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**BlackRock<sup>®</sup> Canada Announces Estimated Annual Reinvested Capital Gains  
Distributions for the iShares<sup>®</sup> ETFs**

**Toronto, December 18, 2015** – BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited (“BlackRock Canada”), an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of BlackRock, Inc. (NYSE: BLK), today announced the estimated annual reinvested capital gains distributions for the iShares ETFs listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange for the 2015 tax year. Please note that these are ***estimated amounts only as of December 15, 2015 and could change if the iShares Funds experience subscriptions or redemptions prior to the ex-dividend date.***

These estimates are for the annual non-cash capital gains distributions, which are typically reinvested in additional units of the respective funds at the year-end, and do not include estimates of ongoing monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual cash distribution amounts. The additional units will be immediately consolidated with the previously outstanding units such that the number of outstanding units following the distribution will equal the number of units outstanding prior to the distribution.

BlackRock Canada expects to announce the final annual reinvested distribution amounts, as well as the monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, and annual cash distribution amounts, as applicable, for 2015, on or about December 24, 2015, for all funds except the iShares Premium Money Market ETF, for which a press release will be issued on December 30, 2015. The record date for the 2015 annual distributions will be December 31, 2015, payable on January 6, 2016. The actual taxable amounts of reinvested and cash distributions for 2015, including the tax characteristics of the distributions, will be reported to brokers (through CDS Clearing and Depository Services Inc. or “CDS”) in early 2016.



Details regarding the “per unit” distribution amounts are as follows:

Fund Name	Fund Ticker	Estimated Annual Reinvested Capital Gains Distribution Per Unit (\$) at Dec 15, 2015
iShares Balanced Income CorePortfolio™ Index ETF	CBD	0.65115
	CBD.A	0.65509
iShares 1-10 Year Laddered Corporate Bond Index ETF	CBH	0.00000
	CBH.A	0.00000
iShares Balanced Growth CorePortfolio™ Index ETF	CBN	0.58215
	CBN.A	0.41061
iShares 1-5 Year Laddered Corporate Bond Index ETF	CBO	0.00000
	CBO.A	0.00000
iShares BRIC Index ETF	CBQ	0.00000
	CBQ.A	0.00000
iShares S&P/TSX Canadian Dividend Aristocrats Index ETF	CDZ	0.94845
	CDZ.A	0.95529
iShares Equal Weight Banc & Lifeco ETF	CEW	0.25052
	CEW.A	0.02606
iShares Gold Bullion ETF	CGL	0.00000
	CGL.C	0.00000
iShares Global Real Estate Index ETF	CGR	0.46742
	CGR.A	0.00000
iShares U.S. High Yield Fixed Income Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	CHB	0.00000
	CHB.A	0.00000

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iShares International Fundamental Index ETF	CIE	0.58370
	CIE.A	0.68093
iShares Global Infrastructure Index ETF	CIF	0.55617
	CIF.A	0.58119
iShares Japan Fundamental Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	CJP	0.00000
	CJP.A	0.00000
iShares 1-5 Year Laddered Government Bond Index ETF	CLF	0.00000
	CLF.A	0.00000
iShares 1-10 Year Laddered Government Bond Index ETF	CLG	0.00000
	CLG.A	0.00000
iShares US Fundamental Index ETF	CLU	0.00000
	CLU.A	0.00000
	CLU.B	0.00000
	CLU.C	0.00000
iShares Premium Money Market ETF*	CMR	0.00000
	CMR.A*	0.02750*
iShares Global Agriculture Index ETF	COW	0.78827
	COW.A	0.00000
iShares S&P/TSX Canadian Preferred Share Index ETF	CPD	0.00000
	CPD.A	0.00000
iShares Canadian Fundamental Index ETF	CRQ	0.00000

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	CRQ.A	0.00000
iShares Advantaged Short Duration High Income ETF (CAD-Hedged)	CSD	0.00000
	CSD.A	0.00000
iShares US Dividend Growers Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	CUD	0.00000
	CUD.A	0.00000
iShares Convertible Bond Index ETF	CVD	0.00000
	CVD.A	0.00000
iShares Emerging Markets Fundamental Index ETF	CWO	0.00000
	CWO.A	0.00000
iShares Global Water Index ETF	CWW	0.00000
	CWW.A	0.00000
iShares Global Monthly Dividend Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	CYH	0.00000
	CYH.A	0.00000
iShares Canadian Financial Monthly Income ETF	FIE	0.00000
	FIE.A	0.00000
iShares Silver Bullion ETF	SVR	0.00000
	SVR.C	0.00000
iShares Alternatives Completion Portfolio Builder Fund	XAL	0.00000
iShares Core MSCI All Country World ex Canada Index ETF	XAW	0.00000
iShares Canadian Universe Bond Index ETF	XBB	0.18462
iShares S&P/TSX Global Base Metals Index ETF	XBM	0.00000

