

Desjardins

Global Tactical Bond Fund



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CIFSC CATEGORY*:
High Yield Fixed Income

Contributors to performance

- Positioning within investment grade and high yield
- Exposure to select equity positions that were recently restructured
- Exposure to securitized sectors

Detractors from performance

- USD duration positioning
- Positioning within emerging markets

Major changes to portfolio in the period

- Broadly decreased credit risk at the portfolio level mainly through increasing the underweight to Emerging Markets as COVID-19 cases surged in many Emerging Market countries.
- Increased exposure to high yield, especially in financials and banks, given strong balance sheet fundamentals following 10 years of capital build-up and regulatory support. Increased exposure to high yield autos as consumer demand remains strong.

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