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**BlackRock<sup>®</sup> Canada Announces May Cash Distributions for the iShares<sup>®</sup> ETFs**

**Toronto, May 12, 2016** – BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited (“BlackRock Canada”), an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of BlackRock, Inc. (NYSE: BLK), today announced the May 2016 cash distributions for the iShares ETFs listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange which pay on a monthly basis. Unitholders of record of a fund on May 26, 2016 will receive cash distributions payable in respect of that fund on **May 31, 2016**.

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

Fund Name	Fund Ticker	Cash Distribution Per Unit (\$)
iShares Balanced Income CorePortfolio™ Index ETF	CBD	0.07012
	CBD.A	0.04383
iShares 1-10 Year Laddered Corporate Bond Index ETF	CBH	0.06315
	CBH.A	0.05378
iShares Balanced Growth CorePortfolio™ Index ETF	CBN	0.04540
	CBN.A	0.02082
iShares 1-5 Year Laddered Corporate Bond Index ETF	CBO	0.04930
	CBO.A	0.04040
iShares S&P <sup>®</sup> /TSX <sup>®</sup> Canadian Dividend Aristocrats Index ETF	CDZ	0.08266
	CDZ.A	0.06578
iShares Equal Weight Banc & Lifeco ETF	CEW	0.02600

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	CEW.A	0.03250
iShares U.S. High Yield Fixed Income Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	CHB	0.09322
	CHB.A	0.08433
iShares 1-5 Year Laddered Government Bond Index ETF	CLF	0.05019
	CLF.A	0.04115
iShares 1-10 Year Laddered Government Bond Index ETF	CLG	0.05306
	CLG.A	0.04369
iShares S&P/TSX Canadian Preferred Share Index ETF	CPD	0.05200
	CPD.A	0.04620
iShares Short Duration High Income ETF (CAD-Hedged)	CSD	0.07240
	CSD.A	0.06345
iShares US Dividend Growers Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	CUD	0.05273
	CUD.A	0.03114
iShares Convertible Bond Index ETF	CVD	0.07008
	CVD.A	0.06080
iShares Global Monthly Dividend Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	CYH	0.05638
	CYH.A	0.05137
iShares Canadian Financial Monthly Income ETF	FIE	0.04000
	FIE.A	0.04000
iShares Canadian Universe Bond Index ETF	XBB	0.07334
iShares Canadian Corporate Bond Index ETF	XCB	0.05704
iShares Canadian Select Dividend Index ETF	XDV	0.07822
iShares J.P. Morgan USD Emerging Markets Bond Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XEB	0.07210
iShares Core S&P/TSX Composite High Dividend Index ETF	XEI	0.08015

Fund Name	Fund Ticker	Cash Distribution Per Unit (\$)
iShares S&P/TSX Capped Financials Index ETF	XFN	0.07590
iShares Floating Rate Index ETF	XFR	0.01265
iShares Canadian Government Bond Index ETF	XGB	0.04742
iShares Canadian HYBrid Corporate Bond Index ETF	XHB	0.07303
iShares U.S. High Dividend Equity Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XHD	0.05713
iShares U.S. High Dividend Equity Index ETF	XHU	0.05004
iShares U.S. High Yield Bond Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XHY	0.09229
iShares U.S. IG Corporate Bond Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XIG	0.05545
iShares Core Canadian Long Term Bond Index ETF	XLB	0.06986
iShares S&P/TSX North American Preferred Stock Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XPF	0.08046
iShares Core High Quality Canadian Bond Index ETF	XQB	0.04650
	XQB.A	0.03671
iShares S&P/TSX Capped REIT Index ETF	XRE	0.06971
iShares Canadian Short Term Bond Index ETF	XSB	0.05567
iShares Conservative Short Term Strategic Fixed Income ETF	XSC	0.05303
iShares Conservative Strategic Fixed Income ETF	XSE	0.06837
iShares Core Canadian Short Term Corporate + Maple Bond Index ETF	XSH	0.05097
iShares Short Term Strategic Fixed Income ETF	XSI	0.05006
iShares Core Short Term High Quality Canadian Bond Index ETF	XSQ	0.03764
iShares Diversified Monthly Income ETF	XTR	0.05000
iShares S&P/TSX Capped Utilities Index ETF	XUT	0.07272



## **Estimated May Cash Distributions for the iShares Premium Money Market ETF**

The May cash distributions per unit for the iShares Premium Money Market ETF are estimated to be as follows:

<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Fund Ticker</b>	<b>Estimated Cash Distribution Per Unit (\$)</b>
iShares Premium Money Market ETF	CMR	0.01939
	CMR.A	0.00690

BlackRock Canada expects to issue a press release on or about May 25, 2016, which will provide the final amounts for the iShares Premium Money Market ETF.

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\$4.737 trillion in AUM as of 3/31/16.

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