Form 5500

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.**

OMB Nos. 1210-0110
1210-0089

2016

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2016 and ending 12/31/2016

A This return/report is for:
- [ ] a multiemployer plan
- [ ] a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
- [X] a single-employer plan
- [ ] a DFE (specify) ____

B This return/report is:
- [ ] the first return/report
- [ ] the final return/report
- [ ] an amended return/report
- [ ] a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. . . . . ▶ [ ]

D Check box if filing under:
- [X] Form 5558
- [ ] automatic extension
- [ ] the DFVC program
- [ ] special extension (enter description)

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan
VAN ECK ASSOCIATES EMPLOYEES PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST

1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

1c Effective date of plan 01/01/1987

2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)
Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)
VAN ECK ASSOCIATES CORPORATION

666 THIRD AVENUE
9TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, NY 10017-4033

2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 13-3210061

2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 212-293-2258

2d Business code (see instructions) 523900

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	08/22/2017	LEE RAPPAPORT
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

Preparer's name (including firm name, if applicable) and address (include room or suite number)

Preparer's telephone number

3a	Plan administrator's name and address [X] Same as Plan Sponsor	**3b**	Administrator's EIN
		3c	Administrator's telephone number
4	If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the name, EIN and the plan number from the last return/report:	**4b**	EIN
a	Sponsor's name	**4c**	PN

5	Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	**5**	262
6	Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines **6a(1), 6a(2), 6b, 6c,** and **6d**).		
a(1)	Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year	**6a(1)**	191
a(2)	Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year	**6a(2)**	193
b	Retired or separated participants receiving benefits	**6b**	0
c	Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits	**6c**	55
d	Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c**.	**6d**	248
e	Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.	**6e**	0
f	Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e**.	**6f**	248
g	Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)	**6g**	245
h	Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	**6h**	16
7	Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	**7**	

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 2R 2S 2T 3D

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)		**9b** Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)	
(1)	[ ] Insurance	**(1)**	[ ] Insurance
(2)	[ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	**(2)**	[ ] Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3)	[X] Trust	**(3)**	[X] Trust
(4)	[ ] General assets of the sponsor	**(4)**	[ ] General assets of the sponsor

10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

- **(1)** [X] **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- **(3)** [ ] **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary

b General Schedules

- **(1)** [X] **H** (Financial Information)
- **(2)** [ ] **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- **(3)** [ ] **A** (Insurance Information) ___
- **(4)** [X] **C** (Service Provider Information)
- **(5)** [ ] **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- **(6)** [ ] **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2016 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2016 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code_____

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500)	Service Provider Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**2016** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection.**

For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2016 and ending 12/31/2016

A Name of plan
VAN ECK ASSOCIATES EMPLOYEES PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
VAN ECK ASSOCIATES CORPORATION

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
13-3210061

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).. . . . . [X] Yes [ ] No

b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

ALLIANZ GLOBAL INVESTORS DISTRIBUTO
1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS
NEW YORK, NY 10105

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

AMG, INC.

06-1298481

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

BARON CAPITAL
767 FIFTH AVENUE
49TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, NY 10153

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

DELAWARE INVESTMENTS
2005 MARKET STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

FIDELITY DISTRIBUTORS CORP.

500 SALEM STREET
MAIL ZONE O3N
SMITHFIELD, RI 02917

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

FRANKLIN TEMPLETON DISTRIBUTORS, IN

100 FOUNTAIN PARKWAY
ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33716

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

HARTFORD INVESTMENT FINANCIAL SERVI

201 HOPMEADOW STREET
SIMSBURY, CT 06089

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

J.P. MORGAN INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

13-3200244

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

MBSC SECURITIES CORPORATION, DISTRI

ONE BOSTON PLACE
24TH FLOOR
BOSTON, MA 02108

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

MFS FUND DISTRIBUTORS, INC.

04-2747644

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

OPPENHEIMER FUNDS INC.

13-2527171

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

PHOENIX - VIRTUS

56 PROSPECT STREET
PO BOX 150480
HARTFORD, CT 06115

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

T. ROWE PRICE

100 EAST PRATT STREET
BALTIMORE, MD 21202

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

VAN ECK SECURITIES CORPORATION

666 THIRD AVENUE
9TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, NY 10017

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

VANGUARD

455 DEVON PARK DRIVE
WAYNE, PA 19087

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

WELLS FARGO FUNDS DISTRIBUTOR, LLC

525 MARKET STREET
12TH FLOOR
SAN FRANCISO, CA 94105

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

ADP, LLC

13-3036745

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
37 50 15 64 21 49 99	RECORD KEEPER	3109	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [X] No [ ]	0	Yes [ ] No [X]

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

TD AMERITRADE, INC.

