

VAN ECK'S TOP TALENT HARD ASSETS INVESTMENT TEAM



Van Eck Global Hard Assets Fund: Class A Shares

Three-Time Recipient of Lipper's Fund Award in Global Natural Resources (2009, 2010, 2011)

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Van Eck is a recognized global hard assets specialist. With close to 45 years of experience investing in commodities, we employ a fundamental, value-oriented approach. Our experienced team of sector specialists operate within a strong risk-management culture.

At present, Van Eck continues to dedicate significant resources to this important investment category. As the firm's core competency, hard assets is covered by a team of 13 investment professionals.



The Hard Assets Investment Team

From left to right:

Geoff King, Ed Mitby, Sam Halpert, Charlie Cameron, Mark Miller, Shawn Reynolds, Joe Foster, Greg Krenzer, Charl Malan, Luke Desmond; *Chris Mailloux, Imaru Casanova and Roly Morris (not pictured)*

Quick facts about the hard assets investment team:

- Average industry experience: 17 years
- Average tenure at Van Eck: 8 years
- Since 2000; no analyst departures, six additions
- Portfolio managers and sector analysts with both financial and technical industry backgrounds

Our flagship hard assets portfolios invest globally in a diversified range of natural resources equities. For more information on our hard assets portfolios, please contact your financial adviser or visit vaneck.com.

Team Member	Role	Focus	Years at Van Eck	Years in Industry
Charlie Cameron	Co-Portfolio Manager	Portfolio Construction and Trading	17	30
Shawn Reynolds	Co-Portfolio Manager	Company Analysis and Energy	7	25
Roly Morris	Commodity Strategist	Strategy and Client Service	1	29
Joe Foster	Senior Analyst	Precious Metals	16	29
Mark Miller	Analyst	Energy	6	28
Sam Halpert	Senior Analyst	Agriculture, Coal, Steel, Tankers, Timber	12	19
Greg Krenzer	Senior Trader	Risk Management and Trading	18	18
Charl Malan	Senior Analyst	Base Metals	9	17
Imaru Casanova	Senior Analyst	Precious Metals	1	14
Ed Mitby	Senior Analyst	Alternative Energy, Infrastructure	4	11
Geoff King	Analyst	Energy	5	9
Luke Desmond	Trader	N/A	6	6
Chris Mailloux	Trader	N/A	5	5

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