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| Assets (\$USD)  | <b>\$ 44,200,000</b>              | 29-Jul-22 | Currency        | USD              |
| Type:           | Gold & PM                         |           | Domicile:       | USA              |
| Structure:      | Pension Fund (segregated account) |           | Inception_Date: | <b>26-Apr-13</b> |
| Performance Fee | none                              |           |                 |                  |
| Benchmark       | NYSE Arca Gold Miners (GDM) Index |           |                 |                  |

## Investment Philosophy and Objective

The VanEck VIP Global Gold Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation by investing in common stocks of gold-mining companies. The Fund may take current income into consideration when choosing investments. The Fund's benchmark is the NYSE Arca Gold Miners (GDMNTR) Index. The Fund is an actively managed portfolio investing in gold-mining equities and geologist Joe Foster has been a part of the investment team since 1996.

The Fund offers exposure to gold, a distinct asset class typically fueled by robust investment and fabrication demand, as well as by ongoing supply constraints. Gold-related investments may provide a hedge against financial assets in volatile markets or inflationary periods. Our specialized investment team conducts continuous on- and under-the-ground research to assess mining efficiencies and opportunities.

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Start Date  
**26-Apr-13**

Mr. Foster is one of a team of managers/analysts responsible for managing Van Eck International Investors Gold Fund, the Van Eck Global Hard Assets Fund and the Worldwide Hard Assets Fund. He joined Van Eck Global in 1996 as a mining analyst. Mr. Foster has 15 years of experience as a geologist.

Prior to joining Van Eck, Mr. Foster was with the Pinson Mining Company from 1988 to 1996, where he was Senior Geologist and managed an on-site exploration department and focused on reverse circulation and core drilling projects. Mr. Foster was first a Mine Exploration Geologist for Pinson, during which time he planned and supervised exploration drilling. Before joining Pinson in 1988, Mr. Foster was a Mine Exploration Geologist at Lacana Gold Inc., where he conducted exploration for precious metals in Nevada.

Mr. Foster received a BS in Geology from Tennessee Technological University, an MS in Geology from the Mackey School of Mines, and an MBA from the University of Nevada-Reno.

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Ms. Imaru Beatriz Casanova is a Deputy Portfolio Manager and Senior Analyst at Van Eck Associates Corporation. Ms. Casanova has been a member of the hard assets and gold and precious metals investment management team since 2011.

Previously Ms. Casanova was a Managing Director and Senior Equity Research Analyst at McNicoll Lewis & Vlak. Ms. Casanova established the firm's metals and mining research department and specialized in under covered and undiscovered precious metals companies. She was previously an Equity Research Analyst at Barnard Jacobs Mellet USA and BMO Capital Markets covering the gold mining sector. Ms. Casanova formerly held positions as a Production Technologist, Offshore Wellsite Supervisor, and Petroleum Engineer at Shell Exploration and Production.

Ms. Casanova earned an M.S. in Mechanical Engineering and a B.S., Magna Cum Laude, in Mechanical Engineering, both from Case Western Reserve University in 1998 and 1997 respectively.

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