

# FAIRFAX *News Release*

*TSX Stock Symbol: FFH and FFH.U*

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## **FAIRFAX FILES UNIVERSAL SHELF PROSPECTUS**

Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited (“Fairfax”) (TSX: FFH and FFH.U) has filed a preliminary short form base shelf prospectus with the Canadian securities regulatory authorities. The shelf prospectus will allow Fairfax to offer from time to time over a 25-month period up to Cdn\$5.0 billion of debt, equity or other securities. Should Fairfax offer any securities, it will make a prospectus supplement available that will include the specific terms of the securities being offered.

The filing is intended to restore capacity under Fairfax’s existing Cdn\$2.0 billion shelf prospectus and to provide Fairfax with additional financial flexibility by increasing the total capacity to Cdn\$5.0 billion.

Upon a receipt being issued for the final short form base shelf prospectus, Fairfax’s existing base shelf prospectus will be withdrawn.

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Fairfax is a holding company which, through its subsidiaries, is engaged in property and casualty insurance and reinsurance and investment management.

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