

VanEck Merk Gold Trust  
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**VanEck Merk Gold Trust**  
**2019-02-01 Inspectorate International Gold Vault Audit**

**Pursuant to 433/164**  
**333-180868**

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 : 31 January 2019  
AUDIT COMMENCED : 1 February 2019  
AUDIT COMPLETED : 1 February 2019

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 31 January 2019.

	Number of Bars	Fine weight	
ADVISED	287	116,181.571	Tr.oz
FOUND	287	116,181.571	Tr.oz
VARIANCE	0	0.000	Tr.oz

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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 31 January 2019 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: 25 January 2019

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.

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For and on behalf of

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