

## Desjardins Wins Nine FundGrade A+® Awards

**Montreal, February 7, 2025** – Desjardins took home nine awards at Fundata Canada Inc.’s annual [FundGrade A+® Awards](#) ceremony. The funds that stood out for their exceptional performance in 2024 and earned the nine awards were: one mutual fund, two responsible investment exchange-traded funds and six guaranteed investment funds. FundGrade A+® Awards are given to Canadian investment funds that deliver the best risk-adjusted returns and maintain high FundGrade ratings over the course of a full calendar year.

“We are extremely honoured and proud that Desjardins has been recognized by Fundata again this year. This speaks to our ability to meet our clients’ diverse needs. These awards are proof of our unwavering commitment to offer high-performance investment solutions designed to empower our members and clients financially,” said Frédéric Tremblay, Managing Director and Head of Investment Solutions, at Desjardins.

The following [exchange-traded funds \(ETFs\)](#) and [mutual funds](#) offered by Desjardins Investments Inc. received Fundata’s FundGrade A+® rating:

- [Desjardins RI Canada Multifactor – Net-Zero Emissions Pathway ETF<sup>1</sup>](#) (DRFC) – For the second year in a row
- [Desjardins RI Emerging Markets Multifactor – Net-Zero Emissions Pathway ETF<sup>1</sup>](#) (DRFE) – For the second year in a row
- [Desjardins Floating Rate Income Fund](#) – For the second year in a row

<sup>1</sup>These two ETFs were also awarded a certificate and a trophy at the annual LSEG Lipper Awards 2024 ceremony for their performance over 3-year and 5-year periods.

The following [guaranteed investment funds \(GIFs\)](#) offered by Desjardins Financial Security Life Assurance Company were awarded the Fundata FundGrade A+® rating:

- [DFS GIF – Maximum Growth](#) – For the fourth year in a row
- [DFS GIF – Canadian Balanced– Fiera Capital](#)
- [DFS GIF – Canadian Balanced – CI](#) – For the second year in a row
- [DFS GIF – Canadian Income and Growth – CI](#)
- [DFS GIF – U.S. Monthly Income – Fidelity](#)
- [DFS GIF – International Equity – MFS](#) – For the third year in a row

### About Desjardins Group

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The **Desjardins RI Canada Multifactor - Net-Zero Emissions Pathway ETF**, previously called the Desjardins RI Canada Multifactor – Low CO<sub>2</sub> ETF, received an A+ rating in the Canadian Equity category, which included 158 funds. The **Desjardins RI Emerging Markets Multifactor – Net-Zero Emissions Pathway ETF**, previously called the Desjardins RI Emerging Markets Multifactor – Low CO<sub>2</sub> ETF, received an A+ rating in the Emerging Markets Equity category, which included 74 funds. The **Desjardins Floating Rate Income Fund** earned an A+ rating in the Multi-Sector Fixed Income category, which included 51 funds. The **DFS GIF – Maximum Growth** earned an A+ in the Global Equity Balanced category, which included 170 funds. The **DFS GIF – Canadian Balanced – Fiera Capital** earned an A+ in the Canadian Equity Balanced category, which included 81 funds. The **DFS GIF – Canadian Balanced – CI** earned an A+ in the Canadian Neutral Balanced category, which included 102 funds. The **DFS GIF – Canadian Income and Growth – CI** earned an A+ in the Global Neutral Balanced category, which included 152 funds. The **DFS GIF – U.S. Monthly Income – Fidelity** earned an A+ in the Global Neutral Balanced category, which included 152 funds. Finally, the **DFS GIF – International Equity – MFS** earned an A+ in the International Equity category, which included 48 funds. These ratings are for the period from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, and all categories are defined by the Canadian Investment Funds Standards Committee (CIFSC), an independent Canadian organization.

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