

IMPORTANT TRANSACTION AND TAX INFORMATION REGARDING THE EXCHANGE TRANSACTION OF PHARMACEUTICAL HOLDRS TRUST INTO SHARES OF MARKET VECTORS PHARMACEUTICAL ETF

For electing owners ("Exchange Participants") of Pharmaceutical HOLDRS Trust ("PPH HOLDRS"), units of PPH HOLDRS were exchanged on December 20, 2011 for shares of Market Vectors Pharmaceutical ETF. For each PPH HOLDR receipt validly tendered, Exchange Participants received 1 share of Market Vectors Pharmaceutical ETF. This exchange was effected through a series of transfers and rebalance transactions (sales transactions in certain securities underlying the PPH HOLDRS and purchase transactions in new securities for exchange into Market Vectors Pharmaceutical ETF). These transactions were authorized by the Exchange Participant and executed on their behalf. As a result of the rebalance transactions, part of this exchange may result in a taxable event and cost basis adjustments to the Exchange Participant.

Provided is a breakdown of the exchange transactions and tax implications based on a 'PPH HOLDR trading unit" (100 PPH HOLDRS receipts)

1. For each PPH HOLDR Trading Unit tendered, BNY Mellon Shareowner Services as Exchange Agent for the exchange offer, delivered the following securities per PPH HOLDR Trading Unit to BNY ConvergEx Execution Solutions LLC ("ConvergEx"), acting in its capacity transition manager in connection with the exchange offer. The total value of these securities transferred per PPH HOLDR Trading Unit, based on the December 20, 2011 market close, was \$7,191.63.

Security	Symbol	Shares	Closing Price	Value
Abbott Laboratories	ABT	14	54.86	768.04
Allergan Inc/United States	AGN	2	86.91	173.82
Bristol-Myers Squibb Co	BMY	18	35.03	630.54
Eli Lilly & Co	LLY	10	41.12	411.20
Forest Laboratories Inc	FRX	4	29.49	117.96
Hospira Inc	HSP	1.40	29.2	40.88
Johnson & Johnson	JNJ	26	64.52	1,677.52
Medco Health Solutions Inc	MHS	5.3064	55.56	294.82
Merck & Co Inc	MRK	30.0738	37.07	1,114.84
Mylan Inc/PA	MYL	2.25	21.47	48.31
Pfizer Inc	PFE	69.82	21.46	1,498.34
Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Inc	VRX	5.7809	45.48	262.92
Watson Pharmaceuticals Inc	WPI	1	61.19	61.19
Zimmer Holdings Inc	ZMH	1.80	50.7	91.26
				7,191.63

2. ConvergEx, on behalf of the Exchange Participants, sold portions of these shares at the close of the market on December 20, 2011. The total aggregate proceeds realized on these sales of these shares on December 20, 2011 totaled \$4,023.72 representing 55.95% of the total value of the PPH HOLDR Trading Unit. Per PPH HOLDR Trading Unit details of each security sold, including proceeds and percentage of securities sold, are as follows:

Per PPH HOLDR Trading Unit - SALES					
Security	Symbol	Shares	Closing Price	Proceeds	% Sold
Abbott Laboratories	ABT	(7.5445)	54.86	(413.89)	-53.89%
Bristol-Myers Squibb Co	BMY	(7.4687)	35.03	(261.63)	-41.49%
Eli Lilly & Co	LLY	(1.9401)	41.12	(79.78)	-19.40%
Johnson & Johnson	JNJ	(17.7161)	64.52	(1,143.04)	-68.14%
Medco Health Solutions Inc	MHS	(5.3064)	55.56	(294.82)	-100.00%
Merck & Co Inc	MRK	(20.1538)	37.07	(747.10)	-67.01%
Pfizer Inc	PFE	(46.2347)	21.46	(992.20)	-66.22%
Zimmer Holdings Inc	ZMH	(1.8000)	50.7	(91.26)	<u>-100.00%</u>
				(4,023.72)	-55.95%

Proceeds from the sales of these securities should generally be reported to Exchange Participants on Form 1099B. Exchange Participants may realize a taxable gain or loss on these sales based on their specific cost information with respect to the securities. Any cost allocated to sales of underlying securities by an Exchange Participant will reduce the cost basis of the shares of Market Vectors Pharmaceutical ETF received by Exchange Participants by a corresponding amount.

