



## Press Release

### Guardian Capital LP Launches i<sup>3</sup> Global Dividend Premium Yield Fund

TORONTO, March 4, 2025 – Guardian Capital LP (“Guardian Capital”) is excited to announce the launch of Guardian i<sup>3</sup> Global Dividend Premium Yield Fund (the “Fund”). The Fund has closed its initial offering of exchange-traded fund units of the Fund (the “ETF Units”). The ETF Units are expected to commence trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange when the market opens this morning under the ticker symbol GIDY.

The Fund seeks to provide long-term capital appreciation and regular distributions by investing directly and indirectly primarily in global dividend-paying securities and employing a dynamic covered call option writing strategy. In addition to ETF Units, the Fund offers Series A units, Series F units and Series I units. Certain product information of the Fund is set out below:

	<b>Ticker/ Fund Code</b>	<b>Management Fee<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Administration Fee<sup>1</sup></b>
ETF Units	TSX: GIDY	0.70%	0.10%
Series A Units	GCG 518	1.70%	0.10%
Series F Units	GCG 618	0.70%	0.10%

<sup>1</sup>Plus applicable taxes.

The Fund gives investors access to Guardian Capital’s flagship Global Dividend Growth strategy, managed by its i<sup>3</sup> Investments® team, with the addition of a covered-call options overlay, overseen by Guardian Capital’s Directed Outcomes team, which aims to increase the income yield of the portfolio. By adding a conservative covered call strategy to the Global Dividend Growth strategy, the Fund aims to generate additional yield that is tax-efficient, as the option premiums are expected to be treated as capital gains, and distributions from the Fund will be paid to investors on a monthly basis.

*“The Global Dividend Premium Yield Fund creates a completely different option for investors and advisors looking for the enhanced yield offered by covered call option overlays without sacrificing the integrity of the underlying investment thesis which drives long term total returns,” said Barry Gordon, Head of Retail Asset Management at Guardian Capital. “So many covered-write mandates represent a crude, systematic overlay optimized to generate eye-popping yields without regard to the behaviour or outlook of the underlying stocks, or the long-term total return sacrifices that are made in search of those yields. This Fund represents a synthesis of the stock picking prowess of the i<sup>3</sup> Investments® team and the nuanced and bespoke approach to option overlays offered by our Directed Outcomes team. The Fund will strive to deliver monthly income and a long-term total return profile that is consistent with the 5-star underlying Global Dividend Growth mandate\* and deserves attention from any investor or advisor looking to get exposure to global equities and is seeking higher income.”*

For further information regarding the Fund, please visit [www.guardiancapital.com](http://www.guardiancapital.com) (for Series I units) or [www.guardiancapital.com/investmentsolutions](http://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 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](http://www.guardiancapital.com).

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Morningstar Star Ratings for the Guardian i<sup>3</sup> Global Dividend Growth Fund within the Global Dividend & Income Equity category as at January 31, 2025 and is subject to change each month:

	Star Rating (number of Funds in category)			
	Overall	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Series WF	5	5 (182 funds)	N/A (174 funds)	N/A (118 funds)
Series W	4	4 (182 funds)	4 (174 funds)	3 (118 funds)

As the Series W units of the Fund have less than 5 years of performance history, the 5 and 10 year Star Rating is not available.

#### Performance

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception	Inception Date
Series WF	26.91%	13.69%	-	-	14.62%	July 2, 2021
Series W	25.54%	12.46%	11.24%	8.84%	10.64%	Nov 24, 2011

