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**Listing:** TSX (Toronto Stock Exchange)

**Symbol:** CBH, CBO, CDZ, CEW, CGL, CGL.C, CGR, CHB, CIF, CLF, CLG, COW, CPD, CSD, CUD, CVD, CWW, CYH, DXB, DXC, DXF, DXG, DXO, DXP, DXU, DXV, DXZ, FIE, SVR, SVR.C, XAW, XBAL/CBD<sup>1</sup>, XBB, XBM, XCB, XCD, XCG, XCH, XCS, XCV, XDG, XDGH, XDIV, XDU, XDUH, XDV, XEB, XEC, XEF, XEG, XEH, XEI, XEM, XEN, XEU, XFA, XFC, XFF, XFH, XFI, XFN, XFR, XFS, XGB, XGD, XGI, XGRO/CBN<sup>2</sup>, XHB, XHC, XHD, XHU, XHY, XIC, XID, XIG, XIN, XIT, XIU, XLB, XMA, XMC, XMD, XMH, XMI, XML, XMM, XMS, XMU, XMV, XMW, XMY, XPF, XQB, XQQ, XRB, XRE, XSB, XSC, XSE, XSH, XSI, XSP, XSQ, XST, XSU, XTR, XUH, XUS, XUT, XUU, XWD

**Listing:** NEO (Aequitas NEO Exchange)

**Symbol:** CIE, CJP, CLU, CLU.C, CRQ, CWO

**BlackRock® Canada Announces Final December Cash Distributions for the iShares® ETFs and Changes to Certain iShares ETFs**

**Toronto, December 27, 2018** – BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited (“BlackRock Canada”), an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of BlackRock, Inc. (NYSE: BLK), today announced the final December cash distributions for the iShares ETFs listed on the TSX or NEO, with the exception of the iShares Premium Money Market ETF (“CMR”). Final cash distributions for CMR will be confirmed in a press release to be issued on or about December 28, 2018. Unitholders of record of a fund on December 31, 2018 will receive cash distributions payable in respect of that fund on **January 4, 2019**.

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

Fund Name	Fund Ticker	Cash Distribution Per Unit (\$)
iShares 1-10 Year Laddered Corporate Bond Index ETF	CBH	0.05300
iShares 1-5 Year Laddered Corporate Bond Index ETF	CBO	0.04824
iShares S&P/TSX Canadian Dividend Aristocrats Index ETF	CDZ	0.09698
iShares Equal Weight Banc & Lifeco ETF	CEW	0.05055
iShares Gold Bullion ETF	CGL	0.00000

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iShares Gold Bullion ETF	CGL.C	0.00000
iShares Global Real Estate Index ETF	CGR	0.13632
iShares U.S. High Yield Fixed Income Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	CHB	0.09000
iShares International Fundamental Index ETF	CIE	0.10880
iShares Global Infrastructure Index ETF	CIF	0.15259
iShares Japan Fundamental Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	CJP	0.31815
iShares 1-5 Year Laddered Government Bond Index ETF	CLF	0.04530
iShares 1-10 Year Laddered Government Bond Index ETF	CLG	0.04500
iShares US Fundamental Index ETF	CLU	0.15982
iShares US Fundamental Index ETF	CLU.C	0.18192
iShares Global Agriculture Index ETF	COW	0.41173
iShares S&P/TSX Canadian Preferred Share Index ETF	CPD	0.04900
iShares Canadian Fundamental Index ETF	CRQ	0.05113
iShares Short Duration High Income ETF (CAD-Hedged)	CSD	0.08070
iShares US Dividend Growers Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	CUD	0.18925
iShares Convertible Bond Index ETF	CVD	0.07100
iShares Emerging Markets Fundamental Index ETF	CWO	0.00500
iShares Global Water Index ETF	CWW	0.59293
iShares Global Monthly Dividend Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	CYH	0.17081
Dynamic iShares Active Tactical Bond ETF	DXB	0.04200
Dynamic iShares Active Canadian Dividend ETF	DXC	0.04000
Dynamic iShares Active Global Financial Services ETF	DXF	0.10000
Dynamic iShares Active Global Dividend ETF	DXG	0.00000
Dynamic iShares Active Crossover Bond ETF	DXO	0.20272

