

FORM ADV

UNIFORM APPLICATION FOR INVESTMENT ADVISER REGISTRATION AND REPORT BY EXEMPT REPORTING ADVISERS

Primary Business Name: VAN ECK ASSOCIATES CORP.	CRD Number: 105080
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WARNING: Complete this form truthfully. False statements or omissions may result in denial of your application, revocation of your registration, or criminal prosecution. You must keep this form updated by filing periodic amendments. See Form ADV General Instruction 4.

Item 1 Identifying Information

Responses to this Item tell us who you are, where you are doing business, and how we can contact you. If you are filing an *umbrella registration*, the information in Item 1 should be provided for the *filing adviser* only. General Instruction 5 provides information to assist you with filing an *umbrella registration*.

A.

Your full legal name (if you are a sole proprietor, your last, first, and middle names):
VAN ECK ASSOCIATES CORPORATION

B.

(1) Name under which you primarily conduct your advisory business, if different from Item 1.A.
VAN ECK ASSOCIATES CORP.

List on *Section 1.B. of Schedule D* any additional names under which you conduct your advisory business.

(2) If you are using this Form ADV to register more than one investment adviser under an *umbrella registration*, check this box ☐

If you check this box, complete a Schedule R for each relying adviser.

(2) If you are using this Form ADV to register more than one investment adviser under an *umbrella registration*, check this box ☐

C.

If this filing is reporting a change in your legal name (Item 1.A.) or primary business name (Item 1.B.(1)), enter the new name and specify whether the name change is of ☐ your legal name or ☐ your primary business name:

D.

(1) If you are registered with the SEC as an investment adviser, your SEC file number: 801-21340

(2) If you report to the SEC as an *exempt reporting adviser*, your SEC file number:

(3) If you have one or more Central Index Key numbers assigned by the SEC ("CIK Numbers"), all of your CIK numbers:

CIK Number
869178

E.

(1) If you have a number ("CRD Number") assigned by the *FINRA*'s *CRD* system or by the IARD system, your *CRD* number: 105080

If your firm does not have a *CRD* number, skip this Item 1.E. Do not provide the *CRD* number of one of your officers, employees, or affiliates.

(2) If you have additional *CRD* Numbers, your additional *CRD* numbers:

No Information Filed

F.

Principal Office and Place of Business

(1) Address (do not use a P.O. Box):

Number and Street 1: 666 THIRD AVENUE		Number and Street 2: 9TH FLOOR	
City: NEW YORK	State: New York	Country: United States	ZIP+4/Postal Code: 10017-4033

If this address is a private residence, check this box: ☐

List on *Section 1.F. of Schedule D* any office, other than your principal office and place of business, at which you conduct investment advisory business. If you are applying for registration, or are registered, with one or more state securities authorities, you must list all of your offices in the state or states to which you are applying for registration or with whom you are registered. If you are applying for SEC registration, if you are registered only with the SEC, or if you are reporting to the SEC as an exempt reporting adviser, list the largest twenty-five offices in terms of numbers of employees as of the end of your most recently completed fiscal year.

(2) Days of week that you normally conduct business at your *principal office and place of business*:

☒ Monday - Friday ☐ Other:

Normal business hours at this location:
9AM TO 5PM

(3) Telephone number at this location:
212-293-2000

(4) Facsimile number at this location, if any:
212-293-2033

(5) What is the total number of offices, other than your *principal office and place of business*, at which you conduct investment advisory business as of the end of your most recently completed fiscal year?

G. Mailing address, if different from your *principal office and place of business* address:

Number and Street 1:

Number and Street 2:

City:

State:

Country:

ZIP+4/Postal Code:

If this address is a private residence, check this box: ☐

H. If you are a sole proprietor, state your full residence address, if different from your *principal office and place of business* address in Item 1.F.:

Number and Street 1:

Number and Street 2:

City:

State:

Country:

ZIP+4/Postal Code:

I. Do you have one or more websites or accounts on publicly available social media platforms (including, but not limited to, Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn)?

Yes

No

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If "yes," list all firm website addresses and the address for each of the firm's accounts on publicly available social media platforms on [Section 1.I. of Schedule D](#). If a website address serves as a portal through which to access other information you have published on the web, you may list the portal without listing addresses for all of the other information. You may need to list more than one portal address. Do not provide the addresses of websites or accounts on publicly available social media platforms where you do not control the content. Do not provide the individual electronic mail (e-mail) addresses of employees or the addresses of employee accounts on publicly available social media platforms.

J. Chief Compliance Officer

(1) Provide the name and contact information of your Chief Compliance Officer. If you are an *exempt reporting adviser*, you must provide the contact information for your Chief Compliance Officer, if you have one. If not, you must complete Item 1.K. below.

Name:

Other titles, if any:

Telephone number:

Facsimile number, if any:

Number and Street 1:

Number and Street 2:

City:

State:

Country:

ZIP+4/Postal Code:

Electronic mail (e-mail) address, if Chief Compliance Officer has one:

(2) If your Chief Compliance Officer is compensated or employed by any *person* other than you, a *related person* or an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 that you advise for providing chief compliance officer services to you, provide the *person's* name and IRS Employer Identification Number (if any):

Name:

IRS Employer Identification Number:

K. Additional Regulatory Contact Person: If a person other than the Chief Compliance Officer is authorized to receive information and respond to questions about this Form ADV, you may provide that information here.

Name:

Titles:

Telephone number:

Facsimile number, if any:

Number and Street 1:

Number and Street 2:

City:

State:

Country:

ZIP+4/Postal Code:

Electronic mail (e-mail) address, if contact person has one:

L. Do you maintain some or all of the books and records you are required to keep under Section 204 of the Advisers Act, or similar state law, somewhere other than your *principal office and place of business*?

Yes

No

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If "yes," complete [Section 1.L. of Schedule D](#).

M. Are you registered with a *foreign financial regulatory authority*?

Yes

No

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Answer "no" if you are not registered with a foreign financial regulatory authority, even if you have an affiliate that is registered with a foreign financial regulatory authority. If "yes," complete [Section 1.M. of Schedule D](#).

N. Are you a public reporting company under Sections 12 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934?

Yes

No

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O. Did you have \$1 billion or more in assets on the last day of your most recent fiscal year?

If yes, what is the approximate amount of your assets:

☐ \$1 billion to less than \$10 billion

☐ \$10 billion to less than \$50 billion

☐ \$50 billion or more

For purposes of Item 1.O. only, "assets" refers to your total assets, rather than the assets you manage on behalf of clients. Determine your total assets using the total assets shown on the balance sheet for your most recent fiscal year end.

P. Provide your *Legal Entity Identifier* if you have one:
549300R5E0DJJN8D4E32

A *legal entity identifier* is a unique number that companies use to identify each other in the financial marketplace. You may not have a *legal entity identifier*.

SECTION 1.B. Other Business Names

List your other business names and the jurisdictions in which you use them. You must complete a separate Schedule D Section 1.B. for each business name.

Name: VANECK

Jurisdictions

☒ AL	☒ IL	☒ NE	☒ SC
☒ AK	☒ IN	☒ NV	☒ SD
☒ AZ	☒ IA	☒ NH	☒ TN
☒ AR	☒ KS	☒ NJ	☒ TX
☒ CA	☒ KY	☒ NM	☒ UT
☒ CO	☒ LA	☒ NY	☒ VT
☒ CT	☒ ME	☒ NC	☒ VI
☒ DE	☒ MD	☒ ND	☒ VA
☒ DC	☒ MA	☒ OH	☒ WA
☒ FL	☒ MI	☒ OK	☒ WV
☒ GA	☒ MN	☒ OR	☒ WI
☐ GU	☒ MS	☒ PA	☒ WY
☒ HI	☒ MO	☒ PR	☐ Other:
☒ ID	☒ MT	☒ RI	

SECTION 1.F. Other Offices

No Information Filed

SECTION 1.I. Website Addresses

List your website addresses, including addresses for accounts on publicly available social media platforms where you control the content (including, but not limited to, Twitter, Facebook and/or LinkedIn). You must complete a separate Schedule D Section 1.I. for each website or account on a publicly available social media platform.

Address of Website/Account on Publicly Available Social Media Platform: https://soundcloud.com/trendswithbenefitspodcast

Address of Website/Account on Publicly Available Social Media Platform: https://www.instagram.com/vaneck_us/

Address of Website/Account on Publicly Available Social Media Platform: https://www.instagram.com/vaneck_corporate/

Address of Website/Account on Publicly Available Social Media Platform: https://madmacro.substack.com/

Address of Website/Account on Publicly Available Social Media Platform: https://www.blubbern timer notes.com/

Address of Website/Account on Publicly Available Social Media Platform: https://www.vaneck.com

Address of Website/Account on Publicly Available Social Media Platform:	https://www.youtube.com/c/VanEck_US
Address of Website/Account on Publicly Available Social Media Platform:	https://www.linkedin.com/company/vaneck
Address of Website/Account on Publicly Available Social Media Platform:	https://x.com/vaneck_us
Address of Website/Account on Publicly Available Social Media Platform:	https://www.facebook.com/vaneckus/
Address of Website/Account on Publicly Available Social Media Platform:	https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/trends-with-benefits/id1500081055
Address of Website/Account on Publicly Available Social Media Platform:	https://open.spotify.com/show/238W5OvFPEw4tqaXoDqdAX
Address of Website/Account on Publicly Available Social Media Platform:	https://killerapps.substack.com/
Address of Website/Account on Publicly Available Social Media Platform:	https://music.amazon.com/podcasts/2ca3c530-ac29-4015-aed5-7ea4c0d4ab33/trends-with-benefits
Address of Website/Account on Publicly Available Social Media Platform:	https://www.tiktok.com/@vaneck_us

SECTION 1.L. Location of Books and Records

Complete the following information for each location at which you keep your books and records, other than your *principal office and place of business*. You must complete a separate Schedule D, Section 1.L. for each location.

Name of entity where books and records are kept:
IRON MOUNTAIN INCORPORATED

Number and Street 1:
100 HARBOR DRIVE

City:
JERSEY CITY

State:
New Jersey

Country:
United States

ZIP+4/Postal Code:
07305

If this address is a private residence, check this box: ☐

Telephone Number:
1-800-899-4766

Facsimile number, if any:

This is (check one):

☐ one of your branch offices or affiliates.

☒ a third-party unaffiliated recordkeeper.

☐ other.

Briefly describe the books and records kept at this location.
THE RECORDS MAINTAINED GENERALLY INCLUDE TYPICAL ACCOUNTING RECORDS AND CERTAIN RECORDS MAINTAINED IN LIGHT OF THE FIDUCIARY NATURE OF THE BUSINESS INCLUDING JOURNALS, LEDGERS, ORDERS, FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS ABOUT ADVICE, ORDERS OR FUNDS, CLIENT AGREEMENTS, ACCESS PERSON TRANSACTIONS, PERFORMANCE AND ADVERTISEMENTS, BROCHURE AND BROCHURE SUPPLEMENTS AND OTHER RECORDS RELATED TO THE OPERATION OF THE BUSINESS.

Name of entity where books and records are kept:
VAN ECK SECURITIES CORPORATION

Number and Street 1:

Number and Street 2:

5100 KENNEDY BLVD		SUITE 450	
City:	State:	Country:	ZIP+4/Postal Code:
TAMPA	Florida	United States	33609
If this address is a private residence, check this box: ☐			
Telephone Number:		Facsimile number, if any:	
1-813-964-3600			
This is (check one):			
☒ one of your branch offices or affiliates.			
☐ a third-party unaffiliated recordkeeper.			
☐ other.			
Briefly describe the books and records kept at this location.			
RECORDS THAT RELATE TO DISTRIBUTION ACTIVITIES OF THE FIRM'S INVESTMENT PRODUCTS.			

Name of entity where books and records are kept:			
GLASS LEWIS & CO.			
Number and Street 1:		Number and Street 2:	
100 PINE STREET		SUITE 1925	
City:	State:	Country:	ZIP+4/Postal Code:
SAN FRANCISCO	California	United States	94111
If this address is a private residence, check this box: ☐			
Telephone Number:		Facsimile number, if any:	
1-415-678-4110			
This is (check one):			
☐ one of your branch offices or affiliates.			
☒ a third-party unaffiliated recordkeeper.			
☐ other.			
Briefly describe the books and records kept at this location.			
PROXY VOTING RECORDS.			

Name of entity where books and records are kept:			
MYCOMPLIANCEOFFICE			
Number and Street 1:		Number and Street 2:	
535 FIFTH AVENUE		4TH FLOOR	
City:	State:	Country:	ZIP+4/Postal Code:
NEW YORK	New York	United States	10017
If this address is a private residence, check this box: ☐			
Telephone Number:		Facsimile number, if any:	
1-866-951-2280			
This is (check one):			
☐ one of your branch offices or affiliates.			
☒ a third-party unaffiliated recordkeeper.			
☐ other.			
Briefly describe the books and records kept at this location.			
PERSONAL TRADING DATA RECORDS. CODE OF CONDUCT AND CODE OF ETHICS ATTESTATIONS AND OTHER COMPLIANCE RELATED FORMS.			

Name of entity where books and records are kept:
GLOBAL RELAY

Number and Street 1: 1155 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS		Number and Street 2: FLOORS 38-42	
City: NEW YORK	State: New York	Country: United States	ZIP+4/Postal Code: 10036

If this address is a private residence, check this box: ☐

Telephone Number: 1-866-484-6630	Facsimile number, if any:
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This is (check one):

☐ one of your branch offices or affiliates.

☒ a third-party unaffiliated recordkeeper.

☐ other.

Briefly describe the books and records kept at this location.
ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION ARCHIVING AND RETENTION.

