

## **Two Desjardins Funds win FundGrade A+® Awards from Fundata**

**January 30, 2018** – Desjardins Funds were honoured at the 2017 Fundata Evening of Excellence in Toronto on January 25. At the gala, Fundata Canada Inc. announced the winners of their awards for the Canadian investment funds that consistently achieved top FundGrade scores through the entire 2017 calendar year. Two Desjardins Funds earned FundGrade A+® Awards for their consistent, outstanding, risk-adjusted performance in 2017.

- The [Desjardins Quebec Balanced Fund \(Class A\)](#) achieved the FundGrade A+® rating for the fourth year in a row in the Canadian Neutral Balanced Funds category, competing against 384 other funds.
- The [Desjardins Global Infrastructure Fund \(Class A\)](#) achieved the FundGrade A+® rating for the second year in a row in the Global Infrastructure Equity Funds category, competing against 38 other funds.

The FundGrade A+® Award recognizes not only top performance but also consistency. The award is given annually to the top Canadian investment funds that achieved consistently high FundGrade scores through an entire calendar year.

For Sébastien Vallée, Director, Investment Solutions Development and Management at Desjardins Group, this award is proof of Desjardins’s ability to develop leading-edge, long-term investment solutions for its members and clients.

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10% of funds receive an E Grade. To be eligible, a fund must have received a FundGrade rating every month in the previous year. The FundGrade A+® uses a GPA (Grade Point Average)-style calculation, where each monthly FundGrade rating from “A” to “E” receives a score from 4 to 0, respectively. A fund’s average score for the year determines its GPA. Any fund with a GPA of 3.5 or greater is awarded a FundGrade A+® Award. The FundGrade grades are subject to change each month. For more information, please see the web site [www.FundGradeAwards.com](http://www.FundGradeAwards.com). Although Fundata makes every effort to ensure the accuracy and reliability of the data contained herein, the accuracy is not guaranteed by Fundata.

The Desjardins Québec Balanced Fund (A-Class) received the A+ Grade in the category of Canadian Neutral Balanced funds, out of a total of 384 funds competing in this category as defined by the Canadian Investment Funds Standards Committee (CIFSC), an independent organisation from Fundata. This grade is attributed for the period from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

The Desjardins Global Infrastructure Fund (A-Class) received the A+ Grade in the category of Global Infrastructure Equity funds, out of a total of 38 funds competing in this category as defined by the CIFSC. This grade is attributed for the period from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

The Desjardins Funds are not guaranteed, their value fluctuates frequently and their past performance is not indicative of their future returns. Commissions, trailing commissions, management fees and expenses all may be associated with mutual fund investments. Please read the prospectus before investing. The Desjardins Funds are offered by registered dealers.