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Re: Market Vectors ETFs

Pursuant to Rule 14.11(j)(2) of the Rules of BATS Exchange, Inc. and 14.1(c)(2) of the Rules of BATS Y-Exchange, Inc. (each referred to hereafter as “BATS” or the “Exchange”), this Information Circular is being issued to advise you that the following security has been approved for trading on the Exchange as a UTP Derivative Security pursuant to Chapter XIV of the Exchange’s Rules.

| <u>Securities (the “Fund”)</u> | <u>Symbol</u> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Market Vectors Biotech ETF | BBH |
| Market Vectors Oil Services ETF | OIH |
| Market Vectors Pharmaceutical ETF | PPH |
| Market Vectors Bank and Brokerage ETF | RKH |
| Market Vectors Retail ETF | RTH |
| Market Vectors Semiconductor ETF | SMH |

Commencement of Trading on the Exchange: December 22, 2011

Issuer/Trust: Market Vectors ETF Trust

Issuer Website: www.vaneck.com

Primary Listing Exchange: NYSE

The purpose of this information circular is to outline various rules and policies that will be applicable to trading in these new products pursuant to the Exchange’s unlisted trading privileges, as well as to provide certain characteristics and features of the Shares. For a more complete description of the Issuer, the Shares and the underlying market instruments or indexes, visit the Issuer Website, consult the Prospectus available on the Issuer Website, examine the Issuer Registration Statement or review the most current information bulletin issued by the Primary Listing Exchange. The Issuer Website, the Prospectus, the Issuer Registration Statement and the Primary Exchange Circular are hereafter collectively referred to as the “Issuer Disclosure Materials.”

Background Information on the Fund

The Market Vectors ETF Trust (the “Trust”) is a management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “1940 Act”). The Trust consists of several exchange-traded funds (each, a “Fund” and collectively, the “Funds”). This circular refers only to the Funds listed above. The shares of each of the Funds listed above are referred to herein as “Shares.” Van Eck Associates Corporation (the “Adviser”) is the investment adviser for the Funds.

The Market Vectors Biotech ETF seeks to replicate as closely as possible, before fees and expenses, the price and yield performance of the Market Vectors US Listed Biotech 25 Index (the “Biotech Index”).

The Fund normally invests at least 80% of its total assets in securities that comprise the Fund's benchmark index. The Biotech Index is comprised of common stocks and depositary receipts of U.S. exchange-listed companies in the biotechnology sector. These companies may include foreign companies that are listed on a U.S. exchange. Companies are considered to be in the biotechnology sector if they derive most of their revenues from biotechnology, which includes biotechnology research and development as well as production, marketing and sales of drugs based on genetic analysis and diagnostic equipment. Of the largest 50 stocks in the biotechnology sector by full market capitalization, the top 25 by free-float market capitalization (e.g., includes only shares that are readily available for trading in the market) and three month average daily trading volume are included in the Biotech Index. As of November 4, 2011, the Biotech Index included 25 securities of companies with a market capitalization range of between approximately \$0.5 billion to \$48 billion and an average market capitalization of \$18 billion. These amounts are subject to change. The Fund's 80% investment policy is non-fundamental and requires 60 days' prior written notice to shareholders before it can be changed.

The Market Vectors Bank and Brokerage ETF seeks to replicate as closely as possible, before fees and expenses, the price and yield performance of the Market Vectors US Listed Bank and Brokerage 25 Index (the "Bank Index").

The Fund normally invests at least 80% of its total assets in securities that comprise the Fund's benchmark index. The Bank Index is comprised of common stocks and depositary receipts of U.S. exchange-listed companies engaged primarily on a global basis in the banking sector. These companies include foreign companies that are listed on a U.S. exchange. Companies are considered to be in the banking sector if they derive most of their revenues from banking, which includes a broad range of financial services such as investment banking, brokerage services and corporate lending to large institutions. Of the largest 50 stocks in the banking sector by full market capitalization, the top 25 by free-float market capitalization (e.g., includes only shares that are readily available for trading in the market) and three month average daily trading volume are included in the Bank Index. As of November 4, 2011, the Bank Index included 25 securities of companies with a market capitalization range of between approximately \$15 billion to \$155 billion and an average market capitalization of \$74 billion. These amounts are subject to change. The Fund's 80% investment policy is non-fundamental and requires 60 days' prior written notice to shareholders before it can be changed.