Name of entity where books and records are kept:
RED OAK COMPLIANCE SOLUTIONS

Number and Street 1: 1405 ARROW POINT DRIVE		Number and Street 2: SUITE 901	
City: CEDAR PARK	State: Texas	Country: United States	ZIP+4/Postal Code: 78613

If this address is a private residence, check this box: ☐

Telephone Number: 1-877-904-5119	Facsimile number, if any:
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This is (check one):

☐ one of your branch offices or affiliates.

☒ a third-party unaffiliated recordkeeper.

☐ other.

Briefly describe the books and records kept at this location.
MARKETING MATERIALS.

Name of entity where books and records are kept:
SALESFORCE, INC.

Number and Street 1: 415 MISSION STREET		Number and Street 2: 3RD FLOOR	
City: SAN FRANCISCO	State: California	Country: United States	ZIP+4/Postal Code: 94105

If this address is a private residence, check this box: ☐

Telephone Number: 1-800-664-9073	Facsimile number, if any:
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This is (check one):

☐ one of your branch offices or affiliates.

☒ a third-party unaffiliated recordkeeper.

☐ other.

Briefly describe the books and records kept at this location.
CRM DATABASE THAT STORES CLIENT DATA.

Name of entity where books and records are kept:
MICROSOFT

Number and Street 1: 1 MICROSOFT WAY		Number and Street 2:	
City: REDMOND	State: Washington	Country: United States	ZIP+4/Postal Code: 98052

If this address is a private residence, check this box: ☐

Telephone Number: 1-888-725-1047	Facsimile number, if any:
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This is (check one):

☐ one of your branch offices or affiliates.

☒ a third-party unaffiliated recordkeeper.

☐ other.

Briefly describe the books and records kept at this location.
VARIOUS ADVISER RECORDS.

Name of entity where books and records are kept:
BLOOMBERG

Number and Street 1: 731 LEXINGTON AVE		Number and Street 2:	
City: NEW YORK	State: New York	Country: United States	ZIP+4/Postal Code: 10022

If this address is a private residence, check this box: ☐

Telephone Number: 1-212-318-2000	Facsimile number, if any:
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This is (check one):

☐ one of your branch offices or affiliates.

☒ a third-party unaffiliated recordkeeper.

☐ other.

Briefly describe the books and records kept at this location.
PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT RELATED RECORDS.

Name of entity where books and records are kept:
ORACLE AMERICA INC.

Number and Street 1: 500 ORACLE PARKWAY		Number and Street 2:	
City: REDWOOD SHORES	State: California	Country: United States	ZIP+4/Postal Code: 94065

If this address is a private residence, check this box: ☐

Telephone Number: 1-650-506-7000	Facsimile number, if any:
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This is (check one):

- Briefly describe the books and records kept at this location.
CERTAIN FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING RECORDS.

Number and Street 1:
80 LAMBERTON ROAD

City: WINDSOR State: Connecticut

Number and Street 2:

Country: ZIP+4/Postal Code:
United States 06095

If this address is a private residence, check this box: ☐

Telephone Number: 1-800-234-0556 Facsimile number, if any:

This is (check one):

- Briefly describe the books and records kept at this location.
PORTFOLIO ACCOUNTING RECORDS.

Name of entity where books and records are kept:
IRON MOUNTAIN INCORPORATED

Number and Street 1:
530 BROADWAY

City: PORT EWEN State: New York

Number and Street 2:

Country:	ZIP+4/Postal Code:
United States	12487

If this address is a private residence, check this box: ☐

Telephone Number: 1-800-899-4766 Facsimile number, if any:

This is (check one):

- Briefly describe the books and records kept at this location.

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Name of entity where books and records are kept:
HEARSAY SOCIAL

Number and Street 1:
600 HARRISON ST

City: State:
SAN FRANCISCO California

Number and Street 2:
SUITE 120

Country:	ZIP+4/Postal Code:
United States	94107

If this address is a private residence, check this box: ☐

Telephone Number:
1-415-373-0673

Facsimile number, if any:

- This is (check one):
- ☐ one of your branch offices or affiliates.
 - ☒ a third-party unaffiliated recordkeeper.
 - ☐ other.

Briefly describe the books and records kept at this location.
SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS.

SECTION 1.M. Registration with Foreign Financial Regulatory Authorities

No Information Filed

Item 2 SEC Registration / Reporting

Responses to this Item help us (and you) determine whether you are eligible to register with the SEC. Complete this Item 2.A. only if you are applying for SEC registration or submitting an *annual updating amendment* to your SEC registration. If you are filing an *umbrella registration*, the information in Item 2 should be provided for the *filing adviser* only.

- A. To register (or remain registered) with the SEC, you must check **at least one** of the Items 2.A.(1) through 2.A.(12), below. If you are submitting an *annual updating amendment* to your SEC registration and you are no longer eligible to register with the SEC, check Item 2.A.(13). [Part 1A Instruction 2](#) provides information to help you determine whether you may affirmatively respond to each of these items.
- You (the adviser):
- ☒ (1) are a **large advisory firm** that either:
 - (a) has regulatory assets under management of \$100 million (in U.S. dollars) or more; or
 - (b) has regulatory assets under management of \$90 million (in U.S. dollars) or more at the time of filing its most recent *annual updating amendment* and is registered with the SEC;
 - ☐ (2) are a **mid-sized advisory firm** that has regulatory assets under management of \$25 million (in U.S. dollars) or more but less than \$100 million (in U.S. dollars) and you are either:
 - (a) not required to be registered as an adviser with the *state securities authority* of the state where you maintain your *principal office and place of business*; or
 - (b) not subject to examination by the *state securities authority* of the state where you maintain your *principal office and place of business*;

Click [HERE](#) for a list of states in which an investment adviser, if registered, would not be subject to examination by the state securities authority.
 - (3) Reserved
 - ☐ (4) have your *principal office and place of business* **outside the United States**;
 - ☒ (5) are an **investment adviser (or subadviser) to an investment company** registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940;
 - ☐ (6) are an **investment adviser to a company which has elected to be a business development company** pursuant to section 54 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 and has not withdrawn the election, and you have at least \$25 million of regulatory assets under management;
 - ☐ (7) are a **pension consultant** with respect to assets of plans having an aggregate value of at least \$200,000,000 that qualifies for the exemption in rule 203A-2(a);
 - ☐ (8) are a **related adviser** under rule 203A-2(b) that *controls*, is *controlled* by, or is under common *control* with, an investment adviser that is registered with the SEC, and your *principal office and place of business* is the same as the registered adviser;
 - If you check this box, complete [Section 2.A.\(8\) of Schedule D](#).*
 - ☐ (9) are an **adviser** relying on rule 203A-2(c) because you **expect to be eligible for SEC registration within 120 days**;
 - If you check this box, complete [Section 2.A.\(9\) of Schedule D](#).*
 - ☐ (10) are a **multi-state adviser** that is required to register in 15 or more states and is relying on rule 203A-2(d);
 - If you check this box, complete [Section 2.A.\(10\) of Schedule D](#).*
 - ☐ (11) are an **Internet adviser** relying on rule 203A-2(e);
 - If you check this box, complete [Section 2.A.\(11\) of Schedule D](#).*
 - ☐ (12) have **received an SEC order** exempting you from the prohibition against registration with the SEC;
 - If you check this box, complete [Section 2.A.\(12\) of Schedule D](#).*
 - ☐ (13) are **no longer eligible** to remain registered with the SEC.

State Securities Authority Notice Filings and State Reporting by Exempt Reporting Advisers

C. Under state laws, SEC-registered advisers may be required to provide to *state securities authorities* a copy of the Form ADV and any amendments they file with the SEC. These are called *notice filings*. In addition, *exempt reporting advisers* may be required to provide *state securities authorities* with a copy of reports and any amendments they file with the SEC. If this is an initial application or report, check the box(es) next to the state(s) that you would like to receive notice of this and all subsequent filings or reports you submit to the SEC. If this is an amendment to direct your *notice filings* or reports to additional state(s), check the box(es) next to the state(s) that you would like to receive notice of this and all subsequent filings or reports you submit to the SEC. If this is an amendment to your registration to stop your *notice filings* or reports from going to state(s) that currently receive them, uncheck the box(es) next to those state(s).

Jurisdictions

☒ AL	☒ IL	☒ NE	☒ SC
☒ AK	☒ IN	☒ NV	☒ SD
☒ AZ	☒ IA	☒ NH	☒ TN
☒ AR	☒ KS	☒ NJ	☒ TX
☒ CA	☒ KY	☒ NM	☒ UT
☒ CO	☒ LA	☒ NY	☒ VT
☒ CT	☒ ME	☒ NC	☒ VI
☒ DE	☒ MD	☒ ND	☒ VA
☒ DC	☒ MA	☒ OH	☒ WA
☒ FL	☒ MI	☒ OK	☒ WV
☒ GA	☒ MN	☒ OR	☒ WI
☐ GU	☒ MS	☒ PA	☒ WY
☒ HI	☒ MO	☒ PR	
☒ ID	☒ MT	☒ RI	

If you are amending your registration to stop your notice filings or reports from going to a state that currently receives them and you do not want to pay that state's notice filing or report filing fee for the coming year, your amendment must be filed before the end of the year (December 31).

SECTION 2.A.(8) Related Adviser

If you are relying on the exemption in rule 203A-2(b) from the prohibition on registration because you *control*, are *controlled* by, or are under common *control* with an investment adviser that is registered with the SEC and your *principal office and place of business* is the same as that of the registered adviser, provide the following information:

Name of Registered Investment Adviser

CRD Number of Registered Investment Adviser

SEC Number of Registered Investment Adviser
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SECTION 2.A.(9) Investment Adviser Expecting to be Eligible for Commission Registration within 120 Days

If you are relying on rule 203A-2(c), the exemption from the prohibition on registration available to an adviser that expects to be eligible for SEC registration within 120 days, you are required to make certain representations about your eligibility for SEC registration. By checking the appropriate boxes, you will be deemed to have made the required representations. You must make both of these representations:

- ☐ I am not registered or required to be registered with the SEC or a *state securities authority* and I have a reasonable expectation that I will be eligible to register with the SEC within 120 days after the date my registration with the SEC becomes effective.
- ☐ I undertake to withdraw from SEC registration if, on the 120th day after my registration with the SEC becomes effective, I would be prohibited by Section 203A(a) of the Advisers Act from registering with the SEC.

SECTION 2.A.(10) Multi-State Adviser

If you are relying on rule 203A-2(d), the multi-state adviser exemption from the prohibition on registration, you are required to make certain representations about your eligibility for SEC registration. By checking the appropriate boxes, you will be deemed to have made the required representations.

If you are applying for registration as an investment adviser with the SEC, you must make both of these representations:

- ☐ I have reviewed the applicable state and federal laws and have concluded that I am required by the laws of 15 or more states to register as an investment adviser with the *state securities authorities* in those states.
- ☐ I undertake to withdraw from SEC registration if I file an amendment to this registration indicating that I would be required by the laws of fewer than 15 states to register as an investment adviser with the *state securities authorities* of those states.

If you are submitting your *annual updating amendment*, you must make this representation:

- ☐ Within 90 days prior to the date of filing this amendment, I have reviewed the applicable state and federal laws and have concluded that I am required by the laws of at least 15 states to register as an investment adviser with the *state securities authorities* in those states.

(development companies)			
(g) Pension and profit sharing plans (but not the plan participants or government pension plans)		☐	\$
(h) Charitable organizations	1	☒	\$ 32,289,320
(i) State or municipal <i>government entities</i> (including government pension plans)		☐	\$
(j) Other investment advisers		☐	\$
(k) Insurance companies		☐	\$
(l) Sovereign wealth funds and foreign official institutions		☐	\$
(m) Corporations or other businesses not listed above		☐	\$
(n) Other: MODEL DELIVERY SMA	58	☐	\$ 3,731,583

Compensation Arrangements

E. You are compensated for your investment advisory services by (check all that apply):

- ☒ (1) A percentage of assets under your management
- ☐ (2) Hourly charges
- ☐ (3) Subscription fees (for a newsletter or periodical)
- ☐ (4) Fixed fees (other than subscription fees)
- ☐ (5) Commissions
- ☒ (6) *Performance-based fees*
- ☐ (7) Other (specify):

Item 5 Information About Your Advisory Business - Regulatory Assets Under Management

Regulatory Assets Under Management

Yes No

F. (1) Do you provide continuous and regular supervisory or management services to securities portfolios?

(2) If yes, what is the amount of your regulatory assets under management and total number of accounts?

		U.S. Dollar Amount		Total Number of Accounts
Discretionary:	(a)	\$ 125,605,775,515	(d)	145
Non-Discretionary:	(b)	\$ 0	(e)	0
Total:	(c)	\$ 125,605,775,515	(f)	145

Part 1A Instruction 5.b. explains how to calculate your regulatory assets under management. You must follow these instructions carefully when completing this Item.

(3) What is the approximate amount of your total regulatory assets under management (reported in Item 5.F.(2)(c) above) attributable to *clients* who are non-United States persons?

\$ 717,233,493

Item 5 Information About Your Advisory Business - Advisory Activities

Advisory Activities

G. What type(s) of advisory services do you provide? Check all that apply.

- ☐ (1) Financial planning services
 - ☐ (2) Portfolio management for individuals and/or small businesses
 - ☒ (3) Portfolio management for investment companies (as well as "business development companies" that have made an election pursuant to section 54 of the Investment Company Act of 1940)
 - ☒ (4) Portfolio management for pooled investment vehicles (other than investment companies)
 - ☒ (5) Portfolio management for businesses (other than small businesses) or institutional *clients* (other than registered investment companies and other pooled investment vehicles)
 - ☐ (6) Pension consulting services
 - ☐ (7) Selection of other advisers (including *private fund* managers)
 - ☐ (8) Publication of periodicals or newsletters
 - ☐ (9) Security ratings or pricing services
 - ☐ (10) Market timing services
 - ☐ (11) Educational seminars/workshops
 - ☒ (12) Other(specify): MODEL PORTFOLIO DELIVERY

Do not check Item 5.G.(3) unless you provide advisory services pursuant to an investment advisory contract to an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, including as a subadviser. If you check Item 5.G.(3), report the 811 or 814 number of the investment company or investment companies to which you provide advice in [Section 5.G.\(3\) of Schedule D](#).

