

# **FUND FACTS**

Guardian U.S. Equity Fund Series F April 12, 2024

This document contains key information you should know about Series F Units of Guardian U.S. Equity Fund (the "Fund"). You can find more detailed information in the Fund's simplified prospectus. Ask your representative for a copy, contact Guardian Capital LP at 1 (866) 383-6546 or insights@guardiancapital.com or visit www.guardiancapital.com/investmentsolutions.

## Before you invest in any fund, consider how the fund would work with your other investments and your tolerance for risk.

| QUICK FACTS  |   |                                   |   |
|--|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| Fund code:   | (Series F) GCG652                             | Fund manager:                     | Guardian Capital LP                                 |
| Date series started:<br>Total value on February 29, 2024:  | April 30, 2021<br>\$3,126,679 (U.S. Dollars)* | Portfolio manager:<br>Sub-Adviser | Guardian Capital LP<br>Alta Capital Management, LLC |
| Management expense ratio (MER):  | 0.85%   | Distributions:                    | Income and capital gains – Annually<br>(December)   |
| *Series F Units of the Fund are offered for purchase in Canadian dollars.<br>Please see the Fund's simplified prospectus for further information. The<br>Fund's assets and liabilities are calculated in U.S. dollars and the net<br>asset value for Series F is converted to Canadian dollars on a daily basis. |   | Minimum investment:               | \$500 initial, \$25 additional                      |

#### WHAT DOES THE FUND INVEST IN?

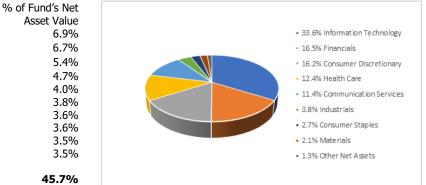
The primary objective of the Fund is the achievement of long term growth of capital primarily through investment in equity and equity related securities of issuers whose principal business operations are located in the United States.

The charts below give a snapshot of the Fund's investments on February 29, 2024. The Fund's investments will change.

#### Top 10 investments (February 29, 2024)

|      |                                     | Asset Value |
|------|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1.   | Alphabet Inc., Class 'A'            | 6.9%        |
| 2.   | Microsoft Corporation               | 6.7%        |
| 3.   | Apple Inc.                          | 5.4%        |
| 4.   | The Home Depot Inc.                 | 4.7%        |
| 5.   | Accenture PLC, Class 'A'            | 4.0%        |
| 6.   | Adobe Inc.                          | 3.8%        |
| 7.   | Fiserv Inc.                         | 3.6%        |
| 8.   | Markel Group Inc.                   | 3.6%        |
| 9.   | Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.       | 3.5%        |
| 10.  | Mastercard Incorporated, Class 'A'  | 3.5%        |
| Tota | I percentage of top 10 investments: | 45.7%       |





## **HOW RISKY IS IT?**

Total number of investments:

The value of the Fund can go down as well as up. You could lose money.

One way to gauge risk is to look at how much a Fund's returns change over time. This is called "volatility".

In general, funds with higher volatility will have returns that change more over time. They typically have a greater chance of losing money and may have a greater chance of higher returns. Funds with lower volatility tend to have returns that change less over time. They typically have lower returns and may have a lower chance of losing money.

# **RISK RATING**

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Guardian Capital LP has rated the volatility of this Fund as  $\ensuremath{\textit{medium to}}$   $\ensuremath{\textit{high}}.$ 

This rating is based on how much the Fund's returns have changed from year to year. It doesn't tell you how volatile the Fund will be in the future. The rating can change over time. A fund with a low risk rating can still lose money.

| Low | Low to<br>Medium | Medium | Medium<br>to High | High |
|-----|------------------|--------|-------------------|------|

For more information about the risk rating and specific risks that can affect the Fund's returns, see the "What are the risks of investing in the Fund?" section of the Fund's simplified prospectus.

#### **NO GUARANTEES**

Like most mutual funds, this Fund doesn't have any guarantees. You may not get back the amount of money you invest.

