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Desjardins wins eight FundGrade A+® Awards

Montreal, February 6, 2026 – Desjardins took home eight awards at Fundata Canada Inc.'s annual [FundGrade A+® Awards](#) ceremony. The funds that stood out for their exceptional performance in 2025 and earned the eight awards were as follows: one mutual fund, three responsible investment exchange-traded funds and four guaranteed investment funds. FundGrade A+® Awards are given to Canadian investment funds that deliver the best risk-adjusted returns and maintain high FundGrade ratings over the course of a full calendar year.

"We're extremely honoured and proud to see Desjardins win eight FundGrade A+® Awards this year. The awards recognize our teams' hard work and our commitment to providing our members and clients with sustainable, high-performing investment solutions that are truly adapted to their needs. Supporting their financial empowerment remains our mission," said Frédéric Tremblay, President and Chief Operating Officer, Investment Solutions at Desjardins Investments Inc.

The following [exchange-traded funds \(ETFs\)](#) and [mutual funds](#) offered by Desjardins Investments Inc. received Fundata's FundGrade A+® rating:

- [Desjardins RI Canada Multifactor – Net-Zero Emissions Pathway ETF¹](#) (DRFC) – For the third year in a row
- [Desjardins RI Emerging Markets Multifactor – Net-Zero Emissions Pathway ETF¹](#) (DRFE) – For the third year in a row
- [Desjardins RI Developed ex-USA ex-Canada – Net-Zero Emissions Pathway ETF](#) (DRMD)
- [Desjardins Floating Rate Income Fund](#) – For the third year in a row

¹ These two ETFs also received a certificate and award at the [2025 LSEG Lipper Fund Awards](#) ceremony for their five-year performance.

The following [guaranteed investment funds \(GIFs\)](#) offered by Desjardins Financial Security Life Assurance Company were awarded Fundata's FundGrade A+® rating:

- [DFS GIF – Global Balanced Growth – Desjardins](#)
- [DFS GIF – Canadian Balanced – Fiera Capital](#) – For the second year in a row
- [DFS GIF – Canadian Balanced – CI](#) – For the second year in a row
- [DFS GIF – Canadian Income and Growth – CI](#) – For the second year in a row

About Desjardins Group

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The **Desjardins RI Canada Multifactor - Net-Zero Emissions Pathway ETF** (DRFC) received an A+ rating in the Canadian Equity category, which included 166 funds. The **Desjardins RI Emerging Markets Multifactor – Net-Zero Emissions Pathway ETF** (DRFE) received an A+ rating in the Emerging Markets Equity category, which included 73 funds. The **Desjardins RI Developed ex-USA ex-Canada Net-Zero Emissions Pathway ETF** (DRMD) received an A+ rating in the International Equity category, which included 168 funds. The **Desjardins Floating Rate Income Fund** earned an A+ rating in the Multi-Sector Fixed Income category, which included 58 funds. The **DFS GIF - Global Balanced Growth - Desjardins** earned an A+ in the Tactical Balanced category, which included 18 funds. The **DFS GIF – Canadian Balanced – Fiera Capital** earned an A+ in the Canadian Equity Balanced category, which included 70 funds. The **DFS GIF – Canadian Balanced – CI** earned an A+ in the Canadian Neutral Balanced category, which included 95 funds. Finally, the **DFS GIF – Canadian Income and Growth – CI** earned an A+ in the Global Neutral Balanced category, which included 149 funds. These ratings are for the period from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025, and all categories are defined by the Canadian Investment Funds Standards Committee (CIFSC), an independent Canadian organization.

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