82-0543156

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
33 63	SECURITES BROKER	19	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [ ] No [X]	0	Yes [X] No [ ]

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

ADP BROKER-DEALER

22-3319984

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
60 59 63	RECORD KEEPER	0	Yes [X] No [ ]	Yes [ ] No [X]	0	Yes [X] No [ ]

2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, $5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	**(c)** Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	**(d)** Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	**(e)** Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	**(f)** Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	**(g)** Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	**(h)** Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received $1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
ADP BROKER-DEALER	63 60 59	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
ALLIANZ GLOBAL INVESTORS DISTRIBUTO 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NY 10105	ANNUAL RATE 0.00250 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS ANNUAL RATE 0.00250 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS ANNUAL RATE 0.00250 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS ANNUAL RATE 0.00200 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
ADP BROKER-DEALER	60 59	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
AMG, INC. 06-1298481	ANNUAL RATE 0.00350 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
ADP BROKER-DEALER	60 59	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
BARON CAPITAL 767 FIFTH AVENUE 49TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10153	ANNUAL RATE 0.00400 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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ADP BROKER-DEALER	60 59	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
DELAWARE INVESTMENTS 2005 MARKET STREET PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103	ANNUAL RATE 0.00150 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
ADP BROKER-DEALER	60 59	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
FIDELITY DISTRIBUTORS CORP. 500 SALEM STREET MAIL ZONE O3N SMITHFIELD, RI 02917	ANNUAL RATE 0.00100 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
ADP BROKER-DEALER	60 59	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
FRANKLIN TEMPLETON DISTRIBUTORS, IN 100 FOUNTAIN PARKWAY ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33716	ANNUAL RATE 0.00250 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received $1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
ADP BROKER-DEALER	60 59	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
HARTFORD INVESTMENT FINANCIAL SERVI 201 HOPMEADOW STREET SIMSBURY, CT 06089	ANNUAL RATE 0.00100 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
ADP BROKER-DEALER	60 59	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
J.P. MORGAN INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 13-3200244	ANNUAL RATE 0.00250 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS ANNUAL RATE 0.00250 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
ADP BROKER-DEALER	60 59	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
MBSC SECURITIES CORPORATION, DISTRI ONE BOSTON PLACE 24TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02108	ANNUAL RATE 0.00400 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
ADP BROKER-DEALER	63 60 59	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
MFS FUND DISTRIBUTORS, INC. 04-2747644	ANNUAL RATE 0.00250 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
ADP BROKER-DEALER	60 59	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
OPPENHEIMER FUNDS INC. 13-2527171	ANNUAL RATE 0.00250 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
ADP BROKER-DEALER	63 60 59	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
PHOENIX - VIRTUS 56 PROSPECT STREET PO BOX 150480 HARTFORD, CT 06115	ANNUAL RATE 0.00250 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS ANNUAL RATE 0.00200 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
ADP BROKER-DEALER	60 59	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
T. ROWE PRICE 100 EAST PRATT STREET BALTIMORE, MD 21202	ANNUAL RATE 0.00150 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS ANNUAL RATE 0.00150 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
TD AMERITRADE, INC.	63	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
UNAVAILABLE UNAVAILABLE UNAVAILABLE, CA 91367	INCOME FROM MARKET OF APPROX 2.50 PER QUALIFIED T RADE. -0-BPS ANNUALLY ON AVG DAILY ASSETS IN TDAM MONEY MARKET. 12(B)(1) MUTUAL FUND FEES OF 0-25 BP S ON BALANCES IN RESPECTIVE FUND FAMILIES.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
ADP BROKER-DEALER	60 59	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
VAN ECK SECURITIES CORPORATION 666 THIRD AVENUE 9TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017	ANNUAL RATE 0.00100 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS ANNUAL RATE 0.00150 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS ANNUAL RATE 0.00150 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS ANNUAL RATE 0.00150 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS ANNUAL RATE 0.00150 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation
ADP BROKER-DEALER	60 59	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.
WELLS FARGO FUNDS DISTRIBUTOR, LLC 525 MARKET STREET 12TH FLOOR SAN FRANCISO, CA 94105	ANNUAL RATE 0.00150 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS ANNUAL RATE 0.00150 OF AVERAGE DAILY ASSETS

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	**(b)** Service Codes (see instructions)	**(c)** Enter amount of indirect compensation

