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**Van Eck Global Hard Assets Fund (Class A: GHAA)**

**Van Eck International Investors Gold Fund (Class A: INIVX)**

**Van Eck Emerging Markets Fund (Class I: EMRIX)**

**A History of Industry-Recognized Excellence**





Van Eck Global's mission is to offer investors intelligently designed investment strategies that take advantage of targeted market opportunities. We seek to provide long-term, superior performance in all our offerings, giving investors a choice between active and index strategies.

We bring our best to our clients through:

***Independence*** – A history of putting our clients' interests first in all market environments

***Insight*** – Early identification of investment opportunities

***Accessibility*** – clients access portfolio management teams and the firm's significant resources

***Execution*** – Market-tested portfolio management teams and processes

# Van Eck Emerging Markets Fund, Class I

Best Fund, Emerging Markets, 5 Years as of December 31, 2014

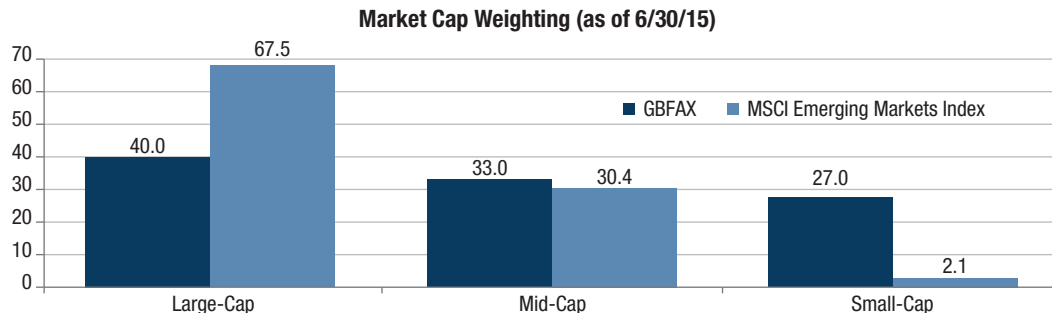
Class A: GBFAX | Class C: EMRCX | Class I: EMRIX | Class Y: EMRYX

- All-cap equity Fund with the flexibility to seek out structural growth potential relatively anywhere in the emerging markets
- Fundamentally driven stock selection and research process focusing on structural growth at a reasonable price (S GARP)
- Benchmark-agnostic portfolio with high active share to help capture growth opportunities overlooked by widely used indices
- Portfolio Manager David Semple and Deputy Portfolio Manager Angus Shillington have nearly 25 years of average industry experience in emerging market equity

*“There are large companies and large sectors in the emerging markets that we don’t think have a particularly good outlook right now. However, we believe that we can find structural growth opportunities supported by idiosyncratic, domestic demand themes often found across the market capitalization spectrum.”*

– David Semple, Portfolio Manager

## Access S GARP Opportunities Across the Emerging Markets Spectrum



Source: FactSet and Morgan Stanley Corporate International (MSCI)

Lipper has awarded the Van Eck Emerging Markets Fund: Class I Shares Best Fund out of 104 eligible investment companies for the five-year period ending 12/31/2014.



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## Van Eck Global Hard Assets Fund, Class A

Best Fund, Global Natural Resources, 10 Years as of December 31, 2014

Class A: GHAAX | Class C: GHACX | Class I: GHAIX | Class Y: GHAYX

- Actively managed commodity-equity portfolio investing across energy, precious and base metals, agriculture, alternative energy, and other hard assets
- Launched in 1994, the Fund was the first long-only hard assets mutual fund offered to U.S. investors
- Expertly managed by a 13-person investment team that is among the industry's largest, and includes trained geologists and engineers
- Investment approach focuses on bottom-up company research and skillful stock selection