H. If you provide financial planning services, to how many *clients* did you provide these services during your last fiscal year?

- ☒ 0
☐ 1 - 10
☐ 11 - 25
☐ 26 - 50

- ☐

51 - 100
- ☐

101 - 250
- ☐

251 - 500
- ☐

More than 500
- If more than 500, how many?
(round to the nearest 500)

In your responses to this Item 5.H., do not include as "clients" the investors in a private fund you advise, unless you have a separate advisory relationship with those investors.

I.

(1) Do you participate in a *wrap fee program*?

Yes

No

(2) If you participate in a *wrap fee program*, what is the amount of your regulatory assets under management attributable to acting as:

(a) *sponsor* to a *wrap fee program*

\$

(b) portfolio manager for a *wrap fee program*?

\$

(c) *sponsor* to and portfolio manager for the same *wrap fee program*?

\$

If you report an amount in Item 5.I.(2)(c), do not report that amount in Item 5.I.(2)(a) or Item 5.I.(2)(b).

If you are a portfolio manager for a wrap fee program, list the names of the programs, their sponsors and related information in [Section 5.I.\(2\) of Schedule D](#).

If your involvement in a wrap fee program is limited to recommending wrap fee programs to your clients, or you advise a mutual fund that is offered through a wrap fee program, do not check Item 5.I.(1) or enter any amounts in response to Item 5.I.(2).

J.

(1) In response to Item 4.B. of Part 2A of Form ADV, do you indicate that you provide investment advice only with respect to limited types of investments?

Yes

No

(2) Do you report *client* assets in Item 4.E. of Part 2A that are computed using a different method than the method used to compute your regulatory assets under management?

Yes

No

K.

Separately Managed Account *Clients*

(1) Do you have regulatory assets under management attributable to *clients* other than those listed in Item 5.D.(3)(d)-(f) (separately managed account *clients*)?

Yes

No

If yes, complete [Section 5.K.\(1\) of Schedule D](#).

(2) Do you engage in borrowing transactions on behalf of any of the separately managed account *clients* that you advise?

Yes

No

If yes, complete [Section 5.K.\(2\) of Schedule D](#).

(3) Do you engage in derivative transactions on behalf of any of the separately managed account *clients* that you advise?

Yes

No

If yes, complete [Section 5.K.\(2\) of Schedule D](#).

(4) After subtracting the amounts in Item 5.D.(3)(d)-(f) above from your total regulatory assets under management, does any custodian hold ten percent or more of this remaining amount of regulatory assets under management?

Yes

No

If yes, complete [Section 5.K.\(3\) of Schedule D](#) for each custodian.

L.

Marketing Activities

(1) Do any of your *advertisements* include:

(a) Performance results?

Yes

No

(b) A reference to specific investment advice provided by you (as that phrase is used in rule 206(4)-1(a)(5))?

Yes

No

(c) *Testimonials* (other than those that satisfy rule 206(4)-1(b)(4)(ii))?

Yes

No

(d) *Endorsements* (other than those that satisfy rule 206(4)-1(b)(4)(ii))?

Yes

No

(e) *Third-party ratings*?

Yes

No

(2) If you answer "yes" to L(1)(c), (d), or (e) above, do you pay or otherwise provide cash or non-cash compensation, directly or indirectly, in connection with the use of *testimonials*, *endorsements*, or *third-party ratings*?

Yes

No

(3) Do any of your *advertisements* include *hypothetical performance* ?

(4) Do any of your *advertisements* include *predecessor performance* ?

SECTION 5.G.(3) Advisers to Registered Investment Companies and Business Development Companies

If you check Item 5.G.(3), what is the SEC file number (811 or 814 number) of each of the registered investment companies and business development companies to which you act as an adviser pursuant to an advisory contract? You must complete a separate Schedule D Section 5.G.(3) for each registered investment company and business development company to which you act as an adviser.

SEC File Number

811 - 03618

Provide the regulatory assets under management of all *parallel managed accounts* related to a registered investment company (or series thereof) or business development company that you advise.

Series ID	<i>Parallel Managed Account</i> Regulatory assets under management
S000023794	\$ 1,063,378,669

SEC File Number

811 - 04297

Provide the regulatory assets under management of all *parallel managed accounts* related to a registered investment company (or series thereof) or business development company that you advise.

Series ID	<i>Parallel Managed Account</i> Regulatory assets under management
S000009198	\$ 158,545,625
S000009199	\$ 143,441,584
S000009200	\$ 1,495,513,680
S000059554	\$ 12,916,794,510
S000094755	\$ 199,015,386

SEC File Number

811 - 05083

Provide the regulatory assets under management of all *parallel managed accounts* related to a registered investment company (or series thereof) or business development company that you advise.

Series ID	<i>Parallel Managed Account</i> Regulatory assets under management
S000009220	\$ 267,962,488
S000009221	\$ 408,833,219
S000009222	\$ 1,460,273,688
S000040475	\$ 1,528,591,001

SEC File Number

811 - 06318

Provide the regulatory assets under management of all *parallel managed accounts* related to a registered investment company (or series thereof) or business development

company that you advise.

Series ID	Parallel Managed Account Regulatory assets under management
S000008436	\$ 392,688,219

SEC File Number
811 - 10325

Provide the regulatory assets under management of all *parallel managed accounts* related to a registered investment company (or series thereof) or business development company that you advise.

Series ID	Parallel Managed Account Regulatory assets under management
S000028941	\$ 171,191,087
S000036713	\$ 34,678,551
S000036768	\$ 41,735,240
S000036772	\$ 63,399,471

SECTION 5.I.(2) Wrap Fee Programs

No Information Filed

SECTION 5.K.(1) Separately Managed Accounts

After subtracting the amounts reported in Item 5.D.(3)(d)-(f) from your total regulatory assets under management, indicate the approximate percentage of this remaining amount attributable to each of the following categories of assets. If the remaining amount is at least \$10 billion in regulatory assets under management, complete Question (a). If the remaining amount is less than \$10 billion in regulatory assets under management, complete Question (b).

Any regulatory assets under management reported in Item 5.D.(3)(d), (e), and (f) should not be reported below.

If you are a subadviser to a separately managed account, you should only provide information with respect to the portion of the account that you subadvise.

End of year refers to the date used to calculate your regulatory assets under management for purposes of your *annual updating amendment* . Mid-year is the date six months before the end of year date. Each column should add up to 100% and numbers should be rounded to the nearest percent.

Investments in derivatives, registered investment companies, business development companies, and pooled investment vehicles should be reported in those categories. Do not report those investments based on related or underlying portfolio assets. Cash equivalents include bank deposits, certificates of deposit, bankers' acceptances and similar bank instruments.

Some assets could be classified into more than one category or require discretion about which category applies. You may use your own internal methodologies and the conventions of your service providers in determining how to categorize assets, so long as the methodologies or conventions are consistently applied and consistent with information you report internally and to current and prospective clients. However, you should not double count assets, and your responses must be consistent with any instructions or other guidance relating to this Section.

(a)	Asset Type	Mid-year	End of year
	(i) Exchange-Traded Equity Securities	%	%
	(ii) Non Exchange-Traded Equity Securities	%	%
	(iii) U.S. Government/Agency Bonds	%	%
	(iv) U.S. State and Local Bonds	%	%
	(v) Sovereign Bonds	%	%
	(vi) Investment Grade Corporate Bonds	%	%
	(vii) Non-Investment Grade Corporate Bonds	%	%
	(viii) Derivatives	%	%
	(ix) Securities Issued by Registered Investment Companies or Business Development Companies	%	%
	(x) Securities Issued by Pooled Investment Vehicles (other than Registered Investment Companies or Business Development Companies)	%	%
	(xi) Cash and Cash Equivalents	%	%
	(xii) Other	%	%

Generally describe any assets included in "Other"

(b)	Asset Type	End of year
	(i) Exchange-Traded Equity Securities	86 %
	(ii) Non Exchange-Traded Equity Securities	12 %
	(iii) U.S. Government/Agency Bonds	0 %
	(iv) U.S. State and Local Bonds	0 %
	(v) <i>Sovereign Bonds</i>	0 %
	(vi) Investment Grade Corporate Bonds	0 %
	(vii) Non-Investment Grade Corporate Bonds	0 %
	(viii) Derivatives	0 %
	(ix) Securities Issued by Registered Investment Companies or Business Development Companies	0 %
	(x) Securities Issued by Pooled Investment Vehicles (other than Registered Investment Companies or Business Development Companies)	0 %
	(xi) Cash and Cash Equivalents	2 %
	(xii) Other	0 %
Generally describe any assets included in "Other"		

SECTION 5.K.(2) Separately Managed Accounts - Use of *Borrowings* and Derivatives

☒ No information is required to be reported in this Section 5.K.(2) per the instructions of this Section 5.K.(2)

If your regulatory assets under management attributable to separately managed accounts are at least \$10 billion, you should complete Question (a). If your regulatory assets under management attributable to separately managed accounts are at least \$500 million but less than \$10 billion, you should complete Question (b).

(a) In the table below, provide the following information regarding the separately managed accounts you advise. If you are a subadviser to a separately managed account, you should only provide information with respect to the portion of the account that you subadvise. End of year refers to the date used to calculate your regulatory assets under management for purposes of your *annual updating amendment*. Mid-year is the date six months before the end of year date.

In column 1, indicate the regulatory assets under management attributable to separately managed accounts associated with each level of gross notional exposure. For purposes of this table, the gross notional exposure of an account is the percentage obtained by dividing (i) the sum of (a) the dollar amount of any *borrowings* and (b) the *gross notional value* of all derivatives, by (ii) the regulatory assets under management of the account.

In column 2, provide the dollar amount of *borrowings* for the accounts included in column 1.

In column 3, provide aggregate *gross notional value* of derivatives divided by the aggregate regulatory assets under management of the accounts included in column 1 with respect to each category of derivatives specified in 3(a) through (f).

You may, but are not required to, complete the table with respect to any separately managed account with regulatory assets under management of less than \$10,000,000.

Any regulatory assets under management reported in Item 5.D.(3)(d), (e), and (f) should not be reported below.

(i) Mid-Year

Gross Notional Exposure	(1) Regulatory Assets Under Management	(2) <i>Borrowings</i>	(3) Derivative Exposures					
			(a) <i>Interest Rate Derivative</i>	(b) <i>Foreign Exchange Derivative</i>	(c) <i>Credit Derivative</i>	(d) <i>Equity Derivative</i>	(e) <i>Commodity Derivative</i>	(f) <i>Other Derivative</i>
Less than 10 %	\$	\$	%	%	%	%	%	%
10-149 %	\$	\$	%	%	%	%	%	%
150 % or more	\$	\$	%	%	%	%	%	%

Optional: Use the space below to provide a narrative description of the strategies and/or manner in which *borrowings* and derivatives are used in the management of the separately managed accounts that you advise.

(ii) End of Year

Gross Notional Exposure	(1) Regulatory Assets Under Management	(2) <i>Borrowings</i>	(3) Derivative Exposures					
			(a) <i>Interest Rate</i>	(b) <i>Foreign Exchange</i>	(c) <i>Credit</i>	(d) <i>Equity</i>	(e) <i>Commodity</i>	(f) <i>Other</i>

			<i>Derivative</i>	<i>Derivative</i>	<i>Derivative</i>	<i>Derivative</i>	<i>Derivative</i>	<i>Derivative</i>
Less than 10 %	\$	\$	%	%	%	%	%	%
10-149 %	\$	\$	%	%	%	%	%	%
150 % or more	\$	\$	%	%	%	%	%	%

Optional: Use the space below to provide a narrative description of the strategies and/or manner in which *borrowings* and derivatives are used in the management of the separately managed accounts that you advise.

(b) In the table below, provide the following information regarding the separately managed accounts you advise as of the date used to calculate your regulatory assets under management for purposes of your *annual updating amendment*. If you are a subadviser to a separately managed account, you should only provide information with respect to the portion of the account that you subadvise.

In column 1, indicate the regulatory assets under management attributable to separately managed accounts associated with each level of gross notional exposure. For purposes of this table, the gross notional exposure of an account is the percentage obtained by dividing (i) the sum of (a) the dollar amount of any *borrowings* and (b) the *gross notional value* of all derivatives, by (ii) the regulatory assets under management of the account.

In column 2, provide the dollar amount of *borrowings* for the accounts included in column 1.

You may, but are not required to, complete the table with respect to any separately managed accounts with regulatory assets under management of less than \$10,000,000.

Any regulatory assets under management reported in Item 5.D.(3)(d), (e), and (f) should not be reported below.

Gross Notional Exposure	(1) Regulatory Assets Under Management	(2) Borrowings
Less than 10 %	\$	\$
10-149 %	\$	\$
150 % or more	\$	\$

Optional: Use the space below to provide a narrative description of the strategies and/or manner in which *borrowings* and derivatives are used in the management of the separately managed accounts that you advise.

SECTION 5.K.(3) Custodians for Separately Managed Accounts

Complete a separate Schedule D Section 5.K.(3) for each custodian that holds ten percent or more of your aggregate separately managed account regulatory assets under management.

(a)

Legal name of custodian:
BANK OF NEW YORK

(b)

Primary business name of custodian:
BANK OF NEW YORK

(c)

The location(s) of the custodian's office(s) responsible for *custody* of the assets :

City:
LAKE MARY

State:
Florida

Country:
United States

Yes

No

(d)

Is the custodian a *related person* of your firm?

