

| Eund                               | Cost of            | <b>Gross Unrealized</b> | Gross Unrealiz | ed Net Unrealized |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Fund                               | <b>Investments</b> | Appreciation            | Depreciation   | Depreciation      |
| High Income MLP ETF                | \$101,061,749      | \$ 6,323,798            | \$ (14,440,596 | ) \$ (8,116,798 ) |
| High Income Infrastructure MLP ETF | 36,705,936         | 2,706,336               | (4,389,178     | ) (1,682,842 )    |

#### **Item 2. Controls and Procedures**

| (a) The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have  |
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| concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment      |
| Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3 (c)) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of     |
| the filing date of the report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of these |
| controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rules 13a-15(b) or         |
| 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (17 CFR 240. 13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15 (b)).                |

(b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d)) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 3. Exhibits.

Certifications of principal executive officer and principal financial officer as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 are attached as Exhibit 99.CERT

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) VanEck Vectors ETF Trust

By John J. Crimmins, Treasurer & Chief Financial Officer, VanEck Vectors ETF Trust

Date: October 24, 2016

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By Jan F. van Eck, Chief Executive Officer, VanEck Vectors ETF Trust

Date: October 24, 2016

By John J. Crimmins, Treasurer & Chief Financial Officer, VanEck Vectors ETF Trust

Date: October 24, 2016