

VAN ECK FUNDS 2008 YEAREND DISTRIBUTIONS

In order to assist shareholders with yearend planning, we are pleased to provide the following information which summarizes the 2008 yearend dividends and capital gain distributions for all of the Van Eck Funds.

We strongly urge shareholders to consult with their tax advisers regarding the tax consequences of these dividends and distributions.

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If you have any questions concerning this information or the Van Eck Funds in general, please call 1.800.826.2333 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday.

The majority, and possibly all, of the dividend distributions will be paid out of net investment income earned by the Funds. A portion of these distributions may come from net short-term or long-term realized capital gains or return of capital.

The final tax treatment of these dividends will be reported to shareholders on their 1099-DIV form, which are mailed after the close of each fiscal year. The amount of dividends paid by each Fund may vary from time to time. Past amounts of dividends are no guarantee of future dividend payment amounts.

DATES FOR ALL VAN ECK FUNDS LISTED BELOW:

Record Date: December 19, 2008

Ex-Date, Reinvest and Payable Date: December 22, 2008

DIVIDENDS AND CAPITAL GAIN DISTRIBUTIONS PER SHARE FOR THE VAN ECK FUNDS:

Van Eck Fund	Ticker	Dividend	Short-Term Capital Gain	Long-Term Capital Gain
International Investors Gold Fund-Class A	INIVX	\$0.092	\$0.191	\$0.312
International Investors Gold Fund-Class C	IIGCX	\$0.092	\$0.191	\$0.312
International Investors Gold Fund-I	INIIX	\$0.092	\$0.191	\$0.312
Emerging Markets Fund-Class A	GBFAX	\$0.005	\$0.095	\$0.294
Emerging Markets Fund-Class C	EMRCX	\$0.005	\$0.095	\$0.294
Emerging Markets Fund-Class I	EMRIX	\$0.005	\$0.095	\$0.294
Global Hard Assets Fund-Class A	GHAAX	None	None	None
Global Hard Assets Fund-Class C	GHACX	None	None	None
Global Hard Assets Fund-Class I	GHAIX	None	None	None

Please be advised that except for the Emerging Markets Fund dividend of \$0.005, none of the above dividends and distributions arose from 2008 net income or net realized capital gains but are the result of taxable spillovers of net income and net realized capital gains from 2007.

For more complete information about the Van Eck Funds, contact your investment representative and request a prospectus or visit vaneck.com. Please consider each Fund's objectives, risks and charges and expenses, and read the prospectus carefully before investing. The prospectus contains this and other information about each Fund.

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