(e)

If the custodian is a broker-dealer, provide its SEC registration number (if any)
-

(f)

If the custodian is not a broker-dealer, or is a broker-dealer but does not have an SEC registration number, provide its *legal entity identifier* (if any)

(g)

What amount of your regulatory assets under management attributable to separately managed accounts is held at the custodian?
\$ 32,289,320

(a)

Legal name of custodian:
J.P. MORGAN PRIVATE BANK

(b)

Primary business name of custodian:
J.P. MORGAN PRIVATE BANK

(c)

The location(s) of the custodian's office(s) responsible for *custody* of the assets :

City:
NEWARK

State:
Delaware

Country:
United States

		Yes	No
(d)	Is the custodian a <i>related person</i> of your firm?	☐	☒
(e)	If the custodian is a broker-dealer, provide its SEC registration number (if any) -		
(f)	If the custodian is not a broker-dealer, or is a broker-dealer but does not have an SEC registration number, provide its <i>legal entity identifier</i> (if any)		
(g)	What amount of your regulatory assets under management attributable to separately managed accounts is held at the custodian? \$ 39,627,310		

Item 6 Other Business Activities

In this Item, we request information about your firm's other business activities.

A. You are actively engaged in business as a (check all that apply):

☐

(1)

broker-dealer (registered or unregistered)

☐

(2)

registered representative of a broker-dealer

☐

(3)

commodity pool operator or commodity trading advisor (whether registered or exempt from registration)

☐

(4)

futures commission merchant

☐

(5)

real estate broker, dealer, or agent

☐

(6)

insurance broker or agent

☐

(7)

bank (including a separately identifiable department or division of a bank)

☐

(8)

trust company

☐

(9)

registered municipal advisor

☐

(10)

registered security-based swap dealer

☐

(11)

major security-based swap participant

☐

(12)

accountant or accounting firm

☐

(13)

lawyer or law firm

☐

(14)

other financial product salesperson (specify):

If you engage in other business using a name that is different from the names reported in Items 1.A. or 1.B.(1), complete [Section 6.A. of Schedule D](#).

Yes

No

B. (1) Are you actively engaged in any other business not listed in Item 6.A. (other than giving investment advice)?

☐

☒

(2) If yes, is this other business your primary business?

☐

☐

If "yes," describe this other business on [Section 6.B.\(2\) of Schedule D](#), and if you engage in this business under a different name, provide that name.

Yes

No

(3) Do you sell products or provide services other than investment advice to your advisory *clients*?

☐

☒

If "yes," describe this other business on [Section 6.B.\(3\) of Schedule D](#), and if you engage in this business under a different name, provide that name.

Yes

No

SECTION 6.A. Names of Your Other Businesses

No Information Filed

SECTION 6.B.(2) Description of Primary Business

Describe your primary business (not your investment advisory business):

If you engage in that business under a different name, provide that name:

SECTION 6.B.(3) Description of Other Products and Services

Describe other products or services you sell to your *client*. You may omit products and services that you listed in Section 6.B.(2) above.

If you engage in that business under a different name, provide that name:

Item 7 Financial Industry Affiliations

In this Item, we request information about your financial industry affiliations and activities. This information identifies areas in which conflicts of interest may occur between you and your *clients*.

A. This part of Item 7 requires you to provide information about you and your *related persons*, including foreign affiliates. Your *related persons* are all of your *advisory affiliates* and any *person* that is under common *control* with you.

You have a *related person* that is a (check all that apply):

☒

(1)

broker-dealer, municipal securities dealer, or government securities broker or dealer (registered or unregistered)

- ☒

(2)

other investment adviser (including financial planners)
- ☐

(3)

registered municipal advisor
- ☐

(4)

registered security-based swap dealer
- ☐

(5)

major security-based swap participant
- ☒

(6)

commodity pool operator or commodity trading advisor (whether registered or exempt from registration)
- ☐

(7)

futures commission merchant
- ☐

(8)

banking or thrift institution
- ☐

(9)

trust company
- ☐

(10)

accountant or accounting firm
- ☐

(11)

lawyer or law firm
- ☐

(12)

insurance company or agency
- ☐

(13)

pension consultant
- ☐

(14)

real estate broker or dealer
- ☐

(15)

sponsor or syndicator of limited partnerships (or equivalent), excluding pooled investment vehicles
- ☒

(16)

sponsor, general partner, managing member (or equivalent) of pooled investment vehicles

Note that Item 7.A. should not be used to disclose that some of your employees perform investment advisory functions or are registered representatives of a broker-dealer. The number of your firm's employees who perform investment advisory functions should be disclosed under Item 5.B.(1). The number of your firm's employees who are registered representatives of a broker-dealer should be disclosed under Item 5.B.(2).

Note that if you are filing an umbrella registration, you should not check Item 7.A.(2) with respect to your relying advisers, and you do not have to complete Section 7.A. in Schedule D for your relying advisers. You should complete a Schedule R for each relying adviser.

For each related person, including foreign affiliates that may not be registered or required to be registered in the United States, complete [Section 7.A. of Schedule D](#).

You do not need to complete Section 7.A. of Schedule D for any related person if: (1) you have no business dealings with the related person in connection with advisory services you provide to your clients; (2) you do not conduct shared operations with the related person; (3) you do not refer clients or business to the related person, and the related person does not refer prospective clients or business to you; (4) you do not share supervised persons or premises with the related person; and (5) you have no reason to believe that your relationship with the related person otherwise creates a conflict of interest with your clients.

You must complete [Section 7.A. of Schedule D](#) for each related person acting as qualified custodian in connection with advisory services you provide to your clients (other than any mutual fund transfer agent pursuant to rule 206(4)-2(b)(1)), regardless of whether you have determined the related person to be operationally independent under rule 206(4)-2 of the Advisers Act.

SECTION 7.A. Financial Industry Affiliations

Complete a separate Schedule D Section 7.A. for each *related person* listed in Item 7.A.

1.

Legal Name of *Related Person*:

VANECK PURPOSE BUILT GP, LLC
2.

Primary Business Name of *Related Person*:

VANECK PURPOSE BUILT GP, LLC
3.

Related Person's SEC File Number (if any) (e.g., 801-, 8-, 866-, 802-)

-

or

Other
4.

Related Person's

(a)

CRD Number (if any):

(b)

CIK Number(s) (if any):

No Information Filed
5.

Related Person is: (check all that apply)

(a)

☐

broker-dealer, municipal securities dealer, or government securities broker or dealer

(b)

☐

other investment adviser (including financial planners)

(c)

☐

registered municipal advisor

(d)

☐

registered security-based swap dealer

(e)

☐

major security-based swap participant

(f)

☐

commodity pool operator or commodity trading advisor (whether registered or exempt from registration)

(g)

☐

futures commission merchant

(h)

☐

banking or thrift institution

(i)

☐

trust company

(j)

☐

accountant or accounting firm

(k)

☐

lawyer or law firm

(l)

☐

insurance company or agency

(m)

☐

pension consultant

(n)

☐

real estate broker or dealer

- (o) ☐ sponsor or syndicator of limited partnerships (or equivalent), excluding pooled investment vehicles
- (p) ☒ sponsor, general partner, managing member (or equivalent) of pooled investment vehicles

Yes No



Yes No



① ②

Yes No



8.

(a)

Does the *related person* act as a qualified custodian for your *clients* in connection with advisory services you provide to *clients*?

(b)

If you are registering or registered with the SEC and you have answered "yes," to question 8.(a) above, have you overcome the presumption that you are not operationally independent (pursuant to rule 206(4)-2(d)(5)) from the *related person* and thus are not required to obtain a surprise examination for your *clients'* funds or securities that are maintained at the *related person*?

(c)

If you have answered "yes" to question 8.(a) above, provide the location of the *related person's* office responsible for *custody* of your *clients'* assets:

Number and Street 1:

Number and Street 2:

City:

State:

Country:

ZIP+4/Postal Code:

If this address is a private residence, check this box: ☐

Yes

No

9.

(a)

If the *related person* is an investment adviser, is it exempt from registration?

(b)

If the answer is yes, under what exemption?

10.

(a)

Is the *related person* registered with a *foreign financial regulatory authority* ?

(b)

If the answer is yes, list the name and country, in English of each *foreign financial regulatory authority* with which the *related person* is registered.

No Information Filed

11.

Do you and the *related person* share any *supervised persons*?

12.

Do you and the *related person* share the same physical location?

1.

Legal Name of *Related Person*:

VANECK PRIVATE FUND MANAGEMENT (SHANGHAI) CO., LTD.

2.

Primary Business Name of *Related Person*:

VANECK PRIVATE FUND MANAGEMENT (SHANGHAI) CO., LTD.

3.

Related Person's SEC File Number (if any) (e.g., 801-, 8-, 866-, 802-)

-

or

Other

4.

Related Person's

(a)

CRD Number (if any):

(b)

CIK Number(s) (if any):

No Information Filed

5.

Related Person is: (check all that apply)

(a)

☐

broker-dealer, municipal securities dealer, or government securities broker or dealer

(b)

☒

other investment adviser (including financial planners)

(c)

☐

registered municipal advisor

(d)

☐

registered security-based swap dealer

(e)

☐

major security-based swap participant

(f)

☐

commodity pool operator or commodity trading advisor (whether registered or exempt from registration)

(g)

☐

futures commission merchant

(h)

☐

banking or thrift institution

(i)

☐

trust company

(j)

☐

accountant or accounting firm

(k)

☐

lawyer or law firm

(l)

☐

insurance company or agency

(m)

☐

pension consultant

(n)

☐

real estate broker or dealer

(o)

☐

sponsor or syndicator of limited partnerships (or equivalent), excluding pooled investment vehicles

(p)

☐

sponsor, general partner, managing member (or equivalent) of pooled investment vehicles

Yes

No

6.

Do you *control* or are you *controlled* by the *related person*?

7.

Are you and the *related person* under common *control*?

8.

(a)

Does the *related person* act as a qualified custodian for your *clients* in connection with advisory services you provide to *clients*?

(b)

If you are registering or registered with the SEC and you have answered "yes," to question 8.(a) above, have you overcome the presumption that you are not operationally independent (pursuant to rule 206(4)-2(d)(5)) from the *related person* and thus are not required to obtain a surprise examination for your *clients'* funds or securities that are maintained at the *related person*?

(c)

If you have answered "yes" to question 8.(a) above, provide the location of the *related person's* office responsible for *custody* of your *clients'* assets:

Number and Street 1:

City:

If this address is a private residence, check this box: ☐

State:

Number and Street 2:

Country:

ZIP+4/Postal Code:

9.

(a)

If the *related person* is an investment adviser, is it exempt from registration?

(b)

If the answer is yes, under what exemption?
NON-U.S. ADVISER

Yes

No

10.

(a)

Is the *related person* registered with a *foreign financial regulatory authority* ?

(b)

If the answer is yes, list the name and country, in English of each *foreign financial regulatory authority* with which the *related person* is registered.

Name of Country/English Name of Foreign Financial Regulatory Authority

Other - SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION FOR MARKET REGULATION

11.

Do you and the *related person* share any *supervised persons*?

12.

Do you and the *related person* share the same physical location?

1.

Legal Name of *Related Person*:
INVESTO GESTAO DE RECURSOS LTDA.

2.

Primary Business Name of *Related Person*:
INVESTO GESTAO DE RECURSOS LTDA.

3.

Related Person's SEC File Number (if any) (e.g., 801-, 8-, 866-, 802-)
-
or
Other

4.

Related Person's
(a) *CRD* Number (if any):

(b) *CIK* Number(s) (if any):

No Information Filed

5.

Related Person is: (check all that apply)
(a) ☐ broker-dealer, municipal securities dealer, or government securities broker or dealer
(b) ☒ other investment adviser (including financial planners)
(c) ☐ registered municipal advisor
(d) ☐ registered security-based swap dealer
(e) ☐ major security-based swap participant
(f) ☐ commodity pool operator or commodity trading advisor (whether registered or exempt from registration)
(g) ☐ futures commission merchant
(h) ☐ banking or thrift institution
(i) ☐ trust company
(j) ☐ accountant or accounting firm
(k) ☐ lawyer or law firm
(l) ☐ insurance company or agency
(m) ☐ pension consultant
(n) ☐ real estate broker or dealer
(o) ☐ sponsor or syndicator of limited partnerships (or equivalent), excluding pooled investment vehicles
(p) ☐ sponsor, general partner, managing member (or equivalent) of pooled investment vehicles

Yes

No

6.

Do you *control* or are you *controlled* by the *related person*?

7.

Are you and the *related person* under common *control*?

8.

(a)

Does the *related person* act as a qualified custodian for your *clients* in connection with advisory services you provide to *clients*?

(b)

If you are registering or registered with the SEC and you have answered "yes," to question 8.(a) above, have you overcome the presumption that you are not operationally independent (pursuant to rule 206(4)-2(d)(5)) from the *related person* and thus are not required to obtain a surprise examination for your *clients'* funds or securities that are maintained at the *related person*?

(c)

If you have answered "yes" to question 8.(a) above, provide the location of the *related person's* office responsible for *custody* of your *clients'* assets:
Number and Street 1:
City:
If this address is a private residence, check this box: ☐

Number and Street 2:

Country:

ZIP+4/Postal Code:

Yes

No

or

Other

4.

Related Person's

(a)CRD Number (if any):

(b)CIK Number(s) (if any):

No Information Filed

5.

Related Person is: (check all that apply)

(a)☐ broker-dealer, municipal securities dealer, or government securities broker or dealer

(b)☒ other investment adviser (including financial planners)

(c)☐ registered municipal advisor

(d)☐ registered security-based swap dealer

(e)☐ major security-based swap participant

(f)☐ commodity pool operator or commodity trading advisor (whether registered or exempt from registration)

(g)☐ futures commission merchant

(h)☐ banking or thrift institution

(i)☐ trust company

(j)☐ accountant or accounting firm

(k)☐ lawyer or law firm

(l)☐ insurance company or agency

(m)☐ pension consultant

(n)☐ real estate broker or dealer

(o)☐ sponsor or syndicator of limited partnerships (or equivalent), excluding pooled investment vehicles

(p)☐ sponsor, general partner, managing member (or equivalent) of pooled investment vehicles

YesNo

6. Do you control or are you controlled by the related person?

YesNo

7. Are you and the related person under common control?

YesNo

8.

