

## Global Hard Assets Estimated Performance Attribution (QTD)

VanEck Global Hard Assets Fund vs. S&P North American Natural Resources Sector Index

9/30/2018 to 12/31/2018

U.S. Dollar

	VanEck Global Hard Assets Fund			S&P North American Natural Resources Sector Index			Variation			Attribution Analysis		
	Port. Average Weight	Port. Total Return	Port. Contrib. To Return	Bench. Average Weight	Bench. Total Return	Bench. Contrib. To Return	Average Weight Difference	Total Return Difference	Contrib. To Return Difference	Allocation Effect	Selection + Interaction	Total Effect
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-23.48</b>	<b>-23.48</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>-23.43</b>	<b>-23.43</b>	--	<b>-0.05</b>	<b>-0.05</b>	<b>0.92</b>	<b>-0.97</b>	<b>-0.05</b>
Gold	10.73	16.97	1.44	4.99	14.80	0.61	5.74	2.17	0.82	2.03	0.13	2.16
Diversified Metals & Mining	11.41	-10.73	-0.95	0.87	-15.36	-0.12	10.53	4.64	-0.84	1.16	0.47	1.63
[Cash]	2.82	0.56	0.01	--	--	--	2.82	0.56	0.01	0.64	--	0.64
Fertilizers & Agricultural Chemicals	7.30	-18.71	-1.23	--	--	--	7.30	-18.71	-1.23	0.46	--	0.46
Oil & Gas Equipment & Services	5.85	-45.52	-3.01	9.03	-40.36	-4.06	-3.18	-5.16	1.06	0.73	-0.39	0.34
Packaged Foods & Meats	1.90	-9.71	-0.21	--	--	--	1.90	-9.71	-0.21	0.23	--	0.23
Semiconductor Equipment	1.22	-6.77	-0.11	--	--	--	1.22	-6.77	-0.11	0.18	--	0.18
Oil & Gas Refining & Marketing	2.34	-27.38	-0.66	8.69	-27.25	-2.30	-6.35	-0.13	1.64	0.19	-0.04	0.15
Marine	1.66	-18.10	-0.27	--	--	--	1.66	-18.10	-0.27	0.11	--	0.11
Renewable Electricity	0.50	-3.16	-0.01	--	--	--	0.50	-3.16	-0.01	0.10	--	0.10
Electrical Components & Equipment	0.93	-12.46	-0.14	--	--	--	0.93	-12.46	-0.14	0.08	--	0.08
Steel	4.54	-21.63	-0.98	--	--	--	4.54	-21.63	-0.98	0.08	--	0.08
Forest Products	0.94	-15.64	-0.11	0.28	-16.49	-0.03	0.66	0.84	-0.08	0.07	0.00	0.07
Other	0.32	-2.86	-0.01	--	--	--	0.32	-2.86	-0.01	0.06	--	0.06
Aluminum	--	--	--	0.37	-34.21	-0.13	-0.37	34.21	0.13	0.05	--	0.05
Industrial REITs	0.87	-8.34	-0.19	--	--	--	0.87	-8.34	-0.19	0.04	--	0.04
Agricultural Products	1.01	-21.56	-0.23	--	--	--	1.01	-21.56	-0.23	0.01	--	0.01
Copper	4.32	-25.01	-1.00	1.01	-25.64	-0.24	3.31	0.64	-0.76	-0.03	0.03	0.01
Paper Products	--	--	--	0.22	-27.62	-0.04	-0.22	27.62	0.04	-0.01	--	-0.01
Coal & Consumable Fuels	--	--	--	0.44	-5.44	-0.02	-0.44	5.44	0.02	-0.08	--	-0.08
Silver	--	--	--	0.59	9.34	0.06	-0.59	-9.34	-0.06	-0.21	--	-0.21
Construction Materials	--	--	--	1.78	-12.41	-0.16	-1.78	12.41	0.16	-0.24	--	-0.24
Paper Packaging	--	--	--	3.94	-18.26	-0.62	-3.94	18.26	0.62	-0.27	--	-0.27
Metal & Glass Containers	--	--	--	2.46	-5.05	-0.12	-2.46	5.05	0.12	-0.44	--	-0.44
Oil & Gas Drilling	4.34	-48.25	-2.40	1.27	-45.61	-0.67	3.07	-2.64	-1.73	-0.81	-0.17	-0.98
Integrated Oil & Gas	--	--	--	23.09	-18.19	-4.23	-23.09	18.19	4.23	-1.27	--	-1.27
Oil & Gas Storage & Transportation	2.73	-19.99	-0.54	13.67	-12.39	-1.78	-10.94	-7.60	1.24	-1.13	-0.20	-1.33
Oil & Gas Exploration & Production	34.26	-34.55	-12.90	27.28	-33.00	-9.59	6.98	-1.55	-3.31	-0.79	-0.80	-1.60

Source: FactSet PA (Portfolio Analytics). Figures are gross of fees, non-transaction based and therefore estimates only. Figures may not correspond with published performance information based on NAV per share. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Analysis uses Global Industry Classification Standards (GICS). Securities marked "other" have not been assigned a GICS sub-industry. Portfolio holdings may change over time. These are not recommendations to buy or sell any security.

### Allocation Effect:

Allocation effect is the portion of portfolio excess return attributed to taking different group bets from the benchmark. (If either the portfolio or the benchmark has no position in a given group, allocation effect is the lone effect.) A group's allocation effect equals the weight of the portfolio's group minus the weight of the benchmark's group times the total return of the benchmark group minus the total return of the benchmark in aggregate.

**Selection Effect:**

Selection effect is the portion of portfolio excess return attributable to choosing different securities within groups from the benchmark. A group's selection effect equals the weight of the benchmark's group multiplied by the total return of the portfolio's group minus the total return of the benchmark's group.

**Interaction Effect:**

Interaction effect is the portion of the portfolio's excess return attributable to combining allocation decisions with relative performance. This effect measures the strength of the manager's convictions. The interaction effect is the weight differential times the return differential. A group's interaction effect equals the weight of the portfolio's group minus the weight of the benchmark's group times the total return of the portfolio's group minus the total return of the benchmark's group.

**Total Effect:**

The total effect is the sum of all three effects. The total effect represents the opportunity cost of your investment decisions in a group relative to the overall benchmark.

Van Eck Global Hard Assets Fund's annualized returns for the Institutional Shares (Class I) as of December 31, 2018: 1-year, -29.04%; 5-year, -11.42%; Since inception, -1.52%.

Expenses are calculated for the 12-month period ending 12/31/18: Class A: Gross 1.53% and Net 1.38%; Class C: Gross 2.19% and Net 2.19%; Class I: Gross 1.06% and Net 0.95%; and Class Y: Gross 1.16% and Net 1.13%. Expenses are capped contractually through 05/01/19 at 1.38% for Class A; 2.20% for Class C; 0.95% for Class I; and 1.13% for Class Y. Caps exclude acquired fund fees and expenses, interest, trading, dividends, and interest payments of securities sold short, taxes, and extraordinary expenses.

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