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Dynamic iShares Active Preferred Shares ETF	DXP	0.07200
Dynamic iShares Active U.S. Dividend ETF	DXU	0.00000
Dynamic iShares Active Investment Grade Floating Rate ETF	DXV	0.03900
Dynamic iShares Active U.S. Mid-Cap ETF	DXZ	0.02681
iShares Canadian Financial Monthly Income ETF	FIE	0.04000
iShares Silver Bullion ETF	SVR	0.00000
iShares Silver Bullion ETF	SVR.C	0.00000
iShares Core MSCI All Country World ex Canada Index ETF	XAW	0.30064
iShares Core Balanced ETF Portfolio (formerly iShares Balanced Income CorePortfolio™ Index ETF)	XBAL/CBD <sup>1</sup>	0.06100
iShares Core Canadian Universe Bond Index ETF	XBB	0.07400
iShares S&P/TSX Global Base Metals Index ETF	XBM	0.15078
iShares Canadian Corporate Bond Index ETF	XCB	0.05300
iShares S&P Global Consumer Discretionary Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XCD	0.17572
iShares Canadian Growth Index ETF	XCG	0.07011
iShares China Index ETF	XCH	0.39192
iShares S&P/TSX SmallCap Index ETF	XCS	0.03433
iShares Canadian Value Index ETF	XCV	0.14959
iShares Core MSCI Global Quality Dividend Index ETF	XDG	0.04500
iShares Core MSCI Global Quality Dividend Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XDGH	0.04500
iShares Core MSCI Canadian Quality Dividend Index ETF	XDIV	0.07400
iShares Core MSCI US Quality Dividend Index ETF	XDU	0.04200
iShares Core MSCI US Quality Dividend Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XDUH	0.04200
iShares Canadian Select Dividend Index ETF	XDV	0.11200
iShares J.P. Morgan USD Emerging Markets Bond Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XEB	0.28604

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iShares Core MSCI Emerging Markets IMI Index ETF	XEC	0.53679
iShares Core MSCI EAFE IMI Index ETF	XEF	0.26119
iShares S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index ETF	XEG	0.01862
iShares MSCI Europe IMI Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XEH	0.23416
iShares S&P/TSX Composite High Dividend Index ETF	XEI	0.08900
iShares MSCI Emerging Markets Index ETF	XEM	0.54176
iShares Jantzi Social Index ETF	XEN	0.09527
iShares MSCI Europe IMI Index ETF	XEU	0.22711
iShares Edge MSCI Multifactor USA Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XFA	0.24142
iShares Edge MSCI Multifactor Canada Index ETF	XFC	0.06149
iShares Edge MSCI Multifactor EAFE Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XFF	0.09997
iShares Core MSCI EAFE IMI Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XFH	0.19962
iShares Edge MSCI Multifactor EAFE Index ETF	XFI	0.08594
iShares S&P/TSX Capped Financials Index ETF	XFN	0.09339
iShares Floating Rate Index ETF	XFR	0.03100
iShares Edge MSCI Multifactor USA Index ETF	XFS	0.18979
iShares Canadian Government Bond Index ETF	XGB	0.04400
iShares S&P/TSX Global Gold Index ETF	XGD	0.00500
iShares S&P Global Industrials Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XGI	0.31522
iShares Core Growth ETF Portfolio (formerly iShares Balanced Growth CorePortfolio™ Index ETF)	XGRO/CBN <sup>2</sup>	0.04571
iShares Canadian HYBrid Corporate Bond Index ETF	XHB	0.06600
iShares Global Healthcare Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XHC	0.47403
iShares U.S. High Dividend Equity Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XHD	0.06900
iShares U.S. High Dividend Equity Index ETF	XHU	0.05500