(a) Does the related person act as a qualified custodian for your clients in connection with advisory services you provide to clients?

(b) If you are registering or registered with the SEC and you have answered "yes," to question 8.(a) above, have you overcome the presumption that you are not operationally independent (pursuant to rule 206(4)-2(d)(5)) from the related person and thus are not required to obtain a surprise examination for your clients' funds or securities that are maintained at the related person?

(c) If you have answered "yes" to question 8.(a) above, provide the location of the related person's office responsible for custody of your clients' assets:

Number and Street 1:Number and Street 2:

City:State:Country:ZIP+4/Postal Code:

If this address is a private residence, check this box: ☐

YesNo

9.

(a) If the related person is an investment adviser, is it exempt from registration?

(b) If the answer is yes, under what exemption?

NON-U.S. ADVISER

YesNo

10.

(a) Is the related person registered with a foreign financial regulatory authority ?

(b) If the answer is yes, list the name and country, in English of each foreign financial regulatory authority with which the related person is registered.

Name of Country/English Name of Foreign Financial Regulatory Authority

Netherlands - The Netherlands Authority for the Financial Markets

11.

Do you and the related person share any supervised persons?

YesNo

12.

Do you and the related person share the same physical location?

YesNo

1.

Legal Name of Related Person:

VANECK INVESTMENTS LIMITED

2.

Primary Business Name of Related Person:

VANECK INVESTMENTS LIMITED

3.

Related Person's SEC File Number (if any) (e.g., 801-, 8-, 866-, 802-)

-

or

Other

4.

Related Person's

(a)CRD Number (if any):

(b)CIK Number(s) (if any):

No Information Filed

5. Related Person is: (check all that apply)

(a)☐broker-dealer, municipal securities dealer, or government securities broker or dealer

(b)☒other investment adviser (including financial planners)

(c)☐registered municipal advisor

(d)☐registered security-based swap dealer

(e)☐major security-based swap participant

(f)☐commodity pool operator or commodity trading advisor (whether registered or exempt from registration)

(g)☐futures commission merchant

(h)☐banking or thrift institution

(i)☐trust company

(j)☐accountant or accounting firm

(k)☐lawyer or law firm

(l)☐insurance company or agency

(m)☐pension consultant

(n)☐real estate broker or dealer

(o)☐sponsor or syndicator of limited partnerships (or equivalent), excluding pooled investment vehicles

(p)☐sponsor, general partner, managing member (or equivalent) of pooled investment vehicles

6. Do you control or are you controlled by the related person?

Yes

No

7. Are you and the related person under common control?

8. (a) Does the related person act as a qualified custodian for your clients in connection with advisory services you provide to clients?

(b) If you are registering or registered with the SEC and you have answered "yes," to question 8.(a) above, have you overcome the presumption that you are not operationally independent (pursuant to rule 206(4)-2(d)(5)) from the related person and thus are not required to obtain a surprise examination for your clients' funds or securities that are maintained at the related person?

(c) If you have answered "yes" to question 8.(a) above, provide the location of the related person's office responsible for custody of your clients' assets:

Number and Street 1:City:State:If this address is a private residence, check this box: ☐

Number and Street 2:Country:ZIP+4/Postal Code:

9. (a) If the related person is an investment adviser, is it exempt from registration?

(b) If the answer is yes, under what exemption?

NON-U.S. ADVISER

10. (a) Is the related person registered with a foreign financial regulatory authority ?

(b) If the answer is yes, list the name and country, in English of each foreign financial regulatory authority with which the related person is registered.

Name of Country/English Name of Foreign Financial Regulatory Authority

Australia - Australian Securities and Investments Commission

11. Do you and the related person share any supervised persons?

12. Do you and the related person share the same physical location?

1. Legal Name of Related Person:
VANECK INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT (SHANGHAI) CO., LTD.

2. Primary Business Name of Related Person:
VANECK INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT (SHANGHAI) CO., LTD.

3. Related Person's SEC File Number (if any) (e.g., 801-, 8-, 866-, 802-)
-
or
Other

4. Related Person's
(a) CRD Number (if any):

(b) CIK Number(s) (if any):
No Information Filed

5. *Related Person* is: (check all that apply)

(a) ☐ broker-dealer, municipal securities dealer, or government securities broker or dealer

(b) ☒ other investment adviser (including financial planners)

(c) ☐ registered municipal advisor

(d) ☐ registered security-based swap dealer

(e) ☐ major security-based swap participant

(f) ☐ commodity pool operator or commodity trading advisor (whether registered or exempt from registration)

(g) ☐ futures commission merchant

(h) ☐ banking or thrift institution

(i) ☐ trust company

(j) ☐ accountant or accounting firm

(k) ☐ lawyer or law firm

(l) ☐ insurance company or agency

(m) ☐ pension consultant

(n) ☐ real estate broker or dealer

(o) ☐ sponsor or syndicator of limited partnerships (or equivalent), excluding pooled investment vehicles

(p) ☐ sponsor, general partner, managing member (or equivalent) of pooled investment vehicles

6. Do you *control* or are you *controlled* by the *related person*?

Yes

No

7. Are you and the *related person* under common *control*?

8. (a) Does the *related person* act as a qualified custodian for your *clients* in connection with advisory services you provide to *clients*?

(b) If you are registering or registered with the SEC and you have answered "yes," to question 8.(a) above, have you overcome the presumption that you are not operationally independent (pursuant to rule 206(4)-2(d)(5)) from the *related person* and thus are not required to obtain a surprise examination for your *clients'* funds or securities that are maintained at the *related person*?

(c) If you have answered "yes" to question 8.(a) above, provide the location of the *related person's* office responsible for *custody* of your *clients'* assets:

Number and Street 1:

City:

State:

Number and Street 2:

Country:

ZIP+4/Postal Code:

If this address is a private residence, check this box: ☐

Yes

No

9. (a) If the *related person* is an investment adviser, is it exempt from registration?

(b) If the answer is yes, under what exemption?

NON-U.S. ADVISER

10. (a) Is the *related person* registered with a *foreign financial regulatory authority* ?

(b) If the answer is yes, list the name and country, in English of each *foreign financial regulatory authority* with which the *related person* is registered.

Name of Country/English Name of Foreign Financial Regulatory Authority

Other - SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION OF MARKET REGULATION IN FREE TRADE ZONE

11. Do you and the *related person* share any *supervised persons*?

12. Do you and the *related person* share the same physical location?

1. Legal Name of *Related Person*:

VAN ECK ABSOLUTE RETURN ADVISERS CORPORATION

2. Primary Business Name of *Related Person*:

VAN ECK ABSOLUTE RETURN ADVISERS CORP.

3. *Related Person's* SEC File Number (if any) (e.g., 801-, 8-, 866-, 802-)

801 - 65186

or

Other

4. *Related Person's*

(a) *CRD* Number (if any):

137177

(b) CIK Number(s) (if any):

No Information Filed

5. *Related Person* is: (check all that apply)

(a) ☐ broker-dealer, municipal securities dealer, or government securities broker or dealer

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|-----|---|---|
| 6. | Do you <i>control</i> or are you <i>controlled</i> by the <i>related person</i> ? | Yes ☐ No ☒ |
| 7. | Are you and the <i>related person</i> under common <i>control</i> ? | Yes ☐ No ☒ |
| 8. | <p>(a) Does the <i>related person</i> act as a qualified custodian for your <i>clients</i> in connection with advisory services you provide to <i>clients</i>?</p> <p>(b) If you are registering or registered with the SEC and you have answered "yes," to question 8.(a) above, have you overcome the presumption that you are not operationally independent (pursuant to rule 206(4)-2(d)(5)) from the <i>related person</i> and thus are not required to obtain a surprise examination for your <i>clients'</i> funds or securities that are maintained at the <i>related person</i>?</p> <p>(c) If you have answered "yes" to question 8.(a) above, provide the location of the <i>related person's</i> office responsible for <i>custody</i> of your <i>clients'</i> assets:</p> <p>Number and Street 1: _____ Number and Street 2: _____</p> <p>City: _____ State: _____ Country: _____ ZIP+4/Postal Code: _____</p> <p>If this address is a private residence, check this box: ☐</p> | <p>(a) Yes ☐ No ☒</p> <p>(b) Yes ☐ No ☒</p> |
| 9. | <p>(a) If the <i>related person</i> is an investment adviser, is it exempt from registration?</p> <p>(b) If the answer is yes, under what exemption?</p> | <p>(a) Yes ☐ No ☒</p> |
| 10. | <p>(a) Is the <i>related person</i> registered with a <i>foreign financial regulatory authority</i> ?</p> <p>(b) If the answer is yes, list the name and country, in English of each <i>foreign financial regulatory authority</i> with which the <i>related person</i> is registered.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No Information Filed</p> | <p>(a) Yes ☐ No ☒</p> |
| 11. | Do you and the <i>related person</i> share any <i>supervised persons</i> ? | Yes ☒ No ☐ |
| 12. | Do you and the <i>related person</i> share the same physical location? | Yes ☒ No ☐ |

1. Legal Name of *Related Person*:
VANECK RESERVE FUND GP, LLC
2. Primary Business Name of *Related Person*:
VANECK RESERVE FUND GP, LLC
3. *Related Person's* SEC File Number (if any) (e.g., 801-, 8-, 866-, 802-)
-
or
Other
4. *Related Person's*
(a) CRD Number (if any):

(b) CIK Number(s) (if any):

No Information Filed
5. *Related Person* is: (check all that apply)
(a) ☐ broker-dealer, municipal securities dealer, or government securities broker or dealer
(b) ☐ other investment adviser (including financial planners)
(c) ☐ registered municipal advisor
(d) ☐ registered security-based swap dealer
(e) ☐ major security-based swap participant
(f) ☐ commodity pool operator or commodity trading advisor (whether registered or exempt from registration)
(g) ☐ futures commission merchant

- Yes No



Number and Street 2:

State:

Country:

ZIP+4/Postal Code:

Yes No

Other - THE ACCOUNTING AND CORPORATE REGULATORY AUTHORITY (ACRA) OF SINGAPORE

TEUCRIUM INVESTMENT ADVISORS, LLC

TEUCRIUM INVESTMENT ADVISORS, LLC

801 - 123441

or

Other

(a) CRD Number (if any):

318799

(b) CIK Number(s) (if any):

No Information Filed

(a) ☐ broker-dealer, municipal securities dealer, or government securities broker or dealer

(b) ☒ other investment adviser (including financial planners)

(c) ☐ registered municipal advisor

(d) registered security-based swap dealer

(e)  major security-based swap participant

(f) ☒ commodity pool operator or commodity trading advisor (whether registered or exempt from registration)

(g) futures commission merchant

(h) ☐ banking or thrift institution

(i) ☐ trust company

(j)  accountant or accounting firm

(k) ☐ lawyer or law firm

(l) ☐ insurance company or agency

(m) pension consultant

(n) real estate broker or dealer

(o) ☐ sponsor or syndicator of limited partnerships (or equivalent), excluding pooled investment vehicles

(p) ☐ sponsor, general partner, managing member (or equivalent) of pooled investment vehicles

Yes No

6.

Do you *control* or are you *controlled* by the *related person*?

7.

Are you and the *related person* under common *control*?

8.

(a) Does the *related person* act as a qualified custodian for your *clients* in connection with advisory services you provide to *clients*?

(b) If you are registering or registered with the SEC and you have answered "yes," to question 8.(a) above, have you overcome the presumption that you are not operationally independent (pursuant to rule 206(4)-2(d)(5)) from the *related person* and thus are not required to obtain a surprise examination for your *clients'* funds or securities that are maintained at the *related person*?

(c) If you have answered "yes" to question 8.(a) above, provide the location of the *related person's* office responsible for *custody* of your *clients'* assets:

Number and Street 1:

City:

If this address is a private residence, check this box: ☐

State:

Country:

Number and Street 2:

ZIP+4/Postal Code:

9.

(a) If the *related person* is an investment adviser, is it exempt from registration?

(b) If the answer is yes, under what exemption?

10.

(a) Is the *related person* registered with a *foreign financial regulatory authority* ?

(b) If the answer is yes, list the name and country, in English of each *foreign financial regulatory authority* with which the *related person* is registered.

No Information Filed

11.

Do you and the *related person* share any *supervised persons*?

12.

Do you and the *related person* share the same physical location?

Yes

No

1.

Legal Name of *Related Person*:

VANECK OPPORTUNITIES GP, LLC

2.

Primary Business Name of *Related Person*:

VANECK OPPORTUNITIES GP, LLC

3.

Related Person's SEC File Number (if any) (e.g., 801-, 8-, 866-, 802-)

-

or

Other

4.

Related Person's

(a) CRD Number (if any):

(b) CIK Number(s) (if any):

No Information Filed

5.

Related Person is: (check all that apply)

(a) ☐ broker-dealer, municipal securities dealer, or government securities broker or dealer

(b) ☐ other investment adviser (including financial planners)

(c) ☐ registered municipal advisor

(d) ☐ registered security-based swap dealer

(e) ☐ major security-based swap participant

(f) ☐ commodity pool operator or commodity trading advisor (whether registered or exempt from registration)

(g) ☐ futures commission merchant

(h) ☐ banking or thrift institution

(i) ☐ trust company

(j) ☐ accountant or accounting firm

(k) ☐ lawyer or law firm

(l) ☐ insurance company or agency

(m) ☐ pension consultant

(n) ☐ real estate broker or dealer

(o) ☐ sponsor or syndicator of limited partnerships (or equivalent), excluding pooled investment vehicles

(p) ☒ sponsor, general partner, managing member (or equivalent) of pooled investment vehicles

6.

