

## **Desjardins Investments Inc. announces a material change in respect of the Desjardins Funds**

**Montréal, May 20, 2015** – Desjardins Investments Inc. (“DI”), the manager of the Desjardins Funds, announces a proposal to replace the method currently used to charge operating expenses to the Funds.

DI proposes paying all of the Desjardins Funds’ operating expenses other than taxes and some other costs. In exchange, it will charge the Funds a fixed-rate administration fee. DI wants to implement this change on October 1, 2015. The proposal must be approved by the investors of certain classes or series of Desjardins Funds at a special meeting that should be held on or about September 9, 2015.

The proposal will give investors the following advantages:

- **An equivalent or lower MER** for all Desjardins Funds, as compares to the management expense ratio (“MER”) cap for March 31, 2015;
- **Competitive costs**, the fixed administration fees have been set at very competitive rates, and their implementation will crystalize this situation;
- **Expenses will be predictable and transparent**, seeing as the key elements of the MER will now be fixed and no longer fluctuate from year to year, as is currently the case.

The manager has submitted the proposal to the Desjardins Funds’ independent review committee. After having examined the proposal, the committee has determined that the proposal, if adopted, will achieve a fair and reasonable result for the Desjardins Funds.

The proposed changes will be made if they are approved by the regulatory authorities. DI reserves the right to postpone to a subsequent date the implementation of any of the changes described above.

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