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	**(e)** Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	**(b)** Nature of Service Code(s)	**(c)** Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide

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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)

(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:	**b** EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	**e** Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	**b** EIN:
c Position:	
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)

Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Financial Information

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

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2016

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For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2016 and ending 12/31/2016

A Name of plan
VAN ECK ASSOCIATES EMPLOYEES PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
VAN ECK ASSOCIATES CORPORATION

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
13-3210061

Part I Asset and Liability Statement

1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	251709	144080
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	26464	43667
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	1715602	
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	291198	365076
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	17969431	25701572
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)	91677	67911

			(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d	Employer-related investments:			
	(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
	(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e	Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f	Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	20346081	26322306
	Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	1g		
h	Operating payables	1h		
i	Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j	Other liabilities	1j		
k	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k	0	0
	Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	20346081	26322306

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

	Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a	**Contributions:**			
	(1) Received or receivable in cash from: **(A)** Employers	2a(1)(A)	1134803	
	(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	2481832	
	(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	317544	
	(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
	(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		3934179
b	**Earnings on investments:**			
	(1) Interest:			
	(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
	(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
	(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
	(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
	(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	12730	
	(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
	(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		12730
	(2) Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
	(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
	(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	591268	
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		591268
	(3) Rents	2b(3)		
	(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
	(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
	(C) Subtract line **2b(4)(B)** from line **2b(4)(A)** and enter result	2b(4)(C)		0
	(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: **(A)** Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
	(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
	(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines **2b(5)(A)** and **(B)**	2b(5)(C)		0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		2202658
c Other income	2c		18996
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		6759831
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	744423	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	2e(4)		744423
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		36074
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)		
(4) Other	2i(4)	3109	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(4)**	2i(5)		3109
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		783606
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		5976225
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		0
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		0

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☐ Unqualified **(2)** ☐ Qualified **(3)** ☒ Disclaimer **(4)** ☐ Adverse

b Did the accountant perform a limited scope audit pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and/or 103-12(d)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: ERNST & YOUNG LLP **(2)** EIN: 34-6565596

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, or MTIA. **(2)** ☐ It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l.

During the plan year:

		Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)	4a		X	
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	4b		X	

			Yes	No	Amount
c	Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	4c		X	
d	Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	4d		X	
e	Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	4e	X		500000
f	Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	4f		X	
g	Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4g		X	
h	Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	4h		X	
i	Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4i	X		
j	Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	4j		X	
k	Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	4k		X	
l	Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	4l		X	
m	If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	4m		X	
n	If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3	4n			
o	Defined Benefit Plan or Money Purchase Pension Plan Only: Were any distributions made during the plan year to an employee who attained age 62 and had not separated from service?	4o			

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year?
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year ☐ **Yes** ☒ **No** **Amount:**

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	**5b(2)** EIN(s)	**5b(3)** PN(s)

5c If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (See ERISA section 4021.)? ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined
If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year_____. (See instructions.)

Part V Trust Information

6a Name of trust	**6b** Trust's EIN

6c Name of trustee or custodian	**6d** Trustee's or custodian's telephone number

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Retirement Plan Information

This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

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2016

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For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2016 and ending 12/31/2016

A Name of plan
VAN ECK ASSOCIATES EMPLOYEES PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST

B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001

C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500
VAN ECK ASSOCIATES CORPORATION

D Employer Identification Number (EIN)
13-3210061

Part I Distributions

All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions **1** 0

2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):

EIN(s): 57-1198022

Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.

3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year **3**

Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section of 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)

4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.

6 **a** Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) **6a**

b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year **6b**

c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount) **6c**

If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.

7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐ **N/A**

Part III Amendments

9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ..... ☐ **Increase** ☐ **Decrease** ☐ **Both** ☐ **No**

Part IV ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under Section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.

10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

11 **a** Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ..... ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify):

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

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(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires *(If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.)* Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information *(If more than one rate applies, check this box* ☐ *and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)*
(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____
(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

14 Enter the number of participants on whose behalf no contributions were made by an employer as an employer of the participant for:

a The current year	**14a**	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	**14b**	
c The second preceding plan year	**14c**	

15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	**15a**	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	**15b**	

16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	**16a**	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	**16b**	

17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment. ☐

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ☐

19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) through (c)

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:
☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more

c What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)?
☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify):

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

20a Is the plan a 401(k) plan? If "No," skip b	☐ Yes ☐ No
20b How did the plan satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals under section 401(k)(3) for the plan year? Check all that apply:	☐ Design-based safe harbor ☐ "Prior year" ADP test ☐ "Current year" ADP test ☐ N/A
21a What testing method was used to satisfy the coverage requirements under section 410(b) for the plan year? Check all that apply:	☐ Ratio percentage test ☐ Average benefit test ☐ N/A
21b Did the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination requirements of sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) for the plan year by combining this plan with any other plan under the permissive aggregation rules?	☐ Yes ☐ No

22a If the plan is a master and prototype plan (M&P) or volume submitter plan that received a favorable IRS opinion letter or advisory letter, enter the date of the letter _____/_____/_____ and the serial number _____.

