

# Desjardins

## American Equity Value Fund



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### Contributors to relative performance

- Sector allocation added to relative performance due to an overweight to communication services.
- Strong security selection in the communication services and consumer staples sectors also added to relative performance.
- An out-of-benchmark position in Alphabet (communication services), lack of exposure to Johnson & Johnson (healthcare), and an overweight position to Omnicom (communication services) were the top contributors to relative performance.

### Detractors from relative performance

- Weak selection in financials and information technology detracted the most from relative performance.
- An underweight allocation to information technology also detracted.
- Overweight positions to Charles Schwab (financials), Metlife (financials), and Baxter International (healthcare) were the top detractors from relative performance.

### Major changes to portfolio in the period

- During the quarter, we increased our exposure to the consumer discretionary sector, maintaining our overweight. We decreased our exposure to financials, maintaining our overweight.
- During the period, we initiated a position in LKQ, an American provider of auto parts.

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### Major changes to portfolio in the period (cont'd)

- We eliminated our position in Colgate-Palmolive, a manufacturing company.

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