# Desjardins

# **Global Corporate Bond Fund**

# Wealth Management

Investments

## QUARTERLY COMMENTARY AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2020



PORTFOLIO MANAGER: Western Asset Management

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CIFSC CATEGORY\*: Global Corporate Fixed Income

## **Contributors to performance**

- → Overweight credit beta, with an overweight to longer-dated BBB-rated corporates and to high yield issuers.
- $\rightarrow$  Overweight to subordinated banks.
- $\rightarrow$  Security selection in energy related issuers.

#### **Detractors from performance**

- $\rightarrow$  Underweight to consumer non-cyclical issuers.
- $\rightarrow$  Underweight communication issuers.

### Major changes to portfolio during the period

- $\rightarrow$  Continued to add to corporate names via the primary markets.
- $\rightarrow$  Reduced overall credit beta as spreads narrowed.
- $\rightarrow\,$  Increased exposure to industrials, primarily in consumer non-cyclicals, communications and technology issuers.

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