22b If the plan is an individually-designed plan that received a favorable determination letter from the IRS, enter the date of the most recent determination letter _____/_____/_____.

VAN ECK ASSOCIATES
EMPLOYEES PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST

Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedule

December 31, 2016 and 2015

(With Independent Auditors' Report Thereon)

VAN ECK ASSOCIATES
EMPLOYEES PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST

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* Other schedules required by 29 CFR 2520.103-10 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 have been omitted because they are not applicable.

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Report of Independent Auditors

The Board of Directors
Van Eck Associates Employees Profit Sharing Plan and Trust

Report on the Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the accompanying financial statements of Van Eck Associates Employees Profit Sharing Plan and Trust (the "Plan"), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles; this includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on conducting the audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Because of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, however, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion.

Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion

As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the plan administrator instructed us not to perform, and we did not perform, any auditing procedures with respect to the certified investment information described in Note 3, except for comparing such information with the related information included in the financial statements. We have been informed by the plan administrator that the entity that certified the investment information meet the requirements of 29 CFR 2520.103-8. The plan administrator has obtained certifications as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and for the year ended December 31, 2016, stating that the investment information provided to the plan administrator is complete and accurate.

Disclaimer of Opinion on Financial Statements

Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, we have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on these financial statements.

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Disclaimer of Opinion on Supplemental Schedule

The accompanying supplemental schedule, Schedule H, Line 4(i) – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2016 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion paragraph, we do not express an opinion on the supplemental schedule referred to above.

Report on Compliance of Form and Content with Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations

The form and content of the information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedule, other than that derived from the certified investment information, have been audited by us in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and, in our opinion, are presented in compliance with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

Ernst & Young LLP

August 22, 2017

VAN ECK ASSOCIATES
EMPLOYEES PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

December 31, 2016 and 2015

Assets	2016	2015
Investments at fair value, as certified by the trustee (note 3):		
Mutual funds	$ 23,809,479	$ 17,969,431
Money market funds	1,892,093	1,715,602
Self directed brokerage accounts	67,911	91,677
Total investments	25,769,483	19,776,710
Receivables:		
Participant loans, as certified by the trustee (note 3)	365,076	291,198
Employee contribution	43,667	26,464
Employer contribution	144,080	251,709
Total receivables	552,823	569,371
Net assets available for benefits	$ 26,322,306	$ 20,346,081

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

VAN ECK ASSOCIATES
EMPLOYEES PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Year ended December 31, 2016

Additions to net assets attributable to:		
Investment income, as certified by the trustee (note 3):		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	$	2,221,654
Interest and dividends		591,268
Total investment income		2,812,922
Interest income from participant loans, as certified by the trustee (note 3)		12,730
Contributions:		
Participants		2,481,832
Employer, net of forfeitures		1,134,803
Rollovers		317,544
Total contributions		3,934,179
Deductions from net assets attributable to:		
Benefits paid to participants		780,497
Administrative expenses		3,109
Total deductions		783,606
Net increase in net assets available for benefits		5,976,225
Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year		20,346,081
Net assets available for benefits, end of year	$	26,322,306

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

(1) Description of Plan

The following description of the Van Eck Associates Employees Profit Sharing Plan and Trust (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

(a) General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan which became effective January 1, 1987 and covers all eligible employees of Van Eck Associates Corporation (the Company). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

(b) Plan Administration

The Plan is administered by the Company. Prior to July 1, 2016 State Street Bank and Trust Company served as the trustee of the Plan. Effective July 1, 2016, Reliance Trust Company replaced State Street Bank and Trust Company as the trustee of the Plan, however State Street Bank and Trust Company was retained as sub-custodian of Plan assets. ADP Retirement Services serves as recordkeeper of the Plan.

(c) Eligibility

Employees are generally eligible to participate in the Elective Deferral and Employer Discretionary Match upon attaining 21 years of age and on the first day of the month coinciding with or subsequent to the 3 month anniversary of the date of hire. Leased employees, union employees, and nonresident aliens are not eligible to participate in the Plan.

