

Implications of the 2016 federal budget on corporate class funds effective October 1, 2016

Lévis, QC, April 4, 2016 – In the federal budget tabled on March 22, 2016, Canada's Minister of Finance announced the decision to eliminate one of the tax benefits of corporate class funds.

As of October 1, 2016, investors with shares in a mutual fund corporation (or corporate class mutual fund) will no longer be able to exchange shares from one class to another within the mutual fund corporation on a tax-deferred basis. Such exchanges will now be treated as a disposition at fair market value, which will trigger a capital gain.

Transfers between classes within the same fund will not be affected by the change.

Despite this change, corporate class funds continue to have other advantages, such as sharing of income and expenses between all of the funds within a single corporation, and distributions made in the form of Canadian dividends and capital gains.

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- Desjardins Dividend Growth Corporate Class
- Desjardins Canadian Equity Income Corporate Class
- Desjardins IBrix Canadian High Dividend Equity Corporate Class
- Desjardins IBrix Canadian Equity Focus Corporate Class
- Desjardins Canadian Equity Value Corporate Class
- Desjardins Canadian Equity Growth Corporate Class
- Desjardins American Equity Growth Corporate Class
- Desjardins Overseas Equity Growth Corporate Class
- Desjardins Global Equity Growth Corporate Class
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Investors who hold Desjardins corporate class funds can contact their advisor before October 1 for more information on the impact of these changes and to find out what their options are.

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