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Desjardins named Best House, Capital Protection Americas for the fourth consecutive year

Montreal, September 24, 2026 – Desjardins has received the coveted **Best House, Capital Protection** award at the SRP Americas 2026 Awards Ceremony for the fourth year running—consolidating its presence as a leader in the capital-protected structured products industry. These annual awards are presented by UK-based industry intelligence organization Structured Retail Products (SRP).

This award recognizes the financial institution that stood out most in the Americas for the quality of its capital-protected structured product offering. Desjardins received the award for its market-linked guaranteed investments (MLGIs) and Desjardins Structured Notes, specifically based on its sales volumes and client satisfaction.

Desjardins was also named **Best Capital Protected Distributor, Americas** for the fourth year in a row, highlighting its excellent sales levels as well as the performance of its principal-protected structured products that matured during the reporting period.

"These awards are a testament to the trust our members and clients place in us, as well as our teams' commitment to offering innovative, high-performance investment solutions," said Frédérick Tremblay, President and Chief Executive Officer of Desjardins Investments Inc. "This recognition makes it clear that our approach is effective and that we are able to support our investors in a constantly changing environment."

Further recognition at the SRP Americas 2026 Awards Ceremony

In addition to winning Best House, Capital Protection Americas, Desjardins also took home the following awards:

- Best House, Canada – Principal Protected
  This award highlights Desjardins's leadership in the Canadian market, both in terms of sales and client satisfaction for its principal-protected structured products.

- Deal of the Year
  This distinction was awarded to the MarketLever Guaranteed Investment, a solution that provides exposure to companies in different regions and business sectors while protecting the invested capital. It offers a higher return potential than the underlying basket of securities, increasing the likelihood of maximizing the investor's return at maturity.

Additional recognition for Desjardins's innovative product line

Desjardins was also honoured at the SPi Canada 2026 Awards for Excellence on September 17, winning the award for Best Principal Protected Issuer. This award recognizes the Canadian issuer that stood out most over the past year in the principal-protected structured products market.

About Desjardins Group

Desjardins Group is the largest cooperative financial group in Canada and the eighth largest in the world, with assets of $543.5 billion as at June 30, 2026. Desjardins has been named one of the top employers in Canada by both *Forbes* magazine and Mediacorp. It offers a full range of products and services through its extensive distribution network, its online platforms, and its subsidiaries across Canada. In addition to being ranked among the world's strongest banks according to *The Banker* magazine, Desjardins has one of the highest capital ratios and one of the highest credit ratings in the industry.

About Structured Retail Products Ltd. (SRP): Structured Retail Products Ltd. (SRP) is a UK-based research company that specializes in research and data on the global structured products industry. For the past 20 years, SRP has tracked the development of structured products across more than 50 countries and maintains one of the sector's most comprehensive databases. The SRP Americas Awards recognize excellence among manufacturers, distributors and service providers on the structured product market.

About Structured Products Intelligence (SPi): Structured Products Intelligence (SPi), a division of the WSD Group, is a company based in London, England, that provides market intelligence, reference data and lifecycle information for the structured product industry. The SP Intelligence Structured Products Conference awards prizes to Canadian financial institutions that offer structured products.

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