

Desjardins RI Emerging Markets Multifactor – Net-Zero Emissions Pathway ETF (DRFE) (formerly, Desjardins RI Emerging Markets Multifactor – Low CO₂ ETF)



Desjardins Investments Inc.

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This document contains key information you should know about Desjardins RI Emerging Markets Multifactor – Net-Zero Emissions Pathway ETF. You can find more details about this exchange traded fund (ETF) in its prospectus. Ask your representative for a copy, contact Desjardins Investments Inc. at 514 286-3499 or toll free at 1 866 666-1280 or visit DesjardinsETF.com.

Before you invest, consider how the ETF would work with your other investments and your tolerance for risk.

Quick facts

| | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Date ETF started: | March 7, 2019 |
| Total value on May 31, 2024: | \$74,207,990 |
| Management expense ratio (MER): | 0.75% |
| ETF Manager: | Desjardins Investments Inc. |
| ETF Portfolio Manager: | Desjardins Global Asset Management Inc. |
| Distributions: | Quarterly |

Trading information

12 MONTHS ENDING MAY 31, 2024

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|------------------------|------------------|
| Ticker symbol: | DRFE |
| Exchange: | TSX |
| Currency: | Canadian dollars |
| Average daily volume: | 10,690 |
| Number of days traded: | 241 |

Pricing information

12 MONTHS ENDING MAY 31, 2024

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|-------------------------|---------------|
| Market price: | \$18.49–22.61 |
| Net asset value (NAV): | \$18.44–22.72 |
| Average bid-ask spread: | 0.48% |

What does this ETF invest in?

The ETF seeks to provide long-term capital appreciation through the use of a multifactor approach and to gradually reduce the portfolio's Financed Emissions (as defined in the Prospectus) while managing active risk. To achieve this, it invests primarily in equity and equity-related securities of large and mid-cap companies in emerging markets while ensuring that all constituent issuers meet pre-determined ESG standards (as defined in the Prospectus).

The charts below give you a snapshot of the ETF's investments on May 31, 2024. The ETF's investments will change.

TOP 10 INVESTMENTS (MAY 31, 2024)

| | (%) |
|---|-----|
| 1. Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company, Ltd. | 7.4 |
| 2. Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. | 3.1 |
| 3. Tencent Holdings Limited | 3.0 |
| 4. Hon Hai Precision Industry Co., Ltd. | 2.2 |
| 5. Lenovo Group Limited | 1.4 |
| 6. Axis Bank Limited | 1.4 |
| 7. Beijing Enterprises Water Group Limited | 1.4 |
| 8. Petroleo Brasileiro SA, Preferred | 1.3 |
| 9. Tata Motors Limited | 1.3 |
| 10. China CITIC Bank Corporation Limited, Cl. H | 1.2 |

Total percentage of Top 10 Investments: 23.7%
Total number of investments: 182

INVESTMENT MIX (MAY 31, 2024)

| SECTOR ALLOCATION | (%) |
|---------------------------|------|
| Financials | 24.8 |
| Information Technology | 22.0 |
| Industrials | 10.0 |
| Consumer Discretionary | 9.9 |
| Communication Services | 7.1 |
| Materials | 5.8 |
| Consumer Staples | 5.6 |
| Utilities | 4.1 |
| Health Care | 3.8 |
| Energy | 3.5 |
| Real Estate | 2.6 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | 0.8 |

| GEOGRAPHIC ALLOCATION | (%) |
|---------------------------|------|
| Taiwan | 22.1 |
| China | 17.4 |
| South Korea | 15.9 |
| India | 12.9 |
| Cayman Islands | 5.9 |
| Hong Kong | 5.7 |
| Brazil | 4.2 |
| Malaysia | 2.7 |
| Chile | 2.6 |
| Mexico | 2.4 |
| Other Countries* | 7.4 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | 0.8 |

* This category includes all countries representing less than 2% of the ETF's net asset value.

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How risky is it?

- The value of the ETF can go down as well as up. You could lose money.
- One way to gauge risk is to look at how much an ETF's returns change over time. This is called "volatility".
- In general, ETFs with higher volatility will have returns that change more over time. They typically have a greater chance of losing money and may have a greater chance of higher returns.
- ETFs with lower volatility tend to have returns that change less over time. They typically have lower returns and may have a lower chance of losing money.

RISK RATING

The manager of the ETF, Desjardins Investments Inc., has rated the volatility of this ETF as **medium to high**.

This rating is based on how much the ETF's returns have changed from year to year. It doesn't tell you how volatile the ETF will be in the future. The rating can change over time. An ETF with a low risk rating can still lose money.



For more information about the risk rating and specific risks that can affect the ETF's returns, see the risk factors section of the ETF's prospectus.

NO GUARANTEES

ETFs do not have any guarantees. You may not get back the amount of money you invest.

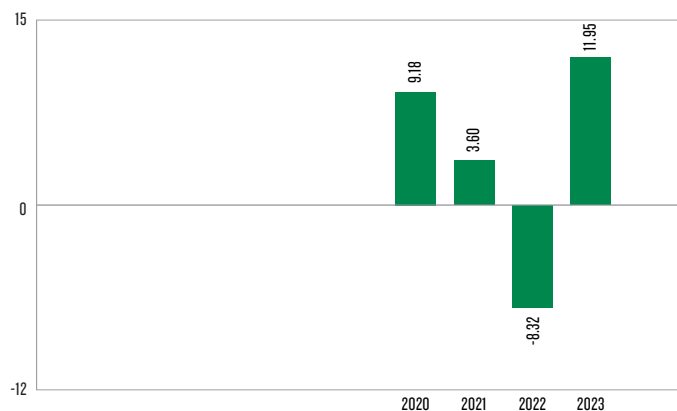
How has the ETF performed?