(d) Contributions

Each participant may elect to contribute on a pretax basis up to the statutory maximum allowed by the Internal Revenue Code (IRC), which was $18,000 for 2016. Participants aged 50 and over were eligible to an additional $6,000 in 2016 (catch-up contribution). Effective January 1, 2010, employees who become eligible participants of the Plan upon meeting eligibility requirements are subject to automatic deferral provisions of 3% of that participant's compensation for each payroll period. The automatic deferral increases 1% a year beginning with year 3 of eligibility until reaching a 6% deferral upon year 5 of eligibility. Participants have the option to opt out of this automatic deferral.

The Plan Sponsor makes safe harbor contributions and matches 100% of each participant's elective contributions up to the first 1% and 50% of each participant's elective contributions between 2% and 6%. See the vesting schedule of these contributions at note 1(f).

The Plan permits direct rollovers into the Plan from another qualified plan. The Plan also permits Roth elective deferrals made on behalf of participants on an after-tax basis.

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(e) Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is (i) credited with the allocations of the Company's contributions and Plan earnings and (ii) charged with an allocation of administrative expenses and Plan losses. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

(f) Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Participants vest in the employer safe harbor matching contributions plus actual earnings thereon based on the following schedule:

	Percentage vested
Years of service:	
Less than 2	0%
2	100

Participants are required to be credited with 1,000 hours to constitute a year of service.

(g) Forfeitures

A forfeiture will occur as of the earlier of (1) the last day of the Plan year in which the former participant incurs five consecutive 1-year breaks in service or (2) the distribution of the entire vested portion of the participant's account. Forfeited balances of terminated participants' nonvested employer matching contributions may be used to pay administrative expenses or may be added to any employer matching contribution and allocated as an additional matching contribution. At December 31, 2016 and 2015, forfeited nonvested accounts totaled $8,677 and $22,461, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, $0 of forfeited nonvested accounts were used to pay administrative expenses and $22,461 and $12,180 of forfeited nonvested accounts were added as additional matching contributions, respectively. Forfeitures allocated to participant accounts are deemed discretionary matching contributions and vest based on the following schedule:

	Percentage vested
Years of service:	
Less than 2	0%
2	20
3	40
4	60
5	80
6	100

(h) Payment of Benefits

Upon termination of service due to death, disability or retirement, a participant may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account, or substantially equal installments. For termination of service due to other reasons, a participant may receive the value of the vested interest in his or her account as a lump-sum distribution or may transfer it to another qualified plan or individual retirement account.

Terminated participants or a beneficiary with vested benefits of $5,000 or less will automatically receive the value of the vested interest in his or her account as a lump-sum distribution.

(i) Hardship Withdrawals

Under certain conditions, participants, while still employed by the Company, are permitted to withdraw a portion of their elective contributions account balance. These conditions include: uninsured medical expenses incurred by the participant, his or her spouse or any of his or her dependents; costs directly related to the purchase of a principal residence of the participant; the payment of tuition, related educational fees, and room and board expenses for up to the next 12 months of post-secondary education for the participant, his or her spouse, children or dependents; payments necessary to prevent the eviction of the participant from, or foreclosure on the mortgage on, his or her principal residence; payments for burial or funeral expenses for the participant's deceased parent, spouse, children or dependents; and expenses for the repair of damage to the participant's principal residence. A participant's right to make elective deferrals to the Plan will be suspended for six months after the receipt of a hardship withdrawal.

(j) Administrative Expenses

The administrative expenses of the Plan are paid by either the Plan or the Company, as provided by the Plan document. For the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, participant loan origination, self-brokerage account fees, and distribution fees were paid by the Plan. All other expenses of administering the Plan were paid by the Company.

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(k) Participant Loans

Participants may borrow from their participant account a maximum equal to the lesser of $50,000 reduced by the highest outstanding Plan loan balance in the preceding 12 months or 50% of their vested account balance. Loan terms range from one to five years and may be up to thirty years when used for the purchase of a primary residence. Loans are secured by the participant's account balance in the Plan and bear interest at a rate commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined by the Plan administrator at the time of the loan. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

(b) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (U.S. GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, net assets available for benefits and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of additions and reductions to net assets during the reporting periods. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(c) Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Shares of money market funds, mutual funds are valued at the net asset value and investments held in self-directed brokerage accounts are valued at the quoted prices of shares held by the Plan at year end.

