

Horizons ETFs Receives Five Fundata FundGrade A+® Awards

TORONTO – January 25, 2019 – Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc. (“**Horizons ETFs**”) is proud to announce that five of its exchange traded funds (“**ETFs**”) have been awarded Fundata FundGrade A+® Awards (“**Fundata Awards**”) for 2018:

ETF NAME	Category
Horizons Active Canadian Bond ETF (“ HAD ”)	Canadian Fixed Income
Horizons Active Canadian Dividend ETF (“ HAL ”)	Canadian Dividend & Income Equity
Horizons Canadian Midstream Oil & Gas Index ETF (“ HOG ”)	Energy Equity
Horizons Cdn Insider Index ETF (“ HII ”)	Canadian Small/Mid Cap Equity
Horizons S&P/TSX 60™ Index ETF (“ HXT ”)	Canadian Equity

(Click on the links above for full fund details.)

Created by Fundata Canada Inc., the FundGrade rating system uses risk-adjusted performance figures to rank and grade Canadian investment funds, which includes ETFs. Based on up to 10 years of performance data, the ‘A+ Grade’ is strictly a quantitative calculation conducted on an annual basis, which results in a grade score ranking, according to the fund classification standards defined by the Canadian Investment Funds Standards Committee (“**CIFSC**”).

“This is the highest number of ETFs we have ever had recognized in a single year with FundGrade A+ awards and follows the four awards won by Horizons in the prior year,” said Steve Hawkins, President and CEO of Horizons ETFs. *“It’s also gratifying to see that we have been acknowledged in both our actively managed and benchmark (index-tracking) ETF families. This demonstrates why it’s important for Canadian ETF investors to consider both active and passive strategies when building a winning ETF portfolio.”*

Two of Horizons ETFs’ award-winning funds are sub-advised by some of Canada’s leading investment managers. HAD is actively managed by Fiera Capital Corporation and HAL is actively managed by Guardian Capital LP.

“Fiera Capital and Guardian Capital are our two largest sub-advisor partnerships. Fiera Capital is the largest sub-advisor of our suite of actively managed fixed income ETFs, while our Guardian Capital sub-advised ETFs focus on dividend equity mandates,” said Mr. Hawkins. *“These awards are a testament to the consistently strong returns that can be achieved using an active manager in an asset class where there is a heavy emphasis on income.”*

HXT was recognized with a Fundata A+ award in the Canadian equity category. HXT is Horizons ETFs' largest fund by assets under management, and it's also the lowest-cost¹ ETF in Canada, with an effective management fee of only 0.03%. As part of Horizons ETFs' family of [Total Return Index ETFs](#), HXT provides tax-efficient exposure to the S&P/TSX 60™ Index when held in non-registered accounts.

"HXT currently has more than \$1.8 billion in assets under management for a good reason," said Mr. Hawkins. "Since 2010, HXT has provided investors with tax-efficient exposure to Canada's biggest companies, at the lowest-cost¹ of any ETF available in Canada. That's the Horizons ETFs' advantage!"

HOG and HII are also past award recipients. A benchmark strategy, HOG seeks to replicate, to the extent possible, the performance of the Solactive Canadian Midstream Oil & Gas Index, net of expenses. It provides investors with exposure to the equity securities of Canadian oil and gas companies operating in the midstream sector. HII is also a benchmark strategy, which seeks to replicate, to the extent possible, the performance of the INK Canadian Insider Index, net of expenses. The INK Canadian Insider Index is designed to provide exposure to the performance of 50 TSX-listed growth and value stocks with significant insider buying and ownership.

"The Canadian equity market was a difficult market to be invested in in 2018, and riskier segments of that market – small/mid cap equities and energy – fared even more poorly," said Mr. Hawkins. "HOG and HII are innovative index strategies that have demonstrated an ability to protect capital in difficult market conditions relative to their peer group."

About Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc. (www.HorizonsETFs.com)

Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc. is an innovative financial services company and offers one of the largest suites of exchange traded funds in Canada. The Horizons ETFs product family includes a broadly diversified range of solutions for investors of all experience levels to meet their investment objectives in a variety of market conditions. Horizons ETFs has more than \$10.1 billion of assets under management and 87 ETFs listed on major Canadian stock exchanges. Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc. is a member of the Mirae Asset Global Investments Group.

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¹Compared to other Canadian physically replicated ETFs in the "Canadian Equity" Morningstar category. HXT has the lowest management fee among a total of 45 ETFs when accounting for its rebate, as at October 23, 2018.

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Performance for HAD for the period ending December 31, 2018 is as follows: 2.48% (1 year), 2.14% (3 years), 3.49% (5 years) and 2.55% (since inception on October 10, 2012). HAD was awarded its FundGrade A+ Award for consistently demonstrating the best risk-adjusted returns throughout the calendar year, ending December 31, 2018. In its award category – Canadian Fixed Income – HAD was in competition with 315 other investment funds.

Performance for HAL for the period ending December 31, 2018 is as follows: -5.66% (1 year), 6.78% (3 years), 4.94% (5 years) and 7.53% (since inception on February 9, 2010). HAL was awarded its FundGrade A+ Award for consistently demonstrating the best risk-adjusted returns throughout the calendar year, ending December 31, 2018. In its award category – Canadian Dividend & Income Equity – HAL was in competition with 370 other investment funds.

Performance for HII for the period ending December 31, 2018 is as follows: -17.92% (1 year), 3.39% (3 years), and 2.77% (since inception on January 20, 2015). HII was awarded its FundGrade A+ Award for consistently demonstrating the best risk-adjusted returns throughout the calendar year, ending December 31, 2018. In its award category – Canadian Small/Mid Cap Equity – HII was in competition with 151 other investment funds.

Performance for HOG for the period ending December 31, 2018 is as follows: -12.07% (1 year), 6.14% (3 years) and -1.87% (since inception on July 14, 2014). HOG was awarded its FundGrade A+ Award for consistently demonstrating the best risk-adjusted returns throughout the calendar year, ending December 31, 2018. In its award category – Energy Equity – HOG was in competition with 42 other investment funds.

Performance for HXT for the period ending December 31, 2018 is as follows: -7.61% (1 year), 7.15% (3 years), 4.94% (5 years) and 5.39% (since inception on September 14, 2010). HXT was awarded its FundGrade A+ Award for consistently demonstrating the best risk-adjusted returns throughout the calendar year, ending December 31, 2018. In its award category – Canadian Equity – HXT was in competition with 401 other investment funds.