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Press Release

Guardian Capital Confirms Annual 2024 Special Distributions for Guardian Capital ETFs

TORONTO, December 31, 2024 – Guardian Capital LP ("Guardian Capital") announces the confirmed amounts of the annual special year-end distributions (the "Special Distributions") for the 2024 tax year for the ETF series of the Guardian Capital funds listed below (the "Guardian Capital ETFs").

Guardian Capital ETFs	Series of ETF Units	Trading Symbol	Exchange	Confirmed Special Distribution Amount (per ETF Unit)
GuardBonds™ 1-3 Year Laddered Investment Grade Bond Fund	ETF Units	GBLF	Cboe Canada	CAD\$0.0127
Guardian Canadian Bond Fund	ETF Units	GCBD	TSX	CAD\$0.2452
Guardian Canadian Focused Equity Fund	ETF Units	GCFE	TSX	CAD\$1.0905
Guardian i ³ International Quality Growth Fund	ETF Units	GIQI	Cboe Canada	CAD\$0.0093
Guardian International Equity Select Fund	ETF Units	GIES	TSX	CAD\$1.0189
The Guardian Capital ETFs listed below will not be paying any Special Distributions:				
GuardBonds™ 2025 Investment Grade Bond Fund	ETF Units	GBFB	Cboe Canada	CAD\$0
GuardBonds™ 2026 Investment Grade Bond Fund	ETF Units	GBFC	Cboe Canada	CAD\$0
GuardBonds™ 2027 Investment Grade Bond Fund	ETF Units	GBFD	Cboe Canada	CAD\$0
Guardian Canadian Sector Controlled Equity Fund	Unhedged ETF Units	GCSC	TSX	CAD\$0
Guardian Directed Equity Path Portfolio	Hedged ETF Units	GDEP	TSX	CAD\$0
Guardian Directed Equity Path Portfolio	Unhedged ETF Units	GDEP.B	TSX	CAD\$0
Guardian Directed Premium Yield Portfolio	Hedged ETF Units	GDPY	TSX	CAD\$0

Guardian Directed Premium Yield Portfolio	Unhedged ETF Units	GDPY.B	TSX	CAD\$0
Guardian i ³ Global Quality Growth ETF	Hedged ETF Units	GIQG	TSX	CAD\$0
Guardian i ³ Global Quality Growth ETF	Unhedged ETF Units	GIQG.B	TSX	CAD\$0
Guardian i ³ US Quality Growth Fund	Hedged ETF Units	GIQU	TSX	CAD\$0
Guardian i ³ US Quality Growth Fund	Unhedged ETF Units	GIQU.B	TSX	CAD\$0
Guardian Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund	ETF Units	GIGC	TSX	CAD\$0
Guardian Strategic Income Fund	ETF Units	GSIF	Cboe Canada	CAD\$0
Guardian Ultra-Short Canadian T-Bill Fund	ETF Units	GCTB	TSX	CAD\$0
Guardian Ultra-Short U.S. T-Bill Fund	ETF Units	GUTB.U	TSX	US\$0
GuardPath [®] Managed Decumulation 2042 Fund	ETF Units	GPMD	TSX	CAD\$0

Each of the Guardian Capital ETFs is required to distribute any net income and capital gains that it has earned in the year. The Special Distributions will generally consist of capital gains and/or any excess net income at year-end. The Special Distributions will not be paid in cash, but will be reinvested and the resulting ETF units immediately consolidated so that the number of ETF units held by each investor will not change. Investors holding their ETF units outside registered plans will have taxable amounts to report and will have an increase in the adjusted cost base of their investment. In all cases, the Special Distributions will be reinvested on or about December 31, 2024 to unitholders of record on December 30, 2024. The ex-dividend date in each case is anticipated to be December 30, 2024.

These confirmed amounts are for the Special Distributions only and do not include the ongoing regular monthly, quarterly or annual cash distribution amounts which were announced on December 13, 2024, in a separate press release. These confirmed Special Distribution amounts replace the previous estimates announced on November 29, 2024.

The actual taxable amounts of all distributions for 2024, including the tax characteristics of the distributions, will be reported to brokers (through CDS Clearing and Depository Services Inc. or "CDS") and will be posted on the Guardian Capital website in early 2025.

For further information regarding the Guardian Capital ETFs, please visit www.guardiancapital.com/investmentsolutions.

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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 a wholly owned subsidiary of Guardian Capital Group Limited and the successor to its original investment management business, which was founded in 1962. For further information on Guardian Capital LP, please call 416-350-8899 or visit www.guardiancapital.com.

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