# **Desjardins**American Equity Value Fund



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# WELLINGTON MANAGEMENT®

### PORTFOLIO MANAGER:

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### **INCEPTION DATE:**

January 12, 2004

### **CIFSC CATEGORY\*:**

**U.S. Equity** 

# Contributors to performance

- → Sector allocation contributed to relative performance due to an overweight allocation in financials and an underweight allocation to information technology.
- → Strong security selection in consumer staples and consumer discretionary also contributed to relative performance.
- → Our overweights to both Target (consumer discretionary) and American Express (financials) were the top contributors to relative performance.

# **Detractors from performance**

- → Weak security selection in information technology, energy, and financials detracted from relative performance.
- → Our out of benchmark position in Koninklijke Philips (health care) and overweight to Cognizant (information technology) were the top detractors from relative performance.

## Major changes to portfolio in the period

- → During the quarter, we increased our position in healthcare, maintaining our underweight allocation. We also reduced our exposure to energy and financials, maintaining our overweight allocation.
- → During the period, we initiated a position in Cognizant, a multinational digital solutions company.
- → We eliminated our position in Exxon, an oil and gas company.

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