



Desjardins launches four Index Exchange Traded Funds

Montreal, April 18, 2024 – Desjardins Investments Inc. (DI), acting as manager for Desjardins Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs), announces the launch of four (4) new index exchange traded funds. Each of the Desjardins ETFs listed in the table below has closed the initial offering of units, and those units will begin trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX) today.

"We're proud to expand our range of Desjardins ETFs and launch these core components, designed to meet investors' needs for diversification and portfolio construction, and to help empower them financially," said Frédérick Tremblay, Managing Director and Head of Investment Solutions at Desjardins.

Here is a list of the four Desjardins ETFs that will commence trading on the TSX today, as well as their corresponding ticker symbols and management fees:

Exchange Traded Fund (ETF)	Ticker symbol (TSX)	Management fees ¹
Desjardins Canadian Fixed Income ETFs		
Desjardins Canadian Corporate Bond Index ETF	DCBC	0.15%
Desjardins Equity Index ETFs		
Desjardins Canadian Equity Index ETF	DMEC	0.05%
Desjardins American Equity Index ETF	DMEU	0.05%
Desjardins International Equity Index ETF	DMEI	0.20%

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 Canadian Corporate Bond Index ETF (Ticker TSX: DCBC): The Fund seeks to replicate, to the extent reasonably possible and before fees and expenses, the performance of a Canadian corporate bond Index. Currently, the Fund seeks to replicate the performance of the Solactive Canadian Bond Universe Corporate TR Index. Under normal market conditions, the Fund will primarily invest in corporate bonds issued in the Canadian Market.

Desjardins Canadian Equity Index ETF (Ticker TSX: DMEC): The Fund seeks to replicate, to the extent reasonably possible and before fees and expenses, the performance of a Canadian equity index. Currently, the Fund seeks to replicate the performance of the Solactive Canada Broad Market Index (CA NTR). Under normal market conditions, the Fund will primarily invest in large and mid-cap securities of Canadian companies.

Desjardins American Equity Index ETF (Ticker TSX: DMEU): The Fund seeks to replicate, to the extent reasonably possible and before fees and expenses, the performance of an American equity index. Currently, the Fund seeks to replicate the performance of the Solactive GBS United States 500 CAD Index (CA NTR). Under normal market conditions, the Fund will primarily invest in large and mid-cap securities of American companies.

Desjardins International Equity Index ETF (Ticker TSX: DMEI): The Fund seeks to replicate, to the extent reasonably possible and before fees and expenses, the performance of an international equity index. Currently, the Fund seeks to replicate the performance of the Solactive GBS Developed Markets ex North America Large & Mid Cap CAD Index (CA NTR). Under normal market conditions, the Fund will primarily invest in large and mid-cap securities of international companies.

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

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About Desjardins Investments Inc.

Desjardins Investments Inc., manager of the Desjardins Funds, is one of Canada's largest mutual fund manufacturers, with C\$39.9 billion in assets under management as at December 31, 2023. DI offers a broad range of investment funds to Canadian investors and stands out in the industry, among others, through its world-renowned portfolio managers representing more than 20 asset management companies around the world. In addition, DI is one of the most committed actors in promoting and advancing responsible investment in Canada.

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