



EDGA & EDGX STOCK EXCHANGES			
Regulatory Information Circular			
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**Subject: Market Vectors<sup>®</sup> Preferred Securities ex Financials ETF**

### **Background Information on the Fund**

As more fully explained in the [Registration Statement](#) (Nos. 811-10325 and 333-123257) for Market Vectors<sup>®</sup> ETF Trust (“Trust”), the Trust is an open-end management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (“1940 Act”), and currently has 30 investment portfolios, of which the Market Vectors<sup>®</sup> Preferred Securities ex Financials ETF (the “Fund”) is one portfolio. The Fund is a registered investment company and an exchange-traded “index fund.”

Van Eck Associates Corporation serves as the adviser and administrator (the “Advisor”) of the Shares. Van Eck Securities Corporation serves as the distributor (the “Distributor”) of the Shares. The Bank of New York Mellon serves as the Fund’s custodian and provides transfer agency and fund accounting services to the Fund.

### **Description of the Fund**

The Fund seeks to replicate as closely as possible, before fees and expenses, the price and yield performance of the Wells Fargo Hybrid and Preferred Securities ex Financials Index (the “Underlying Index”).

The Fund normally invests at least 80% of its total assets in securities that comprise the Fund’s benchmark index. The Underlying Index is comprised of convertible or exchangeable and non-convertible preferred securities listed on U.S. exchanges, including securities that, in Wells Fargo & Company’s (the “Index Provider”) judgment, are functionally equivalent to preferred securities including, but not limited to, convertible securities, depositary preferred securities and perpetual subordinated debt, excluding securities with a “financial” industry sector classification (collectively, “Preferred Securities”). Preferred Securities generally pay fixed or variable rate distributions to preferred shareholders and such shareholders have preference over common shareholders in the payment of distributions and in the event of a liquidation of the issuer’s assets, but are junior to most other forms of debt, including senior and subordinated debt. Functionally equivalent securities to Preferred Securities are securities that are issued and trade in similar manner to traditional perpetual preferred securities. Such securities generally have a lower par amount, may allow the issuer to defer interest or dividend payments and are equal to preferred shareholders or the lowest level of subordinated debt in terms of claims to the issuer’s

assets in the event of liquidation. Preferred Securities issued by real estate investment trusts (“REITs”) are not considered to be securities with a “financial” industry sector classification as determined by the Bloomberg Professional® service, and therefore may be included in the Underlying Index. Preferred Securities may be subject to redemption or call provisions and may include those issued by small- and medium-capitalization companies.

The Fund, using a “passive” or indexing investment approach, attempts to approximate the investment performance of the Underlying Index by investing in a portfolio of securities that generally replicates the Underlying Index. The Adviser expects that, over time, the correlation between the Fund’s performance before fees and expenses and that of the Underlying Index will be 95% or better. A figure of 100% would indicate perfect correlation.

The Underlying Index is sponsored by Wells Fargo & Company, which is not affiliated with or sponsored by the Fund or the Adviser. The Index Provider determines the composition of the Underlying Index and relative weightings of the securities in the Underlying Index, and publishes information regarding the market value of the Underlying Index.

As described more fully in the Trust’s [prospectus](#) (“Prospectus”) and [Statement of Additional Information](#) (“SAI”), the Fund will issue and redeem Shares on a continuous basis at their net asset value (“NAV”) only in large blocks of 50,000 Shares (each, a “Creation Unit”). Creation Units will be issued and redeemed principally in-kind for securities included in the underlying index. Except when aggregated in Creation Units, the Shares may not be redeemed with the Fund.

Net investment income, if any, are typically distributed to shareholders at monthly, while capital gains, if any, are typically distributed to shareholders at least annually.

Dividends from net investment income, if any, are declared and paid at least monthly by the Fund. Distributions of net realized capital gains, if any, generally are declared and paid once a year, but the Trust may make distributions on a more frequent basis for the Fund to improve its Index tracking or to comply with the distribution requirements of the Internal Revenue Code, in all events in a manner consistent with the provisions of the 1940 Act. It is currently expected that the Fund will distribute virtually all of its net income (interest less expenses) monthly while capital gains distributions will generally occur annually in December. In addition, the Trust may distribute at least annually amounts representing the full dividend yield on the underlying portfolio securities of the Fund, net of expenses of the Fund, as if the Fund owned such underlying portfolio securities for the entire dividend period in which case some portion of each distribution may result in a return of capital for tax purposes for certain shareholders.

Shares are held in book-entry form, which means that no Share certificates are issued. The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”) or its nominee is the record owner of all outstanding Shares of the Funds and is recognized as the owner of all Shares for all purposes.

The NAV per Share of the Fund will be determined as of the close of trading (normally, 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time (“ET”)) on each day that EDGA Exchange, Inc. and EDGX Exchange, Inc. (the “Exchanges”) are open for business. NAV will be available from the Distributor and is

also available to National Securities Clearing Corporation (“NSCC”) participants through data made available from NSCC.

