

Two FundGrade A+ awards for Desjardins



Two funds recognized for 2018 performance

Montreal, January 24, 2019 - Every year since 2013, Fundata Canada Inc. has hosted an Evening of Excellence to acknowledge investment funds that have maintained an exceptional performance rating over the entire previous calendar year. The awards have become a highly prized achievement in the Canadian investment funds industry.

For 2018, the Desjardins Overseas Equity Growth Fund and the DFS GIF - International Equity Growth - Desjardins fund (Helios) have each received FundGrade A+ awards.

"These awards demonstrate the commitment we've made to create exceptional funds for members and clients in a challenging and changing business environment. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our members and clients for their trust," said Jean-François Girard, manager of mutual fund and guaranteed investment development at Desjardins.

About Desjardins Group

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The Desjardins Overseas Equity Growth Fund (A-Class) received the A+ Grade in the category of International Equity funds, out of a total of 353 funds competing in this category as defined by the Canadian Investment Funds Standards Committee (CIFSC), an independent organisation from Fundata. This grade is attributed for the period from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

The Guaranteed Investment Fund DFS GIF - International Equity Growth - Desjardins (5-Series) received the A+ Grade in the category of International Equity - Segregated, out of a total of 201 funds competing in this category as defined by the Canadian Investment Funds Standards Committee (CIFSC), an independent organisation from Fundata. This grade is attributed for the period from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

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