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iShares U.S. High Yield Bond Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XHY	0.08800
iShares Core S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index ETF	XIC	0.14814
iShares India Index ETF	XID	0.11383
iShares U.S. IG Corporate Bond Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XIG	0.10651
iShares MSCI EAFE® Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XIN	0.27615
iShares S&P/TSX Capped Information Technology Index ETF	XIT	0.00000
iShares S&P/TSX 60 Index ETF	XIU	0.00000
iShares Core Canadian Long Term Bond Index ETF	XLB	0.06900
iShares S&P/TSX Capped Materials Index ETF	XMA	0.00000
iShares S&P U.S. Mid-Cap Index ETF	XMC	0.14320
iShares S&P/TSX Completion Index ETF	XMD	0.04245
iShares S&P U.S. Mid-Cap Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XMH	0.11678
iShares Edge MSCI Min Vol EAFE Index ETF	XMI	0.41614
iShares Edge MSCI Min Vol EAFE Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XML	0.20291
iShares Edge MSCI Min Vol Emerging Markets Index ETF	XMM	0.46619
iShares Edge MSCI Min Vol USA Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XMS	0.10577
iShares Edge MSCI Min Vol USA Index ETF	XMU	0.21921
iShares Edge MSCI Min Vol Canada Index ETF	XMV	0.18736
iShares Edge MSCI Min Vol Global Index ETF	XMW	0.51282
iShares Edge MSCI Min Vol Global Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XMY	0.16190
iShares S&P/TSX North American Preferred Stock Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XPF	0.06800
iShares High Quality Canadian Bond Index ETF	XQB	0.04746
iShares NASDAQ 100 Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XQQ	0.13992
iShares Canadian Real Return Bond Index ETF	XRБ	0.23254



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iShares S&P/TSX Capped REIT Index ETF	XRE	0.06910
iShares Core Canadian Short Term Bond Index ETF	XSB	0.05500
iShares Conservative Short Term Strategic Fixed Income ETF	XSC	0.04500
iShares Conservative Strategic Fixed Income ETF	XSE	0.04900
iShares Core Canadian Short Term Corporate + Maple Bond Index ETF	XSH	0.04400
iShares Short Term Strategic Fixed Income ETF	XSI	0.05600
iShares Core S&P 500 Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XSP	0.28653
iShares Short Term High Quality Canadian Bond Index ETF	XSQ	0.03463
iShares S&P/TSX Capped Consumer Staples Index ETF	XST	0.10000
iShares U.S. Small Cap Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XSU	0.16348
iShares Diversified Monthly Income ETF	XTR	0.05000
iShares Core S&P U.S. Total Market Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	XUH	0.15729
iShares Core S&P 500 Index ETF	XUS	0.42804
iShares S&P/TSX Capped Utilities Index ETF	XUT	0.08100
iShares Core S&P U.S. Total Market Index ETF	XUU	0.16385
iShares MSCI World Index ETF	XWD	0.44911

<sup>1</sup> The TSX ticker for the iShares Fund changed from CBD to XBAL on December 20, 2018. The iShares Fund also changed its name, effective December 11, 2018. The CUSIP of the iShares Fund did not change as a result of the implementation of the ticker or name changes.

<sup>2</sup> The TSX ticker for the iShares Fund is changed from CBN to XGRO on December 20, 2018. The iShares Fund also changed its name, effective December 11, 2018. The CUSIP of the iShares Fund did not change as a result of the implementation of the ticker or name changes.

Further information on the iShares Funds can be found at <http://www.blackrock.com/ca>.

### Changes to Certain iShares ETFs

BlackRock Canada also announced that it is lowering the annual management fees on two of its equity ETFs. These funds – the iShares Core S&P 500 Index ETF (XUS) and iShares Core S&P 500 Index ETF (CAD-Hedged) (XSP) – will each have an annual management fee, inclusive of



applicable underlying product fees, of 0.09% of such fund's net asset value, effective as of January 1, 2019.

Further information on XUS and XSP can be found at [www.blackrock.com/ca](http://www.blackrock.com/ca)

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<sup>1</sup> Based on US\$6.44 trillion in AUM as of 9/30/18

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