

# Notice to securityholders



## RE: NOTICE OF THE MERGER OF THE DESJARDINS GLOBAL EQUITY VALUE FUND

This notice is to inform you that on or around November 30, 2018, Desjardins Investments Inc., the manager of the Desjardins Funds, intends to merge the Desjardins Global Equity Value Fund (the “Terminating Fund”) with the Desjardins Global Equity Fund (the “Continuing Fund”).

The following table shows the Units Class(es) that you hold as well as the management fees before taxes for each Class of Units.

| TERMINATING FUND | MANAGEMENT FEE <sup>1</sup> | CONTINUING FUND | MANAGEMENT FEE AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2018 <sup>1</sup> |
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<sup>1</sup> Before taxes.

For additional information, you will find attached the Fund Facts of the Continuing Fund that correspond to the Units Class(es) that you currently hold. You will hold units of the Continuing Fund after the merger.

## PURPOSE OF THE MERGER

The manager considers that the merger will be advantageous to the unitholders of the Terminating Fund for the following reasons:

- The unitholders of the Terminating Fund will benefit from reduced management fees, as indicated in the table above;
- The line of Desjardins Funds will be simplified and easier to understand for all holders;
- The larger size of the Continuing Fund will give it a greater market presence.

## NATURE AND IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED MERGER

The merger will be carried out by transferring the assets of the Terminating Fund into the Continuing Fund, in exchange for units of the Continuing Fund, prorated according to the Terminating Fund’s net asset value. Following the merger, the Terminating Fund’s assets which have been transferred into the Continuing Fund will be invested in accordance with the Continuing Fund’s investment objectives and strategies. Immediately after this transfer, the units of the Continuing Fund received by the Terminating Fund will be distributed to the holders of the Terminating Fund on a dollar-for-dollar basis in exchange for their units in the Terminating Fund.

New purchases of the Terminating Fund’s units, with the exception of the preauthorized payment plans, have been suspended since July 25, 2018. The manager will suspend **all purchases** of the Terminating Fund’s units, including those provided for under the preauthorized payment plans, at 4:00 p.m. the day before the merger. Unitholders of the Terminating Fund may **sell** or **transfer** their units until 4:00 p.m., Eastern standard time, the day before the merger.

Following the merger, all optional plans that are in force, such as preauthorized payment plans, automatic transfer plans and automatic or periodic withdrawal plans, will continue under the same terms and conditions into the Continuing Fund.

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### INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The proposed merger of the Terminating Fund into the Continuing Fund will be a tax-deferred qualifying exchange. As a result, the merger will be **tax neutral** for the holders of units, regardless of whether these are held in a registered or non-registered account.

### INDEPENDENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

The proposed merger was submitted to the members of the Independent Review Committee (IRC) of the Desjardins Funds. The IRC's mandate is to review conflict of interest matters referred by the manager of the Funds and to recommend actions. The IRC works in the interest of the Funds and, consequently, in your interest. After examination, the IRC concluded that the merger would achieve a fair and reasonable result for the Funds.

As permitted under the securities regulations, the proposed merger as described in this notice was approved by the IRC, instead of seeking approval of the unitholders and securities regulators.

**These changes require no action on your part.** However, should you wish to review your investments or amend any of your optional plans as described above prior to the merger's effective date, do not hesitate to contact your representative.

### QUESTIONS?

*This notice is given to you in accordance with the securities regulations, which provide that the merger may only take effect upon the expiry of a period of sixty (60) days from the remittance of a prior notice to unitholders of the merged funds.*

*If you no longer hold units of the Desjardins Global Equity Value Fund, please disregard this notice.*

Dated September 18, 2018

DESJARDINS INVESTMENTS INC.  
MANAGER OF THE DESJARDINS FUNDS