Purchases and sales of investments are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments represents the change in fair value of assets from one period to the next plus realized gains and losses. Realized gains and losses from security transactions are recorded on the average cost method.

(d) Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

(e) Participant Loan Receivables

Loan receivables from participants are valued at unpaid principal plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income from participant loans are recorded on an accrual basis.

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(f) Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In July 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-12, *(Part I) Fully Benefit-Responsive Investment Contracts, (Part II) Plan Investment Disclosures, (Part III) Measurement Date Practical Expedient.* ASU 2015-12 (1) requires defined contribution plans to use contract value as the only measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, (2) simplifies certain investment disclosure requirements for employee benefit plans, and (3) provides employee benefit plans with a measurement-date practical expedient on a month-end date that is nearest to the fiscal year end, when the fiscal year end does not coincide with a month-end. The simplified investment disclosure in Part II eliminates the following disclosures previously required: (a) disaggregation of investments by nature, risks and characteristics; (b) individual investments that represent five percent or more of net assets available for benefits; and (c) net appreciation or depreciation of investments by general type. ASU 2015-12 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015 and early adoption is permitted. Part I and II are required to be applied retrospectively and Part III is required to be applied prospectively. Management adopted the applicable components of ASU 2015-12 on the Plan's financial statements, which resulted in minimal impact on the footnote disclosures.

(3) Information Certified by the Trustee

The Plan administrator has elected the method of compliance as permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting under ERISA. Accordingly, Reliance Trust Company, the Trustee of the plan, has certified as being complete and accurate the investments and participant loans on the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2016, and the investment activity and interest income from participant loans reflected in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the investment and participant loan information included in the supplemental schedule to the financial statements as of December 31, 2016. State Street Bank and Trust Company, the previous Trustee of the plan, has certified as being complete and accurate the investments and participant loans on the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2015. Accordingly, as permitted under such election, the Plan administrator instructed the Plan's independent auditors not to perform any auditing procedures with respect to the information certified as complete and accurate.

(4) Fair Value Measurements

U.S. GAAP provides a framework for measuring fair value which provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

Level 1: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.

Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;

- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; and
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

Level 3: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value.

Mutual Funds: Valued at the net asset value of shares held by the Plan at year end.

Brokerage Account Securities: Valued at the quoted prices of shares held by the Plan at year end.

Money Market Funds: Valued at the net asset value of shares held by the Plan at year end.

Although purchases of investments within the Plan can be made daily, participants are restricted from selling any investment sponsored by the Company within sixty days of the original purchase. Additionally some mutual funds within the Plan not sponsored by the Company may charge redemption fees on investments not held for a specified holding period.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2016 and 2015.

As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, all assets measured at fair value were classified as level 1 assets.

There were no changes in levels of investments during the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 and the Plan did not hold any level 3 investments during the years ended 2016 and 2015.

(5) Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of a termination or partial termination of the Plan, or in the event of complete discontinuance of contributions, the account balances of affected participants will be fully vested and nonforfeitable.

(6) Related-Party Transactions

Certain Plan investments are shares of mutual funds distributed and managed by the Company. The value of these investments was $10,368,705 and $7,081,451 at December 31, 2016 and 2015, or 39.4% and 34.8% of plan net assets, respectively. Transactions involving these investments qualify as exempt party-in-interest transactions.

(7) Risk and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes would materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

The Plan may invest indirectly in securities with contractual cash flows, such as asset-backed securities, collateralized mortgage obligations, and commercial mortgage-backed securities, including securities backed by subprime mortgage loans. The value, liquidity, and related income of these securities are sensitive to changes in economic conditions, including real estate values, delinquencies or defaults, or both, and may be adversely affected by shifts in the market's perception of the issuers and changes in interest rates.

(8) Tax Status

The underlying non-standardized prototype plan has received an opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) dated July 16, 2014, stating that the form of the plan is qualified under Section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code), and, therefore, the related trust is tax-exempt. In accordance with Revenue Procedures 2016-6 and 2015-36, the plan administrator has determined that it is eligible to and has chosen to rely on the current IRS prototype plan opinion letter. Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the Code to maintain its qualified status. The plan administrator believes the Plan is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code, and therefore, believes the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt.

U.S. GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or derecognize an asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or derecognition of an asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

(9) Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated the need for any additional disclosures and/or adjustments resulting from subsequent events through August 22, 2017, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. This evaluation did not result in any additional subsequent events that necessitated disclosures and/or adjustments in the financial statements.

