

# Desjardins

## Overseas Equity Fund



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**FIERA CAPITAL**

PORTFOLIO MANAGER:  
**Fiera Capital**

INCEPTION DATE:  
**October 26, 1998**

CIFSC CATEGORY\*:  
**International Equity**

### Contributors to performance

- Security selection in Health Care
- Security selection in Consumer Discretionary
- Overweight in Information Technology

### Detractors from performance

- Security selection in Industrials
- Security selection in Financials
- Security selection in Information Technology

### Major changes to portfolio in the period

- During the quarter we exited our position in Fuchs Petrolub and initiated a position in Air Liquide. We exited our position in the engine oil and specialty lubricants manufacturer, Fuchs Petrolub, as long-term structural trends in the automobile market, such as the shift to EV and increased taxation on carbon-emitting motor vehicles, represent new long-term risks which could potentially negatively impact the attractiveness of the business going forward. We redeployed the proceeds into French-based industry and healthcare gas supplier, Air Liquide, which we believe to be a higher quality company due to the nature of its business model. Gases constitute a mission critical staple for a majority of industrial processes and their demand is expected to be further supported by energy transition projects over the long-term such as hydrogen which offers many applications in decarbonizing key sectors of the economy including transportation, industrial processes, feedstock and building heating.

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