

About this guide

This document contains important information about the funds offered under the Desjardins Financial Security Guaranteed Investment Funds Plan – Helios. In particular, it provides information about the funds' investments, portfolio managers, investment objectives, and investment strategies. It should be read in conjunction with the Fund Facts.

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How to Use This Guide

Refer to each section for information on the fund's investment objective, investment strategy, and the principal risk factors associated with the fund. For additional information, please refer to the Contract and Information Folder and the applicable Fund Facts.

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Information on the Investments of the Funds

General Principles Applicable to the Investments of the Funds

As a general principle, in respect of each of the funds, we comply with the Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association Guideline on Individual Variable Insurance Contracts Relating to Segregated Funds, the Autorité des marchés financiers Guideline on Individual Variable Insurance Contracts Relating to Segregated Funds (in Quebec), applicable laws and regulations and such investment and lending policies, standards and procedures that a reasonable and prudent person would adopt in respect of a portfolio of investments and loans to avoid undue risk of loss and to obtain a reasonable return. As part of this framework, the Company has the authority to invest the assets of each fund in any way it judges to be most effective for the attainment of the objectives of the funds, having regard to the circumstances prevailing at any time.

The Company may lend securities in the investment portfolio of a fund with such frequency and on such terms and conditions as the Company in its absolute discretion may determine, subject to the requirements of any applicable insurance law, regulation or guideline in Canada.

The investment policies of the funds may permit the use of derivative instruments with no financial leverage. A derivative is a financial instrument that derives its value from an underlying security. The derivative instruments employed are subject to the risk factors described in this section. The following derivative instruments may be used in the funds to reduce transaction costs, increase the liquidity of the portfolio, or for the specific purposes discussed:

- Forward contracts traded over the counter may be used to change the exposure to foreign currencies of developed countries;
- Futures contracts traded on a public exchange may be used to replicate the return of various securities market indices or to increase or decrease the asset exposure to bonds or Canadian, American, European and Asian equities. Futures contracts may also be used for hedging purposes with the intention of offsetting or reducing the risk associated with stock market fluctuations;
- Options traded on a public equities exchange may also be used for hedging purposes with the intention of offsetting or reducing the risk associated with stock market fluctuations, or to increase or decrease the asset exposure and generate income. Market exposures are the same as described above for futures contracts;
- Swap contracts traded over the counter may be used for hedging purposes with the intention of offsetting or reducing the risk associated with stock market fluctuations and fluctuations in currency exchange rates of developed countries, or to increase or decrease currency or asset exposures. Market exposures are the same as described above for futures contracts; and
- Warrants traded on a public exchange.

The investment policies of the funds may permit them to invest in certain underlying funds. Investments in underlying funds will occur only where the investment policy of the underlying fund conforms to the policy of the fund. Specifically, the funds may invest in pooled funds, mutual funds, exchange-sponsored index funds, and certain publicly traded income trust funds.

Investments in pooled funds or mutual funds by a Desjardins Financial Security Guaranteed Investment Fund (DFS GIF) will not result in charges or fees to the fund or Owners other than previously described. No additional management fees or expenses are being charged for these investments.

Exchange-sponsored index funds may include such instruments as the i60s (Units of the iUnits S&P/TSX 60 Index Participation Fund) and SPDRs (Standard & Poor's 500 Depository Receipt) participation in which represents a proportionate interest in shares of companies listed on these exchange indices. Publicly traded income trust funds are unitized trusts, which generally distribute all income, generated by the underlying trust assets. Investment in both these types of funds involves minimal management expenses and/or fees which, to the extent they are material, are discussed further in the financial statements but are not included in the MER of the funds.

The fund will maintain a separate Unit value from the Underlying Fund reflecting the fees associated with the cost of providing the Helios2 – 75/75 guarantee and administration of the funds.

If the Underlying Fund is a mutual fund, it cannot change any fundamental objectives unless the change in the objective of the Underlying Fund is approved by the mutual fund unitholders. Should such an event occur, notice will be given to the Owner.

Responsible Investing

Responsible Investment Portfolios

The DFS GIF – Conservative – Desjardins Sustainable, DFS GIF – Moderate – Desjardins Sustainable, DFS GIF – Balanced – Desjardins Sustainable, DFS GIF – Growth – Desjardins Sustainable, DFS GIF – Maximum Growth – Desjardins Sustainable and DFS GIF – 100% Equity – Desjardins Sustainable, as well as the DFS GIF – Global Balanced – Desjardins Sustainable, follow a responsible approach to investing and use an investment strategy which seeks to generate both financial and sustainable value. Responsible Investing (“RI”) means integrating the analysis of environmental, social and governance (“ESG”) factors into investment selection and management over a long-term horizon in order to finance companies that contribute to sustainable development. The Underlying Funds, as funds-of-funds, benefit from the investment strategies specific to each Desjardins Sustainable Funds in which they invest, which are made up of securities that are selected and managed primarily using the following RI approaches:

- 1. Exclusion of issuers:** Excluding certain issuers outright, subject to certain exceptions:
 - a. Exclusion of issuers whose sector of activities are deemed harmful (such as weaponry, tobacco and vaping, fossil fuels and nuclear).
 - b. Exclusion of issuers that do not meet the minimum ESG factors for the industry sector or the geographic region in which they operate.
 - c. Exclusion of sovereign debt of countries that are not parties to certain universal human rights instruments, to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons or to the Paris Climate Agreement, and of sovereign debt of emerging countries with large fossil fuel reserves.
- 2. ESG Integration:** Taking ESG factors into account as part of an investment analysis and decision-making process on an ongoing basis, in order to identify the issuers that adopt the best approaches with regard to priority issues and who could take advantage of the opportunities offered by a sustainable economy.
- 3. Best-in-Class:** Applying a Best-in-Class approach by selecting issuers that stand out from their peers in the management of ESG factors.
- 4. Thematic Investing:** Selecting companies and investing according to specific trends and themes related to ESG issues.
- 5. Impact Investing:** Investing with the intention of generating a measurable positive social and/ or environmental impact by selecting companies whose products and services address specific environmental or social issues.
- 6. Stewardship:** Using a variety of stewardship levers as investors, such as the exercise of voting rights at annual shareholder meetings, engagement with issuers to improve their practices, shareholder proposals to stimulate change, dialogue with policy makers and industry players and divestment.

The criteria mentioned above are not exhaustive and the responsible approach described above is subject to change at the sole discretion of the Underlying Fund manager. We do not guarantee that the strategies mentioned above are accurate and up to date. For accurate and up-to-date information on these strategies, we refer you to the prospectus of

the Underlying Funds. More information on the responsible approach to investing of the Underlying Funds can also be found on the Desjardins Funds website at desjardinsfunds.com.

DFS GIF – Growth RS – NEI Select

The DFS GIF – Growth RS – NEI Select follows a responsible approach to investing. The Underlying Fund manager as responsible investing (“RI”) as an investment approach that incorporates environmental, social and governance (“ESG”) analysis of company performance into the investment decision-making process with the goal of generating long-term sustainable value for investors, and society.

