



## **November 15, 2017 - Desjardins wins 3 Lipper Fund Awards for fund quality**

Three Desjardins Funds were recognized at the 2017 Thomas Reuters Lipper Fund Awards in Toronto on November 8. The following Funds received awards for their consistent, risk-adjusted returns relative to their peers over 3 years and 10 years:

### **Desjardins Quebec Balanced Fund**

The [Desjardins Quebec Balanced Fund](#) (A-Class) collected a Lipper Fund award for the second straight year. The granted award recognized the best fund in the category Canadian Neutral Balanced over 10 years. The portfolio manager is Desjardins Global Asset Management.

### **Desjardins Emerging Markets Fund**

The [Desjardins Emerging Markets Fund](#) (A-Class) stood out above other funds in the category Emerging Markets Equity for its performance during periods of market volatility.

### **Desjardins Global Infrastructure Fund**

The [Desjardins Global Infrastructure Fund](#) (A-Class) collected a Lipper award in the category Global Infrastructure Equity since the Fund has demonstrated consistent performance since its inception in 2013. The Fund benefits from the management expertise of Colonial First State Asset Management, which specializes in publicly-traded infrastructure securities.

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### **About Lipper Awards**

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The Desjardins Quebec Balanced Fund (A-Class) won the Lipper Fund Award in the Canadian Neutral Balanced category for the 10-year period ended July 31, 2017, out of a total of 57 funds

competing in this category. The returns posted by the Desjardins Quebec Balanced Fund (A-Class) for the period ended October 31, 2017 are as follows: 7.09% (1 year), 7.09% (3 years), 9.76% (5 years), 6.11% (10 years) and 7.16% (since its inception on June 20, 1997). The corresponding Lipper Leader ratings of the fund for the same period are as follows: N/A (1 year), 5 (3 years), 5 (5 years) and 5 (10 years).

The Desjardins Emerging Markets Fund (A-Class) won the Lipper Fund Award in the Emerging Markets Equity category for the 10-year period ended July 31, 2017, out of a total of 19 funds competing in this category. The returns posted by the Desjardins Emerging Markets Fund (A-Class) for the period ended October 31, 2017 are as follows: 9.17% (1 year), 6.73% (3 years), 6.27% (5 years), 5.35% (10 years) and 6.09% (since its inception on January 17, 2007). The corresponding Lipper Leader ratings of the fund for the same period are as follows: N/A (1 year), 2 (3 years), 1 (5 years) and 3 (10 years).

The Desjardins Global Infrastructure Fund (A-Class) won the Lipper Fund Award in the global infrastructure equity category for the 3-year period ended July 31, 2017, out of a total of 11 funds competing in this category. The returns posted by the Desjardins Global Infrastructure Fund (A-Class) for the period ended October 31, 2017 are as follows: 10.39% (1 year), 11.16% (3 years) and 12.69% (since its inception on October 18, 2013). The corresponding Lipper Leader ratings of the fund for the same period are as follows: N/A (1 year), 5 (3 years), N/A (5 years), N/A (10 years).

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