



Press Release

Guardian Capital LP receives two Fundata FundGrade A+® Awards for 2024

TORONTO, February 7, 2025 — Guardian Capital LP (“Guardian Capital”) is proud to announce that two of its mutual funds, the GC One Fixed Income Portfolio and the Guardian Canadian Focused Equity Fund (each a “Fund” and collectively, the “Funds”), have been awarded Fundata FundGrade A+® Awards for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2024, by Fundata Canada Inc.

Fund Name	CIFSC ¹ Category	Fund Count ²	FundGrade Start Date ³	FundGrade Calculation Date
Guardian Canadian Focused Equity Fund	Canadian Equity	158	2016-12-31	2024-12-31
GC One Fixed Income Portfolio	Canadian Fixed Income	137	2017-12-31	2024-12-31

1. 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 that the exceptional work of both our Canadian Equity and Multi-Asset Solutions teams is getting the recognition they deserve,” 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. Both of these mandates are testament to the value of active management even in the hyper-competitive investment landscape.”

FundGrade A+ ® Awards identifies 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. The Fund aims to achieve long-term growth of capital. [Learn more about Guardian Canadian Focused Equity Fund.](#)

GC One Fixed Income Portfolio is a dynamic multi-asset solution, providing broadly diversified exposure to actively managed fixed income funds, all within a single investment solution. The Fund aims to emphasize income generation, with some level of growth of capital. [Learn more about GC One Fixed Income Portfolio.](#)

The awards further validate the results of these Funds’ investment processes and philosophies, relative to their category peers. Guardian Capital congratulates the Canadian Equity investment team and the Multi-Asset Solutions investment team on this well-deserved achievement.

Annual Compound Performance as at Rating Date (Dec 31, 2024):

Performance for Guardian Canadian Focused Equity Fund, Series A for the period ended December 31, 2024, is as follows: 1-year, 36.71%; 3-years, 17.42%; 5-years, 13.42%; and since inception, 11.31% (2016/04/22).

Performance for Guardian Canadian Focused Equity Fund, Series F for the period ended December 31, 2024, is as follows: 1-year, 38.22%; 3-years, 18.74%; 5-years, 14.70%; and since inception, 13.65% (2019/05/14).

Performance for Guardian Canadian Focused Equity Fund, ETF Series (TSX: GCFE) for the period ended December 31, 2024, is as follows: 1-year, 38.22%; and since inception, 41.64% (2023/11/14).

Performance for GC One Fixed Income Portfolio, Series A for the period ended December 31, 2024, is as follows: 1-year, 5.68%; 3 -years, 0.38%; 5-years, 1.50%; and since inception, 2.09% (2018/01/15). Series F of GC One Fixed Income Portfolio does not yet have one year of performance.

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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Guardian Capital Group Limited (“Guardian”) is a global investment management company servicing institutional, retail and private clients through its subsidiaries. As of September 30, 2024, Guardian had C\$165.1 billion of total client assets while managing a proprietary investment portfolio with a fair market value of C\$1.2 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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