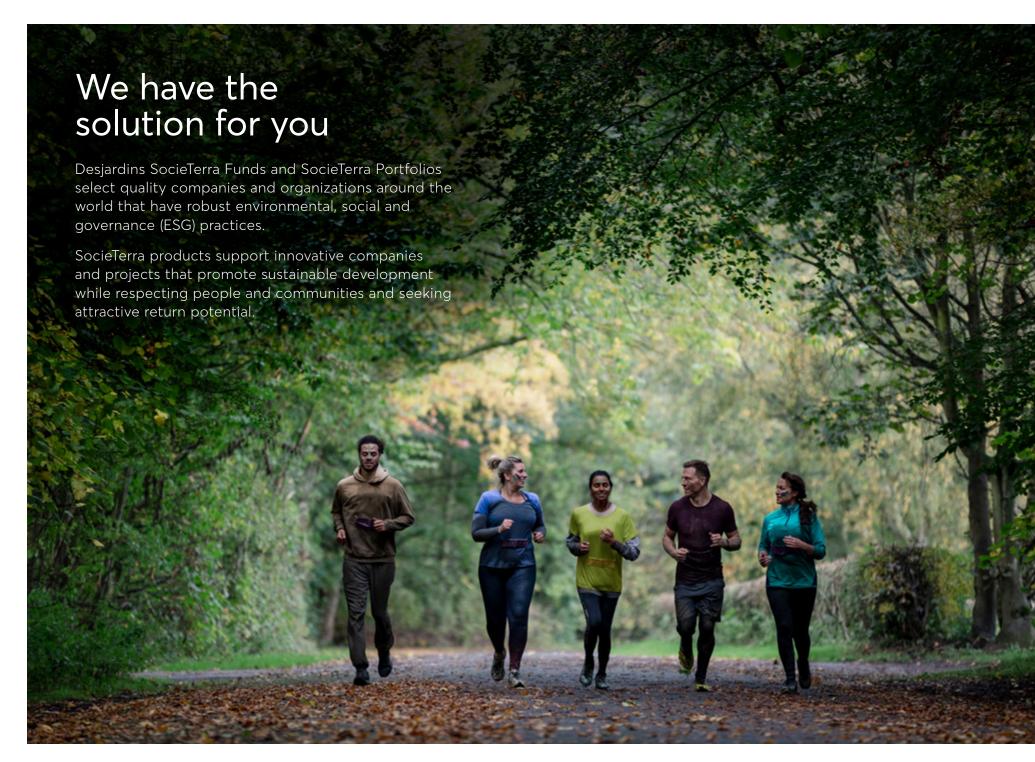


# Desjardins SocieTerra Funds and SocieTerra Portfolios



# Want to use your savings to drive change that benefits communities and the planet?



# Key facts about SocieTerra products

OUR RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT PROFESSIONALS
CONDUCT A DETAILED REVIEW OF THE
ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE (ESG)
PRACTICES OF POTENTIAL COMPANIES\* AND
A THOROUGH FINANCIAL ANALYSIS.











### Financial analysis + ESG analysis

This two-pronged approach provides our portfolio managers with a more complete picture of the companies they analyze and helps them to make better investment decisions.

Focusing on quality companies while managing investment risk.

Over the long term, companies that adopt sound ESG practices perform better than their peers. Those that are slow to adopt ESG practices could represent a risk for investors.

 Seizing business opportunities offered by a more sustainable world.

Companies that address ESG concerns as well as their financial performance are better equipped to meet the challenges of today's global economy. SOCIETERRA PRODUCTS INVEST IN DIVERSIFIED COMPANIES THAT ARE **LEADERS IN THEIR SECTOR** OR EMERGING LEADERS IN THEIR SECTOR. THESE COMPANIES COMBINE **AN ATTRACTIVE GROWTH OUTLOOK AND ROBUST ESG PRACTICES**.

### MUCH MORE THAN FINANCIAL OUTCOMES

BY RELYING ON COMPANIES WITH MEASURABLE FINANCIAL BENEFITS, YOUR INVESTMENTS CAN BE PART OF THE SOLUTION.

SocieTerra products are made up of quality companies and offer you investments that make an impact:

- Companies that strive to reduce the negative impact of their activities
- Companies that improve their ESG practices
- Companies that actively develop solutions to FSG issues

<sup>\*</sup> Companies, governmental organizations or projects

# Desjardins: Expertise in RI

### Conviction

We believe that economic players have a responsibility toward their communities and their regions and should act accordingly.

That's why SocieTerra products seek to promote business practices and corporate governance that are more respectful of communities and the environment.

Did you know that Desjardins Investments Inc. (DI), the manager of Desjardins Funds, has been a signatory of the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) since 2010?

The PRI is an initiative launched by investors in partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative and the United Nations Global Compact that has over 3,800 signatories today. These signatories from every part of the world manage more than US\$120 trillion.