An important aspect of this approach is the Underlying Fund manager’s process for selecting and monitoring portfolio sub-advisors. As a key component of the manager’s due diligence framework, the manager will assess the RI processes and activities of prospective and current portfolio sub-advisors in order to determine the most appropriate fit for its funds. At least annually the manager will review the portfolio sub-advisor’s approach to RI and its RI activities as part of its monitoring process.

Together with the portfolio manager and/or portfolio sub-advisor or the Underlying Fund, the Underlying Fund manager implements its approach to RI through the application of the following RI approaches: exclusionary screening, ESG evaluation and stewardship.

The Underlying Fund will exclude all companies with any direct revenue from the industries below, for the underlying funds which the portfolio manager has full discretion:

- Automatic and/or semi-automatic weapons manufacturing for civilian use
- Controversial weapons: cluster munitions, anti-personnel landmines, biological and chemical weapons, nuclear weapons
- Tobacco production and manufacturing

In addition, the Underlying Fund will exclude all companies with sustained revenues over 10% associated with the below industries, for the underlying funds which the portfolio manager has full discretion. The industries below may be amended from time to time while continuing to align with the fund’s responsible investing approach:

- The distribution of automatic or semi-automatic weapons intended for civilian use
- The manufacture of military weapon systems and/ or tailor-made components for those systems
- The distribution of tobacco and/or tobacco-related products

The Underlying Fund integrates E S G factors by way of its selection of the underlying funds and portfolio construction process. Each of the underlying funds in the Underlying Fund must integrate E S G factors into their investment processes as a fundamental feature. These E S G factors of the underlying funds are identified and assessed along with traditional financial analysis to inform investment decisions. Once an investment has been made, the Underlying Fund manager monitors the holdings of the Underlying Fund on an ongoing basis to identify any new controversies or emergent risks. If material risks are uncovered through the monitoring process, the manager determines whether the risk can be mitigated through corporate engagement or if divestment is warranted.

The ESG methodology applicable to the Underlying Fund may be amended from time to time at the sole discretion of the Underlying Fund manager, portfolio manager or portfolio sub-advisor. We do not guarantee that the above information is accurate and up to date. For accurate and up to date information, we refer you to the prospectus of the Underlying Fund. More information on the responsible approach to investing of the Underlying Fund can also be found on the NEI Investments website at neiinvestments.com.

Principal Risk Factors

The net asset value per Unit of each fund will fluctuate with changes in the market value of the investments held in the fund. These changes in market value may occur as a result of various factors, including general economic conditions, investments, market conditions and changes in interest rates, or the financial performance of the issuers of securities held in the fund.

Certain specific types of risk which may affect the funds from time to time are:

Risk of Volatile Markets and Market Disruption Risk

Market prices of investments held in a fund will go up or down, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. Each fund's investments are subject to changes in general economic conditions, general market fluctuations and the risks inherent in investment in securities markets. Investment markets can be volatile and prices of investments can change substantially due to various factors including, but not limited to, economic growth or recession, changes in interest rates, changes in actual or perceived creditworthiness of issuers and general market liquidity. In addition, unexpected and unpredictable events such as war and occupation, terrorism, related geopolitical risks and pandemics may in the future lead to increased short-term market volatility and may have adverse long-term effects on world economies and markets generally. These events may adversely affect the performance of a fund. The effects of future terrorist acts (or threats thereof), military action, pandemics or similar unexpected disruptive events on the economies and securities markets of countries cannot be predicted. These events could also have an acute effect on individual issuers or related groups of issuers. Even if general economic conditions do not change, the value of an investment held in a fund could decline if the particular industries, sectors or companies in which a fund invests do not perform well or are adversely affected by events. Furthermore, legal, political, regulatory and tax changes also may cause fluctuations in markets and securities prices.

Special Equities Risk

This type of risk relates to stocks of companies that may not be traded on a public exchange or, by their nature, may have restricted marketability. An example would be a small private corporation whose shares are not sold through the typical channel of the stock exchange, but through a private transaction. Since there is no organized market for the stock, the original buyer may eventually have a limited amount of potential buyers to sell to. Likewise, small companies that are listed on a public stock exchange may have limited amounts of shares that are available to be traded on a given day, thus affecting the demand-supply relationship and consequently the price sold or paid. When companies are smaller and younger, management, earnings and the company's outlook may generally be less stable than a larger, more well-established company.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk generally affects bondholders and certain other fixed-income securities holders. As the interest rate paid on the fixed-income security is fixed throughout its life, its value may fluctuate throughout the term to maturity if market rates change. Generally, when interest rates increase, the value of the fund decreases, and when interest rates decrease, the value of the fund increases.

Credit Risk

Credit risk relates to the possibility that an issuer of a bond or other fixed-income security will not be able to meet its obligation to pay the required interest payments or repay the principal amount of the security at its maturity. In effect, buying a bond is like lending money. The financial health of the borrower reflects its capacity to pay the annual interest payments to the lender and, more importantly, to repay the borrowed money. Independent and external agencies exist that evaluate and issue ratings, using a standardized approach, of a government or corporation's financial status.

Foreign Currency Risk

Foreign currency risk relates to the possibility of the value of foreign securities fluctuating due to changes in the currency exchange rates of the investor's local currency relative to the currency of the foreign country in which the security is situated. In effect, when an investor purchases a foreign security, he must first convert his local currency into that of the foreign country at the going rate. If the going currency exchange rate changes throughout time, it will have an impact on the investor's security value once converted back to his local currency. For example, if the value of the Canadian dollar increases against the value of the foreign currency, the converted value of the foreign holdings in a fund may decrease.

Sovereign Risk

This type of risk relates to the potential of a country's status changing, by change of form of government or otherwise, which would have a negative effect on that country's economy or its business environment. Foreign securities may also be subject to foreign investment and exchange control laws, nationalization, expropriation, confiscatory taxation, currency controls, government regulation and intervention, diplomatic developments, high rates of inflation, or withholding tax. The risk on foreign investments may also be elevated because of reduced availability of information about foreign issuers since they are often not subject to the extensive accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards and practices applicable in North America.

Derivatives Risk

Derivatives risk relates to the possibility of loss of value induced by the underlying security from which the instrument derives its value. By its nature, the principal risk involved for a derivative contract would relate to the underlying security's nature and own risks. Thus, if the derivative contract specifies that the counterparty to a contract will pay him the price gains related to a specific stock, certain risks such as market risks, currency risks, and sovereign risks involved by directly purchasing that stock would also indirectly affect the derivative contract holder. Losses may also occur if the counterparty to a derivative transaction defaults on its obligations to pay the specified amounts of the derivative contract. In addition, derivative securities are also subject to the risk that the fund may not be able to readily sell or close out its positions in a derivative security.

Responsible Investing Risk

This type of risk relates to the use by a fund of responsible investing approach, which may limit the number and type of investment in which the fund can invest. The composition of the investment portfolio of this fund may differ from those of a given benchmark or a similar fund not using a responsible investing approach. As a result, the fund's return may differ.

