

Desjardins Sustainable Environmental Bond Fund

(formerly Desjardins SocieTerra Environmental Bond Fund)



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CIFSC CATEGORY*:

Global Fixed Income

Contributors to relative performance

- Asset allocation as corporates outperformed government bonds. We had a long position on corporates and the sub-sector allocation also delivered value. Within sovereigns, the long position on the Italian BTP was positive due to the narrowing of Italian debt versus German debt.
- Issues selection delivered value. Best contributors were Johnson Controls, Orsted, Banco BPM S.p.A.

Detractors from relative performance

- Curve and duration strategy was negative. The fund suffered from the long exposure in duration to the UK and the Euro yield curve as rates increased during the period, specifically the 2 years on which we were exposed.

Major changes to portfolio in the period

- Decreased the modified duration.

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