

## Press Release

### Guardian Capital LP receives Fundata FundGrade A+® Award for 2025

TORONTO, February 6, 2025 — Guardian Capital LP (“Guardian Capital”) is proud to announce that the Guardian Canadian Focused Equity Fund (“Fund”) has been awarded a Fundata FundGrade A+® Award for the 12 months ending December 31, 2025, by Fundata Canada Inc.

Fund Name	CIFSC <sup>1</sup> Category	Fund Count <sup>2</sup>	FundGrade Start Date <sup>3</sup>	FundGrade Calculation Date <sup>3</sup>
Guardian Canadian Focused Equity Fund	Canadian Equity	166	2016-12-31	2025-12-31

1. The Canadian Investment Funds Standards Committee (CIFSC) is a Canadian independent organization that defines the categories of funds.

2. Number of peers in CIFSC Category.

3. Fundata uses this specific date from which a fund’s performance is evaluated for its FundGrade rating.

“We are proud of this well-deserved recognition of our Canadian Equity team,” said Barry Gordon, Managing Director, Head of Retail Asset Management at Guardian Capital. “At Guardian Capital, we believe that professional portfolio management can add value to security selection. Investors may not be as well-acquainted with the stocks in the Fund’s portfolio, as they are not big names in the broader Canadian index, but our investment team has high conviction in all these companies. In many cases, these stocks have been exceptional drivers of positive returns over the last few years.”

FundGrade A+ ® Awards identify the best-performing and most consistent funds within each CIFSC category. Ultimately, the award recognizes the ‘best of the best’ among Canadian investment funds that maintained a high FundGrade rating throughout the previous calendar year.

Guardian Canadian Focused Equity Fund is a high-conviction portfolio of 15-20 issuers, diversified by sector but without the traditional concentration in banks; it aims to achieve long-term capital growth. [Learn more about the Guardian Canadian Focused Equity Fund.](#)

The award further validates the results of the Fund’s investment process and philosophy, relative to its category peers. Guardian Capital congratulates the Canadian Equity investment team on this tremendous achievement.

#### Annual Compound Performance of the Fund as at Rating Date (Dec 31, 2025):

	1-YEAR	3-YEARS	5-YEARS	SINCE INCEPTION
Series A	17.93%	26.79%	17.74%	11.97% (2016/04/22)
Series F	19.23%	28.19%	19.06%	14.47% (2019/05/14)
ETF Series (GCFE)	19.20%	-	-	30.67% (2023/11/14)

The indicated rates of return are the historical annual compounded total returns, including changes in unit value and reinvestment of all distributions, and do not take into account sales, redemptions, distribution or optional charges or income taxes payable by any security holder that would have reduced returns. Performance is calculated net of fees. Mutual funds and ETFs are not guaranteed; their values change frequently, and past performance may not be repeated.

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