



PRESS RELEASE

Desjardins awarded by Fundata for five FundGrade A+® Awards 2023

Montreal, February 2nd, 2024 – Desjardins received five trophies at the annual Fundata Canada Inc. [FundGrade A+® Awards](#) ceremony, held last night. The five FundGrade A+® Awards won by Desjardins break down as follows: one mutual fund, two guaranteed investment funds and two responsible investment exchange traded funds (ETFs). All these funds were rewarded for their sustained performance during 2023. The FundGrade A+® Awards celebrate Canadian funds that displayed the best risk-adjusted returns and maintained high FundGrade scores throughout an entire calendar year.

"We are extremely honoured and proud that Desjardins has been recognized by Fundata this year for three types of investment products, meeting the different needs of our members and clients. These awards testify to our unwavering commitment to offering high-performance and tailored investment solutions that empower our members and clients financially," said Jean-François Girard, Manager of Investment Funds Development and Management.

The following [mutual fund](#) offered by Desjardins Investments Inc. was awarded Fundata's FundGrade A+® rating:

Fund Name	CIFSC Category*	FundGrade Start Date**	Fund Count
Desjardins Floating Rate Income Fund	Multi-Sector Fixed Income	1/31/2015	139

The following [guaranteed investment funds](#) (GIFs) offered by Desjardins Financial Security, Life Insurance Company were awarded Fundata's FundGrade A+® rating:

Fund Name	CIFSC Category*	FundGrade Start Date**	Fund Count
DFS GIF - International Equity - MFS	International Equity	1/31/2014	318
DFS GIF – Maximum Growth	Global Equity Balanced	1/31/2015	797

The following [Exchange Traded Funds](#) (ETFs) offered by Desjardins Global Asset Management Inc. were awarded Fundata's FundGrade A+® rating:

Fund Name	CIFSC Category*	Fund Count	FundGrade Start Date**
Desjardins RI Canada Multifactor – Net-Zero Emissions Pathway ETF (DRFC)	Canadian Equity	360	1/31/2019
Desjardins RI Emerging Markets Multifactor – Net-Zero Emissions Pathway ETF (DRFE)	Emerging Markets Equity	146	1/31/2020

* The Canadian Investment Funds Standards Committee (CIFSC) is a Canadian independent organization that defines the categories of funds.

** The end date for the FundGrade calculation is December 31, 2023 for the period from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

About Desjardins Group

[Desjardins Group](#) is the largest cooperative financial group in North America and the fifth largest cooperative financial group in the world, with assets of \$414.1 billion as at September 30, 2023. It was named one of the World's Top Female-Friendly Companies by Forbes magazine. To meet the diverse needs of its members and clients, Desjardins offers a full range of products and services to individuals and businesses through its extensive distribution network, online platforms and subsidiaries across Canada. Ranked among the world's strongest banks according to *The Banker* magazine, Desjardins has one of the highest capital ratios and [credit ratings](#) in the industry.

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The **Desjardins Floating Rate Income Fund** received the A+ Grade in the Multi-Sector Fixed Income, out of a total of 139 funds competing in this category as defined by the Canadian Investment Funds Standards Committee (CIFSC), a Canadian independent organisation from Fundata. The **DFS GIF - International Equity – MFS** received the A+ Grade in the International Equity category, out of a total of 318 funds competing in this category as defined by the CIFSC. The **DFS GIF – Maximum Growth** received the A+ Grade in the Global Equity Balanced category, out of a total of 797 funds competing in this category as defined by the CIFSC. The **Desjardins RI Canada Multifactor – Net-Zero Emissions Pathway ETF (DRFC)** received the A+ Grade in the Canadian Equity category, out of a total of 360 funds competing in this category as defined by the CIFSC. The **Desjardins RI Emerging Markets Multifactor – Net-Zero Emissions Pathway ETF (DRFE)** received the A+ Grade in the Emerging Markets Equity category, out of a total of 146 funds competing in this category as defined by the CIFSC. This grade is attributed for the period from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

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