



Press Release

Guardian Capital Announces Changes to Certain of its Funds

TORONTO, March 30, 2026 – Guardian Capital LP (“Guardian Capital”) today announced the changes summarized below to certain of the funds managed by it (the “Funds”).

All of the changes will take effect on Wednesday, April 1, 2026.

For the Funds listed on an exchange, it is anticipated that the name and/or ticker symbol changes will be reflected on the Toronto Stock Exchange Inc. (the “TSX”) and Cboe Canada Inc. (“Cboe”), as applicable, when such market opens on April 1, 2026.

There will be no changes to any of the CUSIPs, investment objectives or fees of the Funds associated with the changes described below.

Guardian Canadian Diversified Core Equity Fund (TSX: GCSC)

- The Fund’s Unhedged ETF units will be renamed as “ETF Units”. This is a naming convention change only. The currency hedging mandate applicable to this series has not changed.

Guardian Canadian Equity Income Fund (TSX: GCEI)

- Commencing in April 2026, the Fund’s distribution frequency will increase from quarterly to monthly on all of its series, consisting of ETF Units (TSX: GCEI), Series A, Series F and Series I.

Guardian Directed Equity Path Portfolio (TSX: GDEP and GDEP.B)

- The TSX ticker symbol for the Fund’s Hedged ETF units will change from GDEP to GGEP.F.
- The TSX ticker symbol for the Fund’s Unhedged ETF units will change from GDEP.B to GGEP, and the units will be renamed as “ETF Units”. This is a naming convention change only. The currency hedging mandate applicable to this series has not changed.

Guardian Directed Premium Yield Portfolio (TSX: GDPY and GDPY.B)

- The TSX ticker symbol for the Fund’s Hedged ETF units will change from GDPY to GGPY.F.
- The TSX ticker symbol for the Fund’s Unhedged ETF units will change from GDPY.B to GGPY, and the units will be renamed as “ETF Units”. This is a naming convention change only. The currency hedging mandate applicable to this series has not changed.

Guardian Emerging Markets Equity Fund

- Desjardins Global Asset Management Inc. will assume portfolio sub-advisory responsibilities for the Fund.

Guardian i³ Global Quality Growth Fund

- The Fund’s name will change to Guardian i³ Global Core Equity Fund.

Guardian i³ International Quality Growth Fund (Cboe: GIQI)

- The Fund's name will change to Guardian i³ International Core Equity Fund.
- The Cboe ticker symbol for the Fund's units will change from GIQI to GIIF.

Guardian i³ US Quality Growth Fund (TSX: GIQU and GIQU.B)

- The Fund's name will change to Guardian i³ U.S. Core Equity Fund.
- The TSX ticker symbol for the Fund's Hedged ETF units will change from GIQU to GIUS.F.
- The TSX ticker symbol for the Fund's Unhedged ETF units will change from GIQU.B to GIUS, and the units will be renamed as "ETF Units". This is a naming convention change only. The currency hedging mandate applicable to this series has not changed.

For further information regarding the Guardian Funds, please visit www.guardiancapital.com (for Series I mutual fund units) or www.guardiancapital.com/investmentsolutions (for all other series of units).

About Guardian Capital LP

Guardian Capital LP is the manager and portfolio manager of the Guardian Capital Funds and Guardian Capital ETFs, with capabilities that span a range of asset classes, geographic regions and specialty mandates. Additionally, Guardian Capital LP manages portfolios for institutional clients such as defined benefit and defined contribution pension plans, insurance companies, foundations, endowments and investment funds. Guardian Capital LP is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Desjardins Global Asset Management Inc., which is part of the Desjardins Group. For further information on Guardian Capital LP, please call 416-350-8899 or visit www.guardiancapital.com.

About Desjardins Global Asset Management Inc.

Founded in 1998, Desjardins Global Asset Management ("DGAM") is one of Canada's leading asset managers, with in-house expertise in equity, fixed income, private equity and real assets (including infrastructure and real estate) across a variety of investment vehicles. DGAM manages more than \$124 billion CAD in institutional assets (as of December 31, 2025) on behalf of insurance companies, pension funds, endowment funds, non-profit organizations and corporations across Canada. With offices in Montreal, Quebec City and Toronto, its team of over 100 investment professionals uses a collaborative approach and combines innovation, accessibility and discipline to design solutions tailored to clients' unique needs. DGAM integrates Desjardins' cooperative values into its investment process to ensure it supports the sustainable and responsible growth of its partners' and clients' assets.

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