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Re: Category Changes – Voting Results

The CIFSC has completed a review of the category schema in an effort to better and more appropriately categorize funds. On March 31st, 2015 the committee put forth three category change proposals for a 30 day comment period. Feedback was received and the committee reached a final decision by way of vote as follows. The following changes will take affect with the release of June month-end data:

1. Floating Rate Loan

Proposal:

Create a new category called Floating Rate Loan. The definition would include any fund that has a mandate to invest primarily in floating rate loans and / or maintains a given credit rating. For a list of funds that potentially fall in the new category please see Appendix A [here](#).

The committee voted unanimously in favour of creating a new category.

2. Global Dividend & Income Equity

Proposal:

Create a new category called 'Global Dividend & Income Equity'. The definition and parameters would be consistent with the Canadian Dividend & Income Equity category with the qualifying funds meeting the criteria for the Global Equity category as well as having a mandate to invest in dividend paying equities while maintaining a 3-year weighted average yield above a selected benchmark threshold (likely MSCI World High Dividend Yield Index).

The committee voted against creating a Global Dividend & Income category.

3. U.S. Dividend & Income Equity

Proposal:

Create a new category called 'U.S. Dividend & Income Equity'. The definition and parameters would be consistent with the Canadian Dividend & Income Equity category with the qualifying funds meeting the criteria for the U.S. Equity category as well as having a mandate to invest in dividend paying equities while maintaining a 3-year weighted average yield above a selected benchmark threshold* (likely MSCI US High Dividend Yield Index).

The committee voted against creating a U.S. Dividend & Income category.

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