

SocieTerra Maximum Growth Portfolio

December 31, 2019

Portfolio Asset Allocation (%)



	Target	Actual
FIXED INCOME	20.0%	20.2%
Canadian Fixed Income		
- Desjardins SocieTerra Canadian Bond Fund	16.0%	15.2%
Foreign Fixed Income		
- Desjardins SocieTerra Environmental Bond Fund	2.0%	1.9%
- Desjardins SocieTerra Global Bond Fund	2.0%	1.9%
Other		
- Cash and Equivalents	0.0%	1.2%
GROWTH	80.0%	79.8%
Canadian Equity		
- Desjardins SocieTerra Canadian Equity Fund	22.0%	21.0%
Foreign Equity		
- Desjardins SocieTerra American Equity Fund	21.5%	22.2%
- Desjardins SocieTerra International Equity Fund	12.9%	12.5%
- Desjardins SocieTerra Emerging Markets Equity Fund	7.2%	7.0%
- Desjardins SocieTerra Cleantech Fund	5.6%	5.8%
- Desjardins SocieTerra Positive Change Fund	5.4%	5.9%
- Desjardins SocieTerra Environment Fund	5.4%	5.4%

Annual Compound Returns (%)

	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Inception
A-Class	0.2	4.2	5.4	17.0	6.4	6.1	6.7	8.2
T6-Class	0.2	4.3	5.2	16.8	6.4	-	-	5.4

The fourth quarter of 2019 was marked by renewed optimism in the markets on the heels of a first agreement between China and the United States. The easing of trade tensions contributed to the widespread advance at the world's main global stock markets, particularly those of emerging markets, which gained 9.5% over the quarter.¹ In Canada, the rise in oil prices contributed to strong performance in the energy sector. Overall, the Canadian stock market posted a 2.7% gain during the quarter according to the MSCI Canada Index (net return). For bonds, the Bank of Canada maintained the *status quo* on the country's monetary policy, despite stronger than anticipated inflation. The FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index posted a decline of -0.85% for the quarter.

In the United States, echoing the improvement in U.S.-China relations, the country's main indexes posted record highs. The MSCI USA Index net return in Canadian dollars advanced 6.73% over the quarter. As to the proceedings to impeach President Donald Trump, the House of Representatives' vote in favour does not seem to have had a major impact on the markets, given that the Senate is expected to vote against impeachment.

¹ Based on the MSCI Emerging Markets Index total return in Canadian dollars.

In Europe, the election of a Conservative majority to Britain's Parliament lowered the likelihood of a no-deal Brexit, which would have had a negative impact on the country's economy. In the euro zone, Germany managed to avoid a technical recession, posting annualized GDP growth of 0.3% last summer. Despite this, the MSCI Europe Index net return in Canadian dollars is up 4.49% for the quarter.

2019 was an excellent year for the main stock and bond markets. In that respect, the Canadian (22.9%)², U.S. (24.3%)³, international (21.7%)⁴ and emerging stock markets (18.1%)⁵ all ended the year up sharply. The situation was similar for bonds, including a 6.87% rise in the FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index. The central banks contributed substantially to these strong results by favouring an expansionary monetary policy. Moreover, the trade wars between the United States and several countries have mostly resulted in the signing of economic accords or agreements, resulting in promising signs for global economic growth.

For the quarter ending December 31, 2019, the SocieTerra Maximum Growth Portfolio (Class A shares) posted a return of 4.25% compared with 4.40% for its benchmark. The benchmark is composed as follows: 14% FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index, 6% Barclays Multiverse Index (CAD-hedged), 56% MSCI ACWI ex CANADA IMI (total return) and 24% MSCI Canada Index (total return). The MSCI ACWI ex CANADA IMI (total return) shows a return of 6.99% for the quarter. Unlike the benchmark, the portfolio return is established after deducting fees and expenses.

The funds making up the portfolio posted returns ranging from -1.56% to 15.14% over the quarter. Representing 21.5% and 5.4% of the portfolio's target allocation, the SocieTerra American Equity Fund and the SocieTerra Positive Change Fund were the biggest contributors to overall performance at 6.53% and 15.14%, respectively. Also note the strong performance delivered by the SocieTerra Cleantech Fund, which recorded a 9.66% return thanks to the right choice of securities in the industrial sector. In contrast, two of three bond funds contributed negatively to the portfolio's overall performance. The SocieTerra Canadian Bond Fund, which represents 16.0% of the portfolio's target allocation, was the biggest drag on overall performance with a return of -0.91%.

For 2019, the SocieTerra Maximum Growth Portfolio (Class A shares) posted a return of 17.01%, compared with 17.89% for its benchmark index. The MSCI ACWI ex CANADA IMI (total return) shows a return of 20.14% for the year. Unlike the benchmark, the portfolio return is established after deducting fees and expenses. The funds making up the portfolio posted returns ranging from 5.71% to 28.55%. The SocieTerra American Equity and SocieTerra Canadian Equity funds contributed the most to the portfolio's overall performance, whereas the SocieTerra Environmental Bond Fund, based on its low weighting, limited its growth the most.

2 Based on the S&P/TSX Composite Index total return.

3 Based on the MSCI USA Index net return in Canadian dollars.

4 Based on the MSCI EAEQ Index total return in Canadian dollars.

5 Based on the MSCI Emerging Markets Index total return in Canadian dollars.