

# 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 was positive as corporates outperformed government bonds: the fund had a long position on corporates versus a short position on government bonds and on government related. 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. During the quarter we had a short position on French issuers as we were negative on France.
- Issues selection delivered value. Best contributors were Banca Popolare (Italian bank), Iren SPA (Italian utility), Acciona Energia (Spanish utility).
- Curve and duration strategy. The fund took advantage from the long exposure in duration to the UK and the Euro yield curve as rates decreased during the period, specifically the 2 years on which we were exposed.

## Major changes to portfolio in the period

- Active management of the long exposure on Italian government green bonds.

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