

Desjardins launches four new funds and one new portfolio

In response to market volatility, a weak Canadian dollar and stagnant interest rates

Lévis, May 2, 2016 – “The four new funds and the portfolio we are launching give advisors a wider range of options so they can better meet the needs of their members and clients who want more personalized investment solutions,” says Éric Landry, Vice-President of Investment Solutions with Desjardins Wealth Management. “Given the market volatility we are seeing, the low Canadian dollar and stagnant interest rates, investors should take advantage of their advisors guidance to optimize their investment strategies so they can plan for the future.”

The new [**Desjardins American Equity Growth Currency Neutral Fund**](#) is a fund that uses Canadian dollars to invest in American companies. This currency hedging minimizes the effects of exchange rate fluctuations on investment returns.

The [**Desjardins IBrix Global Bond Fund**](#) can be used to increase income potential so investors can benefit from global economic diversity. The Fund uses a systematic and transparent approach to optimize investors’ investment strategies.

The [**Desjardins IBrix Low Volatility Emerging Markets Fund**](#) takes an innovative approach to minimizing portfolio fluctuations while benefiting from the growth of companies in emerging economies.

The [**Desjardins Canadian Preferred Share Fund**](#) is designed to provide investors with dividend income to optimize net returns from the fixed income portion of non-registered portfolios, while offering access to the preferred share market.

Finally, the [**Melodia 100% Equity Growth Portfolio**](#) is being added to the [**Melodia**](#) family of portfolios, which offer turnkey solutions to growth-hungry investors. This portfolio offers exposure to Canadian, U.S. and international markets.

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