

ACS Responsible Beta Funds Mark First Month with Strong Positive Returns

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The ACS Responsible Beta Funds combine both Passive Investing and Socially Responsible Investing for accredited investors.

Toronto, April 26, 2022 – Advantage Capital Strategies Group (“ACS Group” or the “company”) is pleased to announce the successful launch of the ACS Responsible Beta Canadian Equity Fund and the ACS Responsible Beta US Equity Fund. Both funds were launched on February 28, 2022 and recently reported results for the first month of operations.

“The Responsible Beta funds are designed to track broad equity markets both Canada and the United States, with the added mission of excluding companies not suitable for a Socially Responsible Investing fund,” said ACS Group Portfolio Manager, James Thai. “We believe the funds can provide returns similar to market indices but with the benefit of not investing in harmful companies.”

Sam Broadbent, CEO, said, “We are excited about the potential of the ACS Responsible Beta funds and we are pleased with how both funds have performed in the early days, particularly in what is a challenging investing environment.”

ACS Group is an investment manager that focuses exclusively on Socially Responsible Investing. The company accomplishes this using a range of approaches, including negative screening and sustainable thematic investing.

ACS Group has completed an in-depth review of all companies comprising the *Solactive GBS Canada Large & Mid Cap 10% Capped Index* and the *Solactive GBS United States 500 10% Capped Index* to determine which index constituents were not suitable for the funds. The company does not invest in companies that have material revenue exposure from fossil fuels, gambling, weapons, tobacco, alcohol, cannabis and predatory lending. ACS Group also does not invest in companies that engage in controversial business practices.

For the one month period, ending March 31, 2022, the ACS Responsible Beta Canadian Equity Fund returned 3.59% (CAD) and the ACS Responsible Beta US Equity Fund returned 4.08% (USD).

About ACS Group

Advantage Capital Strategies Group (“ACS Group” or the “company”) is an investment management firm committed to Socially Responsible Investing in the public markets. The company was founded in 2021 by a group of investors who believe that investing responsibly and the pursuit of financial returns are not competing objectives, but rather can be used to enhance one another. ACS Group is a Portfolio Manager and Exempt Market Dealer registered in Ontario with the Ontario Securities Commission. For more details on the ACS Responsible Beta Funds and ACS Group, please see www.ACSGroup.ca.

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