

## **Desjardins Investments announces changes to the Melodia and SocieTerra Portfolios**

**Montreal, June 30, 2020** – Desjardins Investments Inc. (“DI”), the manager of the Desjardins Funds, today announced that starting on September 30, 2020, the Melodia and SocieTerra Portfolios (the “Portfolios”) may start using derivative instruments. DI expects this added flexibility in their investment strategies can help the Portfolios reach their investment objective.

### **Use of Derivative Instruments**

DI announces that the Portfolios may adopt investment strategies using derivative instruments. More specifically, the Portfolios may use derivatives for both hedging and non-hedging purposes. They may use various derivative instruments to reduce their global risk or to improve their return. The Portfolios may use various derivatives such as options, forwards, futures contracts and swaps for the purposes of hedging against losses incurred by fluctuations in securities values or exchange rates. They may also use derivatives for non-hedging purposes to gain an exposure to or as a substitute for a security, region or sector, to reduce transaction costs or to provide enhanced liquidity. Derivatives will only be used by the Portfolios in accordance with the requirements of the securities regulations.

These changes will be effective on September 30, 2020 and reflect DI’s commitment to offer evolved investment solutions.

Here is a list of the concerned Portfolios:

<b>Funds</b>
Melodia Very Conservative Income Portfolio
Melodia Conservative Income Portfolio
Melodia Moderate Income Portfolio
Melodia Diversified Income Portfolio
Melodia Moderate Growth Portfolio
Melodia Diversified Growth Portfolio
Melodia Balanced Growth Portfolio
Melodia Aggressive Growth Portfolio
Melodia Maximum Growth Portfolio
Melodia 100% Equity Growth Portfolio
SocieTerra Conservative Portfolio
SocieTerra Balanced Portfolio
SocieTerra Growth Portfolio
SocieTerra Maximum Growth Portfolio
SocieTerra 100% Equity Portfolio

The SocieTerra Moderate Portfolio is not concerned by these changes as it may use derivative instruments since its creation.

DI reserves the right to defer the implementation of the changes described above.



### **About Desjardins Investments Inc.**

Desjardins Investments Inc., manager of the Desjardins Funds, is one of Canada's largest mutual fund manufacturers, with \$ 34.1 billion in assets under management. DI offers a broad range of investment funds to Canadian investors and stands out in the industry, among others, through its world-renowned portfolio managers representing more than 20 asset management companies around the world. In addition, DI is one of the most committed actors in promoting and advancing responsible investment in Canada.

### **About Desjardins Group**

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