### Knowledge

Desjardins is a responsible investment pioneer. In 1990, we launched the Desjardins Environment Fund\*, one of the first in Canada. Combining our knowledge with that of world-renowned portfolio managers enables us to offer an innovative and competitive range of responsible investment products.

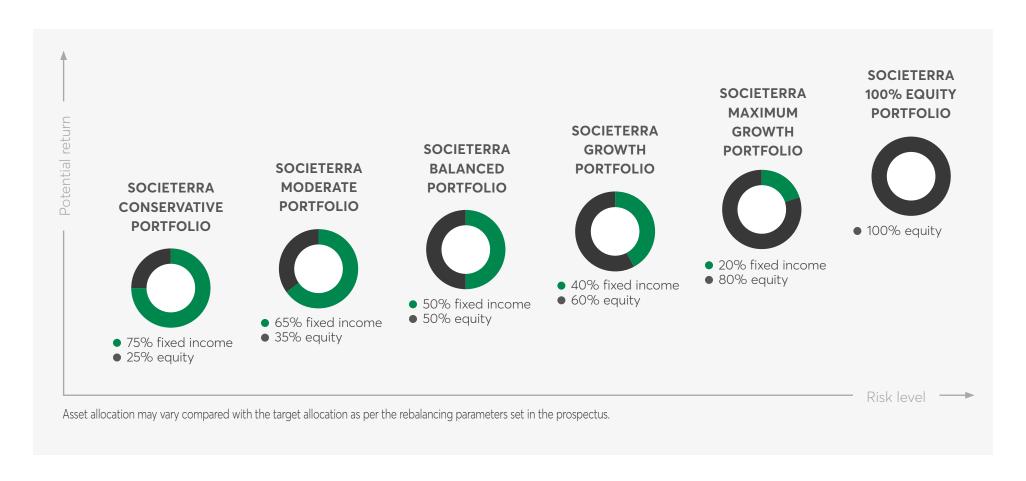


<sup>\*</sup> This fund is now called Desigrdins SocieTerra Global opportunities Fund.

# A full range of RI products

### **SocieTerra Portfolios**

SocieTerra Portfolios offer a turnkey investment solution no matter your investment profile. They are made up of Desjardins SocieTerra Funds that take ESG criteria into account.

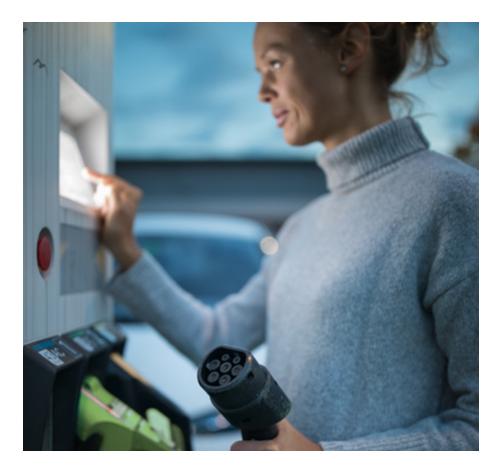


# A full range of RI products (cont.)

## **Desjardins SocieTerra Funds**

Desjardins SocieTerra Funds are made up of core funds and thematic and impact funds.

The **core funds** serve as the portfolio's foundation and contribute to its diversification. They invest in a specific geographic region (Canada, for example), regardless of the economic sector, and consider all ESG issues.









Desjardins SocieTerra Short-term Income Fund

- Desjardins SocieTerra Canadian Bond Fund
- Desjardins SocieTerra Global Managed Bond Fund
- Desiardins SocieTerra Global Bond Fund
- Desjardins SocieTerra Global Corporate Bond Fund
- Desigrations SocieTerra Emerging Markets Bond Fund
- Desjardins SocieTerra Global Balanced Fund
- Desjardins SocieTerra Canadian Equity Income Fund
- **Desjardins SocieTerra Canadian Equity Fund**
- **Desjardins SocieTerra American Equity Fund**
- Desjardins SocieTerra American Small Cap Equity Fund
- **Designational SocieTerra International Equity Fund**
- **Desjardins SocieTerra International Small Cap Equity Fund**
- Desigrdins SocieTerra Low Volatility Global Equity Fund
- Desjardins SocieTerra Global Dividend Fund
- **Desjardins SocieTerra Global Opportunities Fund**
- Desigrations SocieTerra Emerging Markets Equity Fund

# A full range of RI products (cont.)

# **Desjardins SocieTerra Funds**

Thematic and impact funds are more specialized funds that focus on ESG issues where the portfolio manager anticipates long-term growth potential.





### Desjardins SocieTerra Positive Change Fund

### To commit to building a sustainable and inclusive world.

This Fund invests in companies that are actively working to build a more sustainable world for current and future generations while seeking attractive return potential. Companies that are committed to developing and delivering **solutions to today's most pressing social environmental issues** are likely to grow and create long-term value.





