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## MIDDLEFIELD EXPANDS ACTIVELY MANAGED ETF PLATFORM

Middlefield Group is pleased to announce the expansion of its actively managed ETF platform through the conversions of **Middlefield Health & Wellness** *Dividend Fund* (TSX: HWF.UN) and **American Core Sectors** *Dividend Fund* (TSX: ACZ.UN), as approved by unitholders at special meetings held on May 17, 2019. These additions to Middlefield's ETF platform provide value-added solutions to investors and financial advisors looking for unique, actively managed strategies which investors would have difficulty replicating with passive investment products.

Commencing today, Middlefield Health & Wellness ETF (new TSX ticker symbol: HWF) and Middlefield American Core Dividend ETF (new TSX ticker symbol: ACZ) begin trading as ETFs. The conversions to ETFs were not taxable events for unitholders and units of the funds were converted to units of the applicable ETF on a 1:1 basis, with all costs associated with the conversions being borne by the Manager.

About Middlefield Health & Wellness ETF	
Health & Wellness ETF	Actively managed, diversified portfolio comprised primarily of dividend-paying securities of Healthcare &Wellness Issuers. Monthly distribution of \$0.04167/unit

About Middlefield American Core Dividend ETF	
AMERICAN C CORE DIVIDEND ETF	Actively managed, diversified portfolio comprised primarily of dividend-paying securities with a focus on the U.S. consumer, financials, industrials and information technology sectors. Monthly distribution of \$0.04583/unit

## **About Middlefield Group**

Middlefield was established in 1979 and has approximately \$4 billion in assets under management. Middlefield is a Specialty Investment Manager which creates investment products designed to balance risk and return to meet the demanding requirements of Financial Advisors and their clients. These financial products include Mutual Funds, ETFs, Private and Public Resource Funds, Venture Capital Assets, TSX Publicly Traded Funds and Real Estate Investment Funds and Partnerships.

For further information on the Fund, please visit our website at <u>www.middlefieldetfs.com</u> or contact Nancy Tham or Michael Bury in our Sales and Marketing Department at 1.888.890.1868.

Commissions, trailing commissions, management fees and expenses all may be associated with ETFs. Please read the prospectus before investing. ETFs are not guaranteed, their values change frequently and past performance may not be repeated.

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