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# **FIFTEENTH ANNUAL GLOBALISATION OF MUTUAL FUNDS CONFERENCE, MAY 9-12, 2004**

[17000] February 2, 2004 TO: ACCOUNTING/TREASURERS COMMITTEE No. 3-04 CONFERENCE PROMOTIONS DIRECT MARKETING COMMITTEE No. 3-04 INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS No. 4-04 INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE No. 5-04 NORTH AMERICA IBA MEMBERS OPERATIONS MEMBERS No. 5-04 PRIMARY CONTACTS - MEMBER COMPLEX No. 9-04 RESEARCH COMMITTEE No. 3-04 SEC RULES MEMBERS No. 13-04 SALES FORCE MARKETING COMMITTEE No. 3-04 TAX MEMBERS No. 5-04 RE: FIFTEENTH ANNUAL GLOBALISATION OF MUTUAL FUNDS CONFERENCE, MAY 9-12, 2004 Attached is the conference brochure for the fifteenth annual conference on the Globalisation of Mutual Funds, to be held in Bermuda at The Fairmont Southampton, May 9-12, 2004. This conference is co-sponsored by the Investment Company Institute and the International Bar Association. This year's conference will address a variety of global issues from both legal and business perspectives. Our program includes panels on mutual fund fees and expenses, the role of mutual funds in corporate governance, hedge fund developments, and mutual fund advertising and performance reporting. In addition, in response to suggestions from past conference attendees, we have expanded the number of topics by adding three concurrent sessions on the second day. As a result, conference attendees can choose to attend a session on the clearance and settlement of fund shares, wrap accounts and open architecture, or the changing market for mutual funds in Germany. The conference will begin with a keynote address entitled "A Global Imperative: Putting Investors First" by Professor Peter Tufano of the Harvard Business School. In addition to our panel discussions, the program for Tuesday and Wednesday morning includes a series of breakfast roundtable discussions on topics ranging from structuring UCITS management companies under UCITS III to fund pricing and market timing. Each discussion 2 group will be limited to 20-25 participants to encourage greater interaction, so you must indicate your first, second and third choices on the registration form. Conference attendees are encouraged to participate in these sessions on both Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. As in past years, conference speakers will represent a cross-section of mutual fund business executives, attorneys, and regulators from the U.S. and a variety of other countries. Conference attendees also represent a wide array of disciplines from different geographic locations. Ample opportunity will be provided for social interaction among attendees and speakers. To register for the conference, please fill in and return the registration form (located in the enclosed brochure) with a check made payable to the Investment Company Institute for the appropriate fee. Space for this conference is limited and slots fill quickly so we encourage you to register as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding registration, please call the Institute's Conference Division at (202) 326-5968. TRAVEL

Discount airfare is available through U.S. Airways. Please call 877/874-7687 between 8:00 AM - 9:30 PM, Eastern Time. Refer to Gold File #84683017. The discounted airfare is available three days before and after the program dates. We look forward to seeing you in Bermuda. Robert C. Grohowski Associate Counsel Enclosure

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