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Press Release

Guardian Capital Confirms Annual 2023 Special Distributions for Guardian Capital ETFs

TORONTO, December 29, 2023 – Guardian Capital LP ("Guardian Capital") announces the confirmed amounts of the annual special year-end distributions (the "Special Distributions") for the 2023 tax year for the ETF series of the Guardian Capital funds listed below (the "Guardian Capital ETFs").

Guardian Capital ETFs	Series of ETF Units	TSX Trading Symbol	Confirmed Special Distribution Amount (per ETF Unit)
Guardian Canadian Bond Fund	ETF Units	GCBD	CAD\$0.0074
Guardian Canadian Focused Equity Fund	ETF Units	GCFE	CAD\$0.1714
Guardian Directed Equity Path Portfolio	Hedged ETF Units	GDEP	CAD\$0.0421
Guardian International Equity Select Fund	ETF Units	GIES	CAD\$0.0894
Guardian Ultra-Short U.S. T-Bill Fund	ETF Units	GUTB.U	US\$0.3008
The Guardian Capital ETFs listed below will not be paying any Special Distributions:			
Guardian Canadian Sector Controlled Equity Fund	Unhedged ETF Units	GCSC	CAD\$0
Guardian Directed Equity Path Portfolio	Unhedged ETF Units	GDEP.B	CAD\$0
Guardian Directed Premium Yield Portfolio	Hedged ETF Units	GDPY	CAD\$0
Guardian Directed Premium Yield Portfolio	Unhedged ETF Units	GDPY.B	CAD\$0
Guardian Fundamental All Country Equity ETF	Unhedged ETF Units	GGAC	CAD\$0
Guardian Fundamental Emerging Markets Equity ETF	Unhedged ETF Units	GGEM	CAD\$0
Guardian i ³ Global Quality Growth ETF	Hedged ETF Units	GIQG	CAD\$0
Guardian i ³ Global Quality Growth ETF	Unhedged ETF Units	GIQG.B	CAD\$0
Guardian i ³ US Quality Growth ETF	Hedged ETF Units	GIQU	CAD\$0

Guardian i ³ US Quality Growth ETF	Unhedged ETF Units	GIQU.B	CAD\$0
Guardian Ultra-Short Canadian T-Bill Fund	ETF Units	GCTB	CAD\$0
GuardPath™ Managed Decumulation 2042 Fund	ETF Units	GPMD	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 29, 2023 to unitholders of record on December 28, 2023. The ex-dividend date in each case is December 27, 2023, with the exception of Guardian Ultra-Short Canadian T-Bill Fund and Guardian Ultra-Short U.S. T-Bill Fund which are money market funds and which have an ex-dividend date of December 28, 2023.

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, 2023, in a separate press release. These confirmed Special Distribution amounts replace the previous estimates announced on December 1, 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.

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

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.

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Guardian Capital Group Limited (Guardian) is a global investment management company servicing institutional, retail and private clients through its subsidiaries. As at September 30, 2023, Guardian had C\$56.2 billion of total client assets while managing a proprietary investment portfolio with a fair market value of C\$1.28 billion. 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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Unlike traditional exchange traded funds (“ETFs”), the GuardPath™ Managed Decumulation 2042 Fund (the “GuardPath ETF”) is a unique investment fund structure and investors should carefully consider whether his or her financial condition and investment objectives are aligned with this retirement-focused investment. The GuardPath ETF may be suitable for an investor primarily concerned about having sufficient income in retirement, especially in the later years of their life. It may not be suitable for an investor whose primary objective is to leave capital behind for their estate. The GuardPath ETF is not an insurance company, nor an insurance or annuity contract and unitholders will not have the protections of insurance laws. Distributions provided by the GuardPath ETF are not guaranteed or backed by an insurance company or any third party. The long-term total return and the sustainability of the rate of distributions of the GuardPath ETF may be impacted by volatility and sequence of returns risk. This is not a complete list of the risks associated with an investment in the GuardPath ETF. Please refer to the prospectus of the GuardPath ETF for details.

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