This section tells you how units of the ETF have performed over the past years, using the returns calculated using the ETF's NAV. Returns are after expenses have been deducted. These expenses reduce the ETF returns.

On September 15, 2023, the ETF's investment objectives and strategies were amended. The disclosure provided in this section reflects the performance of the ETF prior to such amendments.

YEAR-BY-YEAR RETURNS

This chart shows how ETF units performed over the past 4 years. On an annual basis, the ETF has dropped in value for 1 year over the period shown. The range of returns and change from year to year can help you assess how risky the ETF has been in the past. It does not tell you how the ETF will perform in the future.



BEST AND WORST 3-MONTH RETURNS

This table shows the best and worst returns for the units of the ETF in a 3-month period over the past 4 years. The best and worst 3-month returns could be higher or lower in the future. Consider how much of a loss you could afford to take in a short period of time.

| | Return | 3 months ending | If you invested \$1,000 in the ETF at the beginning of this period |
|---------------------|---------|------------------|--|
| Best return | 19.17% | January 31, 2021 | Your investment would have increased to \$1,192 |
| Worst return | -18.94% | March 31, 2020 | Your investment would have dropped to \$811 |

AVERAGE RETURN

A person who invested \$1,000 in units of the ETF since its inception holds today \$1,250.65, which represents an annual compounded rate of return of 4.36%.

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Trading ETFs

ETFs hold a basket of investments, like mutual funds, but trade on exchanges like stocks. Here are a few things to keep in mind when trading ETFs.

PRICING

ETFs have two sets of prices: market price and net asset value (NAV).

Market price

- ETFs are bought and sold on exchanges at the market price. The market price can change throughout the trading day. Factors like supply, demand, and changes in the value of an ETF's investments can affect the market price.
- You can get price quotes any time during the trading day. Quotes have two parts: **bid** and **ask**.
- The bid is the highest price a buyer is willing to pay if you want to sell your ETF units. The ask is the lowest price a seller is willing to accept if you want to buy ETF units. The difference between the two is called the "**bid-ask spread**".
- In general, a smaller bid-ask spread means the ETF is more liquid. That means you are more likely to get the price you expect.

Net Asset Value (NAV)

- Like mutual funds, ETFs have a NAV. It is calculated after the close of each trading day and reflects the value of an ETF's investments at that point in time.
- NAV is used to calculate financial information for reporting purposes—like the returns shown in this document.

ORDERS

There are two main options for placing trades: market orders and limit orders. A market order lets you buy or sell units at the current market price. A limit order lets you set the price at which you are willing to buy or sell units.


TIMING

In general, market prices of ETFs can be more volatile around the start and end of the trading day. Consider using a limit order or placing a trade at another time during the trading day.

Who is this ETF for?

Investors who:

- are looking for a long-term investment;
- want to invest in a broad range of stocks of Emerging Market companies while respecting a responsible investment approach;
- can handle the ups and downs of the stock market.

 **Don't buy this ETF if you need a steady source of income from your investment.**

A word about tax

In general, you'll have to pay income tax on any money you make on an ETF. How much you pay depends on the tax laws where you live and whether or not you hold the ETF in a registered plan, such as a Registered Retirement Savings Plan or a Tax-Free Savings Account.

Keep in mind that if you hold your ETF in a non-registered account, distributions from the ETF are included in your taxable income, whether you get them in cash or have them reinvested.

How much does it cost?

This section shows the fees and expenses you could pay to buy, own and sell units of the ETF. Fees and expenses—including any trailing commissions—can vary among ETFs.

Higher commissions can influence representatives to recommend one investment over another. Ask about other ETFs and investments that may be suitable for you at a lower cost.

1. BROKERAGE COMMISSIONS

You may have to pay a commission every time you buy and sell units of the ETF. Commissions may vary by brokerage firm. Some brokerage firms may offer commission-free ETFs or require a minimum purchase amount.

2. ETF EXPENSES

You don't pay these expenses directly. They affect you because they reduce the ETF's returns. As of December 31, 2023, the ETF's expenses were 1.02% of its value. This equals \$10.20 for every \$1,000 invested.

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| | ANNUAL RATE (as a % of the ETF's value) |
|---|--|
| Management Expense Ratio (MER) This is the total of the ETF's management fee and operating expenses. The manager waived some of the ETF's expenses. If it had not done so, the MER would have been higher. | 0.75% |
| Trading Expense Ratio (TER) These are the ETF's trading costs. | 0.27% |
| ETF Expenses | 1.02% |

3. OTHER FEES

An amount up to 1.00% of the issue, exchange or redemption price of the ETF may be charged to offset certain transaction costs associated with an issue, exchange or redemption of the units. This charge does not apply to unitholders who buy or sell their units through the facilities of the TSX.

4. TRAILING COMMISSIONS

The trailing commission is an ongoing commission. It is paid for as long as you own the ETF. It is for the services and advice that your representative and their firm provide to you.

The ETF doesn't have a trailing commission.

What if I change my mind?

Under securities law in some provinces and territories, you have the right to cancel your purchase within 48 hours after you receive confirmation of the purchase.

In some provinces and territories, you also have the right to cancel a purchase, or in some jurisdictions, claim damages, if the prospectus, ETF Facts or financial statements contain a misrepresentation. You must act within the time limit set by the securities law in your province or territory.

For more information, see the securities law of your province or territory or ask a lawyer.

For more information

Contact Desjardins Investments Inc. or your representative for a copy of the ETF's prospectus and other disclosure documents. These documents and the ETF Facts make up the ETF's legal documents.

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