

Desjardins launches the SocieTerra American Equity Exchange Traded Fund

Montreal, January 28, 2022 – Desjardins Global Asset Management Inc. (DGAM), acting as manager and portfolio advisor of the Desjardins Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs), announces the launch of a new exchange traded fund adhering to a responsible investment policy. The Desjardins SocieTerra American Equity ETF has closed the initial offering of units, and those units will begin trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX) today.

The Desjardins SocieTerra American Equity ETF (DSAE) complements the range of responsible investment ETFs. DGAM has retained the services of ClearBridge Investments, LLC ("Clearbridge") to act as sub-advisor to the Fund.

"We're pleased to collaborate with ClearBridge, a leading global investment manager, which has been integrating ESG issues into its analysis of companies since 1987. The new ETF enhances Desjardins's responsible investment offer, the widest lineup in Canada with over 30 product options including mutual funds, guaranteed investment funds and exchange traded funds," explains Nicolas Richard, Chief Executive Officer of DGAM.

The ticker symbol and management fees of the Desjardins SocieTerra American Equity ETF will be as follows:

Exchange Traded Fund (ETF)	Ticker symbol (TSX)	Management fees¹
Desjardins SocieTerra ETF		
Desjardins SocieTerra American Equity ETF	DSAE	0.80%

¹The annual management fees are based on a percentage of the net asset value of the corresponding Desjardins ETF, and are calculated daily and payable monthly in arrears, plus applicable taxes.

Desjardins SocieTerra American Equity ETF (Ticker TSX: DSAE): The objective of the Fund is to provide long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in equity and equity-related securities of American corporations. The Fund follows a responsible approach to investing. ClearBridge, the sub-advisor, invests the Desjardins ETF's assets in securities that meet its financial and extra-financial valuation criteria. The consideration of environmental, social and governance criteria is integrated into the financial analysis of the corporations in which it invests. Over the long term, the sub-advisor seeks to invest in what are considered to be high-quality corporations that have sustainable competitive advantages evidenced by high returns on capital, strong balance sheets and management teams that are able to manage capital efficiently.

To obtain additional information about the Desjardins ETFs, visit the manager's website at www.desjardinsETF.com.

About Desjardins Group

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