

Financial Report

First quarter of 2021

Desjardins Group posts excellent financial results for the first quarter of 2021

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

As at and for the three-month

(in millions of dollars and as a percentage)		periods ended						
		arch 31, 2021		ember 31, 2020	March 31, 2020			
Results								
Net interest income	\$	1,403	\$	1,455	\$	1,353		
Net premiums		2,585		2,626		2,522		
Other operating income ⁽¹⁾		795		749		767		
Operating income ⁽¹⁾		4,783		4,830		4,642		
Investment income (loss) ⁽¹⁾		(1,748)		534		54		
Total income		3,035		5,364		4,696		
Provision for credit losses		4		169		324		
Claims, benefits, annuities and changes in insurance contract liabilities		(206)		1,781		2,071		
Non-interest expense		2,165		2,332		1,999		
Income taxes on surplus earnings		274		206		17		
Surplus earnings before member dividends	\$	798	\$	876	\$	285		
Contribution to combined surplus earnings by business segment ⁽²⁾								
Personal and Business Services	\$	414	\$	364	\$	190		
Wealth Management and Life and Health Insurance	•	125		249	Ψ	(41)		
Property and Casualty Insurance		248		378		73		
Other		11		(115)		63		
Otto	\$	798	\$	876	\$	285		
Return to members and the community			Ť					
Member dividends	\$	90	\$	93	\$	77		
Sponsorships, donations and bursaries ⁽³⁾	•	12	Ψ	28	Ψ	16		
Desjardins Member Advantages program		4		10		11		
Besjarans wember navanages program	\$	106	\$	131	\$	104		
Indicators	•							
Net interest margin ⁽¹⁾⁽⁴⁾		2.10%		2.17%		2.37%		
Return on equity ⁽¹⁾		10.3		11.4		4.0		
Productivity index ⁽¹⁾		66.8		65.1		76.2		
Credit loss provisioning rate ⁽¹⁾		0.01		0.32		0.63		
Gross credit-impaired loans/gross loans and acceptances ⁽¹⁾		0.57		0.62		0.56		
Liquidity coverage ratio ⁽⁵⁾		155		157		125		
On-balance sheet and off-balance sheet				101		120		
Assets	\$	376,981	\$	362.035	\$	326,919		
Net loans and acceptances	•	215,005		211,749	,	206,326		
Deposits		230,919		225,236		205,495		
Equity		31,644		30,263		28,950		
Assets under administration		464,678		458,177		395,770		
Assets under management ⁽⁶⁾		77,169		77,474		63,435		
Capital ratios and leverage ratio		,		,		,		
Tier 1A capital ratio		22.1%		21.9%		22.2%		
Tier 1 capital ratio		22.1		21.9		22.2		
Total capital ratio		22.6		22.6		22.2		
Leverage ratio		8.7		8.5		9.2		
Other information								
Number of employees		50,172		48,930		48,420		

⁽¹⁾ See "Non-GAAP measures".

⁽²⁾ The breakdown by line item is presented in Note 10, "Segmented information", to the Interim Combined Financial Statements.

⁽³⁾ Including \$5 million from the caisses' Community Development Fund (\$15 million in the fourth quarter of 2020 and \$6 million in the first quarter of 2020).

⁽⁴⁾ The data for 2020 have been restated to conform to the current period's presentation because of a refinement in methodology.

⁽⁵⁾ The ratio is presented based on the average of daily data during the quarter.

⁽⁶⁾ Assets under management may also be administered by Desjardins Group. When this is the case, they are included in assets under administration.

MESSAGE FROM SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Lévis, May 13, 2021 – For the first quarter ended March 31, 2021, Desjardins Group, the largest financial cooperative in North America, posted surplus earnings before member dividends of \$798 million, up \$513 million compared to the corresponding quarter of 2020. In the first quarter of 2021, the growth in surplus earnings was mainly due to a decline in the provision for credit losses, good performance from the caisse network and a lower auto insurance loss experience in the Property and Casualty Insurance segment. It's worth noting that surplus earnings for the first quarter of 2020 were affected by the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. The provision for credit losses was affected by the deterioration in the economic outlook, and provisions were recognized in travel insurance.

This result reflects the contribution of \$414 million made by the Personal and Business Services segment. The Wealth Management and Life and Health Insurance segment and the Property and Casualty Insurance segment contributed \$125 million and \$248 million, respectively, to surplus earnings.

The total amount returned to members and the community was \$106 million in the first quarter of 2021, including a \$90 million provision for member dividends, \$12 million in the form of sponsorships, donations and bursaries, and \$4 million paid out through the Desjardins Member Advantages program, compared to a total amount returned to members and the community of \$104 million for the corresponding period of 2020. In addition to this, \$7 million of commitments were made for the first quarter of 2021 with regard to the GoodSpark Fund, which seeks in particular to provide social and economic support to the regions.

