

# Our Desjardins suite of responsible investment ETFs



INVESTMENT SOLUTIONS AIMING FOR AN ATTRACTIVE RETURN AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT COMPANIES THAT ARE COMMITTED TO SUSTAINABILITY AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES.

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# The purpose of responsible investment

Responsible investment (RI) means taking **environmental, social and governance (ESG)** criteria into account when selecting and managing investments, without compromising investors' financial returns.

RI portfolios 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.

**Responsible  
investment represents  
47%  
of total assets under  
management in Canada.<sup>1</sup>**



**The vast majority of studies confirm that, in the medium and long term, there is no compromise on returns with responsible investment.<sup>2</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.riacanada.ca/content/uploads/2022/11/Technical-Report-2022-Canadian-RI-Trends-Report-English-Final-web.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.stern.nyu.edu/sites/default/files/assets/documents/NYU-RAM\\_ESG-Paper\\_2021%20Rev\\_0.pdf](https://www.stern.nyu.edu/sites/default/files/assets/documents/NYU-RAM_ESG-Paper_2021%20Rev_0.pdf)

# Responsible investment allows you to use your investments as leverage for change

In an RI strategy, companies are carefully evaluated by the portfolio manager on their **environmental, social and governance (ESG)** practices, as well as their financial performance, in order to provide investors with an investment solution that makes a difference for communities and the environment.

## ENVIRONMENTAL



- Impact on climate change
- Water management
- Impact on biodiversity

## SOCIAL



- Enforce labour standards
- Respect human rights (e.g., child labour)
- Ensure social acceptability (e.g., First Nations)

## GOVERNANCE



- Promote board diversity
- Track executive compensation (e.g., incentives and bonuses)
- Recognize shareholder rights

# Desjardins and responsible investment: A distinctive approach

To help you achieve your financial goals and contribute to sustainable development, Desjardins offers the widest range of responsible investment products<sup>3</sup> in Canada. We have something for every investor profile.

## Desjardins, a Canadian pioneer and leader in responsible investment

**1990**

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**Launch of the Desjardins Environment Fund:  
The first of its kind in Canada**



**\$12.4 B<sup>4</sup> in responsible investment assets under management**

**Today, we offer more than 50 RI product options**

<sup>3</sup> According to Desjardins internal watch, 12/31/2023

<sup>4</sup> As at December 31, 2022 (includes all responsible investment assets held within Desjardins Group).

# Desjardins Responsible Investment ETFs

## 3 innovative approaches

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### Net-zero emissions pathway ETFs (Formerly Low CO<sub>2</sub> ETFs)

Aims to address carbon risk and opportunities by seeking to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050 through a financed greenhouse gas emissions reduction pathway.

These ETFs invest in the vast majority of sectors, including energy. Organizations that play a part in producing tobacco, thermal coal or unconventional weapons, or whose ESG practices are deemed deficient, are excluded.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>5</sup> For more information about exclusions, please see the prospectus for each product.



# Desjardins Responsible Investment ETFs

## 3 innovative approaches

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### Fossil Fuel Reserves Free ETF

Aims to mitigate energy transition risk by excluding organizations that own fossil fuel reserves, are categorized in the fossil fuel sector or earn a significant share of revenues from fossil fuels.

Organizations that play a part in producing tobacco, thermal coal or unconventional weapons, or whose ESG practices are deemed deficient, are also excluded.<sup>6</sup>

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# Desjardins Responsible Investment ETFs