Exchange-Traded Funds Risk

This type of risk relates to funds whose securities are listed on a stock exchange ("exchange-traded funds"). Exchange-traded funds incur management and trading expenses in the course of their activities and funds investing in them may also be charged commissions on the purchase or sale of their securities. Also, the financial markets on which securities of exchange-traded funds are traded could be relatively illiquid or not maintained, which means that these securities can be traded at market values above or below their net asset value. What is more, exchange-traded funds must make sure that they comply with the listing requirements of the stock exchanges on which their securities are traded. Any default on these requirements could result in the securities being delisted. Should a fund be unable to sell the securities of an exchange-traded fund on the financial markets, the fund might have to demand that the exchange-traded funds redeem the securities. The fund could then incur penalties and receive payment of an amount for each security that is less than its net asset value.

Portfolio Managers

In order to provide the best possible choice of funds, Desjardins Financial Security Life Assurance Company has retained the following portfolio managers:

Portfolio Manger	Funds
CI Investments Inc. 2 Queen Street East, 20th Floor Toronto, Ontario, M5C 3G7	DFS GIF – Canadian Balanced – CI DFS GIF – Canadian Income and Growth – CI DFS GIF – Canadian Allocation – CI
Desjardins Global Asset Management Inc. 1 Complexe Desjardins South Tower, 20th Floor Montreal, Quebec, H5B 1B2	Investment Solutions: DFS GIF – Conservative DFS GIF – Moderate DFS GIF – Balanced DFS GIF – Growth DFS GIF – Maximum Growth DFS GIF – 100% Equity Responsible Investment Portfolios: DFS GIF – Conservative – Desjardins Sustainable DFS GIF – Moderate – Desjardins Sustainable DFS GIF – Balanced – Desjardins SocieTerra Sustainable DFS GIF – Growth – Desjardins SocieTerra Sustainable DFS GIF – Maximum Growth – Desjardins Sustainable DFS GIF – 100% Equity – Desjardins Sustainable Wise ETF Portfolios: DFS GIF – Conservative – Desjardins Wise ETF DFS GIF – Moderate – Desjardins Wise ETF DFS GIF – Growth – Desjardins Wise ETF DFS GIF – Aggressive – Desjardins Wise ETF DFS GIF – 100% Equity – Desjardins Wise ETF Individual Funds: DFS GIF – Money Market DFS GIF – Canadian Bond DFS GIF – Global Tactical Bond – Desjardins DFS GIF – Global Balanced – Desjardins Sustainable DFS GIF – Global Balanced Growth – Desjardins DFS GIF – Dividend Balanced – Desjardins DFS GIF – Canadian Equity – Desjardins DFS GIF – American Equity Value – Desjardins DFS GIF – Global Dividend – Desjardins DFS GIF – Global Equity – Desjardins DFS GIF – Global Equity Growth – Desjardins DFS GIF – International Equity Growth – Desjardins

Fidelity Investments Canada ULC 438 Bay Street, Suite 300 Toronto, Ontario, M5G 2N7	DFS GIF – Canadian Balanced – Fidelity DFS GIF – U.S. Monthly Income – Fidelity DFS GIF – Canadian Equity – Fidelity True North®
Fiera Capital Corporation 1981 McGill College Avenue, Suite 1500 Montreal, Quebec, H3A 0H5	DFS GIF – Canadian Balanced – Fiera Capital
Franklin Templeton Investments Corp. 200 King Street West, Suite 1400 Toronto, Ontario, M5H 3T4	DFS GIF – Diversified Income – Franklin Quotential DFS GIF – Balanced Income – Franklin Quotential DFS GIF – Balanced Growth – Franklin Quotential DFS GIF – Growth – Franklin Quotential DFS GIF – Canadian Equity - Franklin ClearBridge
Jarislowsky, Fraser Limitée 1010, Sherbrooke St. West, 20th Floor Montréal, Québec, H3A 2R7	DFS GIF – Global Balanced – Jarislowsky Fraser DFS GIF – Canadian Equity – Jarislowsky Fraser
MFS Investment Management Canada Limited 77, King Street West, 35th Floor Toronto, Ontario, M5K 1B7	DFS GIF – American Equity – MFS DFS GIF – Global Equity – MFS DFS GIF – International Equity – MFS
Northwest & Ethical Investments L.P. 151 Yonge Street, 12th Floor Toronto, Ontario, M5C 2W7	DFS GIF – Growth and Income – NEI DFS GIF – Growth R S – N E I Select DFS GIF – Canadian Dividend – NEI DFS GIF – Canadian Small Cap Equity – NEI

For some of our funds managed by Northwest & Ethical Investments L.P. and by Desjardins Global Asset Management Inc., the portfolio managers have retained portfolio sub-advisors to provide portfolio management services. **The portfolio sub-advisors and funds are listed below:**

Fund	Underlying Fund Portfolio Sub-Advisor
DFS GIF – Growth and Income – NEI	Letko, Brosseau & Associates Inc.
DFS GIF – Canadian Dividend – NEI	Lincluden Investment Management Limited
DFS GIF – Canadian Small Cap Equity – NEI	Hillsdale Investment Management Inc.
DFS GIF – Global Tactical Bond – Desjardins	PIMCO Canada Corp.
DFS GIF – Global Balanced Growth – Desjardins	Wellington Management Canada ULC
DFS GIF – American Equity Value – Desjardins	Wellington Management Canada ULC
DFS GIF – Global Dividend – Desjardins	Mondrian Investment Partners Limited
DFS GIF – Global Equity – Desjardins	Lazard Asset Management LLC
DFS GIF – Global Equity Growth – Desjardins	Baillie Gifford Overseas Limited
DFS GIF – International Equity Growth – Desjardins	Baillie Gifford Overseas Limited

Desjardins Financial Security Life Assurance Company has a Code of Professional Conduct in place which requires that some categories of contracts to be entered into with related parties be approved by the Board of Directors of the Company, after recommendation by the Company's Ethics Committee.

Desjardins Financial Security Life Assurance Company, Desjardins Global Asset Management Inc. and Northwest & Ethical Investments L.P. are entities of the Desjardins Group. Desjardins Financial Security Life Assurance Company and Desjardins Global Asset Management Inc. are indirectly wholly owned subsidiaries of Fédération des caisses Desjardins du Québec. Northwest & Ethical Investments L.P. is entirely owned by Aviso Wealth Inc., the shareholder of which is held in equal shares by Desjardins Financial Holding Inc. and a partnership comprised of Canada's five provincial Credit Union Centrals and the CUMIS Group. Policies are in place to ensure that all decisions are made in the best interest of the funds.

Objectives and Strategies of the Funds

Investment Solutions

On the following pages, we show you the current investment objective and strategy for each of our Investment Solutions.

The following investment solutions use mixes of existing mutual and pooled funds in order to attain their stated objectives.

The Company retains the right to change any of the Underlying Funds at its sole discretion.

A detailed description of each fund's investment policy and, where applicable, the investment policy and/or prospectus and financial statements of the Underlying Fund(s) is available upon request by writing to the Company at its principal office address noted on [page 1](#) of this document.

