



**VAN ECK FUNDS – GLOBAL HARD ASSETS FUND (CLASS A, C, I, Y)  
INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR 2011 FORM 1099-DIV**

**QUALIFIED DIVIDENDS**

Qualified dividends are shown in Box 1b on Form 1099-DIV. They represent the portion of ordinary dividends, shown in Box 1a, that are earned from most domestic corporations and from qualified foreign corporations. Qualified dividends may be eligible for a lower tax rate than other ordinary income.

**"DIVIDENDS RECEIVED DEDUCTION" FOR CORPORATIONS**

100% is the percentage of ordinary dividends in Box 1a on Form 1099-DIV qualifying for the **Corporate "dividends received deduction."** There is no "dividends received deduction" for individuals.

**TAX TREATMENT OF FOREIGN TAXES PAID**

The Fund did not qualify to pass through any foreign tax credits to shareholders.

We recommend that you consult with your professional tax advisor regarding the preparation of your federal and state income tax returns.

For general account information, account transcripts and duplicate 1099-DIV forms, please call Van Eck Account Assistance at 1-800-544-4653.