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## Reduction of the risk level of 17 Desjardins Funds

Montreal, March 16, 2017 – Desjardins Investments Inc., the manager of the Desjardins Funds, announced that it will reduce the risk level for a number of Desjardins Funds. These changes are announced following the introduction by the Canadian Securities Administrators (CSA) of a new methodology to classify the funds` risk. These reductions will become effective on March 31, 2017.

Here is a list of the concerned Desjardins Funds:

Funds	Actual Risk Level	Revised Risk Level (March 31, 2017)
Desjardins SocieTerra Environmental Bond Fund	Low to medium	Low
Desjardins Global Corporate Bond Fund	Low to medium	Low
Desjardins Emerging Markets Bond Fund	Medium	Low to medium
Desjardins IBrix Low Volatility Global Equity Fund	Medium	Low to medium
Desjardins Global Small Cap Equity Fund	Medium to high	Medium
Desjardins IBrix Low Volatility Emerging Markets Fund	High	Medium
Desjardins Emerging Markets Fund	High	Medium to high
Desjardins Emerging Markets Opportunities Fund	High	Medium to high
Desjardins Global Infrastructure Fund	Medium to high	Medium
Melodia Moderate Income Portfolio	Low to medium	Low
Melodia Moderate Growth Portfolio	Low to medium	Low
Chorus II Moderate Low Volatility Portfolio (previously Chorus II Balanced Income Portfolio)	Low to medium	Low
Chorus II Dynamic Growth Portfolio (previously Chorus II High Growth Portfolio)	Medium	Low to medium
Desjardins Global Small Cap Equity Corporate Class	Medium to high	Medium
Desjardins Emerging Markets Opportunities Corporate Class	High	Medium to high
Chorus II Corporate Class Moderate Low Volatility Portfolio (previously Chorus II Corporate Class Balanced Income Portfolio)	Low to medium	Low
Chorus II Corporate Class Dynamic Growth Portfolio (previously Chorus II Corporate Class High Growth Portfolio)	Medium	Low to medium

The changes are subject to approval by regulatory authorities. Desigrations Investments reserves the right to defer the implementation of the changes described above.

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