If the Company changes the objectives of a fund, you will be given 60 days advance notice and have the right to switch or withdraw your Units as described in the section "Fundamental Changes" of the Contract and Information Folder. It is important to note, that although you will receive notice, a change in an Underlying Fund will not be treated as a fundamental change and you will not have any special switch or withdrawal rights.

The objectives and strategies for each of the Investment Solutions are as follows:

DFS-GIF Conservative

Objective of the fund

To generate a consistent flow of income with an emphasis on the preservation of capital by investing in a number of different fixed income and equity Underlying Funds.

Strategy of the fund

To invest in a wide array of Underlying Funds managed by using a multi-manager approach provided by acclaimed fund managers and sub-advisors.

The principal risk factors of this fund are interest rate risk, foreign currency risk, credit risk, sovereign risk, risk of volatile markets and market disruption risk, special equities risk and derivatives risk.

DFS GIF – Moderate

Objective of the fund

To generate income while leaving room for some capital appreciation by investing in a number of different fixed income and equity Underlying Funds.

Strategy of the Fund

To invest in a wide array of Underlying Funds managed by using a multi-manager approach provided by acclaimed fund managers and sub-advisors.

The principal risk factors of this fund are interest rate risk, foreign currency risk, credit risk, sovereign risk, risk of volatile markets and market disruption risk, special equities risk and derivatives risk.

DFS GIF – Balanced

Objective of the fund

To provide investors with an attractive balance of current income and capital appreciation by investing in a number of different fixed income and equity Underlying Funds.

Strategy of the fund

To invest in a wide array of Underlying Funds managed by using a multi-manager approach provided by acclaimed fund managers and sub-advisors.

The principal risk factors of this fund are interest rate risk, foreign currency risk, credit risk, sovereign risk, risk of volatile markets and market disruption risk, special equities risk and derivatives risk.

DFS GIF – Growth

Objective of the fund

To emphasize appreciation of capital while still generating some income by investing in a number of different fixed income and equity Underlying Funds.

Strategy of the fund

To invest in a wide array of Underlying Funds managed by using a multi-manager approach provided by acclaimed fund managers and sub-advisors.

The principal risk factors of this fund are interest rate risk, foreign currency risk, credit risk, sovereign risk, risk of volatile markets and market disruption risk, special equities risk and derivatives risk.

DFS GIF – Maximum Growth

Objective of the fund

To maximize the appreciation of capital while still generating some income by investing in a number of different fixed income and equity Underlying Funds.

Strategy of the fund

To invest in a wide array of Underlying Funds managed by using a multi-manager approach provided by acclaimed fund managers and sub-advisors.

The principal risk factors of this fund are interest rate risk, foreign currency risk, credit risk, sovereign risk, risk of volatile markets and market disruption risk, special equities risk and derivatives risk.

DFS GIF – 100% Equity

Objective of the fund

To maximize the appreciation of capital by investing primarily in a number of different Canadian and foreign equity Underlying Funds focusing mainly on large capitalization companies and covering a broad range of asset classes including Canadian equities, US equities, global equities and international equities.

Strategy of the fund

To invest in a wide array of Underlying Funds managed by using a multi-manager approach provided by acclaimed fund managers and sub-advisors.

The principal risk factors of this fund are foreign currency risk, sovereign risk, risk of volatile markets and market disruption risk, special equities risk and derivatives risk.

Responsible Investment

On the following pages, we show you the current investment objective and strategy for each responsible investment portfolio.

Each of the following responsible investment portfolios invest in an Underlying Fund which in turn uses mixes of mutual funds and pooled funds in order to attain their stated objectives.

All of the following funds use geographic and asset class weightings to determine which of the underlying mutual and pooled funds are most suitable to meet the investment objectives of each fund. These weightings are subject to change at the sole discretion of the Underlying Fund manager, who also retains the right to change any and all of the Underlying Funds without advance notice to either the Company or the Owner(s).

A detailed description of each fund's investment policy and, where applicable, the investment policy and/or prospectus and financial statements of the underlying fund(s) is available upon request by writing to the Company at its principal office address noted on [page 1](#) of this document.

If the Company changes the objectives of a fund, you will be given 60 days advance notice and have the right to switch or withdraw your Units as described in the section **"Fundamental Changes"** of the Contract and Information Folder. It is important to note, that although you will receive notice, a change in an Underlying Fund will not be treated as a fundamental change and you will not have any special switch or withdrawal rights.

The objectives and strategies for each of the responsible investment portfolios are as follows:

DFS GIF – Conservative – Desjardins Sustainable

Objective of the fund

To provide income and achieve a moderate level of long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in Canadian, and to a lesser extent, foreign equity and fixed-income bonds and/or in units of mutual funds which themselves invest primarily in Canadian or foreign equity and fixed-income bonds. The fund follows a responsible approach to investing, which is described on [page 11](#) of this document.

Strategy of the fund

To reach the fund's investment objective, selection of the securities and/or the underlying fund as well as the percentage of the assets that will be invested in each of these securities or underlying funds will be based on the following target weightings: Fixed-income (75%) and Growth (25%).

The portfolio manager selects underlying funds that comply with the manager's responsible investing policy by evaluating the quality of the consideration of the ESG factors.

The principal risk factors of this fund are foreign currency risk, credit risk, risk of volatile markets and market disruption risk, interest rate risk and responsible investing risk.

DFS GIF – Moderate – Desjardins Sustainable

Objective of the fund

To provide income and a moderate long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in Canadian and foreign equity and fixed-income securities and/or in units of mutual funds which themselves invest primarily in Canadian or foreign equity and fixed-income securities. The fund follows a responsible approach to investing, which is described on [page 11](#) of this document.

Strategy of the fund

To reach the fund's investment objective, selection of the securities and/or the underlying funds as well as the percentage of the assets that will be invested in each of these securities or underlying funds will be based on the following target weightings: Fixed-income (65%) and Growth (35%).

The portfolio manager selects underlying funds that comply with the manager's responsible investing policy by evaluating the quality of the consideration of the ESG factors.

The principal risk factors of this fund are credit risk, foreign currency risk, risk of volatile markets and market disruption risk, sovereign risk, interest rate risk and responsible investing risk.

DFS GIF – Balanced – Desjardins Sustainable

Objective of the fund

To achieve a balance between long-term capital appreciation and income by investing primarily in Canadian, and to a lesser extent, foreign equity and fixed-income securities and/or in units of mutual funds which themselves invest primarily in Canadian or foreign equity and fixed-income securities. The fund follows a responsible approach to investing, which is described on [page 11](#) of this document.

Strategy of the fund

To reach the fund's investment objective, selection of the securities and/or the underlying funds as well as the percentage of the assets that will be invested in each of these securities or underlying funds will be based on the following target weightings: Fixed-income (50%) and Growth (50%).

The portfolio manager selects underlying funds that comply with the manager's responsible investing policy by evaluating the quality of the consideration of the ESG factors.

The principal risk factors of this fund are foreign currency risk, credit risk, risk of volatile markets and market disruption risk, interest rate risk and responsible investing risk.