The Fund’s [Registration Statement](#) describes the various fees and expenses for the Fund’s Shares. For a more complete description of the Fund and the Underlying Index, visit [www.vaneck.com](http://www.vaneck.com).

### **Principal Risks**

Interested persons are referred to the [Prospectus](#) for a description of risks associated with investments in the Shares. These risks include preferred securities risk; convertible securities risk; credit risk; interest rate risk; risk of subordinated obligations; call risk; risk of investing in REITS; risk of investing in the real estate industry; risks of investing in the utilities sector; risk of investing in the consumer discretionary sector; market risk; risk of investing in foreign issuers; risk of investing in small- and medium-capitalization companies; index tracking risk; replication management risk; non-diversified risk; concentration risk. In addition, as noted in the Prospectus, the Shares may trade at market prices that may differ from their NAV. The NAV of the Shares will fluctuate with changes in the market value of the Fund’s holdings. The market prices of the Shares will fluctuate in accordance with changes in NAV as well as the supply and demand for the Shares on the Exchange.

The Fund’s Prospectus describing other risks will be available at [www.vaneck.com](http://www.vaneck.com).

### **Exchange Rules Applicable to Trading in the Shares**

The shares are considered equity securities, thus rendering trading in the shares subject to the Exchange’s existing rules governing the trading of equity securities.

### **Trading Hours**

Trading in the shares on EDGA Exchange, Inc. and EDGX Exchange, Inc. (together, the “Exchanges”) is on a UTP basis and is subject to the Exchanges equity trading rules. The shares will trade from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Members trading the shares during the Extended Market Sessions (Pre-opening and Post-closing sessions) are exposed to the risk of the lack of the calculation or dissemination of underlying index value or intraday indicative value (“IIV”). For certain derivative securities products, an updated underlying index value or IIV may not be calculated or publicly disseminated in the Extended Market hours. Since the underlying index value and IIV are not calculated or widely disseminated during Extended Market hours, an investor who is unable to calculate implied values for certain derivative securities products during Extended Market hours may be at a disadvantage to market professionals.

### **Trading Halts**

The Exchanges will halt trading in the shares in accordance with Exchange Rules 14.1(c)(4). The grounds for a halt under this Rule include a halt by the primary market because it stops trading the shares and/or a halt because dissemination of the IIV or applicable currency

spot price has ceased, or a halt for other regulatory reasons. In addition, the Exchanges will stop trading the shares if the primary market de-lists the shares.

### **Suitability**

Trading in the shares on the Exchanges will be subject to the provisions of EDGA and EDGX Exchange Rules 3.7. Members recommending transactions in the shares to customers should make a determination that the recommendation is suitable for the customer. In addition, members must possess sufficient information to satisfy the “know your customer” obligation that is embedded in Exchange Rules 3.7.

Members also should review FINRA Notice to Members 03-71 for guidance on trading these products. The Notice reminds members of their obligations to: (1) conduct adequate due diligence to understand the features of the product; (2) perform a reasonable-basis suitability analysis; (3) perform customer-specific suitability analysis in connection with any recommended transactions; (4) provide a balanced disclosure of both the risks and rewards associated with the particular product, especially when selling to retail investors; (5) implement appropriate internal controls; and (6) train registered persons regarding the features, risk and suitability of these products.

### **Delivery of a Prospectus**

Pursuant to federal securities laws, investors purchasing shares must receive a prospectus prior to or concurrently with the confirmation of a transaction. Investors purchasing shares directly from the Fund (by delivery of the Deposit Amount) must also receive a prospectus.

Prospectuses may be obtained through the Distributor or on the Fund’s website. The Prospectus does not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement (including the exhibits to the registration statement), parts of which have been omitted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC. For further information about the Fund, please refer to the Trust’s registration statement.

### **Exemptive, Interpretive and No-Action Relief Under Federal Securities Regulations**

The Commission has issued letters dated June 27, 2007, April 9, 2007, October 24, 2006, and November 21, 2005 (together the “No-Action Letters”) granting exemptive, interpretive and no-action relief from certain provisions of and rules under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for exchange-traded funds listed and traded on a registered national securities exchange that meet certain criteria. Members are referred to the text of the No-Action Letters, available at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov), for additional information.

### **Regulation M Exemptions**

Generally, Rules 101 and 102 of Regulation M prohibit any "distribution participant" and its "affiliated purchasers" from bidding for, purchasing, or attempting to induce any person to bid for or purchase any security which is the subject of a distribution until after the applicable

restricted period, except as specifically permitted in Regulation M. The provisions of the Rules apply to underwriters, prospective underwriters, brokers, dealers, and other persons who have agreed to participate or are participating in a distribution of securities.