3. ConvergEx, on behalf of the Exchange Participants, purchased securities with an aggregate cost of \$4,024.07 at the close of the market on December 20, 2011. The per PPH HOLDR Trading Unit details of each underlying position purchased, including quantity and cost, are as follows:

Per PPH HOLDR Trading Unit - PURCHASES				
Security	Symbol	Shares	Closing Price	Cost
Allergan Inc/United States	AGN	1.7775	86.91	154.48
AstraZeneca PLC	AZN	7.7285	45.51	351.72
Elan Corp PLC	ELN	4.1729	12.93	183.26
Endo Pharmaceuticals Holdings Inc	ENDP	3.4242	34.78	119.09
Forest Laboratories Inc	FRX	3.9831	29.49	117.46
GlaxoSmithKline PLC	GSK	7.8244	45.23	353.90
Hospira Inc	HSP	3.4423	29.2	100.51
Medicis Pharmaceutical Corp	MRX	1.7864	32.78	58.56
Mylan Inc/PA	MYL	0.1443	21.47	217.80
Novartis AG	NVS	7.2209	56.25	406.17
Novo Nordisk A/S	NVO	2.7594	114.56	316.12
Perrigo Co	PRGO	2.5277	100.8	254.79
Salix Pharmaceuticals Ltd	SLXP	1.6458	46.94	77.25
Sanofi	SNY	9.9189	35.71	354.21
Shire PLC	SHPGY	3.1252	101.7	317.83
Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd	TEVA	7.9471	42.36	336.64
Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Inc	VRX	1.0150	45.48	46.16
Warner Chilcott PLC	WCRX	5.8206	14.27	83.06
Watson Pharmaceuticals Inc	WPI	2.8606	61.19	175.04
				4,024.07

For Exchange Participants, the cost basis of the Market Vectors Pharmaceutical ETF should be increased by the aggregate cost of these purchases.

4. Upon completion of the sale and purchase transactions, per each PPH HOLDR Trading Unit, the following securities and cash were contributed to the Market Vectors Pharmaceutical ETF on December 20, 2011, for 100 shares of Market Vectors Pharmaceutical ETF:

Security	Symbol	Shares	Closing Price	Value
Abbott Laboratories	ABT	6.4555	54.86	354.15
Allergan Inc/United States	AGN	3.7775	86.91	328.30
AstraZeneca PLC	AZN	7.7285	45.51	351.72
Bristol-Myers Squibb Co	BMY	10.5313	35.03	368.91
Elan Corp PLC	ELN	14.1729	12.93	183.26
Eli Lilly & Co	LLY	8.0599	41.12	331.42
Endo Pharmaceuticals Holdings Inc	ENDP	3.4242	34.78	119.09
Forest Laboratories Inc	FRX	7.9831	29.49	235.42
GlaxoSmithKline PLC	GSK	7.8244	45.23	353.90
Hospira Inc	HSP	4.8423	29.2	141.39
Johnson & Johnson	JNJ	8.2839	64.52	534.48
Medicis Pharmaceutical Corp	MRX	1.7864	32.78	58.56
Merck & Co Inc	MRK	9.9200	37.07	367.73
Mylan Inc/PA	MYL	12.3943	21.47	266.10
Novartis AG	NVS	7.2209	56.25	406.17
Novo Nordisk A/S	NVO	2.7594	114.56	316.12
Perrigo Co	PRGO	2.5277	100.8	254.79
Pfizer Inc	PFE	23.5853	21.46	506.14
Salix Pharmaceuticals Ltd	SLXP	1.6458	46.94	77.25
Sanofi	SNY	9.9189	35.71	354.21
Shire PLC	SHPGY	3.1252	101.7	317.83
Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd	TEVA	7.9471	42.36	336.64
Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Inc	VRX	6.7959	45.48	309.08
Warner Chilcott PLC	WCRX	5.8206	14.27	83.06
Watson Pharmaceuticals Inc	WPI	3.8606	61.19	236.23
Cash				(0.35)
				7,191.63

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