Do you *control* or are you *controlled* by the *related person*?

7.

Are you and the *related person* under common *control*?

8.

(a) Does the *related person* act as a qualified custodian for your *clients* in connection with advisory services you provide to *clients*?

(b) If you are registering or registered with the SEC and you have answered "yes," to question 8.(a) above, have you overcome the presumption that you are

Yes

No

not operationally independent (pursuant to rule 206(4)-2(d)(5)) from the *related person* and thus are not required to obtain a surprise examination for your *clients'* funds or securities that are maintained at the *related person*?

(c) If you have answered "yes" to question 8.(a) above, provide the location of the *related person's* office responsible for *custody* of your *clients'* assets:

Number and Street 1:

Number and Street 2:

City:

State:

Country:

ZIP+4/Postal Code:

If this address is a private residence, check this box: ☐

Yes

No

9.

(a) If the *related person* is an investment adviser, is it exempt from registration?

(b) If the answer is yes, under what exemption?

10.

(a) Is the *related person* registered with a *foreign financial regulatory authority* ?

(b) If the answer is yes, list the name and country, in English of each *foreign financial regulatory authority* with which the *related person* is registered.

No Information Filed

11.

Do you and the *related person* share any *supervised persons*?

12.

Do you and the *related person* share the same physical location?

1. Legal Name of *Related Person*:

VANECK VENTURES GP I, LLC

2. Primary Business Name of *Related Person*:

VANECK VENTURES GP I, LLC

3. *Related Person's* SEC File Number (if any) (e.g., 801-, 8-, 866-, 802-)

-

or

Other

4. *Related Person's*

(a) *CRD* Number (if any):

(b) *CIK* Number(s) (if any):

No Information Filed

5. *Related Person* is: (check all that apply)

(a) ☐ broker-dealer, municipal securities dealer, or government securities broker or dealer

(b) ☐ other investment adviser (including financial planners)

(c) ☐ registered municipal advisor

(d) ☐ registered security-based swap dealer

(e) ☐ major security-based swap participant

(f) ☐ commodity pool operator or commodity trading advisor (whether registered or exempt from registration)

(g) ☐ futures commission merchant

(h) ☐ banking or thrift institution

(i) ☐ trust company

(j) ☐ accountant or accounting firm

(k) ☐ lawyer or law firm

(l) ☐ insurance company or agency

(m) ☐ pension consultant

(n) ☐ real estate broker or dealer

(o) ☐ sponsor or syndicator of limited partnerships (or equivalent), excluding pooled investment vehicles

(p) ☒ sponsor, general partner, managing member (or equivalent) of pooled investment vehicles

Yes

No

6. Do you *control* or are you *controlled* by the *related person*?

7. Are you and the *related person* under common *control*?

8.

(a) Does the *related person* act as a qualified custodian for your *clients* in connection with advisory services you provide to *clients*?

(b) If you are registering or registered with the SEC and you have answered "yes," to question 8.(a) above, have you overcome the presumption that you are not operationally independent (pursuant to rule 206(4)-2(d)(5)) from the *related person* and thus are not required to obtain a surprise examination for your *clients'* funds or securities that are maintained at the *related person*?

(c) If you have answered "yes" to question 8.(a) above, provide the location of the *related person's* office responsible for *custody* of your *clients'* assets:

Number and Street 1:

Number and Street 2:

City:

State:

Country:

ZIP+4/Postal Code:

If this address is a private residence, check this box: ☐

9.	(a)	If the <i>related person</i> is an investment adviser, is it exempt from registration?	☐	☐	Yes No
	(b)	If the answer is yes, under what exemption?			
10.	(a)	Is the <i>related person</i> registered with a <i>foreign financial regulatory authority</i> ?	☐	☒	
	(b)	If the answer is yes, list the name and country, in English of each <i>foreign financial regulatory authority</i> with which the <i>related person</i> is registered.			
		No Information Filed			
11.		Do you and the <i>related person</i> share any <i>supervised persons</i> ?	☒	☐	
12.		Do you and the <i>related person</i> share the same physical location?	☒	☐	

Item 7 <i>Private Fund Reporting</i>		Yes No
B. Are you an adviser to any <i>private fund</i> ?		☒ ☐
If "yes," then for each <i>private fund</i> that you advise, you must complete a Section 7.B.(1) of Schedule D, except in certain circumstances described in the next sentence and in Instruction 6 of the Instructions to Part 1A. If you are registered or applying for registration with the SEC or reporting as an SEC exempt reporting adviser, and another SEC-registered adviser or SEC exempt reporting adviser reports this information with respect to any such <i>private fund</i> in Section 7.B.(1) of Schedule D of its Form ADV (e.g., if you are a subadviser), do not complete Section 7.B.(1) of Schedule D with respect to that <i>private fund</i>. You must, instead, complete Section 7.B.(2) of Schedule D. In either case, if you seek to preserve the anonymity of a <i>private fund client</i> by maintaining its identity in your books and records in numerical or alphabetical code, or similar designation, pursuant to rule 204-2(d), you may identify the <i>private fund</i> in Section 7.B.(1) or 7.B.(2) of Schedule D using the same code or designation in place of the fund's name.		

SECTION 7.B.(1) <i>Private Fund Reporting</i>	
No Information Filed	

SECTION 7.B.(2) <i>Private Fund Reporting</i>	
1.	Name of the <i>private fund</i> : VANECK EMERGING MARKETS DEBT OPPORTUNITIES FUND, LP
2.	<i>Private fund</i> identification number: (include the "805-" prefix also) 805-4710462713
3.	Name and SEC File number of adviser that provides information about this <i>private fund</i> in Section 7.B.(1) of Schedule D of its Form ADV filing Name: VAN ECK ABSOLUTE RETURN ADVISERS CORP. SEC File Number: 801 - 65186
4.	Are your <i>clients</i> solicited to invest in this <i>private fund</i> ? In answering this question, disregard feeder funds' investment in a master fund. For purposes of this question, in a master-feeder arrangement, one or more funds ("feeder funds") invest all or substantially all of their assets in a single fund ("master fund"). A fund would also be a "feeder fund" investing in a "master fund" for purposes of this question if it issued multiple classes (or series) of shares or interests, and each class (or series) invests substantially all of its assets in a single master fund.
	Yes No

Item 8 Participation or Interest in <i>Client</i> Transactions	
In this Item, we request information about your participation and interest in your <i>clients</i> ' transactions. This information identifies additional areas in which conflicts of interest may occur between you and your <i>clients</i> . Newly-formed advisers should base responses to these questions on the types of participation and interest that you expect to engage in during the next year.	
Like Item 7, Item 8 requires you to provide information about you and your <i>related persons</i> , including foreign affiliates.	
Proprietary Interest in <i>Client</i> Transactions	
A.	Do you or any <i>related person</i> :
	Yes No

- (1)

buy securities for yourself from advisory *clients*, or sell securities you own to advisory *clients* (principal transactions)?
- (2)

buy or sell for yourself securities (other than shares of mutual funds) that you also recommend to advisory *clients*?
- (3)

recommend securities (or other investment products) to advisory *clients* in which you or any *related person* has some other proprietary (ownership) interest (other than those mentioned in Items 8.A.(1) or (2))?

Sales Interest in *Client* Transactions

- B.

Do you or any *related person*:

Yes

No
- (1)

as a broker-dealer or registered representative of a broker-dealer, execute securities trades for brokerage customers in which advisory *client* securities are sold to or bought from the brokerage customer (agency cross transactions)?
- (2)

recommend to advisory *clients*, or act as a purchaser representative for advisory *clients* with respect to, the purchase of securities for which you or any *related person* serves as underwriter or general or managing partner?
- (3)

recommend purchase or sale of securities to advisory *clients* for which you or any *related person* has any other sales interest (other than the receipt of sales commissions as a broker or registered representative of a broker-dealer)?

Investment or Brokerage Discretion

- C.

Do you or any *related person* have *discretionary authority* to determine the:

Yes

No
- (1)

securities to be bought or sold for a *client's* account?
- (2)

amount of securities to be bought or sold for a *client's* account?
- (3)

broker or dealer to be used for a purchase or sale of securities for a *client's* account?
- (4)

commission rates to be paid to a broker or dealer for a *client's* securities transactions?
- D.

If you answer "yes" to C.(3) above, are any of the brokers or dealers *related persons*?
- E.

Do you or any *related person* recommend brokers or dealers to *clients*?
- F.

If you answer "yes" to E. above, are any of the brokers or dealers *related persons*?
- G.

(1) Do you or any *related person* receive research or other products or services other than execution from a broker-dealer or a third party ("soft dollar benefits") in connection with *client* securities transactions?
- (2)

If "yes" to G.(1) above, are all the "soft dollar benefits" you or any *related persons* receive eligible "research or brokerage services" under section 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934?
- H.

(1) Do you or any *related person*, directly or indirectly, compensate any *person* that is not an *employee* for *client* referrals?
- (2)

Do you or any *related person*, directly or indirectly, provide any *employee* compensation that is specifically related to obtaining *clients* for the firm (cash or non-cash compensation in addition to the *employee's* regular salary)?
- I.

Do you or any *related person*, including any *employee*, directly or indirectly, receive compensation from any *person* (other than you or any *related person*) for *client* referrals?
- In your response to Item 8.I., do not include the regular salary you pay to an employee.

In responding to Items 8.H. and 8.I., consider all cash and non-cash compensation that you or a related person gave to (in answering Item 8.H.) or received from (in answering Item 8.I.) any person in exchange for client referrals, including any bonus that is based, at least in part, on the number or amount of client referrals.

Item 9 Custody

In this Item, we ask you whether you or a *related person* has *custody* of *client* (other than *clients* that are investment companies registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940) assets and about your custodial practices.

- A.

(1) Do you have *custody* of any advisory *clients'*:

Yes

No
- (a)

cash or bank accounts?
- (b)

securities?

If you are registering or registered with the SEC, answer "No" to Item 9.A.(1)(a) and (b) if you have custody solely because (i) you deduct your advisory fees directly from your clients' accounts, or (ii) a related person has custody of client assets in connection with advisory services you provide to clients, but you have overcome the presumption that you are not operationally independent (pursuant to Advisers Act rule 206(4)-2(d)(5)) from the related person.

- (2)

If you checked "yes" to Item 9.A.(1)(a) or (b), what is the approximate amount of *client* funds and securities and total number of *clients* for which you have *custody*:
- U.S. Dollar Amount

Total Number of *Clients*

(a) \$ 536,052,775

(b) 6
- If you are registering or registered with the SEC and you have custody solely because you deduct your advisory fees directly from your clients' accounts, do not include the amount of those assets and the number of those clients in your response to Item 9.A.(2). If your related person has custody of client assets in connection with advisory services you provide to clients, do not include the amount of those assets and number of those clients in your response to 9.A.(2). Instead, include that information in your response to Item 9.B.(2).

(6) Since your last *annual updating amendment*, did all of the reports prepared by the *independent public accountant* that audited the pooled investment vehicle or that examined internal controls contain unqualified opinions?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Report Not Yet Received

If you check "Report Not Yet Received", you must promptly file an amendment to your Form ADV to update your response when the accountant's report is available.

Item 10 Control Persons

In this Item, we ask you to identify every *person* that, directly or indirectly, *controls* you. If you are filing an *umbrella registration*, the information in Item 10 should be provided for the *filing adviser* only.

If you are submitting an initial application or report, you must complete Schedule A and Schedule B. Schedule A asks for information about your direct owners and executive officers. Schedule B asks for information about your indirect owners. If this is an amendment and you are updating information you reported on either Schedule A or Schedule B (or both) that you filed with your initial application or report, you must complete Schedule C.

- A. Does any *person* not named in Item 1.A. or Schedules A, B, or C, directly or indirectly, *control* your management or policies?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, complete Section 10.A. of Schedule D.

B. If any *person* named in Schedules A, B, or C or in Section 10.A. of Schedule D is a public reporting company under Sections 12 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, please complete Section 10.B. of Schedule D.

SECTION 10.A. *Control Persons*

No Information Filed

SECTION 10.B. *Control Person* Public Reporting Companies

No Information Filed

Item 11 Disclosure Information

In this Item, we ask for information about your disciplinary history and the disciplinary history of all your *advisory affiliates*. We use this information to determine whether to grant your application for registration, to decide whether to revoke your registration or to place limitations on your activities as an investment adviser, and to identify potential problem areas to focus on during our on-site examinations. One event may result in "yes" answers to more than one of the questions below. In accordance with General Instruction 5 to Form ADV, "you" and "your" include the *filing adviser* and all *relying advisers* under an *umbrella registration*.

Your *advisory affiliates* are: (1) all of your current *employees* (other than *employees* performing only clerical, administrative, support or similar functions); (2) all of your officers, partners, or directors (or any *person* performing similar functions); and (3) all *persons* directly or indirectly *controlling* you or *controlled* by you. If you are a "separately identifiable department or division" (SID) of a bank, see the Glossary of Terms to determine who your *advisory affiliates* are.

If you are registered or registering with the SEC or if you are an exempt reporting adviser, you may limit your disclosure of any event listed in Item 11 to ten years following the date of the event. If you are registered or registering with a state, you must respond to the questions as posed; you may, therefore, limit your disclosure to ten years following the date of an event only in responding to Items 11.A.(1), 11.A.(2), 11.B.(1), 11.B.(2), 11.D.(4), and 11.H.(1)(a). For purposes of calculating this ten-year period, the date of an event is the date the final order, judgment, or decree was entered, or the date any rights of appeal from preliminary orders, judgments, or decrees lapsed.

You must complete the appropriate Disclosure Reporting Page ("DRP") for "yes" answers to the questions in this Item 11.