Supplemental Schedule

VAN ECK ASSOCIATES
EMPLOYEES PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST

Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

December 31, 2016

	Identity of issue	Description of investment	Shares/Units	Current value
	Mutual funds:			
*	Van Eck International Investors Gold Fund Class I	Mutual fund	219,289	$ 2,405,598
*	Van Eck Emerging Markets Fund Class I	Mutual fund	242,474	3,152,163
	PIMCO Total Return Fund Administrative Shares	Mutual fund	26,682	267,620
*	Van Eck CM Commodity Index Fund Class I	Mutual fund	54,316	263,974
	Wells Fargo Special Mid Cap Value Fund Institutional Class	Mutual fund	7,815	281,419
*	Van Eck Global Hard Assets Fund Class I	Mutual fund	78,502	3,023,116
	PIMCO Smallcap Stock Plus AR Strategy Fund Class A	Mutual fund	62,685	584,224
*	Van Eck Unconstrained Emerging Markets Bond Fund Class I	Mutual fund	109,573	752,768
	AMG Managers Bond Fund Service Class	Mutual fund	6,681	175,304
	T.Rowe Price Growth Stock Fund	Mutual fund	17,505	932,126
	Oppenheimer International Growth Fund Y Class	Mutual fund	10,589	367,241
	MFS International New Discovery Fund Class R3	Mutual fund	4,792	128,509
	Dreyfus Worldwide Growth Fund Class I	Mutual fund	1,763	84,856
	Vanguard Wellsley Income Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual fund	17,817	1,099,317
	Pimco Fund Long Term US Government Administrative Class	Mutual fund	29,068	171,793
*	Van Eck NDR Managed Allocation Fund Class I	Mutual fund	24,903	647,969
	Virtus Foreign Opportunities Fund Class A	Mutual fund	2,574	69,158
	Vanguard 500 Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual fund	14,060	2,904,310
	Baron Growth Fund	Mutual fund	11,449	681,076
	Wells Fargo Disciplined US Core Fund Institutional Class	Mutual fund	35,520	532,450
	T.Rowe Price Balanced Fund. Inc	Mutual fund	113,184	2,487,789
*	Van Eck Long/Short Equity Index Fund Class I	Mutual fund	13,896	123,117
	JP Morgan Government Bond Fund Select	Mutual fund	22,065	231,458
	Hartford International Opportunities Fund Class Y	Mutual fund	27,620	413,473
	Templeton Global Bond Fund Advisor Class	Mutual fund	20,196	241,539
	Delaware High Yield Opportunities Fund Institutional Class	Mutual fund	72,414	274,447
	JP Morgan Disciplined Equity Fund Select Share Class	Mutual fund	19,761	467,557
	Vanguard Mid-Cap Index Fund Admiral Shares	Mutual fund	6,414	1,045,108
	Total mutual funds			23,809,479
	Money market fund:			
	Fidelity Cash Reserves Fund	Money market fund	1,892,093	1,892,093
	Self directed brokerage accounts	Exchange traded funds	67,911	67,911
		17 loans to participants with interest rates from 3.25% to 4.50% and maturity dates through June 2044.		365,076
		Total		$ 26,134,559

* Represents party-in-interest as defined by ERISA.

Schedule C, Line 2(h) Formula Description

For those service providers listed on Line 2 for which Line 2(h) has been checked "yes":

For a description of indirect compensation received by service providers listed on Line 2 that was disclosed as a formula, please see Line 3(e). Please note: If indirect compensation disclosed as a formula was received by a service provider from more than one source, there will be multiple Lines 3(e) for that service provider.

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500)	Financial Information	OMB No. 1210-0110
Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**	**2016** **This Form is Open to Public Inspection**

For calendar plan year 2016 or fiscal plan year beginning and ending

A Name of plan	**B** Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500	**D** Employer Identification Number (EIN)

Part I Asset and Liability Statement

1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)		
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)		
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

			(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d	Employer-related investments:			
	(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
	(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e	Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f	Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f		
	Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	1g		
h	Operating payables	1h		
i	Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j	Other liabilities	1j		
k	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through1j)	1k		
	Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l		

