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## Press Release

### Guardian Capital Announces Estimated Final Distributions for Merging ETFs

**TORONTO, October 30, 2023** – In connection with the previously announced mergers of the exchange-traded funds listed below (the “**Merging ETFs**”), Guardian Capital LP (“**Guardian Capital**”) announces the estimated final distributions (the “**Distributions**”) for the Merging ETFs. Please note that these are estimated amounts as of October 30, 2023 and include certain forward-looking information, which may cause the Distributions to change before the completion of the mergers on November 3, 2023.

Merging ETF	Series of ETF Units	TSX Ticker	Estimated Distribution Amount (per ETF Unit) as at October 30, 2023
Guardian Directed Equity Path ETF	Hedged ETF Units	GDEP	\$0
Guardian Directed Equity Path ETF	Unhedged ETF Units	GDEP.B	\$0
Guardian Directed Premium Yield ETF	Hedged ETF Units	GDPY	\$0
Guardian Directed Premium Yield ETF	Unhedged ETF Units	GDPY.B	\$0
Guardian Canadian Bond ETF	ETF Units	GCBD	\$0.0300

Each of the Merging ETFs is required to distribute any net income and capital gains that it has earned in the year. The Distributions will generally consist of capital gains and/or any excess net income as of the date of the mergers. The 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 Distributions (if any) will be reinvested on or about November 3, 2023 to unitholders of record on November 3, 2023. The ex-dividend date in each case is November 2, 2023.

Guardian Capital expects to announce the final, confirmed Distribution amounts (subject to any further revisions to the per ETF unit amounts resulting from subscription and redemption activity prior to the record date), on or about November 6, 2023. The actual taxable amounts of all distributions for 2023, 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 2024.

Guardian Capital provides estimated distributions for information purposes only. These estimates are not intended to be, nor should they be construed to be, legal or tax advice to any particular person.

For further information regarding the Merging ETFs, please visit [www.guardiancapital.com/investmentsolutions](http://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](http://www.guardiancapital.com).

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