

VanEck Merk Gold Trust
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2017-07-19 VanEck Merk Gold Trust Audit

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Pursuant to 433/163

333-180868

Inspectorate Reference: 17003361 Date: 20 July 2017

REPORT OF	: AUDIT
CLIENT	: Merk Investments LLC
TRUST	: VanEck Merk Gold Trust
MATERIAL	: Gold Bars
ACCOUNT NUMBER	: 4249
CUSTODIAN AND LOCATION	: JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., London
AUDIT REFERENCE DATE	: 19 July 2017
AUDIT COMMENCED	: 20 July 2017
AUDIT COMPLETED	: 20 July 2017

This is to certify that in connection with the above consignment, we have represented the supplier, following the agreed procedures, and report the following:

Summary

The table set out below sets out the results for the Audit of Gold bullion in the vault as at 19th July 2017.

Fine weight

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	Number of Bars		
ADVISED	252	102,177.082	Tr.oz
FOUND	252	102,177.082	Tr.oz
VARIANCE	0	0.000	Tr.oz

All bars were deemed to be London Good Delivery, Large Gold Bars said to be purity 99.50% minimum, up to and including 99.99%.

Audit Procedure

1. Reconciled the total weight of metal bullion as recorded by the Administrator to the Custodians records as at the same date.
2. Visually checked each bar for the bar number and brand purity.
3. Verified that the bar numbers, brand purity and number of bars for each individual batch or pallet matches the records supplied by the Custodian and Administrator.
4. Compared the records of the Custodian against those provided by the Administrator and verified that the metal bullion bars are held in the name of the applicable account.
5. Check weighed a random selection of metal bullion bars, equating to approximately 2.5 percent of the bar list, in accordance with Good Delivery Rules.
6. Reconciled the weights reported as per the paperwork supplied by the Custodian and the Administrator.

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7. Reconciled the physical movement of bars which occurred during the inspection period and the completion date of the count.

8. Reported any anomalies discovered by the above procedures back to the Administrator.

Anomalies

There were no anomalies identified in respect of the gold bars held by the custodian as at 19 July 2017 for the above numbered account.

Weighing

Scales were provided by JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., London

Calibration date below is external check date. Scales were calibrated with standard weights prior to weighing.

Scales used:

Manufacturer: Sartorius

Model Number: GBB14202S

Serial Number: 26003312

Calibration date: 13 June 2017

Weighing units & increments: 450 x 0.001 Tr.oz

The audit was carried out to the best of our knowledge and this report reflects our findings as at time and place for audit only.

For and on behalf of

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/s/ Paul Alston

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