



SLX

Very Attractive Rating

Van Eck VanEck ETF Trust: VanEck Steel ETF

Predictive Rating		Very Attractive
Quality of Earnings Components: Ratings & Values		
Attractive	Economic vs Reported EPS	Positive EE
Neutral	Return on Invested Capital (ROIC)	10%
Valuation Components: Ratings & Values		
Attractive	Free Cash Flow Yield	5%
Neutral	Price to Economic Book Value Ratio	1.7
Neutral	Growth Appreciation Period	18 year(s)
Fund Expenses: Rating & Value		
Attractive	Total Annual Costs	0.62%

- We strongly recommend investors buy SLX.
- SLX ranks in the 92nd percentile of the 650+ ETFs we cover.
- Positive EE means that economic earnings are positive because the ETF's ROIC is greater than its WACC.
- The Price to Economic Book Value Ratio compares market expectations for future cash flows to existing cash flows. When the ratio is greater than one, the market predicts cash flows will increase, and vice versa.
- Growth Appreciation Period measures the number of years of future profit growth implied by the stock price.
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ETF Details

Net Asset Value (\$MM)	\$112.40
Issuer	Van Eck Associates Corporation
Category	Basic Materials
Index	Amex Steel
Management Style	Passive
Exposure	Long
Inception Date	10/10/2006
Number of Holdings	24
Avg. Daily Volume (3 Mo.)	19,319
Geography	Global

Predictive Rating Methodology

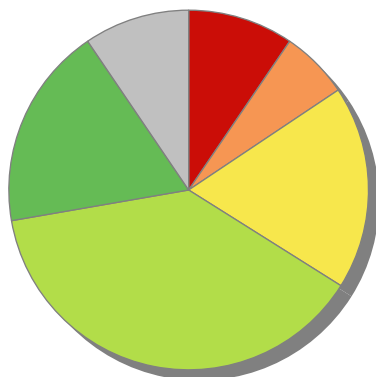
Our predictive rating is based on the aggregation of our financial models for the ETF's holdings, the fund's expenses, and the fund's overall rank.

Our ETF models enable us to assess the profitability and valuation of an ETF just like a stock.

Total Annual Costs

Expense Ratio	0.56%
Total Annual Costs	0.62%
Rank (percentile)	35%

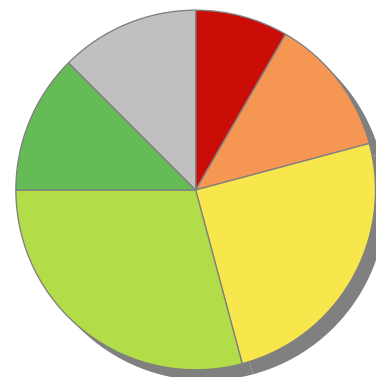
SLX's Accumulated Total Costs are \$1,416.43 over 10 years assuming a \$10,000 investment and 10% returns.



Allocations

10%	Very Unattractive	2
6%	Unattractive	3
18%	Neutral	6
38%	Attractive	7
18%	Very Attractive	3
9%	Unrated	3

Holdings



Top 5 Holdings

Rio Tinto, PLC (RIO)	10.3%
Vale S.A. (VALE)	10.0%
Nucor Corporation (NUE)	7.8%
United States Steel Corp (X)	5.4%
Steel Dynamics, Inc. (STLD)	5.3%

Capitalization Exposure

Large Cap	54%
Mid Cap	33%
Small Cap	4%

Our Predictive ETF Rating includes an analysis of the total cost of owning an ETF. Please contact us for more information.



Explanation of Predictive ETF Rating System

[Predictive ETF Ratings](#) enable smarter investing by assessing the key drivers of future fund performance. We start by analyzing every fund holding based on New Constructs' [stock ratings](#), which are regularly featured as among the best by [Barron's](#).

Predictive Rating	Portfolio Rating					Total Annual Costs Rating
	Quality of Earnings		Valuation			
	Economic vs Reported EPS	Return on Invested Capital (ROIC)	FCF Yield	Price-to-EBV Ratio	Growth Appreciation Period (yrs)	
Very Unattractive	Misleading Trend	Bottom Quintile	< -5%	> 3.5 or -1 < 0	> 50	> 4%
Unattractive	False Positive	4th Quintile	-5% < -1%	2.4 < 3.5 or < -1	20 < 50	2% < 4%
Neutral	Neutral EE	3rd Quintile	-1% < 3%	1.6 < 2.4	10 < 20	1% < 2%
Attractive	Positive EE	2nd Quintile	3% < 10%	1.1 < 1.6	3 < 10	0.5% < 1%
Very Attractive	Rising EE	Top Quintile	> 10%	0 < 1.1	0 < 3	< 0.5%

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- "A final source of differences [between New Constructs' and S&P Global's data] is due to data collection oversights... we identified cases where Compustat did not collect information relating to firms' income that is useful in assessing core earnings." - pp. 16, 2nd para.

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