- | | | |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Do any of the events below involve you or any of your <i>supervised persons</i> ? | Yes | No |
| | ☐ | ☒ |

For "yes" answers to the following questions, complete a Criminal Action DRP:

A. In the past ten years, have you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> :	Yes	No
(1) been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo contendere ("no contest") in a domestic, foreign, or military court to any <i>felony</i> ?	☐	☒
(2) been <i>charged</i> with any <i>felony</i> ?	☐	☒

If you are registered or registering with the SEC, or if you are reporting as an exempt reporting adviser, you may limit your response to Item 11.A.(2) to charges that are currently pending.

B. In the past ten years, have you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> :	Yes	No
(1) been convicted of or pled guilty or nolo contendere ("no contest") in a domestic, foreign, or military court to a <i>misdemeanor</i> involving: investments or an <i>investment-related</i> business, or any fraud, false statements, or omissions, wrongful taking of property, bribery, perjury, forgery, counterfeiting, extortion, or a conspiracy to commit any of these offenses?	☐	☒

(2) been *charged* with a *misdemeanor* listed in Item 11.B.(1)?

If you are registered or registering with the SEC, or if you are reporting as an exempt reporting adviser, you may limit your response to Item 11.B.(2) to charges that are currently pending.

For "yes" answers to the following questions, complete a Regulatory Action DRP:

- | | Yes | No |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| C. Has the SEC or the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) ever: | | |
| (1) <i>found</i> you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> to have made a false statement or omission? | ☐ | ☐ |
| (2) <i>found</i> you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> to have been <i>involved</i> in a violation of SEC or CFTC regulations or statutes? | ☐ | ☐ |
| (3) <i>found</i> you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> to have been a cause of an <i>investment-related</i> business having its authorization to do business denied, suspended, revoked, or restricted? | ☐ | ☒ |
| (4) entered an <i>order</i> against you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> in connection with <i>investment-related</i> activity? | ☐ | ☐ |
| (5) imposed a civil money penalty on you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> , or <i>ordered</i> you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> to cease and desist from any activity? | ☒ | ☐ |
| D. Has any other federal regulatory agency, any state regulatory agency, or any <i>foreign financial regulatory authority</i> : | | |
| (1) ever <i>found</i> you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> to have made a false statement or omission, or been dishonest, unfair, or unethical? | ☐ | ☒ |
| (2) ever <i>found</i> you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> to have been <i>involved</i> in a violation of <i>investment-related</i> regulations or statutes? | ☐ | ☒ |
| (3) ever <i>found</i> you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> to have been a cause of an <i>investment-related</i> business having its authorization to do business denied, suspended, revoked, or restricted? | ☐ | ☒ |
| (4) in the past ten years, entered an <i>order</i> against you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> in connection with an <i>investment-related</i> activity? | ☐ | ☒ |
| (5) ever denied, suspended, or revoked your or any <i>advisory affiliate's</i> registration or license, or otherwise prevented you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> , by <i>order</i> , from associating with an <i>investment-related</i> business or restricted your or any <i>advisory affiliate's</i> activity? | ☐ | ☒ |
| E. Has any <i>self-regulatory organization</i> or commodities exchange ever: | | |
| (1) <i>found</i> you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> to have made a false statement or omission? | ☐ | ☒ |
| (2) <i>found</i> you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> to have been <i>involved</i> in a violation of its rules (other than a violation designated as a " <i>minor rule violation</i> " under a plan approved by the SEC)? | ☐ | ☒ |
| (3) <i>found</i> you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> to have been the cause of an <i>investment-related</i> business having its authorization to do business denied, suspended, revoked, or restricted? | ☐ | ☒ |
| (4) disciplined you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> by expelling or suspending you or the <i>advisory affiliate</i> from membership, barring or suspending you or the <i>advisory affiliate</i> from association with other members, or otherwise restricting your or the <i>advisory affiliate's</i> activities? | ☐ | ☒ |
| F. Has an authorization to act as an attorney, accountant, or federal contractor granted to you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> ever been revoked or suspended? | ☐ | ☒ |
| G. Are you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> now the subject of any regulatory <i>proceeding</i> that could result in a "yes" answer to any part of Item 11.C., 11.D., or 11.E.? | ☐ | ☒ |

For "yes" answers to the following questions, complete a Civil Judicial Action DRP:

- | | | | |
|----|--|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| H. | (1) Has any domestic or foreign court: | Yes | No |
| | (a) in the past ten years, <i>enjoined</i> you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> in connection with any <i>investment-related</i> activity? | ☐ | ☒ |
| | (b) ever <i>found</i> that you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> were <i>involved</i> in a violation of <i>investment-related</i> statutes or regulations? | ☐ | ☒ |
| | (c) ever dismissed, pursuant to a settlement agreement, an <i>investment-related</i> civil action brought against you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> by a state or <i>foreign financial regulatory authority</i> ? | ☐ | ☒ |
| | (2) Are you or any <i>advisory affiliate</i> now the subject of any civil <i>proceeding</i> that could result in a "yes" answer to any part of Item 11.H.(1)? | ☐ | ☒ |

Item 12 Small Businesses

The SEC is required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act to consider the effect of its regulations on small entities. In order to do this, we need to determine whether you meet the definition of "small business" or "small organization" under rule 0-7.

Answer this Item 12 only if you are registered or registering with the SEC **and** you indicated in response to Item 5.F.(2)(c) that you have regulatory assets under management of less than \$25 million. You are not required to answer this Item 12 if you are filing for initial registration as a state adviser, amending a current state registration, or switching from SEC to state registration.

For purposes of this Item 12 only:

- Total Assets refers to the total assets of a firm, rather than the assets managed on behalf of *clients*. In determining your or another *person's* total assets, you may use the total assets shown on a current balance sheet (but use total assets reported on a consolidated balance sheet with subsidiaries included, if that amount is larger).
- *Control* means the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of a *person*, whether through ownership of securities, by contract, or otherwise. Any *person* that directly or indirectly has the right to vote 25 percent or more of the voting securities, or is entitled to 25 percent or more of the profits, of another *person* is presumed to *control* the other *person*.

- | | Yes | No |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A. Did you have total assets of \$5 million or more on the last day of your most recent fiscal year? | ☐ | ☐ |

If "yes," you do not need to answer Items 12.B. and 12.C.

B. Do you:

(1) *control* another investment adviser that had regulatory assets under management (calculated in response to Item 5.F.(2)(c) of Form ADV) of \$25 million or more on the last day of its most recent fiscal year?

(2) *control* another *person* (other than a natural person) that had total assets of \$5 million or more on the last day of its most recent fiscal year?

C. Are you:

(1) *controlled* by or under common *control* with another investment adviser that had regulatory assets under management (calculated in response to Item 5.F.(2) (c) of Form ADV) of \$25 million or more on the last day of its most recent fiscal year?

(2) *controlled by or under common control* with another *person* (other than a natural person) that had total assets of \$5 million or more on the last day of its most recent fiscal year?

Schedule A

Direct Owners and Executive Officers

1. Complete Schedule A only if you are submitting an initial application or report. Schedule A asks for information about your direct owners and executive officers. Use Schedule C to amend this information.

2. Direct Owners and Executive Officers. List below the names of:

(a) each Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Operations Officer, Chief Legal Officer, Chief Compliance Officer(Chief Compliance Officer is required if you are registered or applying for registration and cannot be more than one individual), director, and any other individuals with similar status or functions;

(b) if you are organized as a corporation, each shareholder that is a direct owner of 5% or more of a class of your voting securities, unless you are a public reporting company (a company subject to Section 12 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act);

Direct owners include any *person* that owns, beneficially owns, has the right to vote, or has the power to sell or direct the sale of, 5% or more of a class of your voting securities. For purposes of this Schedule, a *person* beneficially owns any securities: (i) owned by his/her child, stepchild, grandchild, parent, stepparent, grandparent, spouse, sibling, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law, sharing the same residence; or (ii) that he/she has the right to acquire, within 60 days, through the exercise of any option, warrant, or right to purchase the security.

(c) if you are organized as a partnership, all general partners and those limited and special partners that have the right to receive upon dissolution, or have contributed, 5% or more of your capital;

(d) in the case of a trust that directly owns 5% or more of a class of your voting securities, or that has the right to receive upon dissolution, or has contributed, 5% or more of your capital, the trust and each trustee; and

(e) if you are organized as a limited liability company ("LLC"), (i) those members that have the right to receive upon dissolution, or have contributed, 5% or more of your capital, and (ii) if managed by elected managers, all elected managers.

3. Do you have any indirect owners to be reported on Schedule B? ☐ Yes ☒ No

4. In the DE/FE/I column below, enter "DE" if the owner is a domestic entity, "FE" if the owner is an entity incorporated or domiciled in a foreign country, or "I" if the owner or executive officer is an individual.

5. Complete the Title or Status column by entering board/management titles; status as partner, trustee, sole proprietor, elected manager, shareholder, or member; and for shareholders or members, the class of securities owned (if more than one is issued).

6. Ownership codes are: NA - less than 5% B - 10% but less than 25% D - 50% but less than 75%
 A - 5% but less than 10% C - 25% but less than 50% E - 75% or more

7. (a) In the *Control Person* column, enter "Yes" if the *person* has *control* as defined in the Glossary of Terms to Form ADV, and enter "No" if the *person* does not have *control*. Note that under this definition, most executive officers and all 25% owners, general partners, elected managers, and trustees are *control persons*.

(b) In the PR column, enter "PR" if the owner is a public reporting company under Sections 12 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

(c) Complete each column.

FULL LEGAL NAME (Individuals: Last Name, First Name, Middle Name)	DE/FE/IF	Title or Status	Date Title or Status Acquired MM/YYYY	Ownership Code	Control Person	PR	CRD No. If None: S.S. No. and Date of Birth, IRS Tax No. or Employer ID No.
VANECK, JAN, FREDERICK	I	PRESIDENT, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND DIRECTOR/TRUSTEE	01/1988	NA	Y	N	1695680
SMITH, BRUCE, JOHN	I	DIRECTOR	06/1997	NA	Y	N	1279698
SIMON, JONATHAN, RICH	I	SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, GENERAL COUNSEL AND SECRETARY	02/2014	NA	Y	N	5313394
ULLMAN, WILLIAM, ALEXANDER	I	DIRECTOR	10/2010	NA	N	N	1991837
GRUSKY, ROBERT, RUDOLPH	I	DIRECTOR/TRUSTEE	05/2012	NA	N	N	1721579
JAN FREDERICK VAN ECK REVOCABLE TRUST, JAN VAN ECK TRUSTEE	DE	SHAREHOLDER	10/2016	C	Y	N	xxx-xx-xxxx
GOZZILLO, FRANCESCO, MICHAEL	I	VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER	01/2018	NA	Y	N	2099916
RAPPAPORT, LEE, ROBERT	I	VICE PRESIDENT, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND TREASURER	07/2018	NA	Y	N	4682842
JAN VAN ECK 2016 FAMILY IRREVOCABLE TRUST, ROBERT GRUSKY TRUSTEE	DE	SHAREHOLDER	10/2018	B	N	N	xxx-xx-xxxx
JAN VAN ECK 2024 GRAT, JAN VAN ECK TRUSTEE	DE	SHAREHOLDER	10/2024	A	N	N	xxx-xx-xxxx
JAN VAN ECK 2025 GRAT, JAN VAN ECK TRUSTEE	DE	SHAREHOLDER	10/2025	A	N	N	xxx-xx-xxxx

Schedule B

Indirect Owners

1. Complete Schedule B only if you are submitting an initial application or report. Schedule B asks for information about your indirect owners; you must first complete Schedule

A, which asks for information about your direct owners. Use Schedule C to amend this information.

2. Indirect Owners. With respect to each owner listed on Schedule A (except individual owners), list below:

(a) in the case of an owner that is a corporation, each of its shareholders that beneficially owns, has the right to vote, or has the power to sell or direct the sale of, 25% or more of a class of a voting security of that corporation;

For purposes of this Schedule, a *person* beneficially owns any securities: (i) owned by his/her child, stepchild, grandchild, parent, stepparent, grandparent, spouse, sibling, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law, sharing the same residence; or (ii) that he/she has the right to acquire, within 60 days, through the exercise of any option, warrant, or right to purchase the security.

(b) in the case of an owner that is a partnership, all general partners and those limited and special partners that have the right to receive upon dissolution, or have contributed, 25% or more of the partnership's capital;

(c) in the case of an owner that is a trust, the trust and each trustee; and

(d) in the case of an owner that is a limited liability company ("LLC"), (i) those members that have the right to receive upon dissolution, or have contributed, 25% or more of the LLC's capital, and (ii) if managed by elected managers, all elected managers.

3. Continue up the chain of ownership listing all 25% owners at each level. Once a public reporting company (a company subject to Sections 12 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act) is reached, no further ownership information need be given.

4. In the DE/FE/I column below, enter "DE" if the owner is a domestic entity, "FE" if the owner is an entity incorporated or domiciled in a foreign country, or "I" if the owner is an individual.

5. Complete the Status column by entering the owner's status as partner, trustee, elected manager, shareholder, or member; and for shareholders or members, the class of securities owned (if more than one is issued).

6. Ownership codes are: C - 25% but less than 50% E - 75% or more
 D - 50% but less than 75% F - Other (general partner, trustee, or elected manager)

7. (a) In the *Control Person* column, enter "Yes" if the *person* has *control* as defined in the Glossary of Terms to Form ADV, and enter "No" if the *person* does not have *control*. Note that under this definition, most executive officers and all 25% owners, general partners, elected managers, and trustees are *control persons*.

(b) In the PR column, enter "PR" if the owner is a public reporting company under Sections 12 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

(c) Complete each column.

No Information Filed

Schedule D - Miscellaneous

You may use the space below to explain a response to an Item or to provide any other information.

Schedule R

No Information Filed

DRP Pages

CRIMINAL DISCLOSURE REPORTING PAGE (ADV)

No Information Filed

REGULATORY ACTION DISCLOSURE REPORTING PAGE (ADV)

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

This Disclosure Reporting Page (DRP ADV) is an ☐ INITIAL **OR** ☒ AMENDED response used to report details for affirmative responses to Items 11.C., 11.D., 11.E., 11.F. or 11.G. of Form ADV.

