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Desjardins Emerging Markets Fund wins two Lipper Awards

Lévis, February 6, 2013 – The Desjardins Emerging Markets Fund was recognized at the 2013 Lipper Awards gala, held on February 5 in Toronto. The Fund took away the prizes for best three- and five-year performance in the Emerging Markets Equity category.

Since it was launched, the Fund has stood out not only because of its consistently strong returns relative to its peers, but also because of the low variation in its returns. The Desjardins Emerging Markets Fund has also excelled because of its capacity to limit capital losses when stock markets in emerging countries are in decline.

Aberdeen Asset Management has managed the Desjardins Emerging Markets Fund since it was launched in 2007. Their unique and rigorous approach has also been applied to the management of the Desjardins Global All Cap Equity Fund since January 2008 and the Desjardins Overseas Equity Value Fund since March 2011.

Lipper Awards are given out in 23 countries around the world and honour investment funds that have excelled in delivering strong risk-adjusted performance relative to peers. Lipper's proprietary fund rating methodology is used to determine the winners.

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