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Press Release

Guardian Capital Announces Fund Termination

TORONTO, September 6, 2024 — Guardian Capital LP (the “**Manager**”) today announced that, as disclosed in the simplified prospectus dated January 1, 2024, it will terminate GuardBonds™ 2024 Investment Grade Bond Fund (the “**Fund**”) effective on or about November 29, 2024 (the “**Termination Date**”).

Effective as of November 1, 2024, except in limited circumstances, no further direct subscriptions of mutual fund units or ETF units of the Fund will be accepted. The ETF units of the Fund are anticipated to be voluntarily delisted from Cboe Canada Inc. (“**Cboe**”) (Ticker: GBFA) at the request of the Manager, and to cease trading, following market close on or about November 28, 2024. Redemption requests for the Fund will be accepted until the close of business on November 27, 2024. All mutual fund units and ETF units still held by investors as of the Termination Date will be subject to a mandatory redemption. Unitholders may continue to buy or sell ETF units of the Fund on any stock exchange on which the Fund is traded until the ETF units are delisted.

Prior to the Termination Date, the Manager will, to the extent reasonably possible, sell and convert the assets of the Fund to cash. After paying or making adequate provision for the liabilities and obligations of the Fund, the Manager will, as soon as practicable following the Termination Date, distribute the net assets of the Fund pro rata among the unitholders of record on the Termination Date based on the series net asset value per unit. Securityholders of the Fund are encouraged to contact their investment professional to discuss the termination and their investment options.

The Manager will issue an additional press release on or about the Termination Date confirming the final details of the termination. Further details of the termination will be mailed to unitholders of the Fund at least 60 days prior to the Termination Date.

For further information regarding the Fund, 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 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.

About Guardian Capital Group Limited

Guardian Capital Group Limited (**Guardian**) is a global investment management company servicing institutional, retail and private clients through its subsidiaries. As at June 30, 2024, Guardian had C\$58.6 billion of total client assets while managing a proprietary investment portfolio with a fair market value of C\$1.1 billion. On July 2, 2024, Guardian completed its acquisition of Sterling Capital Management, LLC, a Charlotte, North Carolina-based investment management firm, adding approximately C\$104.0 billion (US\$76.0 billion) in client assets. Founded in 1962, Guardian's reputation for steady growth, long-term relationships and its core values of authenticity, integrity, stability and trustworthiness have been key to its success over six decades. Its Common and Class A shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange as GCG and GCG.A, respectively. To learn more about Guardian, visit www.guardiancapital.com.

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