The Market Vectors Oil Services ETF seeks to replicate as closely as possible, before fees and expenses, the price and yield performance of the Market Vectors US Listed Oil Services 25 Index (the "Oil Index").

The Fund normally invests at least 80% of its total assets in securities that comprise the Fund's benchmark index. The Oil Index is comprised of common stocks and depositary receipts of U.S. exchange-listed companies in the oil services sector. These companies may include foreign companies that are listed on a U.S. exchange. Companies are considered to be in the oil services sector if they derive most of their revenues from oil services, which include oil equipment, oil services or oil drilling. Of the largest 50 stocks in the oil services sector by full market capitalization, the top 25 by free-float market capitalization (e.g., includes only shares that are readily available for trading in the market) and three month average daily trading volume are included in the Oil Index. As of November 4, 2011, the Oil Index included 25 securities of companies with a market capitalization range of between approximately \$2 billion to \$101 billion and an average market capitalization of \$33 billion. These amounts are subject to change. The Fund's 80% investment policy is non-fundamental and requires 60 days' prior written notice to shareholders before it can be changed.

The Market Vectors Pharmaceutical ETF seeks to replicate as closely as possible, before fees and expenses, the price and yield performance of the Market Vectors US Listed Pharmaceutical 25 Index (the "Pharma Index").

The Fund normally invests at least 80% of its total assets in securities that comprise the Fund's benchmark index. The Pharma Index is comprised of common stocks and depositary receipts of U.S.

exchange-listed companies in the pharmaceutical sector. These companies may include foreign companies that are listed on a U.S. exchange. Companies are considered to be in the pharmaceutical sector if they derive most of their revenues from pharmaceuticals, which includes pharmaceutical research and development as well as production, marketing and sales of pharmaceuticals. Of the largest 50 stocks in the pharmaceutical sector by full market capitalization, the top 25 by free-float market capitalization (e.g., includes only shares that are readily available for trading in the market) and three month average daily trading volume are included in the Pharma Index. As of November 4, 2011, the Pharma Index included 25 securities of companies with a market capitalization range of between approximately \$2 billion to \$176 billion and an average market capitalization of \$74 billion. These amounts are subject to change. The Fund's 80% investment policy is non-fundamental and requires 60 days' prior written notice to shareholders before it can be changed.

The Market Vectors Retail ETF seeks to replicate as closely as possible, before fees and expenses, the price and yield performance of the Market Vectors US Listed Retail 25 Index (the "Retail Index").

The Fund normally invests at least 80% of its total assets in securities that comprise the Fund's benchmark index. The Retail Index is comprised of common stocks and depositary receipts of U.S. exchange-listed companies in the retail sector. These companies may include foreign companies that are listed on a U.S. exchange. Companies are considered to be in the retail sector if they derive most of their revenues from retail, which includes retail distribution; wholesalers; online, direct mail and TV retailers; multi-line retailers; specialty retailers, such as apparel, automotive, computer and electronics, drug, home improvement and home furnishing retailers; and food and other staples retailers. Of the largest 50 stocks in the retail sector by full market capitalization, the top 25 by free-float market capitalization (e.g., includes only shares that are readily available for trading in the market) and three month average daily trading volume are included in the Retail Index. As of November 4, 2011, the Retail Index included 25 securities of companies with a market capitalization range of between approximately \$5 billion to \$199 billion and an average market capitalization of \$54 billion. These amounts are subject to change. The Fund's 80% investment policy is non-fundamental and requires 60 days' prior written notice to shareholders before it can be changed.

The Market Vectors Semiconductor ETF seeks to replicate as closely as possible, before fees and expenses, the price and yield performance of the Market Vectors US Listed Semiconductor 25 Index (the "Semiconductor Index").

The Fund normally invests at least 80% of its total assets in securities that comprise the Fund's benchmark index. The Semiconductor Index is comprised of common stocks and depositary receipts of U.S. exchange-listed companies in the semiconductor sector. These companies may include foreign companies that are listed on a U.S. exchange. Companies are considered to be in the semiconductor sector if they derive most of their revenues from semiconductors, which includes the production of semiconductors and semiconductor equipment. Of the largest 50 stocks in the semiconductor sector by full market capitalization, the top 25 by free-float market capitalization (e.g., includes only shares that are readily available for trading in the market) and three month average daily trading volume are included in the Semiconductor Index. As of November 4, 2011, the Semiconductor Index included 25 securities of companies with a market capitalization range of between approximately \$3 billion to \$125 billion and an average market capitalization of \$44 billion. These amounts are subject to change. The Fund's 80% investment policy is non-fundamental and requires 60 days' prior written notice to shareholders before it can be changed.