The Commission issued a No-Action Letter by which persons participating in a distribution of shares of a fund may engage in secondary market transactions in such shares during their participation in such a distribution, despite the requirements of from Rule 101 under Regulation M. In addition, the SEC has permitted persons who may be deemed to be participating in the distribution of shares of a fund (i) to purchase securities for the purpose of purchasing creation unit aggregations of fund shares and (ii) to tender securities for redemption in Creation Unit Aggregations. Further, the Commission has clarified that the tender of fund shares to the Fund for redemption does not constitute a bid for or purchase of any of the Fund's securities during the restricted period of Rule 101. The Commission has issued a No-Action Letter relating to paragraph (e) of Rule 102 under Regulation M which allow the redemption of fund shares in creation unit aggregations during the continuous offering of shares.

### **Customer Confirmations for Creation or Redemption of Fund Shares (SEC Rule 10b-10)**

Broker-dealers who handle purchases or redemptions of Fund shares in Creation Units for customers will be permitted to provide such customers with a statement of the number of Creation Unit Aggregations created or redeemed without providing a statement of the identity, number and price of shares of the individual securities tendered to the Fund for purposes of purchasing creation unit aggregations ("Deposit Securities") or the identity, number and price of shares to be delivered by the Trust to the redeeming holder ("Redemption Securities"). The composition of the securities required to be tendered to the Fund for creation purposes and of the securities to be delivered on redemption will be disseminated each business day and will be applicable to requests for creations or redemption, as the case may be, on that day. This exemptive relief under Rule 10b-10 with respect to creations and redemptions is subject to the following conditions:

1. Confirmations to customers engaging in creations or redemptions must state that all information required by Rule 10b-10 will be provided upon request;
2. Any such request by a customer for information required by Rule 10b-10 will be filed in a timely manner, in accordance with Rule 10b-10(c);
3. Except for the identity, number and price of shares of the component securities of the Deposit Securities and Redemption Securities, as described above, confirmations to customers must disclose all other information required by Rule 10b-10(a).

### **SEC Rule 14e-5**

The Commission has permitted any person acting as a dealer-manager of a tender offer for a component security of fund (1) to redeem fund shares in creation unit aggregations from the

issuer that may include a security subject to such tender offer and (2) to purchase fund shares during such tender offer. In addition, a No-Action has been issued under Rule 14e-5 states that if a broker-dealer acting as a dealer-manager of a tender offer for a security of the Fund purchases or arranges to purchase such securities in the secondary market for the purpose of tendering such securities to purchase one or more creation unit aggregations of shares, it must be made in conformance with the following:

1. such bids or purchases are effected in the ordinary course of business, in connection with a basket of 20 or more securities in which any security that is the subject of a distribution, or any reference security, does not comprise more than 5% of the value of the basket purchased; or
2. purchases are effected as adjustments to such basket in the ordinary course of business as a result of a change in the composition of the underlying index; and
3. such bids or purchases are not effected for the purpose of facilitating such tender offer.

#### **Section 11(d)(1); SEC Rules 11d1-1 and 11d1-2**

Section 11(d)(1) of the Act generally prohibits a person who is both a broker and a dealer from effecting any transaction in which the broker-dealer extends credit to a customer on any security which was part of a new issue in the distribution of which he participated as a member of a selling syndicate or group within thirty days prior to such transaction. The Commission has clarified that Section 11(d)(1) does not apply to broker-dealers that are not authorized participants (and, therefore, do not create creation unit aggregations) that engage in both proprietary and customer transactions in shares of a fund in the secondary market, and for broker-dealer authorized participants that engage in creations of creation unit aggregations. This relief is subject to specific conditions, including the condition that such broker-dealer (whether or not an authorized participant) does not, directly or indirectly, receive from the fund complex any payment, compensation or other economic incentive to promote or sell the shares of a fund to persons outside the fund complex, other than non-cash compensation permitted under NASD (now FINRA) Rule 2830 (I)(5)(A), (B) or (C). See letter dated November 22, 2005 from Brian A Bussey, Assistant Chief Counsel, SEC Division of Market Regulation, to Barclays Global Investors, N.A., dated November 22, 2005. The Commission has issued a No-Action Letter under Section 11(d)(1) of the Act now states that broker-dealers may treat shares of a fund, for purposes of Rule 11d1-2, as "securities issued by a registered open-end investment company as defined in the Investment Company Act" and thereby extend credit or maintain or arrange for the extension or maintenance of credit on shares that have been owned by the persons to whom credit is provided for more than 30 days, in reliance on the exemption contained in the rule.

#### **SEC Rule 15c1-5 and 15c1-6**

The Commission has issued a No-Action letter with respect to Rule 15c1-5 and Rule 15c1-6 as to the required disclosure of control by a broker or dealer with respect to creations and redemptions of fund shares and secondary market transactions therein.

**This Regulatory Information Circular is not a statutory Prospectus. Members should consult the Fund's [Registration Statement](#), [SAI](#), [Prospectus](#) and the Fund's [website](#) for relevant information.**

## Appendix A

<b>Ticker</b>	<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>CUSIP</b>
PFXF	Market Vectors <sup>®</sup> Preferred Securities ex Financials ETF	57061R791