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iShares MSCI Brazil Index ETF	XBZ	0.00000
iShares Canadian Corporate Bond Index ETF	XCB	0.01857
iShares S&P Global Consumer Discretionary Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XCD	0.00000
iShares Canadian Growth Index ETF	XCG	0.00000
iShares China Index ETF	XCH	0.00000
iShares Conservative Core Portfolio Builder Fund	XCR	0.00000
iShares S&P/TSX SmallCap Index ETF	XCS	0.00000
iShares Canadian Value Index ETF	XCV	0.00000
iShares Canadian Select Dividend Index ETF	XDV	0.00000
iShares J.P. Morgan USD Emerging Markets Bond Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XEB	0.00000
iShares Core MSCI Emerging Markets IMI Index ETF	XEC	0.00000
iShares Core MSCI EAFE IMI Index ETF	XEF	0.06319
iShares S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index ETF	XEG	0.00000
iShares MSCI Europe IMI Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XEH	0.00000
iShares Core S&P/TSX Composite High Dividend Index ETF	XEI	0.00000
iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Index ETF	XEM	0.03899
iShares Jantzi Social Index ETF	XEN	0.00000
iShares MSCI Europe IMI Index ETF	XEU	0.00000
iShares FactorSelect™ MSCI USA Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XFA	0.13197
iShares FactorSelect™ MSCI Canada Index ETF	XFC	0.03886

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iShares FactorSelect™ MSCI EAFE Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XFF	0.93073
iShares Core MSCI EAFE IMI Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XFH	0.00000
iShares FactorSelect™ MSCI EAFE Index ETF	XFI	0.32304
iShares S&P/TSX Capped Financials Index ETF	XFN	0.01073
iShares Floating Rate Index ETF	XFR	0.00000
iShares FactorSelect™ MSCI USA Index ETF	XFS	0.12440
iShares Canadian Government Bond Index ETF	XGB	0.21067
iShares Global Completion Portfolio Builder Fund	XGC	0.00000
iShares S&P/TSX Global Gold Index ETF	XGD	0.00000
iShares S&P Global Industrials Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XGI	0.00000
iShares Growth Core Portfolio Builder Fund	XGR	0.00000
iShares Canadian HYBrid Corporate Bond Index ETF	XHB	0.00000
iShares Global Healthcare Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XHC	0.00000
iShares U.S. High Dividend Equity Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XHD	0.00000
iShares U.S. High Dividend Equity Index ETF	XHU	0.00000
iShares U.S. High Yield Bond Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XHY	0.00000
iShares Core S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index ETF	XIC	0.45824
iShares India Index ETF	XID	0.00000
iShares U.S. IG Corporate Bond Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XIG	0.00000
iShares MSCI EAFE® Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XIN	0.00000
iShares S&P/TSX Capped Information Technology Index ETF	XIT	0.00000

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iShares S&P/TSX 60 Index ETF	XIU	0.26761
iShares Core Canadian Long Term Bond Index ETF	XLB	0.00000
iShares S&P/TSX Capped Materials Index ETF	XMA	0.00000
iShares S&P U.S. Mid-Cap Index ETF	XMC	0.00000
iShares S&P/TSX Completion Index ETF	XMD	0.00000
iShares S&P U.S. Mid-Cap Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XMH	0.00000
iShares MSCI EAFE Minimum Volatility Index ETF	XMI	0.00000
iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Minimum Volatility Index ETF	XMM	0.00000
iShares MSCI USA Minimum Volatility Index ETF	XMU	1.09222
iShares MSCI Canada Minimum Volatility Index ETF	XMV	0.00000
iShares MSCI All Country World Minimum Volatility Index ETF	XMW	0.00000
iShares S&P/TSX North American Preferred Stock Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XPF	0.00000
iShares Core High Quality Canadian Bond Index ETF	XQB	0.00000
	XQB.A	0.00000
iShares NASDAQ 100 Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XQQ	0.00000
iShares Canadian Real Return Bond Index ETF*	XRБ*	0.25071*
iShares S&P/TSX Capped REIT Index ETF	XRE	0.01561
iShares Canadian Short Term Bond Index ETF	XSB	0.00000
iShares Conservative Short Term Strategic Fixed Income ETF	XSC	0.00000
iShares Conservative Strategic Fixed Income ETF	XSE	0.00000



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iShares Core Canadian Short Term Corporate + Maple Bond Index ETF	XSH	0.00000
iShares Short Term Strategic Fixed Income ETF	XSI	0.00000
iShares Core S&P 500 Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XSP	0.00000
iShares Core Short Term High Quality Canadian Bond Index ETF	XSQ	0.00000
iShares S&P/TSX Capped Consumer Staples Index ETF	XST	1.20785
iShares U.S. Small Cap Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XSU	0.00000
iShares Diversified Monthly Income ETF	XTR	0.00000
iShares Core S&P U.S. Total Market Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XUH	0.00000
iShares Core S&P 500 Index ETF	XUS	0.04151
iShares S&P/TSX Capped Utilities Index ETF	XUT	0.00000
iShares Core S&P U.S. Total Market Index ETF	XUU	0.00000
iShares MSCI World Index ETF	XWD	0.14104

\*For iShares Canadian Real Return Bond Index ETF (XRB) and iShares Premium Money Market ETF (CMR.A) only, the distribution amount includes an income component.

Further information on the iShares Funds can be found at [www.blackrock.com/ca](http://www.blackrock.com/ca).

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<sup>[1]</sup>Based on US \$4.506 trillion in AUM as of 9/30/15.

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