As described more fully in the Trust's prospectus and Statement of Additional Information ("SAI"), the Funds issue and redeem Shares at net asset value ("NAV") only in large blocks of 25,000 Shares (each block of Shares called a "Creation Unit") or multiples thereof. As a practical matter, only broker-dealers or large institutional investors with creation and redemption agreements (called Authorized Participants) can purchase or redeem these Creation Units. Except when aggregated in Creation Units, the Shares may not be redeemed with the Funds.

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

Shares are held in book-entry form, which means that no Share certificates are issued. The Depository Trust Company 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 for each Fund is computed by dividing the value of the net assets of the Fund (i.e., the value of its total assets less total liabilities) by the total number of Shares outstanding. Expenses and fees are accrued daily and taken into account for purposes of determining NAV. The NAV of each Fund is determined each business day after the close of trading (ordinarily 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time or "ET") of the New York Stock Exchange. Any assets or liabilities denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar are converted into U.S. dollars at the current market rates on the date of valuation as quoted by one or more sources.

Please see the Fund's prospectus for more information regarding the Fund and its investment objective.

The registration statement for the Funds describes the various fees and expenses for the Funds' Shares. For a more complete description of the Funds and the underlying indexes, visit the Issuer Website.

Principal Risks

Interested persons are referred to the discussion in the prospectus for the Funds of the principal risks of an investment in the Funds. These include tracking error risk (factors causing a Fund's performance to not match the performance of its underlying index), market trading risk (for example, trading halts, trading above or below net asset value), investment style risk, sector risk, investment approach risk, non-diversification risk, issuer-specific risk, management risk, equity securities risk and derivatives risk.

Exchange Rules Applicable to Trading in the Shares

Trading in the Shares on BATS is subject to BATS equity trading rules.

Trading Hours

The value of the Index underlying the Shares will be disseminated to data vendors every 15 seconds during Regular Trading Hours.

The Shares will trade on BATS between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. ET. Please note that trading in the Shares during the Exchange's Pre-Opening and After Hours Trading Sessions may result in additional trading risks which include: (1) that the current underlying indicative value may not be updated during the Pre-Opening and After Hours Trading Sessions, (2) lower liquidity in the Pre-Opening and After Hours Trading Sessions may impact pricing, (3) higher volatility in the Pre-Opening and After Hours Trading Sessions may impact pricing, (4) wider spreads may occur in the Pre-Opening and After Hours Trading Sessions, and (5) because the indicative value is not calculated or widely disseminated during the Pre-Opening or After Hours Trading Sessions, an investor who is unable to calculate an implied value for the Shares in those sessions may be at a disadvantage to market professionals.

Dissemination of Data

The Consolidated Tape Association will disseminate real time trade and quote information for the Shares to Tape B.

| Name | Listing Market | Trading Symbol | IOPV Symbol | NAV Symbol |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Market Vectors Biotech ETF | NYSE | BBH | BBH.IV | BBH.NV |
| Market Vectors Oil Services ETF | NYSE | OIH | OIH.IV | OIH.NV |
| Market Vectors Pharmaceutical ETF | NYSE | PPH | PPH.IV | PPH.NV |
| Market Vectors Bank and Brokerage ETF | NYSE | RKH | RKH.IV | RKH.NV |
| Market Vectors Retail ETF | NYSE | RTH | RTH.IV | RTH.NV |
| Market Vectors Semiconductor ETF | NYSE | SMH | SMH.IV | SMH.NV |

Delivery of a Prospectus

BATS Members should be mindful of applicable prospectus delivery requirements under the federal securities laws with respect to transactions in the Fund. Prospectuses may be obtained through the Funds' website. The prospectus for the Fund does not contain all of the information set forth in the Funds' 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 its Registration Statement.

In the event that the Fund relies upon an order by the SEC exempting the Shares from certain prospectus delivery requirements under Section 24(d) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 and in the future make available a written product description, BATS Exchange, Inc. Rule 14.11(j)(3) and BATS Y-Exchange, Inc. Rule 14.1(c)(3) require that BATS Members provide to all purchasers of Shares a written description of the terms and characteristics of such securities, in a form prepared by the Issuer of the Fund, no later than the time a confirmation of the first transaction in the Shares is delivered to such purchaser. In addition, BATS Members shall include such a written description with any sales material relating to the Shares that is provided to customers or the public. Any other written materials provided by a BATS member to customers or the public making specific reference to the Shares as an investment vehicle must include a statement in substantially the following form: "A circular describing the terms and characteristics of [*the UTP Derivative Securities*] has been prepared by the [*open-ended management investment company name*] and is available from your broker. It is recommended that you obtain and review such circular before purchasing [*the UTP Derivative Securities*]."

