



Desjardins Investments expands fixed-income investment fund lineup by offering new unit classes

Montreal, August 14, 2023 – Desjardins Investments Inc., the manager of Desjardins Funds, is making its line of fixed-income investment funds more accessible with the addition of new retail unit classes for a Desjardins Fund and a Desjardins SocieTerra Fund.

“The launch of new unit classes for these investment products means Desjardins is expanding its fixed-income investment funds offer to more investors. Fixed-income investments are currently generating a lot of demand as investors are taking advantage of the interest rates level we have not seen for a long time. We’re very happy to respond to the demand by expanding our line-up,” said Jean-François Girard, Manager, Mutual Fund and Guaranteed Investment Development.

The table below outlines Desjardins Investments' new fixed-income investment offer.

Desjardins Fund	Class* available before August 14, 2023	Classes* available as of August 14, 2023
Desjardins SocieTerra Global Bond Fund	I	A, C, F, D, I
Desjardins Global High Yield Bond Fund	I	A, C, F, D, I

*A: offered to all investors.

C: offered to investors who purchase units under the initial sales charge option.

F: offered to investors who compensate their representative on a “fee for service” basis, who have a representative’s firm-sponsored wrap account or who pay their representative’s firm an annual fee and where the representative’s firm does not receive trailing commissions from the Manager.

D: offered to investors who purchase their units through Disnat Online Brokerage or an account with a discount broker.

I: offered to large investors who make a required minimum investment determined by the Manager from time to time.

[Desjardins SocieTerra Global Bond Fund](#)

The fund's objective is to provide a high-income yield with some long-term capital appreciation by investing mainly in fixed-income securities of global issuers. The portfolio sub-manager for the fund is PIMCO Canada Corp.

This fund also offers the benefits of a multi-strategy responsible investment approach:

- Asset mix of investment grade corporates, high yield and emerging market bonds.
- Portfolio manager known globally for its experience in fixed income.
- Responsible investment philosophy centered on ESG considerations.

The fund takes a responsible approach to investing. It promotes environmental and social characteristics and prioritizes sustainable investments.

Keep in mind that the SocieTerra lineup doesn't invest in companies that generate a major portion of their revenue from petroleum, natural gas or thermal coal extraction or production, from the operation of gas and petroleum storage and transportation infrastructure, from oil refining, or from energy production from coal. For more details see the [Desjardins Funds Responsible Investment Policy, May 2022](#).

[Desjardins Global High Yield Bond Fund](#)

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About Desjardins Investments Inc.

As the manager of Desjardins Funds, Desjardins Investments Inc. is one of the leading investment fund managers in Canada, with \$39.25 billion in assets under management as at December 31, 2022. Desjardins Investments offers a broad range of investment funds to Canadians and stands out in the industry, including for its roster of internationally recognized portfolio managers. The portfolio managers are mandated by the Desjardins Funds portfolio manager, Desjardins Global Asset Management Inc., and represent more than 20 portfolio management firms around the world. Desjardins Investments is also actively engaged in promoting and encouraging responsible investing in Canada.

About Desjardins Group

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