DFS GIF – Growth – Desjardins Sustainable

Objective of the fund

To provide long-term capital appreciation and to a lesser extent, income. The fund invests in Canadian and foreign equity and fixed-income bonds and/ or in units of mutual funds which themselves invest primarily in Canadian or foreign equity and fixed-income bonds. The fund follows a responsible approach to investing, which is described on [page 11](#) of this document.

Strategy of the fund

To reach the fund's investment objective, selection of the securities and/or the underlying fund as well as the percentage of the assets that will be invested in each of these securities or underlying funds will be based on the following target weightings: Fixed-income (40%) and Growth (60%).

The portfolio manager selects underlying funds that comply with the manager's responsible investing policy by evaluating the quality of the consideration of the ESG factors.

The principal risk factors of this fund are foreign currency risk, credit risk, risk of volatile markets and market disruption risk, interest rate risk and responsible investing risk.

DFS GIF – Maximum Growth – Desjardins Sustainable

Objective of the fund

To achieve long-term capital appreciation. The fund invests in Canadian and foreign equity and fixed-income bonds and/or in units of mutual funds which themselves invest primarily in Canadian or foreign equity and fixed-income bonds. The fund follows a responsible approach to investing, which is described on [page 11](#) of this document.

Strategy of the fund

To reach the fund's investment objective, selection of the securities and/or the underlying fund as well as the percentage of the assets that will be invested in each of these securities or underlying funds will be based on the following target weightings: Fixed-income (20%) and Growth (80%).

The portfolio manager selects underlying funds that comply with the manager's responsible investing policy by evaluating the quality of the consideration of the ESG factors.

The principal risk factors of this fund are foreign currency risk, credit risk, risk of volatile markets and market disruption risk, interest rate risk and responsible investing risk.

DFS GIF – 100% Equity – Desjardins Sustainable

Objective of the fund

To provide long-term capital appreciation by investing in Canadian and foreign equity and/or in units of mutual funds which themselves invest in Canadian or foreign equity. The fund follows a responsible approach to investing, which is described on [page 11](#) of this document.

Strategy of the fund

The selection of the securities and/or the underlying funds as well as the percentage of the assets that will be invested in each of these securities or underlying funds will be based on management style diversification, geographical diversification and market capitalization diversification.

The portfolio manager selects underlying funds that comply with the manager's responsible investing policy by evaluating the quality of the consideration of the ESG factors.

The principal risk factors of this fund are foreign currency risk, sovereign risk and risk of volatile markets, market disruption risk and responsible investing risk.

Wise ETF Portfolios

On the following pages, we show you the current investment objective and strategy for each wise ETF portfolio.

Each of the following wise ETF portfolios invest in an Underlying Fund which in turn uses mainly mixes of exchange-traded funds in order to attain their stated objectives.

The Underlying Funds selected use an investment strategy which seeks to select securities based on positioning on the interest-rate curve, management style diversification, geographical diversification and market capitalization diversification.

All of the following funds use geographic and asset class weightings to determine which of the underlying exchange-traded funds are most suitable to meet the investment objectives of each fund. These weightings are subject to change at the sole discretion of the Underlying Fund manager, who also retains the right to change any and all of the Underlying Funds without advance notice to either the Company or the Owner(s).

A detailed description of each fund's investment policy and, where applicable, the investment policy and/or prospectus and financial statements of the underlying fund(s) is available upon request by writing to the Company at its principal office address noted on [page 1](#) of this document.

If the Company changes the objectives of a fund, you will be given 60 days advance notice and have the right to switch or withdraw your Units as described in the section **"Fundamental Changes"** of the Contract and Information Folder. It is important to note, that although you will receive notice, a change in an Underlying Fund will not be treated as a fundamental change and you will not have any special switch or withdrawal rights.

The objectives and strategies for each of the wise ETF portfolios are as follows:

DFS GIF – Conservative – Desjardins Wise EFT

Objective of the fund

To provide a regular income return and low medium-term capital appreciation. Consequently, the fund invests mainly in exchange-traded funds which themselves invest in fixed-income and equity securities throughout the world.

Strategy of the fund

The selection of the securities as well as the percentage of the assets that will be invested in each of these securities will be based on positioning on the interest-rate curve, management style diversification, geographical diversification and market capitalization diversification.

The principal risk factors of this fund are credit risk, currency risk, interest rate risk, sovereign risk, risk of volatile markets and market disruption risk and exchange-traded funds risk.

DFS GIF – Moderate – Desjardins Wise EFT

Objective of the fund

To provide a regular income return and long-term capital appreciation. Consequently, the fund invests mainly in exchange-traded funds which themselves invest in fixed-income and equity securities throughout the world.

Strategy of the fund

The selection of the securities as well as the percentage of the assets that will be invested in each of these securities will be based on positioning on the interest-rate curve, management style diversification, geographical diversification and market capitalization diversification.

The principal risk factors of this fund are credit risk, interest rate risk, sovereign risk, risk of volatile markets and market disruption risk and exchange-traded funds risk.

DFS GIF – Balanced – Desjardins Wise EFT

Objective of the fund

To achieve a balance between long-term capital appreciation and income. Consequently, the fund invests mainly in exchange-traded funds which themselves invest in fixed-income and equity securities throughout the world.

Strategy of the fund

The selection of the securities as well as the percentage of the assets that will be invested in each of these securities will be based on positioning on the interest-rate curve, management style diversification, geographical diversification and market capitalization diversification.

The principal risk factors of this fund are credit risk, interest rate risk, sovereign risk, risk of volatile markets and market disruption risk and exchange-traded funds risk.

DFS GIF – Growth – Desjardins Wise EFT

Objective of the fund

To provide a long-term capital appreciation and, to a lesser extent, generate an income return. Consequently, the fund invests mainly in exchange-traded funds which themselves invest in equity and fixed-income securities throughout the world.

Strategy of the fund

The selection of the securities as well as the percentage of the assets that will be invested in each of these securities will be based on positioning on the interest-rate curve, management style diversification, geographical diversification and market capitalization diversification.

The principal risk factors of this fund are credit risk, interest rate risk, foreign securities risk, risk of volatile markets and market disruption risk and exchange-traded funds risk.

DFS GIF – Aggressive – Desjardins Wise EFT

Objective of the fund

To provide long-term capital appreciation. Consequently, the fund invests mainly in exchange-traded funds which themselves invest in equity and fixed-income securities throughout the world.

Strategy of the fund

The selection of the securities as well as the percentage of the assets that will be invested in each of these securities will be based on positioning on the interest-rate curve, management style diversification, geographical diversification and market capitalization diversification.

The principal risk factors of this fund are foreign currency risk, sovereign risk, risk of volatile markets and market disruption risk and exchange-traded funds risk.

DFS GIF – 100% Equity – Desjardins Wise EFT

Objective of the fund

To provide long-term capital appreciation.

Consequently, the fund invests mainly in exchange-traded funds which themselves invest in equity securities of companies located throughout the world.

Strategy of the fund

The selection of the securities as well as the percentage of the assets that will be invested in each of these securities will be based on management style diversification, geographical diversification and market capitalization diversification.