## 3 innovative approaches

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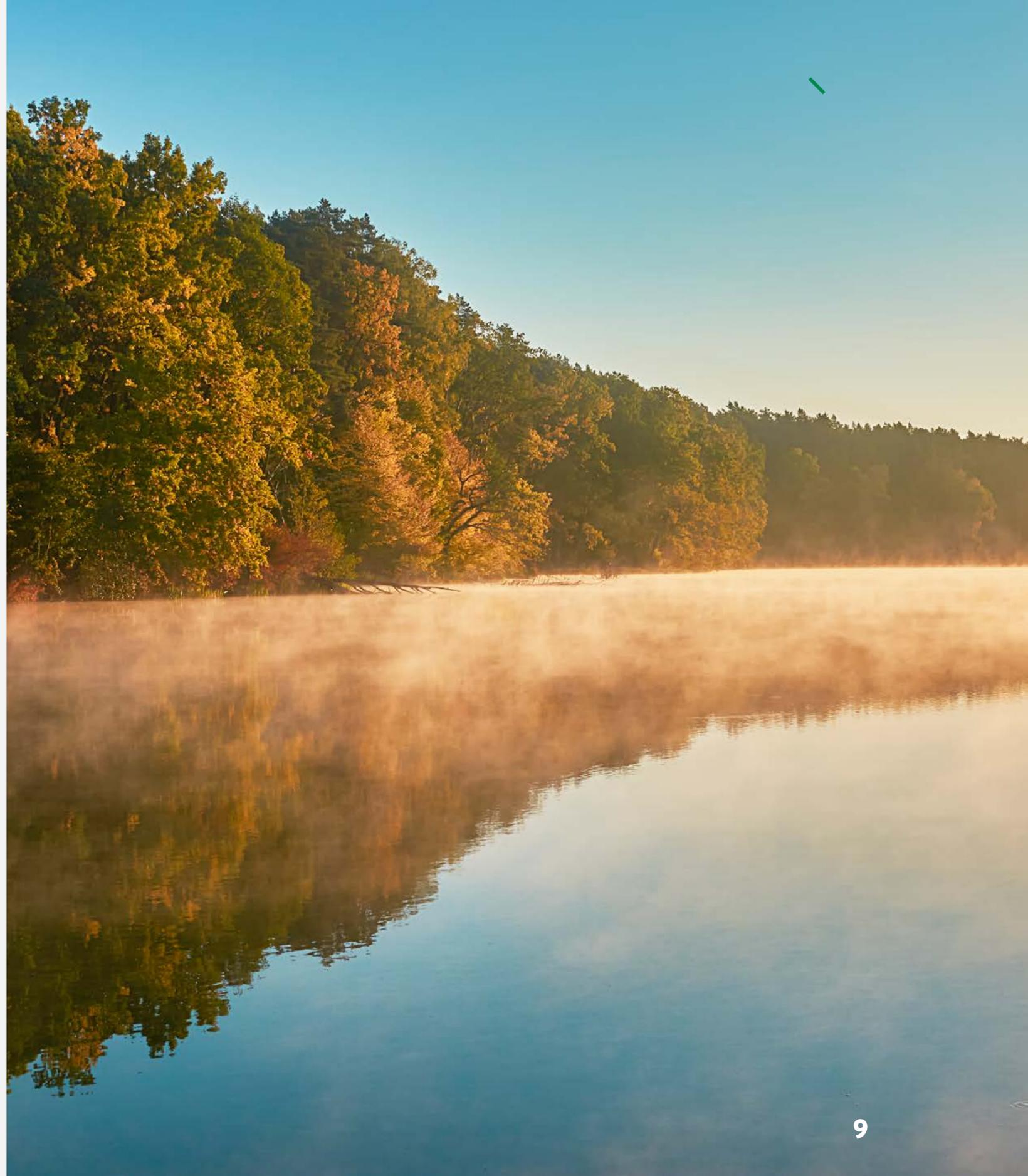
### SocieTerra ETF

Aims to invest in organizations that:

- Implement sound ESG practices throughout their operations
- Are improving their ESG practices, notably following a shareholder engagement process

Organizations in the production and dedicated transport of fossil fuels, civilian firearms, nuclear and coal energy and tobacco industry are excluded.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>7</sup> For more information about exclusions, please see the prospectus for each product.



# Desjardins' line of Responsible Investment ETFs



Low carbon



Fossil Fuel Reserves Free



SocieTerra

Name of Desjardins ETF	RI Active Canadian Bond – Net-Zero Emissions Pathway	RI Canada – Net-Zero Emissions Pathway	RI USA – Net-Zero Emissions Pathway	RI Developed ex-USA ex-Canada – Net-Zero Emissions Pathway	RI Emerging Markets – Net-Zero Emissions Pathway	RI Canada Multifactor – Net-Zero Emissions Pathway	RI USA Multifactor – Net-Zero Emissions Pathway	RI Developed ex-USA ex-Canada Multifactor – Net-Zero Emissions Pathway	RI Emerging Markets Multifactor – Net-Zero Emissions Pathway	RI Global Multifactor – Fossil Fuel Reserves Free	SocieTerra American Equity
	DRCU	DRMC	DRMU	DRMD	DRME	DRFC	DRFU	DRFD	DRFE	DRFG	DSAE
Asset class	Canadian Fixed Income	Canadian Equity	U.S. Equity	International Equity	Emerging Markets Equity	Canadian Equity	U.S. Equity	International Equity	Emerging Markets Equity	Global Equity	U.S. Equity
Management Fees (%)	0.35	0.15	0.20	0.25	0.35	0.40	0.40	0.45	0.65	0.50	0.80
Investment approach	Active	Active systematic			Active systematic multifactor				Active		

# Desjardins Global Asset Management (DGAM) is one of the largest portfolio managers in Canada



**\$77.1 B**

in assets under management



**84**

investment **professionals**



**Over 25 years**

of experience



**20 ETFs**

Source: Desjardins as at December 31, 2023.

## For more information, contact your representative.

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