# **HOW HAS THE FUND PERFORMED?**

This section tells you how Series F Units of the Fund have performed over the past two calendar years. Returns are after Fund expenses have been deducted. These expenses reduce the series returns.

#### Year-by-year returns

This section tells you how Series F Units of the Fund have performed in each of the past two calendar years. However, this information is not available because no units of Series F of the Fund have been sold since inception.

## Best and worst 3-month returns

This section shows the best and worst returns for Series F of the Fund in a 3-month period over the past two calendar years. However, this information is not available because no units of Series F of the Fund have been sold since inception.

### Average return

This section shows the value and annual compounded rate of return of a hypothetical \$1,000 investment in Series F of the Fund. However, this information is not available because no units of Series F of the Fund have been sold since inception

## **WHO IS THIS FUND FOR?**

## This Fund may be suitable for you if:

- You are looking for a core U.S. equity fund for your portfolio.
- You are seeking long term capital growth from your investment.
- You are comfortable with medium to high investment risk.
- You plan to hold this investment for the medium to long term.

## A WORD ABOUT TAX

In general, you'll have to pay tax on any money you make on a fund including your share of the fund's earnings and on taxable capital gains from redeeming your investment. How much tax you pay depends on your tax rate, whether or not you hold the fund in a registered plan and the type of earnings of the fund (e.g. interest, dividends, capital gains, etc.). In general, you do not pay tax on your investments held in a Registered Retirement Savings Plan, Tax-Free Savings Account or other registered plan.

If you hold your investment outside of a registered plan, you will receive a tax slip showing your share of the fund's earnings. You must include the amounts shown in your taxable income whether you get them in cash or have them reinvested. You must calculate your taxable capital gains from redemption.

## **HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?**

The following tables show the fees and expenses you could pay to buy, own and sell Series F Units of the Fund.

The fees and expenses - including any commissions - can vary among series of a fund and among funds. Higher commissions can influence representatives to recommend one investment over another. Ask about other funds and investments that may be suitable for you at a lower cost.

#### 1. Sales charges

No sales charges apply when you purchase Series F Units.

#### 2. Fund expenses

You don't pay these expenses directly. They affect you because they reduce the Fund's returns.

As at December 31, 2023, the Series F expenses of the Fund were 0.86% of its value. This equals \$8.60 for every \$1,000 invested.

|   | Annual rate (as a % of the series' value) |
|---|---|
| Management expense ratio (MER)<br>This is the total of the series' management fee, administration fee and other operating expenses. | 0.85%                                     |
| Trading expense ratio (TER)<br>These are the series' trading costs.   | 0.01%                                     |
| Fund expenses   | 0.86%                                     |

## More about the trailing commission

No trailing commission is paid in respect of this series.

# 3. Other fees

You may have to pay other fees when you buy, hold, sell or switch Series F Units of the Fund.

| Fee  | What you pay   |
|--|--|
| Fee-Based Account or Discount<br>Brokerage Account | Series F Units are only available if you have a fee-based or discount brokerage account with a firm. Instead of paying sales charges, you may pay your firm a fee for ongoing financial planning advice or other services. |
| Switch Fee   | 0-2% of the value of Series F Units you switch. This fee is charged by your representative's firm.   |
| Short-Term Trading Fee                             | 2% of the current value of the Series F Units may be charged by us if you redeem or switch them within 45 days of purchase.  |

| WHAT IF I CHANGE MY MIND?  | FOR MORE INFORMATION   |  |
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| Under securities laws in some provinces and territories, you have the right to:  | Contact Guardian Capital LP or your representative for a copy of the<br>Fund's simplified prospectus and other disclosure documents. These<br>documents and the Fund Facts make up the Fund's legal documents.       |  |
| (a) Withdraw from an agreement to buy mutual fund units within two<br>business days after you receive a simplified prospectus or Fund<br>Facts document, or                    | Guardian Capital LP<br>Commerce Court West,  |  |
| (b) Cancel your purchase within 48 hours after you receive confirmation of the purchase.   | Suite 2700 P.O. Box 201,<br>Toronto, Ontario M5L 1E8<br>Website: www.guardiancapital.com/investmentsolutions   |  |
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