Regulatory Action				
Check item(s) being responded to:				
☒ 11.C(1)	☒ 11.C(2)	☐ 11.C(3)	☒ 11.C(4)	☒ 11.C(5)
☐ 11.D(1)	☐ 11.D(2)	☐ 11.D(3)	☐ 11.D(4)	☐ 11.D(5)
☐ 11.E(1)	☐ 11.E(2)	☐ 11.E(3)	☐ 11.E(4)	
☐ 11.F.	☐ 11.G.			

Use a separate DRP for each event or *proceeding* . The same event or *proceeding* may be reported for more than one *person* or entity using one DRP. File with a completed Execution Page.

One event may result in more than one affirmative answer to Items 11.C., 11.D., 11.E., 11.F. or 11.G. Use only one DRP to report details related to the same event. If an event gives rise to actions by more than one regulator, provide details for each action on a separate DRP.

PART I

A. The *person(s)* or entity(ies) for whom this DRP is being filed is (are):

- ☒ You (the advisory firm)
- ☐ You and one or more of your *advisory affiliates*
- ☐ One or more of your *advisory affiliates*

If this DRP is being filed for an *advisory affiliate*, give the full name of the *advisory affiliate* below (for individuals, Last name, First name, Middle name).
If the *advisory affiliate* has a *CRD* number, provide that number. If not, indicate "non-registered" by checking the appropriate box.

ADV DRP - ADVISORY AFFILIATE

No Information Filed

- ☐ This DRP should be removed from the ADV record because the *advisory affiliate(s)* is no longer associated with the adviser.
- ☐ This DRP should be removed from the ADV record because: (1) the event or *proceeding* occurred more than ten years ago or (2) the adviser is registered or applying for registration with the SEC or reporting as an *exempt reporting adviser* with the SEC and the event was resolved in the adviser's or *advisory affiliate's* favor.

If you are registered or registering with a *state securities authority* , you may remove a DRP for an event you reported only in response to Item 11.D(4), and only if that event occurred more than ten years ago. If you are registered or registering with the SEC, you may remove a DRP for any event listed in Item 11 that occurred more than ten years ago.

- ☐ This DRP should be removed from the ADV record because it was filed in error, such as due to a clerical or data-entry mistake. Explain the circumstances:

B. If the *advisory affiliate* is registered through the IARD system or *CRD* system, has the *advisory affiliate* submitted a DRP (with Form ADV, BD or U-4) to the IARD or *CRD* for the event? If the answer is "Yes," no other information on this DRP must be provided.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

NOTE: The completion of this form does not relieve the *advisory affiliate* of its obligation to update its IARD or *CRD* records.

PART II

1. Regulatory Action initiated by:

- ☒ SEC
- ☐ Other Federal
- ☐ State
- ☐ SRO
- ☐ Foreign

(Full name of regulator, *foreign financial regulatory authority*, federal, state, or *SRO*)
U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

2. Principal Sanction:

Cease and Desist
Other Sanctions:
CENSURE AND CIVIL PENALTY.

3. Date Initiated (MM/DD/YYYY):

- 02/16/2024 ☒ Exact
- ☐ Explanation
- If not exact, provide explanation:

4. Docket/Case Number:

ADMIN PROC FILE NO. 3-21857

5. *Advisory Affiliate* Employing Firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action (if applicable):

6. Principal Product Type:

Mutual Fund(s)
Other Product Types:

7. Describe the allegations related to this regulatory action (your response must fit within the space provided):

ON FEBRUARY 16, 2024, VAN ECK ASSOCIATES CORPORATION ("VEAC"), WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE ALLEGATIONS, RESOLVED AN U.S. SECURITIES & EXCHANGE COMMISSION (THE "SEC") PROCEEDING WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ALLEGED VIOLATIONS BY VEAC OF SECTIONS 206(2) AND 206(4) OF THE INVESTMENT ADVISERS ACT OF 1940 AND RULE 206(4)-7 THEREUNDER, AND SECTION 15(C) OF THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940 (THE "ORDER"). THESE ALLEGATIONS RELATE TO THE LAUNCH OF THE VANECK SOCIAL SENTIMENT ETF (THE "BUZZ ETF"). THE SEC ALLEGED THAT FROM 2020 THROUGH 2021, VEAC DID NOT DISCLOSE TO THE BUZZ ETF'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES (THE "BOARD") A SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCER'S (THE "INFLUENCER") PLANNED INVOLVEMENT IN PROMOTING THE BUZZ NEXTGEN AI US SENTIMENT LEADERS INDEX (THE "BUZZ INDEX"), THE TRACKING INDEX FOR THE BUZZ ETF, AND HIS RELATED COMPENSATION THROUGH THE LICENSING AGREEMENT WITH VEAC. THE SEC FURTHER ALLEGED THAT FROM 2020 UNTIL 2021, VEAC DID NOT INFORM THE BOARD OF THE DETAILS OF THE INFLUENCER'S ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE BUZZ INDEX IN CONNECTION WITH THE BOARD'S REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE VEAC ADVISORY CONTRACT FOR THE BUZZ ETF, INCLUDING THE ECONOMIC TERMS OF THE LICENSING AGREEMENT VEAC HAD REACHED WITH THE INDEX PROVIDER. THE SEC ALSO ALLEGED THAT VEAC DID NOT HAVE ADEQUATE WRITTEN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ABOUT FURNISHING THE BOARD WITH ACCURATE INFORMATION REASONABLY NECESSARY FOR THE BOARD TO EVALUATE THE TERMS OF THE ADVISORY CONTRACT, AS WELL AS MATERIAL INFORMATION RELATED TO THE PROPOSED LAUNCH OF THE BUZZ ETF. UNDER THE TERMS OF THE ORDER, VEAC WAS CENSURED AND ORDERED TO CEASE AND DESIST FROM VIOLATIONS OR FUTURE VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 15(C) OF THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT AND SECTIONS 206(2) AND 206(4)

OF THE ADVISERS ACT AND RULE 206(4)-7 THEREUNDER. VEAC AGREED TO PAY \$1.75 MILLION IN A CIVIL PENALTY.

8. Current Status? ☐ Pending ☐ On Appeal ☒ Final

9. If on appeal, regulatory action appealed to (SEC, SRO, Federal or State Court) and Date Appeal Filed:

If Final or On Appeal, complete all items below. For Pending Actions, complete Item 13 only.

10. How was matter resolved:
Settled

11. Resolution Date (MM/DD/YYYY):
02/16/2024 ☒ Exact ☐ Explanation
If not exact, provide explanation:

12. Resolution Detail:

A. Were any of the following Sanctions *Ordered* (check all appropriate items)?

☒ Monetary/Fine Amount: \$ 1,750,000.00

☐ Revocation/Expulsion/Denial

☒ Censure

☐ Bar

☐ Disgorgement/Restitution

☒ Cease and Desist/Injunction

☐ Suspension

B. Other Sanctions *Ordered*:

Sanction detail: if suspended, *enjoined* or barred, provide duration including start date and capacities affected (General Securities Principal, Financial Operations Principal, etc.). If requalification by exam/retraining was a condition of the sanction, provide length of time given to requalify/retrain, type of exam required and whether condition has been satisfied. If disposition resulted in a fine, penalty, restitution, disgorgement or monetary compensation, provide total amount, portion levied against you or an *advisory affiliate*, date paid and if any portion of penalty was waived:
A CIVIL MONETARY PENALTY OF \$1,750,000 WAS PAID ON FEBRUARY 20, 2024.

13. Provide a brief summary of details related to the action status and (or) disposition and include relevant terms, conditions and dates (your response must fit within the space provided).

ON FEBRUARY 16, 2024, THE U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION ("SEC") ANNOUNCED A SETTLEMENT WITH VAN ECK ASSOCIATES CORPORATION ("VEAC") THAT AROSE OUT OF ALLEGATIONS OF DISCLOSURE DEFICIENCIES CONCERNING THE LAUNCH OF THE VANECK SOCIAL SENTIMENT ETF (THE "BUZZ ETF"). VEAC NEITHER ADMITTED NOR DENIED THE SEC'S FINDINGS. THE DISCLOSURES PRINCIPALLY RELATE TO THE ECONOMIC TERMS OF THE LICENSING AGREEMENT REACHED WITH THE INDEX PROVIDER OF THE BUZZ NEXTGEN AI US SENTIMENT LEADERS INDEX (THE "BUZZ INDEX"), A SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCER'S PLANNED INVOLVEMENT IN PROMOTING THE BUZZ INDEX AND THE COMPENSATION PAID TO THE INFLUENCER AND THE CONTROVERSIES SURROUNDING THE INFLUENCER. THE SEC CONSIDERED THE REMEDIAL ACTS UNDERTAKEN BY VEAC, AND, UNDER THE TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT, VEAC AGREED TO PAY \$1.75 MILLION IN A CIVIL PENALTY.

CIVIL JUDICIAL ACTION DISCLOSURE REPORTING PAGE (ADV)

No Information Filed

Part 2

Exemption from brochure delivery requirements for SEC-registered advisers

SEC rules exempt SEC-registered advisers from delivering a firm brochure to some kinds of clients. If these exemptions excuse you from delivering a brochure to *all* of your advisory clients, you do not have to prepare a brochure.

Are you exempt from delivering a brochure to all of your clients under these rules?

Yes

No

If no, complete the ADV Part 2 filing below.

Amend, retire or file new brochures:

Brochure ID	Brochure Name	Brochure Type(s)
411007	VAN ECK ASSOCIATES CORPORATION ADV PART 2A	Individuals, Foundations/charities, Government/municipal, Other institutional, Private funds or pools, Other
428152	VAN ECK ASSOCIATES CORPORATION ADV PART 2A	Foundations/charities, Other institutional, Private funds or pools

CRS	Type(s)	Affiliate Info	Retire
	Investment Advisor		
	Investment Advisor		

Execution Pages

DOMESTIC INVESTMENT ADVISER EXECUTION PAGE

You must complete the following Execution Page to Form ADV. This execution page must be signed and attached to your initial submission of Form ADV to the SEC and all amendments.

Appointment of Agent for Service of Process

By signing this Form ADV Execution Page, you, the undersigned adviser, irrevocably appoint the Secretary of State or other legally designated officer, of the state in which you maintain your *principal office and place of business* and any other state in which you are submitting a *notice filing*, as your agents to receive service, and agree that such *persons* may accept service on your behalf, of any notice, subpoena, summons, *order* instituting *proceedings*, demand for arbitration, or other process or papers, and you further agree that such service may be made by registered or certified mail, in any federal or state action, administrative *proceeding* or arbitration brought against you in any place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, if the action, *proceeding*, or arbitration (a) arises out of any activity in connection with your investment advisory business that is subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, and (b) is *founded*, directly or indirectly, upon the provisions of: (i) the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, the Investment Company Act of 1940, or the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, or any rule or regulation under any of these acts, or (ii) the laws of the state in which you maintain your *principal office and place of business* or of any state in which you are submitting a *notice filing*.

Signature

I, the undersigned, sign this Form ADV on behalf of, and with the authority of, the investment adviser. The investment adviser and I both certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that the information and statements made in this ADV, including exhibits and any other information submitted, are true and correct, and that I am signing this Form ADV Execution Page as a free and voluntary act.

I certify that the adviser's books and records will be preserved and available for inspection as required by law. Finally, I authorize any *person* having *custody* or possession of these books and records to make them available to federal and state regulatory representatives.

Signature:

FRANCESCO MICHAEL GOZZILLO

Printed Name:

FRANCESCO MICHAEL GOZZILLO

Adviser *CRD* Number:

105080

Date: MM/DD/YYYY

03/30/2026

Title:

CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER

NON-RESIDENT INVESTMENT ADVISER EXECUTION PAGE

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By signing this Form ADV Execution Page, you, the undersigned adviser, irrevocably appoint each of the Secretary of the SEC, and the Secretary of State or other legally designated officer, of any other state in which you are submitting a *notice filing*, as your agents to receive service, and agree that such persons may accept service on your behalf, of any notice, subpoena, summons, *order* instituting *proceedings*, demand for arbitration, or other process or papers, and you further agree that such service may be made by registered or certified mail, in any federal or state action, administrative *proceeding* or arbitration brought against you in any place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, if the action, *proceeding* or arbitration (a) arises out of any activity in connection with your investment advisory business that is subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, and (b) is *founded*, directly or indirectly, upon the provisions of: (i) the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, the Investment Company Act of 1940, or the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, or any rule or regulation under any of these acts, or (ii) the laws of any state in which you are submitting a *notice filing*.

2. Appointment and Consent: Effect on Partnerships

If you are organized as a partnership, this irrevocable power of attorney and consent to service of process will continue in effect if any partner withdraws from or is admitted to the partnership, provided that the admission or withdrawal does not create a new partnership. If the partnership dissolves, this irrevocable power of attorney and consent shall be in effect for any action brought against you or any of your former partners.

3. *Non-Resident* Investment Adviser Undertaking Regarding Books and Records

By signing this Form ADV, you also agree to provide, at your own expense, to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission at its principal office in Washington D.C., at any Regional or District Office of the Commission, or at any one of its offices in the United States, as specified by the Commission, correct, current, and complete copies of any or all records that you are required to maintain under Rule 204-2 under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. This undertaking shall be binding upon you, your heirs, successors and assigns, and any *person* subject to your written irrevocable consents or powers of attorney or any of your general partners and *managing agents*.

Signature

I, the undersigned, sign this Form ADV on behalf of, and with the authority of, the *non-resident* investment adviser. The investment adviser and I both certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that the information and statements made in this ADV, including exhibits and any other information submitted, are true and correct, and that I am signing this Form ADV Execution Page as a free and voluntary act.

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