



PRESS RELEASE

**Desjardins awarded by Fundata for a record number of 18 FundGrade A+® Trophies 2021, eight of which are part of its range of Responsible Investment Solutions**

**Montreal, January 26, 2022** – The year 2021 will have been an exceptional year for Desjardins with a record of 18 trophies at the annual Fundata Canada Inc. [FundGrade A+® Awards](#) ceremony, which was held today. Desjardins stood out with eight awards for its responsible investment products, namely three SocieTerra mutual funds, two low-carbon exchange traded funds (ETFs) and three guaranteed investment funds SocieTerra.

“With more than 30 investment solutions available, Desjardins presents the largest responsible investment offering in Canada,” said Frédéric Tremblay, Director, Mutual and Guaranteed Funds Development at Desjardins. These awards are a testament to Desjardins' commitment to providing investment solutions that are aiming for performance and that meet the needs and objectives of our members and clients.”

The 18 FundGrade A+® Awards won by Desjardins break down as follows: seven mutual funds, two exchange traded funds (ETFs) and nine guaranteed investment funds. All these funds were rewarded for their sustained performance during 2021. The FundGrade A+® Awards celebrate Canadian funds that displayed the best risk-adjusted returns and maintained high FundGrade scores throughout an entire calendar year.

The following [mutual funds](#) offered by Desjardins Investments Inc. were awarded Fundata's FundGrade A+® rating:

Fund Name	CIFSC Category*	Fund Count	FundGrade Start Date**
<a href="#">Desjardins American Equity Growth Fund</a>	U.S. Equity	833	1/31/2012
<a href="#">Desjardins Overseas Equity Growth Fund</a>	International Equity	382	1/31/2012
<a href="#">Melodia Moderate Growth Portfolio</a>	Global Fixed Income Balanced	415	1/31/2014
<a href="#">Desjardins Global Equity Growth Fund</a>	Global Equity	1127	1/31/2016
<a href="#">Desjardins SocieTerra American Equity Fund</a>	U.S. Equity	833	1/31/2017
<a href="#">Desjardins SocieTerra Cleantech Fund</a>	Global Small/Mid Cap Equity	108	1/31/2017
<a href="#">Desjardins SocieTerra Positive Change Fund</a>	Global Equity	1127	1/31/2019

The following [Exchange Traded Funds](#) (ETFs) offered by Desjardins Global Asset Management Inc. were awarded Fundata's FundGrade A+® rating:

Fund Name	CIFSC Category*	Fund Count	FundGrade Start Date**
<a href="#">Desjardins RI Canada – Low CO2 Index ETF (DRMC)</a>	Canadian Equity	379	1/31/2019
<a href="#">Desjardins RI USA – Low CO2 Index ETF (DRMU)</a>	U.S. Equity	833	1/31/2019

The following [guaranteed investment funds](#) (GIFs) offered by Desjardins Financial Security, Life Insurance Company were awarded Fundata's FundGrade A+® rating:

Fund Name	CIFSC Category*	Fund Count	FundGrade Start Date**
<a href="#">DFS GIF – Canadian Balanced – Fiera Capital</a>	Canadian Equity Balanced	556	1/31/2012
<a href="#">DFS GIF – Canadian Equity – Fidelity True North</a>	Canadian Equity	511	1/31/2012
<a href="#">DFS GIF – International Equity Growth – Desjardins</a>	International Equity	313	1/31/2013
<a href="#">DFS GIF – Moderate</a>	Canadian Fixed Income Balanced	666	1/31/2015
<a href="#">DFS GIF – Balanced</a>	Canadian Neutral Balanced	952	1/31/2015
<a href="#">DFS GIF – Maximum Growth</a>	Global Equity Balanced	894	1/31/2015
<a href="#">DFS GIF – Balanced - Desjardins SocieTerra</a>	Canadian Neutral Balanced	952	1/31/2016
<a href="#">DFS GIF – Growth – Desjardins SocieTerra</a>	Canadian Equity Balanced	556	1/31/2019
<a href="#">DFS GIF – Maximum Growth – Desjardins SocieTerra</a>	Global Equity Balanced	894	1/31/2019

\* The Canadian Investment Funds Standards Committee (CIFSC) is a Canadian independent organization that defines the categories of funds.

\*\* The end date for the FundGrade calculation is December 31, 2021 for the period from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

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Average)-style calculation, where each monthly FundGrade rating from “A” to “E” receives a score from 4 to 0, respectively. A fund’s average score for the year determines its GPA. Any fund with a GPA of 3.5 or greater is awarded a FundGrade A+® Award. The FundGrade grades are subject to change each month. For more information, please see the web site [www.FundGradeAwards.com](http://www.FundGradeAwards.com). Although Fundata makes every effort to ensure the accuracy and reliability of the data contained herein, the accuracy is not guaranteed by Fundata.

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