

# Desjardins

## Global Total Return Bond Fund



QUARTERLY COMMENTARY AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2022



PORTFOLIO MANAGER:  
**PGIM Fixed Income**

INCEPTION DATE:  
**January 12, 2004**

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**Global Fixed Income**

### Contributors to relative performance

- Security selection in developed HY Corp/Loans (Overweights to Bombardier Inc., and Nexi Spa)
- Security selection in emerging sovereigns (Overweights to Russia and Cyprus)
- Sector underweight agency securitized products

### Detractors from relative performance

- Security selection in developed sovereigns (Overweights to Italy and Greece)
- Curve positioning and duration overweight in UK rates.
- Duration overweight in U.S. rates

### Major changes to portfolio in the period

- Duration / Curve: Total active duration underweight was reduced by .18yrs. The portfolio is -.13yrs of duration relative to the benchmark
  - Active U.S. duration increased by .08yrs. Active U.S. duration position is now +.30yrs
  - Active EUR duration increased by .07yrs. Active EUR duration position is now +.01yrs
- Sectors:
  - Spread risk increased in IG corporates (finance and industrials)
  - Spread risk decreased in emerging sovereigns and Euro-zone sovereigns
- Credit quality:
  - Increased exposure to AA/BBB

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### Major changes to portfolio in the period (cont'd)

→ Regional:

- Increased exposure to North America (U.S., and Canada), and increased exposure to Europe (France, and Germany). Decreased exposure in European peripherals (Spain, Portugal, and Greece).

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