The principal risk factors of this fund are foreign currency risk, sovereign risk, risk of volatile markets and market disruption risk and exchange-traded funds risk.

Individual Funds

On the following pages, we show you the current investment objective and strategy for each of our individual funds.

The DFS GIF – Diversified Income – Franklin Quotential, DFS GIF – Balanced Income – Franklin Quotential, DFS GIF – Global Balanced – Desjardins Sustainable (formerly DFS GIF – Global Balanced – Desjardins SocieTerra), DFS GIF – Balanced Growth – Franklin Quotential, DFS GIF – Growth RS – N E I Select and DFS GIF – Growth – Franklin Quotential all use geographic and asset class weightings to determine which of the underlying mutual and pooled funds are most suitable to meet the investment objectives of each fund. These weightings are subject to change at the sole discretion of the Underlying Fund manager, who also retains the right to change any and all of the underlying funds without advance notice to either the Company or the Owner(s).

A detailed description of each fund's investment policy and, where applicable, the investment objective, policy and/or prospectus and financial statements of the underlying fund is available upon request by writing to the Company at its principal office address noted on [page 1](#) of this document.

If the Company changes the objectives of a fund, you will be given 60 days advance notice and have the right to switch or withdraw your Units as described in the section “**Fundamental Changes**” of the Contract and Information Folder. It is important to note, that although you will receive notice, a change in an Underlying Funds will not be treated as a fundamental change and you will not have any special switch or withdrawal rights.

The objectives and strategies for each of the funds are as follows:

Income Funds

DFS GIF – Money Market

Objective of the fund

To provide a higher level of interest income than can normally be obtained from savings accounts, combined with a high level of liquidity and safety of capital.

Strategy of the fund

To invest among others in Canadian government treasury bills and bankers' acceptances. The fund's modified duration may not exceed 180 days and the average maturity cannot exceed 365 days.

The principal risk factors of this fund are interest rate and volatile markets and market disruption risk.

DFS GIF – Canadian Bond

Objective of the fund

To provide regular income and capital security by investing in a portfolio of fixed-income securities from the Canadian bond market.

Strategy of the fund

This fund, actively managed, aims to provide regular income and capital security by investing in a portfolio of fixed-income securities from the Canadian bond market. The fund employs a fundamental investment approach targeting a consistent allocation of value-added sources. The strategy seeks to add value through management of duration, yield curve and credit risk.

The principal risk factors of this fund are credit risk, interest rate risk and risk of volatile markets and market disruption risk.

DFS GIF – Global Tactical Bond – Desjardins

Objective of the fund

The objective of this fund is to provide a high-income return and some long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in fixed-income securities of issuers throughout the world.

Strategy of the fund

The fund invests in the Desjardins Global Tactical Bond fund. The Underlying Fund invests primarily in global credit markets including, without limitation, investment-grade corporate bonds, high-yield corporate bonds and emerging market bonds. The fund may also invest in other classes of securities, such as floating rate loans, asset-backed securities, mortgage-backed securities and government bonds.

The principal risk factors of this fund are interest rate risk, credit risk, derivatives risk, foreign currency risk, sovereign risk and risk of volatile markets and market disruption risk.

Balanced and Asset Allocation Funds

DFS GIF – Diversified Income – Franklin Quotential

Objective of the fund

To provide a balance of capital growth and interest income by investing primarily in units of an underlying fund in order to gain the desired exposure to the equity and fixed income markets.

Strategy of the fund

To emphasize investments in fixed income underlying funds in order to provide income and capital preservation. The fund also invests, to a lesser extent, in equity underlying funds in order to increase the potential for capital appreciation over a longer investment horizon.

The principal risk factors of this fund are interest rate, foreign currency, credit, sovereign, volatile markets and market disruption, special equities and derivatives risk.

DFS GIF – Balance Income – Franklin Quotential

Objective of the fund

To provide a balance of capital growth and interest income by investing primarily in units of an individual underlying fund in order to gain the desired exposure to the equity and fixed income markets.

Strategy of the fund

To invest in fixed income underlying funds in order to provide income and capital preservation. The fund also invests in equity underlying funds in order to increase the potential for capital appreciation over a longer investment horizon.

The principal risk factors of this fund are interest rate, foreign currency, credit, sovereign, volatile markets and market disruption, special equities and derivatives risk.

DFS GIF – Canadian Balanced – Fidelity

Objective of the fund

To achieve high total investment return using a diversified portfolio targeting long-term capital appreciation and a regular income stream through investment in any kind of equity or fixed-income security or money market instrument. The fundamental investment objective of the fund is to provide investors with a balanced asset mix with the potential for capital growth.

Strategy of the fund

Target fixed asset allocation to deliver superior long-term growth potential and reduced levels of risk. The fund invests primarily in a mix of Canadian equity securities, investment grade bonds, high yield securities and money market instruments. The equity investment decisions are based on a thorough examination of the company, financial conditions and long-term earnings potential.

The principal risk factors of this fund are interest rate risk, special equities risk, derivatives risk, risk of volatile markets and market disruption risk and credit risk.

DFS GIF – U.S. Monthly Income – Fidelity

Objective of the fund

To achieve a combination of a steady flow of income and the potential for capital gains by investing in a mix of U.S. income-producing securities.

Strategy of the fund

The fund invests primarily in a mix of U.S. income-producing securities, either directly or indirectly through investments in underlying funds. The fund's neutral mix is 50% exposure to equity securities and 50% exposure to fixed-income securities. These securities may be U.S. securities or non-U.S. securities but at least 70% of the fund's net assets will be invested in U.S. dollar-denominated investments.

The principal risk factors of this fund are foreign currency risk, credit risk, risk of volatile markets and market disruption risk and interest rate risk.

DFS GIF – Global Balanced – Desjardins Sustainable

Objective of the fund

To provide long-term capital appreciation and, to a lesser extent, generate an income return. Consequently, the fund invests primarily in units of mutual funds which themselves invest in equity and fixed-income securities throughout the world. The fund follows a responsible approach to investing, which is described on [page 11](#) of this document.

Strategy of the fund

To achieve the fund's investment objective, the portfolio manager invests in the following underlying funds: Desjardins Sustainable Environmental Bond Fund, Desjardins Sustainable Positive Change Fund and Desjardins Sustainable Global Opportunities Fund.

The portfolio manager selects underlying funds that comply with the manager's responsible investing policy by evaluating the quality of the consideration of the ESG factors.

The principal risk factors of this fund are credit risk, foreign currency risk, interest rate risk, sovereign risk and responsible investing risk.

DFS GIF – Global Balanced – Jarislowsky Fraser

Objective of the fund

To provide investors with an opportunity to achieve a high rate of return by investing in a diversified portfolio consisting of a balance of equity and fixed-income securities of issuers located throughout the world.

Strategy of the fund

To provide such an opportunity through a diversified portfolio consisting of a balance of mainly large cap equity and mainly investment grade fixed-income securities of issuers located throughout the world.

The principal risk factors of this fund are interest rate risk, risk of volatile markets and market disruption risk, foreign currency risk and credit risk.