### **Desjardins SocieTerra Diversity Fund**

### To leverage the benefits of women's leadership.

This Fund targets quality companies that encourage **diversity and female leadership** in both their governance and their workplace policies. Companies that promote inclusion benefit from positive impacts on performance and from attractive return potential.

# Desjardins SocieTerra Environmental Bond Fund

To deliver on projects that will have positive impacts on the environment.

This Fund has the objective to finance **environmental projects in the world** that contribute to the fight against climate change, among other things, with a focus on the **energy transition** while also offering attractive return potential.



### **Desjardins SocieTerra Cleantech Fund**

To play a role in the development of innovative solutions to environmental challenges.

This Fund seeks out companies that develop **tangible solutions to the environmental problems of our time**. The companies held in the Fund are set to benefit from powerful long-term trends that will enable the Fund to seek attractive return potential.

IF YOU WANT TO USE YOUR SAVINGS TO DRIVE CHANGE, **DESJARDINS SOCIETERRA FUNDS AND SOCIETERRA PORTFOLIOS** MAY BE THE INVESTMENT CHOICE FOR YOU.

# What is shareholder engagement?

Shareholder engagement refers to all of the ways that investors can leverage their shareholder rights to intervene and influence the behaviour of the companies in their portfolios.

# Dialogue that aims to improve ESG practices within companies

The goal of dialogue is to communicate with issuers whose securities are in the portfolio and influence their environmental, social and governance practices. It is an opportunity for investors to share their concerns with a company's executive team and to express their expectations for change that will improve the ESG practices of the targeted companies.

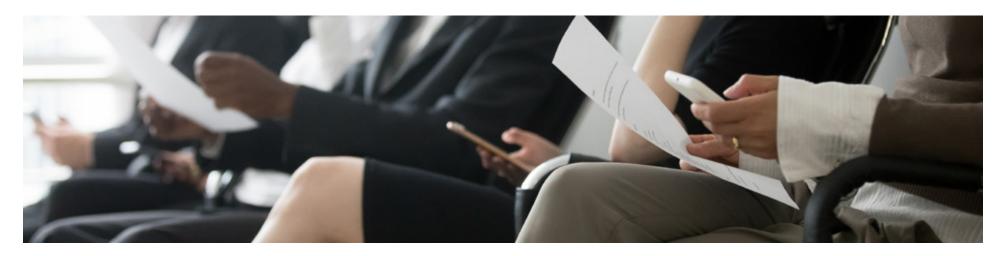
### **Shareholder proposal**

A shareholder proposal involves drawing up a non-restrictive recommendation, i.e., a recommendation that does not prescribe direct action that would hamper company officers. The recommendation is submitted to all company shareholders.

# Voting during shareholder meetings to influence ESG practices



By exercising their voting rights, shareholders can take a position on all questions submitted each year at shareholders' meetings.



# What is an investment fund?

Also called a **mutual fund**, an investment fund is a financial product in which your assets are pooled with those of other investors. All of the assets are entrusted to a portfolio manager, who invests them in stocks issued by diverse publicly traded companies or bonds, in accordance with the fund's investment policy. The objective is to grow the assets based on the fund's investment objectives.

# What are ESG criteria?

Incorporating ESG criteria helps identify the various issues companies may be exposed to. To determine **the best-equipped companies** to resolve these issues, the portfolio manager incorporates the ESG considerations relevant to the companies' sector and their activities into their financial analysis.



### **Environmental**

Example: Climate change



### Social

Example: Occupational health and safety



### Governance

Example: Diversity on boards of directors

# What is RI?

Responsible Investment (RI) products are designed for investors who are looking for attractive return potential and the opportunity to support companies that are committed to sustainability and social responsibility toward people and communities.

### CONTROVERSIAL SECTORS EXCLUDED









# ESG CRITERIA INCORPORATED INTO FINANCIAL ANALYSIS













### **ESG-SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES**

Examples: Positive selection, thematic investing



### SHAREHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Dialogue, filing resolutions and voting at shareholder meetings



REPORTING AND EXTRA-FINANCIAL INDICATORS

DESJARDINS FUNDS ARE MANAGED BY DESJARDINS INVESTMENTS INC. (DI)

DI IS ONE OF THE LARGEST CANADIAN INVESTMENT FUND MANUFACTURERS AND A CANADIAN LEADER IN RI.

\$39.3B

IN ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT\*

+ 60 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

+85 INVESTMENT FUNDS

DESJARDINS, AN RI PIONEER

+ 50 RI PRODUCT OPTIONS

\$12.4B

IN RI ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT\*

+ 30 OF RI EXPERTISE

<sup>\*</sup> As at December 31, 2022

# **Desjardins:**

# A name you can count on!

Desjardins Group is the leading cooperative financial group in Canada and one of the country's best capitalized financial institutions. Desjardins Group enjoys credit ratings comparable to those of several major Canadian and international banks and is recognized as one of the most stable financial institutions in the world according to *The Banker* magazine.

Based on your personal needs and goals, your representative can help you choose the right investment. Speak to your representative today.

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