

First Trust Portfolios Canada wins FundGrade® A+ Award Toronto, January 31, 2022 /PRNewswire/ -- First Trust Portfolios Canada announced today that its First Trust International Capital Strength ETF (FINT) has won the FundGrade® A+ Award in the International Equity Fund category. These venerable awards are presented on an annual basis to Canadian investment funds that consistently achieve high FundGrade scores throughout the calendar year.

“We’re proud to be the recipient of Fundata’s FundGrade® A+ Award in the international equity category,” said Karl Cheong, Head of Distribution First Trust Portfolios Canada. “Our actively managed, First Trust International Capital Strength ETF (FINT) beat its benchmark over 1, 2, and 3-year periods with first quartile performance throughout, which is testament to the fund’s well designed investment methodology, robust fundamental research team and our commitment to Canadian Advisors,” concluded Mr. Cheong.

About the FundGrade A+® Rating

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About First Trust

First Trust Canada is the trustee, manager and promoter of the First Trust ETFs. First Trust Canada and its affiliates First Trust Advisors L.P. (“FTA”), portfolio advisor to the First Trust ETFs, an Ontario Securities Commission registered portfolio manager and U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission registered investment advisor, and First Trust Portfolios L.P. (“FTP”), a FINRA registered broker-dealer, are privately held companies that provide a variety of investment services. FTA has collective assets under management or supervision of approximately US \$224 billion as of December 31, 2021 through exchange-traded funds, closed-end funds, mutual funds and separate managed accounts.

Further information about the Fund can be found at www.firsttrust.ca.

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