DFS GIF – Canadian Balanced – Fiera Capital

Objective of the fund

To provide investors with a balance of capital growth and interest income by investing primarily in Canadian fixed income and equity securities.

Strategy of the fund

To provide such a balance by investing primarily in the common shares of medium and large cap Canadian corporations and in Canadian government and Canadian investment-grade corporate bonds and other interest-bearing instruments.

The principal risk factors of this fund are interest rate, volatile markets and market disruption, derivatives and some minor foreign currency and credit risk.

DFS GIF – Balanced Growth – Franklin Quotential

Objective of the fund

To provide a balance of capital growth and interest income by investing primarily in units of an individual underlying fund in order to gain the desired exposure to the equity and fixed income markets.

Strategy of the fund

To emphasize investments in equity underlying funds in order to increase the potential for capital appreciation over a longer investment horizon. The fund also invests, to a lesser extent, in fixed income underlying funds in order to provide stability.

The principal risk factors of this fund are interest rate, foreign currency, credit, sovereign, volatile markets and market disruption, special equities and derivatives risk.

DFS GIF – Canadian Asset Allocation – CI

Objective of the fund

The objective of this fund is to achieve a superior total investment return directly or indirectly, in a combination of primarily equity and fixed income securities of Canadian companies. Indirect investments may include convertible securities, derivatives, equity-related securities and securities of other mutual funds.

Strategy of the fund

The fund is actively managed with a disciplined bottom-up selection process. The strategy uses exposure in equity, fixed income instruments and cash and cash equivalents to achieve the fund objective. The investments in each asset class will vary dependent on market conditions. The Canadian fixed income securities portion of the portfolio will consist mainly of high-quality government and corporate bonds while foreign securities can make up part of the equity portion of the portfolio.

The principal risk factors for this fund are risk of volatile markets and market disruption risk, credit risk, currency risk, derivatives risk and interest rate risk.

DFS GIF – Canadian Balanced – CI

Objective of the fund

To provide investors with an attractive balance of current income and capital appreciation by investing primarily in a combination of Canadian equity and equity-related securities and fixed income securities.

Strategy of the fund

For the equity portion, the fund invests primarily in companies providing a stable income or consistent dividends. For the fixed income portion, the portfolio manager selects high-quality fixed income securities, including bank loans and floating rate debt instruments but may choose to shift the weighting of the portion of the fund held in bonds with longer terms to maturity depending on the expected fluctuations in interest rates. The fund may also invest in foreign securities as well as warrants, and derivatives, the latter to aid in hedging against potential losses resulting from changes in the prices of the securities that the fund has invested in as well as any exposure from foreign currencies.

The principal risk factors of this fund are credit risk, interest rate risk, special equities risk, risk of volatile markets and market disruption risk, foreign currency risk and derivatives risk.

DFS GIF – Canadian Income and Growth – CI

Objective of the fund

The objective of this fund is to provide a steady flow of current income while preserving capital by obtaining exposure primarily to equity, equity related and fixed income securities of Canadian issuers.

Strategy of the fund

The fund invests in a combination of equity, fixed income and derivatives. Broadly diversified by sector and style, preferred and common shares make up portions of the fund's investments in equity securities. The fixed income portion of the fund's investments is comprised of high-yielding government and corporate bonds, debentures and notes, including some securities that are unrated or have credit ratings below investment grade. The fund may also invest in real estate investment trusts (REITs), royalty trusts, income trusts and other similar high yielding instruments.

The principal risk factors of this fund are risk of volatile markets and market disruption risk, derivatives risk, currency risk, credit risk, and interest rate risk.

DFS GIF – Global Balanced Growth – Desjardins

Objective of the fund

To provide a superior total return by primarily investing in equity and fixed-income securities throughout the world.

Strategy of the fund

Rely on the varied expertise of specialists for: macroeconomic research and analysis, asset class management, sector and industry research and analysis, quantitative analysis and derivatives.

The principal risk factors of this fund are credit risk, foreign currency risk, derivatives risk, interest rate risk and sovereign risk.

DFS GIF – Growth and Income – NEI

Objective of the fund

To provide a consistent stream of income and capital appreciation by investing primarily in a mix of Canadian equities and fixed-income securities.

Strategy of the fund

To invest in securities and mutual funds that invest in companies that fit established investment criteria to create a portfolio of enduring quality, value, dividend and growth characteristics.

The principal risk factors of this fund are interest rate, volatile markets and market disruption, some minor foreign currency and credit risk.

DFS GIF – Growth RS – NEI Select

Objective of the fund

To provide a balance of capital growth and interest income by investing primarily in units of individual underlying funds in order to gain the desired exposure to the equity and fixed income markets. The fund follows a responsible approach to investing, which is described on [page 11](#) of this document.

Strategy of the fund

To emphasize investments in equity underlying funds in order to increase the potential for capital appreciation over a longer investment horizon. The fund also invests to a lesser extent, in fixed income underlying funds in order to provide income and capital preservation.

The Underlying Fund integrates environmental, social and governance (“ESG”) factors by way of its selection of the underlying funds and portfolio construction process. Each of the underlying funds in the Underlying Fund must integrate ESG factors into their investment processes as a fundamental feature.

The principal risk factors of this fund are interest rate, credit, foreign currency, sovereign, volatile markets and market disruption, derivatives risk and responsible investing risk.

DFS GIF – Growth – Franklin Quotential

Objective of the fund

To provide a balance of capital growth and interest income by investing primarily in units of an individual underlying fund in order to gain the desired exposure to the equity and fixed income markets.

Strategy of the fund

To emphasize investments in a diversified mix of equity underlying funds in order to increase the potential for capital appreciation over a longer investment horizon. The fund also invests, to a lesser extent, in fixed income underlying funds in order to provide income and capital preservation.

The principal risk factors of this fund are interest rate, foreign currency, credit, sovereign, volatile markets and market disruption, special equities and derivatives risk.

Canadian Equity Funds

DFS GIF – Dividend Balanced – Desjardins

Objective of the fund

The objective of this fund is to provide a high level of income, mostly in the form of dividends, and, to a lesser degree, long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in Canadian, and to a lesser extent, foreign income-producing securities.

Strategy of the fund

The fund invests in the Desjardins Dividend Balanced Fund. The Underlying Fund invests in income-producing securities which may include, but are not limited to, dividend paying equity securities, government and corporate bonds, income trusts and other securities primarily of Canadian issuers.

The principal risk factors of this fund are risk of volatile markets and market disruption risk, interest rate risk, currency risk, and derivatives risk.

DFS GIF – Canadian Dividend – NEI

Objective of the fund

The objective of this fund is to achieve a balance between high dividend income and capital growth by investing mainly in a diversified portfolio of blue chip Canadian common stocks and, to a lesser extent, in high-yield preferred stocks and interest-bearing securities.

Strategy of the fund

The fund focuses primarily on high quality, undervalued common stocks. The fund's selections seek to give preference to capital preservation and capital growth, while providing a high, regular level of income over a full market cycle.

The principal risk factors of this fund are foreign currency risk, risk of volatile markets and market disruption risk, and interest rate risk.

