



Two Lipper Fund Awards for Desjardins

Desjardins took home more than one Lipper Fund Award at this year's gala in Toronto on November 7.

For the third year in a row, the [Desjardins Quebec Balanced Fund](#) (Class A) won the title of Best Canadian Neutral Balanced Fund in the 10-year category. 54 other funds were in the running for this award.

The [Desjardins Overseas Equity Growth Fund](#) took home the award for Best International Equity Fund in the 3-year category, winning out over the 74 other nominees.

"We're very proud for the recognition we've received. The Lipper Fund Awards represent a standard of excellence and we're honoured to be among the winners once again this year," said Jean-François Girard, manager of mutual fund and guaranteed investment development at Desjardins.

Thomson Reuters also organized a panel discussion during the gala, with a number of speakers joining via web conference. Among the panelists was Rosalie Vendette, leader of environmental, social and governance practices at Desjardins, reminding participants that Desjardins is a pioneer in responsible investment and that the company uses environmental, social and governance criteria when selecting and managing securities for its responsible investment portfolios.

About the Lipper Fund Awards

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The returns posted by the Desjardins Quebec Balanced Fund (Class A) for the period ended September 30, 2018 are as follows: 0.33% (1 year), 4.21% (3 years), 6.89% (5 years), 7.20% (10 years), 6.73% (since its inception on June 20, 1997). The corresponding Lipper Leader ratings of the fund for the same period are as follows: 3 (3 years), 5 (5 years), 5 (10 years). The returns posted by the Desjardins Overseas Equity Growth Fund (Class A) for the period ended September 30, 2018 are as follows: 9.49% (1 year), 14.16% (3 years), 10.92% (5 years), N/A (10 years), 10.86% (since its inception on March 23, 2010). The corresponding Lipper Leader ratings of the fund for the same period are as follows: 5 (3 years), 5 (5 years), N/A (10 years). Desjardins Funds are not guaranteed, their value fluctuates frequently and their past performance is not indicative of their future returns. Indicated rates of return are the historical annual compounded total returns as indicated on the date of the present document including changes in securities value and reinvestment of all distributions and do not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or optional charges or income tax payable by any security holder that would have reduced returns. Commissions, trailing commissions, management fees and expenses all may be associated with mutual fund investments. Please read the prospectus before investing. Desjardins Funds are offered by registered dealers.