Horizons Canadian Utility Services High Dividend Index ETF

**ETF Snapshot**

**Name:**
Horizons Canadian Utility Services High Dividend Index ETF

**Launch Date:**
August 10, 2022

**Ticker:**
UTIL

**Management Fee:**
0.50% (plus applicable Sales Tax)

**Investment Manager:**
Horizons ETFs Management (Canada) Inc.

**Currency:**
CAD

**Underlying Index:**
Solactive Canadian Utility Services High Dividend Index

**Bloomberg Ticker:**
SOLCUHDT

**Currency Hedged:**
N/A

**Distributions:**
Monthly

**Eligibility:**
All registered and non-registered investment accounts

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**Gain Exposure to Dividends From Canadian Utility Companies**

Horizons Canadian Utility Services High Dividend Index ETF ("UTIL") is a dividend-focused ETF that offers investors exposure to Canadian utility service companies listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX").

With UTIL, investors can gain exposure to three major segments of the utility services sector: utilities, pipelines and telecommunications, which have historically functioned as defensive industries, offering investors relative stability and consistent dividends, even during periods of volatility and bear markets.

UTIL seeks to replicate, to the extent possible, the performance of an index that seeks to provide exposure to the performance of TSX-listed high dividend paying utility services companies. Currently, UTIL seeks to replicate the performance of the Solactive Canadian Utility Services High Dividend Index (the Underlying Index), net of expenses.
Historically Higher Yields

One of the major appeals of Utility and Utility Services companies are their historically higher yields relative to sectors such as Information Technology and Consumer Goods. These companies tend to have one major cost which is the upkeep and expansion of critical infrastructure in areas such as electricity, heating and basic telecommunication services. Since very little of these companies’ balance sheets are focused on research and development and marketing, they tend to pay out a much higher amount of their revenue as dividend income to investors.

Expensive utility infrastructure requires continual upgrades and maintenance generally requires relatively high debt loads on these companies, which makes them historically susceptible to rises in interest rates. However, unlike other sectors such as Information Technology and Consumer Goods, which can have boom and bust cycles, demand for utility services remains relatively constant. People need to use the critical infrastructure provided by utilities and utility services which can provide some protection during negative equity markets as revenue should not decline to the same extent as other sectors dependent on discretionary spending.

**Historical Dividend Payout of Utility Services vs. S&P/TSX Composite Index and Selected Composite Sectors**

(Current Trailing 12-month Yield)

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<tr>
<th>Sector</th>
<th>Yield</th>
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<tr>
<td>Communication Services</td>
<td>4.73%</td>
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<td>Solactive Canadian Utility Services High Dividend Index</td>
<td>4.43%</td>
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<td>Energy</td>
<td>4.29%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Financials</td>
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<td>Utilities</td>
<td>3.66%</td>
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<td>Health Care</td>
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<td>S&amp;P/TSX Composite Index</td>
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Source: Bloomberg as at July 31, 2022.

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Key Features:

- Targeted exposure to high dividend-paying Canadian utility service companies listed on the TSX
- Goes beyond traditional Utilities exposure to include Pipelines and Telecom companies
- Historically, the utility service sector has been considered a defensive investment because it can potentially provide consistent dividends and stability throughout all market cycle conditions
- The Index Provider will employ minimum yield requirements for companies to be eligible for inclusion within the Underlying Index

Solactive Canadian Utility Services High Dividend Index

The Underlying Index is designed to provide exposure to TSX-listed high dividend paying utility services companies. In order to be eligible for inclusion in the Underlying Index, a company will be classified as primarily operating in one of the following index categories: “Utilities,” “Pipelines,” or “Telecommunications” as each term is defined by the Index Provider in the index guideline of the Underlying Index.

- Constituent Issuers will be drawn from publicly listed companies headquartered in Canada
- Companies must meet a minimum market capitalization of CAN$1 Billion at the time of selection
- Companies must meet a minimum yield requirement - minimum 3% - to be eligible for inclusion
- Equally weighted on each rebalance date

*12-Month Forward Dividend Yield

To learn more, please visit www.HorizonsETFs.com/ETF/UTIL

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