Desjardins Group complies with Basel III rules and maintains very good capitalization. As at March 31, 2021, Desjardins Group's Tier 1A and total capital ratios were 22.1% and 22.6%, respectively, compared to 21.9% and 22.6% as at December 31, 2020.

"Desjardins began the first quarter of 2021 with solid financial results despite the background of economic uncertainty stemming from the pandemic," said Desjardins President and CEO Guy Cormier. "I am proud of our results and the efforts made by the whole Desjardins team. We are very well positioned to proactively respond to the needs of our members and clients, as well as our communities. In addition, we responded to the government's invitation to limit the spread of COVID-19 by adding the *Cité de la coopération*, in Lévis, to the list of vaccination sites."

Desjardins Group continues to be a very strong financial institution that has demonstrated its ability to support its members and clients despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

ENHANCED DISCLOSURE TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS INDEX

On October 29, 2012, the Enhanced Disclosure Task Force (EDTF), established by the Financial Stability Board, released its report, "Enhancing the Risk Disclosures of Banks", in which it issued 32 recommendations aimed at improving risk disclosure and transparency.

Information regarding the EDTF recommendations is presented in the 2020 Annual Report, the interim financial report for the first quarter of 2021 and the documents "Supplemental Financial Information" and "Pillar 3 Report", which are available on Desjardins Group's website at www.desjardins.com/ca/about-us/investor-relations. The documents "Supplemental Financial Information" and "Pillar 3 Report" are not incorporated by reference in this Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A).

Below is a summary of disclosures under the EDTF recommendations and the location of the disclosures (page number):

Type of risk	Recommen- dation	Disclosure	2020 Annual Report	Interim Financial Report	Supplemental Financial Information	Pillar 3 Report
General	1	Summary of risk information	XXX	Current page		
	2	Risk terminology, risk measures and key parameters	65-70, 233-240		55, 56	21-23
	3	Principal and emerging risks	53, 54, 62, 63, 70-72, 88	13, 29, 30		
	4	New regulatory ratios	53-56, 88-94, 193, 194	26-28, 37, 38, 40-42	7, 9	
Risk	5	Organizational risk management structure	66-70			
governance, risk	6	Risk management culture	66-70			
management	7	Risks from business model and risk appetite	12, 32-43, 53, 57-59, 65-72			
and business models	8	Stress testing	66			
Capital	9	Minimum regulatory capital requirements	53-55	26		6-8, 15, 16
adequacy and	10	Reconciliation of the accounting balance sheet and the regulatory balance sheet	55, 56, 193, 194	27	6-8, 10	9, 10, 15
risk-weighted assets	11	Movements in regulatory capital	55, 56	28	7	
assets	12	Capital management and planning	53-56	25-29	6	
	13	Risk-weighted assets by business segments	57-59, 71		11, 12	5
	14	Breakdown of capital requirements by type of risk and by calculation method	57-59, 76, 77, 84,85	27-29	11, 12	5
	15	Credit risk		29	24-46	14
	16	Movements in risk-weighted assets by type of risk	59	27-29	13-15	14
	17	Back testing and validation of credit models	76		43	
Liquidity	18	Management of liquidity needs and reserve	88-94	37-42		17
Funding	19	Encumbered and unencumbered assets	90-94, 198-200	39-41		
	20	Residual contractual maturities of assets, liabilities and off-balance sheet commitments	91-93, 200-204	43-48		
	21	Funding sources and strategies	52, 88, 91-93	37, 38, 43		
Market risk	22	Reconciliation of market risk measures to balance sheet	83, 84	33, 34		
	23	Market risk factors	82-87, 177, 178	32-37		
	24	Assumptions, limitations and validation procedures for market risk models	84-86	34, 35		
	25	Extreme loss measures	53, 66, 84-86	34-36		
Credit risk	26	Credit risk profile	51, 52, 63, 64, 66, 76, 77, 79-82	24, 31, 32	24-54	14
	27	Policy for identifying gross credit-impaired loans	78, 121-139			
	28	Reconciliation of gross credit-impaired loans and allowance for credit losses	51, 52, 78-81, 121-139, 152-160	24, 31, 32, 68-74		
	29	Counterparty risk related to derivatives	81, 82, 182-191			
	30	Credit risk mitigation techniques	77, 81, 82, 182-191		24-26	
Other risks	31	Management of other risks	57-59, 68-71, 94-99	27-30		
	32	Publicly known risk events	95, 198-200			

