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Desjardins expands its range of tax-smart investment solutions

Eight new corporate class funds

Lévis (Qc), April 14, 2014 – Desjardins launches eight new corporate class funds offering exposure to Canadian, U.S., international and emerging markets opportunities. With the introduction of these new funds, Desjardins expands its suite of offerings for investors seeking tax-efficient investment solutions.

"We launched the Chorus II Corporate Class Portfolios in November 2011 and by 2013 they accounted for nearly 50% of purchases in Chorus II portfolios, which are also available as mutual fund trusts for registered assets. What motivated us to launch the eight new corporate class funds was our drive to meet the needs of our taxable investors who were looking for a tax-smart way to save and invest outside their registered plans," explains Luc Caron, Director of Mutual Fund Development, Desjardins Group.

The benefit of a corporate class is that it allows you to mitigate or eliminate the tax implications of switching between portfolios or funds held within the same corporate class structure. Furthermore, this legal structure, as opposed to a trust structure, pays income in the form of dividends and capital gains which are types of income that receive favourable tax treatment.

Visit www.desjardinsfunds.com to learn more about our eight new corporate class funds.

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