

Listing: TSX (Toronto Stock Exchange)

Symbol: XEQT, XGRO, XBAL, XCNS and XINC

Press Release

For Immediate Release

BlackRock® Canada Announces Changes to Certain ETFs

Toronto, December 18, 2025 – BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited (“**BlackRock Canada**”), an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of BlackRock, Inc. (“**BlackRock**”) (NYSE: BLK) is announcing that effective on December 18, 2025, the annual management fees of the following iShares exchange-traded funds (“**iShares Funds**”) will change as follows:

Name	Ticker	Former Management Fee ⁽¹⁾	New Management Fee ⁽¹⁾
iShares Core Balanced ETF Portfolio	XBAL	0.18%	0.17%
iShares Core Conservative Balanced ETF Portfolio	XCNS	0.18%	0.17%
iShares Core Equity ETF Portfolio	XEQT	0.18%	0.17%
iShares Core Growth ETF Portfolio	XGRO	0.18%	0.17%
iShares Core Income Balanced ETF Portfolio	XINC	0.18%	0.17%

⁽¹⁾ As an annualized percentage of the iShares Fund’s daily net asset value. If applicable, BlackRock Canada or an affiliate is entitled to receive a fee for acting as manager of each iShares ETF in which this iShares Fund may invest (an “**underlying product fee**” and together with the management fee payable to BlackRock Canada, the “**total annual fee**”). As the underlying product fees are embedded in the market value of the iShares ETFs in which this iShares Fund may invest, any underlying product fees are borne indirectly by this iShares Fund. BlackRock Canada will adjust the management fee payable to it by this iShares Fund to ensure that the total annual fees paid directly or indirectly to BlackRock Canada and its affiliates by this iShares Fund will not exceed the percentage of the net asset value set out above. The total annual fee is exclusive of HST. Any underlying product fees borne indirectly by this iShares Fund are calculated and accrued daily and are paid not less than annually.

This action is part of the firm’s regular review of its pricing strategy to reflect continued growth in its product offerings and ability to leverage its scale to benefit investors. There is no change to the investment objectives or trading symbols of XBAL, XCNS, XEQT, XGRO and XINC. Current unitholders in XBAL, XCNS, XEQT, XGRO or XINC are not required to take any actions as a result of this change.

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About iShares

iShares unlocks opportunity across markets to meet the evolving needs of investors. With more than twenty years of experience, a global line-up of approximately 1,700 exchange traded funds (ETFs) and US\$5.2 trillion in assets under management as of September 30, 2025, iShares continues to drive progress for the financial industry. iShares funds are powered by the expert portfolio and risk management of BlackRock.

iShares® ETFs are managed by BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited.

Commissions, trailing commissions, management fees and expenses all may be associated with investing in iShares ETFs. Please read the relevant prospectus before investing. The funds are not guaranteed, their values change frequently and past performance may not be repeated. Tax, investment and all other decisions should be made, as appropriate, only with guidance from a qualified professional.

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