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Gold in Today's Economic Environment

Axel Merk, President and CIO of Merk Investments, Manager of the Merk Funds, is an authority on currencies and a pioneer in the use of strategic currency investing to seek diversification and portable alpha. In this call, Mr. Merk will explain how to use gold during a bear market and an environment marked by slowing global growth. He will also discuss the Van Eck Merk Gold Trust (OUNZ): The Gold ETF that Delivers.

Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 2:00 PM (ET)

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Additionally, shares of the Trust are bought and sold at market price, not at net asset value ("NAV").

Brokerage commissions will reduce returns.

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