DFS GIF – Canadian Equity – Desjardins

Objective of the fund

To provide long-term capital appreciation. The fund invests primarily in equity securities of large-cap Canadian corporations.

Strategy of the fund

The manager uses a disciplined investment process that relies on fundamental, quantitative and trend analyses of issuers. The manager will consider, among other things, the corporations' financial health, valuation and growth perspectives, as well as the quality of their management team.

The principal risk factor of this fund is risk of volatile markets and market disruption risk.

DFS GIF – Canadian Equity – Jarislowsky Fraser

Objective of the fund

To achieve long-term capital appreciation while continuing to emphasize the preservation of capital by investing primarily in large cap Canadian equity securities.

Strategy of the fund

To invest primarily in Canadian equity securities in areas of the Canadian economy where superior rates of growth are expected.

The principal risk factor of this fund is risk of volatile markets and market disruption risk.

DFS GIF – Canadian Equity – Fidelity True North®

Objective of the fund

To achieve strong long-term capital growth by investing primarily in equity securities of Canadian companies that have a history of strong capital growth over the long-term. The fundamental investment of this fund is to achieve long-term capital appreciation while still emphasizing the preservation of capital by investing primarily in Canadian equity securities.

Strategy of the fund

To invest primarily in small, medium and large Canadian companies. The fund may also invest in a limited portion of foreign securities. The fund may also use, to a lesser degree, derivatives such as options, futures, forward contracts and swaps to protect against losses caused by changes in stock prices or exchange rates.

The principal risk factors of this fund are special equities risk, derivatives risk, risk of volatile markets and market disruption risk, interest rate risk, foreign currency risk and credit risk.

DFS GIF – Canadian Equity – Franklin ClearBridge

Objective of the fund

The fundamental investment objective of this fund is to achieve long-term capital appreciation while continuing to emphasize the preservation of capital by investing primarily in Canadian equity securities.

Strategy of the fund

To invest primarily in mid to large cap Canadian equity securities of growth-oriented companies. The fund may also have a foreign equity component.

The principal risk factors of this fund are volatile markets and market disruption and minor foreign currency risk.

DFS GIF – Canadian Small Cap Equity – NEI

Objective of the fund

To achieve long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in the equity of smaller, fast growing Canadian companies with small market capitalizations.

Strategy of the fund

To invest primarily in mid to large cap Canadian equity securities of growth-oriented companies. The fund may also have a foreign equity component.

The principal risk factors of this fund are volatile markets and market disruption and minor foreign currency risk.

DFS GIF – Canadian Small Cap – Franklin ClearBridge

Objective of the fund

To provide investors with long-term capital appreciation. The fund invests mainly in shares of Canadian companies with small to medium market capitalizations which are expected to provide above-average returns.

Strategy of the fund

To be fully diversified at all times to compensate for the volatility inherent in investing in small capitalization equities.

The principal risk factors of this fund are volatile markets and market disruption, special equities and foreign currency risk.

Foreign Equity Funds

DFS GIF – American Equity – MFS

Objective of the fund

To outperform the S&P 500.

Strategy of the fund

To invest mainly in large cap equity securities of corporations located in the United States.

The principal risk factors of this fund are special equity, foreign currency and volatile markets and market disruption risk.

DFS GIF – American Equity Value – Desjardins

Objective of the fund

To provide investors with long-term capital growth by investing primarily in U.S. equities.

Strategy of the fund

To invest primarily in the common shares of high quality, publicly traded mid to large United States companies across a wide range of market sectors.

The principal risk factors of this fund are foreign currency, derivatives and volatile markets and market disruption risk.

DFS GIF – Global Dividend – Desjardins

Objective of the fund

The objective of this fund is to provide dividend income and long-term capital appreciation through the investment in equity and equity related securities of companies around the world, including, when deemed appropriate, emerging markets.

Strategy of the fund

In order to achieve its investment objective, the fund invests in companies with high dividend yields and whose management teams optimize their balance sheets through the redemption of shares or reducing debt or by opting to increase cash flows sufficiently to allow for the opportunity for dividend growth. Companies are selected which show stable or high profit growth, a lower-than-average debt in comparison to their industry average and whose securities are traded at a reasonable price in relation to other companies with similar characteristics. Equity related securities such as American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) and Global Depositary Receipts (GDRs) may be used to gain exposure to a particular stock or sector.

The principal risk factors of this fund are foreign currency risk, derivatives risk, sovereign risk and risk of volatile markets and market disruption risk.

DFS GIF – Global Equity – Desjardins

Objective of the fund

The objective of this fund is to provide long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in equity and equity-related securities of companies located throughout the world, including emerging markets.

Strategy of the fund

The fund invests in the Desjardins Global Equity Fund. The Underlying Fund favours a bottom-up investment strategy that focuses on the financial profitability of corporations, as well as on sustainability and its impact on the corporations' valuation. Relying on a rigorous fundamental analysis, the fund searches for quality corporations that can maintain strong financial profitability over the long term, as well as corporations that significantly improve their financial profitability.

The principal risk factors of this fund are risk of volatile markets and market disruption risk, derivatives risk, foreign currency risk, and sovereign risk.

DFS GIF – Global Equity – MFS

Objective of the fund

To achieve long-term capital growth by investing primarily in equity securities.

Strategy of the fund

To control the level of volatility of return relative to the overall stock markets by maintaining strong geographic diversification and by investing in attractively-valued securities.

The principal risk factors of this fund are foreign currency, derivatives, sovereign and volatile markets and market disruption risk.

DFS GIF – Global Equity Growth – Desjardins

Objective of the fund

To provide long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in equity and equity-related securities of companies located anywhere in the world, including emerging markets.

Strategy of the fund

The investment approach involves a bottom-up, stock-driven approach to country and sector allocation. It favours a growth management style with a focus on companies that can sustain above-average, long-term growth in sales and profits.

The principal risk factors of this fund are foreign currency risk and sovereign risk.

DFS GIF – International Equity – MFS

Objective of the fund

The fundamental investment objective of this fund is to provide investors with long-term capital growth based on an internationally diversified equity portfolio by investing primarily in Europe and the Far East.

Strategy of the fund

To invest its assets primarily in the common shares of large corporations with attractive relative valuations located in many countries.

The principal risk factors of this fund are foreign currency, derivatives, sovereign and volatile markets and market disruption risk.

DFS GIF – International Equity Growth – Desjardins

Objective of the fund

The objective of this fund is to achieve long-term capital growth by investing in equity and equity related securities of companies located or operating outside of North America, while when appropriate, also investing in equity and equity related securities of companies located or operating in emerging markets.

Strategy of the fund

Investment decisions are backed by extensive research and analysis with preference given to those companies that can sustain above average growth in earnings and cash flow and whose securities are traded at a reasonable price. The investment approach involves a bottom-up, stock driven approach to country and sector allocation and more specifically, those companies with sustainable competitive advantages and strong management teams operating in a favourable market background and display solid financial characteristics.

The principal risk factors of this fund are risk of volatile markets and market disruption risk, derivatives risk, foreign currency risk and sovereign risk.