

# Desjardins

## Global Tactical Bond Fund



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October 18, 2013

CIFSC CATEGORY\*:  
High Yield Fixed Income

### Contributors to performance

- Underweight exposure to external emerging market debt contributed as spreads widened
- Underweight exposure to investment grade credit contributed as spreads widened
- Underweight exposure to high yield industrials contributed as spreads widened

### Detractors from performance

- Overweight exposure to high yield credit detracted as spreads widened
- Exposure to mortgage credit detracted

### Major changes to portfolio in the period

- Reduced high yield and emerging market exposure as we looked to limit exposure to sectors with heightened sensitivity to global trade
- Increased exposure to non-cyclical sectors like telecom as we emphasized a more defensive stance due to heightened uncertainty relating to trade tensions and the coronavirus outbreak
- Broadly favored a higher quality bias due to increased volatility and generally fair valuations in markets

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