A BATS member carrying an omnibus account for a non-member broker-dealer is required to inform such non-member that execution of an order to purchase Shares for such omnibus account will be deemed to

constitute agreement by the non-member to make such written description available to its customers on the same terms as are directly applicable to BATS member under this rule.

Upon request of a customer, BATS Members also shall provide a copy of the Prospectus.

Suitability

Trading in the securities on BATS will be subject to the provisions of Exchange Rule 3.7. Members recommending transactions in the securities to customers should make a determination that the recommendation is suitable for the customer.

Trading Halts

BATS will halt trading in the Shares of a security in accordance with BATS Rule 14.1(c)(4). The grounds for a halt under BATS Rule 14.1(c)(4) include a halt by the primary market because the intraday indicative value of the security and/or the value of its underlying index are not being disseminated as required, or a halt for other regulatory reasons. In addition, BATS will stop trading the Shares of a security if the primary market de-lists the security.

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

The Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") has issued letters granting exemptive, interpretive and no-action relief from certain provisions of rules under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for exchange-traded securities listed and traded on a registered national securities exchange that meet certain criteria.

AS WHAT FOLLOWS IS ONLY A SUMMARY OF THE RELIEF OUTLINED IN THE NO-ACTION LETTERS REFERENCED ABOVE, THE EXCHANGE ADVISES INTERESTED PARTIES TO CONSULT THE NO-ACTION LETTERS FOR MORE COMPLETE INFORMATION REGARDING THE MATTERS COVERED THEREIN AND THE APPLICABILITY OF THE RELIEF GRANTED IN RESPECT OF TRADING IN SECURITIES. INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD ALSO CONSULT THEIR PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS.

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 SEC has granted an exemption from Rule 101 under Regulation M to permit persons participating in a distribution of shares of the above-mentioned Fund to engage in secondary market transactions in such shares during their participation in such a distribution. In addition, the SEC has granted relief under Regulation M to permit persons who may be deemed to be participating in the distribution of Shares of the above-mentioned 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 SEC 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 SEC has also granted an exemption pursuant to paragraph (e) of Rule 102 under Regulation M to allow the redemption of Fund Shares in Creation Unit Aggregations during the continuous offering of Shares.

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

Broker-dealers who handle purchases or redemptions of Fund Shares in Creation Unit size 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 for the Fund 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 redemption 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); and
- 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).

Rule 10b-17 (Untimely Announcement of Record Dates)

The SEC has granted an exemption from the requirements of Rule 10b-17 that will cover transactions in the Shares.

Section 11(d)(1); Rule 11d1-2 (Customer Margin)

The SEC has taken a no-action position under Section 11(d)(1) that will permit broker-dealers that do not create Shares but engage in both proprietary and customer transactions in such Shares exclusively in the secondary market to extend or maintain or arrange for the extension or maintenance of credit on the Shares, in connection with such secondary market transactions. For broker-dealers that engage in the creation of Shares, the SEC has also taken a no-action position under Rule 11d1-2 that will cover the extension or maintenance or the arrangement for the extension or maintenance of credit on the Shares that have been owned by the persons to whom credit is provided for more than 30 days.

Rule 14e-5

An exemption from Rule 14e-5 has been granted to permit any person acting as a dealer-manager of a tender offer for a component security of the 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 position has been taken under Rule 14e-5 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, if 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 purchase; 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.

SEC Rule 15c1-5 and 15c1-6 (Disclosure of Control and interest in Distributions)

The SEC has taken a no-action position under Rule 15c1-5 that will permit a broker-dealer to execute transactions in Shares without disclosing any control relationship with an issuer of a component security. In addition, the SEC has taken a no-action position under Rule 15c1-6 that will permit a broker dealer to execute transactions in the Shares without disclosing its participation or interest in a primary or secondary distribution of a component security.

This Information Circular is not a statutory prospectus. BATS Members should consult the prospectus for a security and the security's website for relevant information.

Please contact Membership Services at 913.815.7002 with any inquiries regarding this Information Circular.