

Desjardins

Alt Long/Short Equity Market Neutral ETF Fund



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PORTFOLIO MANAGER:
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CIFSC CATEGORY*:
Alternative Market Neutral

The Canadian and US stock markets continued to build on their first quarter momentum, ending the second quarter of 2021 with positive returns. The last three months were marked by a decrease in interest rates following the major hike in the first quarter. This change in course slowed down the rotation of investors to more cyclical sectors of the economy seen early in the year.

In this shifting climate, sectors tied to growth securities that were less popular in the first quarter took centre stage and sectors tied to value securities, which had benefited from a tailwind since the beginning of the year, saw a slowdown, which the Fund successfully navigated. Our strategy's construction and management approach enabled us to generate a positive return.

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