### Recent Global Hard Assets Fund (Class A) Industry Recognition:

**2015** – Lipper Fund Award, *Best Fund in Global Natural Resources Funds Category, 10 Years*

**2011** – Lipper Fund Award, *Best Fund in Global Natural Resources Funds Category, 10 Years*

**2010** – Lipper Fund Award, *Best Fund in Global Natural Resources Funds Category, 5 Years*

**2009** – Lipper Fund Award, *Best Fund in Global Natural Resources Funds Category, 5 Years*

Lipper has awarded the Van Eck Global Hard Assets Fund: Class A Shares Best Fund out of 47 eligible investment companies for the five-year period ending 12/31/2008; Best Fund out of 52 eligible investment companies for the five-year period ending 12/31/2009; Best Fund out of 32 eligible investment companies for the 10-year period ending 12/31/2010; and Best Fund out of 16 eligible investment companies for the 10-year period ending 12/31/2014 in the Global Natural Resources Category based on consistent annualized total returns.



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# Van Eck International Investors Gold Fund, Class A

Best Fund, Precious Metals Equity, 10 Years as of December 31, 2014

Class A: INIVX | Class C: IIGCX | Class I: INIIX | Class Y: INIYX

- The Fund's core strategic approach of combined top-down macro analysis with comprehensive bottom-up research has a proven track record
- Van Eck launched the first U.S. gold equity fund in 1968 and continues to be a thought leader and pioneer in gold equity management
- Portfolio Manager Joe Foster has over 30 years of gold industry experience, including time as an exploration geologist. He is a six-time winner of the Sauren Golden Award in Europe for *Outstanding Fund Management in Equity Gold Mines*.\*

## Recent achievements for Van Eck's gold equity management include:

**2015** – Lipper Fund Award, ***Best Fund in Precious Metals Equity Category, 10 Years (Class A)***

**2014** – Lipper Fund Award, ***Best Fund in Precious Metals Equity Category, 10 Years (Class A)***  
Lipper Fund Award – Germany, ***Best Fund in Equity Sector Gold and Precious Metals Category, 5 Years\****

**2013** – Lipper Fund Award – Germany, Austria, United Kingdom, ***Best Fund in Equity Sector Gold and Precious Metals Category, 5 Years\****

**2012** – Lipper Fund Award, ***Best Fund in Precious Metals Equity Category, 5 Years (Class I)***

Lipper has awarded the Van Eck International Investors Gold Fund: Class I Shares Best Fund out of 18 eligible investment companies for the five-year period ending 12/31/2011; the LO Funds – World Gold Expertise (USD) P A\* Best Fund in Germany out of 19 eligible investment companies, Best Fund in Austria out of 14 eligible investment companies, and Best Fund in the United Kingdom out of 13 eligible investment companies for the five-year period ending 12/31/2012; the LO Funds – World Gold Expertise (USD) P A\* Best Fund in Germany out of 21 eligible investment companies for the five-year period ending 12/31/2013; the Van Eck International Investors Gold Fund: Class A Shares Best Fund out of 40 eligible investment companies for the 10-year period ending 12/31/2013; and the Van Eck International Investors Gold Fund: Class A Shares Best Fund out of 18 eligible investment companies for the 10-year period ending 12/31/2014 based on consistent annualized total returns.

\*Awarded in association with the Lombard Odier Fund – World Gold Expertise (“LOF”), which is managed by Van Eck Associates Corporation. The International Investors Gold Fund (“IIG”) is a U.S. mutual fund that has substantially the same investment objective as the Van Eck - Global Gold UCITS and has been managed using investment policies and strategies substantially similar, though not necessarily identical. The Van Eck - Global Gold UCITS is the feeder fund of the Master Fund, LO Funds - World Gold Expertise within the meaning of European Union Directive 2009/65/EC, as amended. LO Funds - World Gold Expertise is a sub-fund of Lombard Odier Funds, which is a Luxembourg investment company with variable capital (SICAV). The information presented does not represent the Master Fund's portfolio holdings or performance, and should not be considered a substitute for the Master Fund's performance or holdings or a prediction of future performance or holdings of the Master Fund. The Master Fund's performance may differ and may hold different securities/financial instruments than IIG.

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