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

	Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a	**Contributions:**			
	(1) Received or receivable in cash from: **(A)** Employers	2a(1)(A)		
	(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)		
	(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)		
	(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
	(3) Total contributions. Add lines **2a(1)(A), (B), (C),** and line **2a(2)**	2a(3)		
b	**Earnings on investments:**			
	(1) Interest:			
	(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
	(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
	(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
	(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
	(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)		
	(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
	(G) Total interest. Add lines **2b(1)(A)** through **(F)**	2b(1)(G)		
	(2) Dividends: **(A)** Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
	(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
	(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)		
	(D) Total dividends. Add lines **2b(2)(A)**, **(B)**, and **(C)**	2b(2)(D)		
	(3) Rents	2b(3)		
	(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: **(A)** Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
	(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
	(C) Subtract line **2b(4)(B)** from line **2b(4)(A)** and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
	(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: **(A)** Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
	(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
	(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines **2b(5)(A)** and **(B)**	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all **income** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)		
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines **2e(1)** through **(3)**	2e(4)		
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses: **(1)** Professional fees	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees	2i(2)		
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)		
(4) Other	2i(4)		
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines **2i(1)** through **(4)**	2i(5)		
j Total expenses. Add all **expense** amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line **2j** from line **2d**	2k		
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☐ Unqualified **(2)** ☐ Qualified **(3)** ☐ Disclaimer **(4)** ☐ Adverse

b Did the accountant perform a limited scope audit pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and/or 103-12(d)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: **(2)** EIN:

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, or MTIA. **(2)** ☐ It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l.

During the plan year:

		Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)	4a			
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	4b			

			Yes	No	Amount
c	Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	**4c**			
d	Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	**4d**			
e	Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	**4e**			
f	Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	**4f**			
g	Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	**4g**			
h	Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	**4h**			
i	Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	**4i**			
j	Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	**4j**			
k	Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	**4k**			
l	Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	**4l**			
m	If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	**4m**			
n	If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	**4n**			
o	Defined Benefit Plan or Money Purchase Pension Plan Only: Were any distributions made during the plan year to an employee who attained age 62 and had not separated from service?	**4o**			

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** **Amount:**

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	**5b(2)** EIN(s)	**5b(3)** PN(s)

5c If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (See ERISA section 4021.)? **.....** ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined
If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year_____. (See instructions.)

Part V Trust Information

6a Name of trust	**6b** Trust's EIN

6c Name of trustee or custodian	**6d** Trustee's or custodian's telephone number

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Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

Plan Name VAN ECK ASSOCIATES EMPLOYEES PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST **EIN:** 13-3210061
Plan Sponsor's Name VAN ECK ASSOCIATES CORPORATION **PN:** 001

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value.	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
	PARTICIPANT LOANS	INTEREST RATES (3.25% TO 4.50%)		365,076
	VAN ECK INTL INV GOLD I	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		2,405,598
	FIDELITY GOVT CASH RESERVES	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		1,892,093
	PIMCO TOTAL RETURN - ADMIN	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		267,620
	WELLS FARGO SPECIAL MC VAL INS	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		281,419
	VAN ECK LONG/SHORT EQ INDEX I	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		123,117
	PIMCO STOCKSPLUS SMALL A	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		584,224

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	VAN ECK UNCONSTRAINED EMGMKT I	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		752,768
	VAN ECK EMG MKTS I	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		3,152,163
	AMG MANAGERS LOOMIS BOND N	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		175,304
	T. ROWE PRICE GROWTH STOCK FD	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		932,126
	OPPENHEIMER INTERNL GRTH - Y	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		367,241
	VAN ECK GL HARD ASSETS I	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		3,023,116
	MFS INTL NEW DISCOVERY R3	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		128,509

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	DREYFUS WW GRTH - I	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		84,855
	VANGUARD WELLESLEY INCOME-ADMR	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		1,099,317
	PIMCO LONG-TRM US GOV FD- ADM	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		171,793
	VAN ECK NDR MANAGED ALLOC I	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		647,969
	VIRTUS FOREIGN OPPORT A	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		69,158
	VAN ECK CM COMMODITY INDEX I	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		263,974
	VANGUARD 500 INDEX FUND - ADM	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		2,904,310

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	BARON GROWTH FUND	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		681,076
	WELLS FARGO DISC US CORE I	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		532,450
	TROWE PRICE BALANCED FD	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		2,487,789
	JP MORGAN GOV BOND I	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		231,458
	THE HARTFORD INTL OPPS CLASS Y	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		413,473
	TEMPLETON GLOBAL BOND FUND-ADV	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		241,539
	DELAWARE HIGH YIELD OPP INST	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		274,447

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	JPMORGAN DISCIPLINED EQ I	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		467,557
	VANGUARD MID CAP INDEX - ADM	REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY		1,045,108
	SELF-DIRECTED BROKERAGE ACCT	BROKERAGE FUND OPTIONS		67,911