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Desjardins Group (hereinafter also referred to as Desjardins) comprises the Desjardins caisses in Québec and the Caisse Desjardins Ontario Credit Union Inc. (the caisses), the Fédération des caisses Desjardins du Québec (the Federation) and its subsidiaries, and the Fonds de sécurité Desjardins.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) dated May 13, 2021 presents the analysis of the results of and main changes to Desjardins Group's balance sheet for the period ended March 31, 2021, in comparison to previous periods. Desjardins Group reports financial information in compliance with *Regulation 52-109 respecting Certification of Disclosure in Issuers' Annual and Interim Filings* (Regulation 52-109) prescribed by the Canadian Securities Administrators (CSA). Unlike the Federation, Desjardins Group is not a reporting issuer, on a combined basis, under this or any other applicable securities regulations. Pursuant to Decision No. 2021-FS-0091 of the *Autorité des marchés financiers* (AMF) dated April 23, 2021, the Combined Financial Statements and MD&As of Desjardins Group will henceforth be filed by the Federation in place of the Consolidated Financial Statements and MD&As of the Federation, in order to meet the financial disclosure obligations of the Federation, as a reporting issuer, under *Regulation 51-102 respecting Continuous Disclosure Obligations* (Regulation 51-102) of the CSA, and the Federation will maintain controls and procedures with respect to the Combined Financial Statements and MD&As of Desjardins Group in compliance with Regulation 52-109. Since April 23, 2021, and pursuant to the AMF and CSA decision, the Federation has used the financial statements and MD&As of Desjardins Group for all relevant purposes under the applicable securities regulations (including, in particular, Regulation 52-109 and Regulation 51-102). Information on the controls and procedures with respect to the Combined Financial Statements and MD&As of Desjardins Group may be found in the "Additional information" section of this MD&A.

This MD&A should be read in conjunction with the unaudited Condensed Interim Combined Financial Statements (the Interim Combined Financial Statements), including the notes thereto, as at March 31, 2021, and Desjardins Group's 2020 Annual Report (the 2020 Annual Report), which contains the MD&A and the audited Annual Combined Financial Statements (the Annual Combined Financial Statements).

Additional information about Desjardins Group is available on the SEDAR website at www.sedar.com (under the Desjardins Capital Inc. profile and, since first quarter 2021, under the *Fédération des caisses Desjardins du Québec* profile). The Annual Information Form of the Federation (under the *Fédération des caisses Desjardins du Québec* profile) can be found on SEDAR as well. Further information is available on the Desjardins website at www.desjardins.com/ca/about-us/investor-relations. None of the information presented on these sites is incorporated by reference into this MD&A.

The Annual and Interim Combined Financial Statements have been prepared by Desjardins Group's management in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB), and the accounting requirements of the AMF in Québec, which do not differ from IFRS. IFRS represent Canadian generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). These Interim Combined Financial Statements of Desjardins Group have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard (IAS) 34, "Interim Financial Reporting". All the accounting policies have been applied as described in Note 2, "Basis of presentation and significant accounting policies", to the Annual Combined Financial Statements, except for the amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39 and IFRS 7, adopted on January 1, 2021, as part of Phase 2 of the interest rate benchmark reform project and described in Note 2, "Basis of presentation and significant accounting policies", to the Interim Combined Financial Statements.

This MD&A was prepared in accordance with the regulations in force on continuous disclosure obligations issued by the CSA. Unless otherwise indicated, all amounts are presented in Canadian dollars (\$) and are primarily from Desjardins Group's Annual and Interim Combined Financial Statements.

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CAUTION CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Desjardins Group's public communications often include oral or written forward-looking statements, within the meaning of applicable securities legislation, particularly in Québec, Canada and the United States. Forward-looking statements are contained in this MD&A and may be incorporated in other fillings with Canadian regulators or in any other communications.

Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, comments about Desjardins Group's objectives regarding financial performance, priorities, operations, the review of economic conditions and financial markets, the outlook for the Québec, Canadian, U.S. and global economies, as well as the possible impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on its operations, its results and its financial position, as well as on economic conditions and financial markets. Such forward-looking statements are typically identified by words or phrases such as "believe", "expect", "anticipate", "intend", "estimate", "plan", "forecast", "aim" and "may", words and expressions of similar import, and future and conditional verbs.

By their very nature, such statements involve assumptions, uncertainties and inherent risks, both general and specific. It is therefore possible that, due to many factors, the assumptions made may be incorrect, or the predictions, forecasts or other forward-looking statements as well as Desjardins Group's objectives and priorities may not materialize or may prove to be inaccurate and that actual results differ materially. Furthermore, the uncertainty created by the COVID-19 pandemic has sharply increased this risk by generating additional difficulties in determining assumptions, forecasts and other forward-looking statements compared to previous periods.

Readers are cautioned not to rely unduly on the forward-looking statements since a number of factors, many of which are beyond Desjardins Group's control and the effects of which can be difficult to predict, could influence, individually or collectively, the accuracy of the forward-looking statements in this MD&A. These factors include those discussed in the "Risk management" section and under "COVID-19 pandemic" in the "Significant events" section of Desjardins Group's 2020 annual MD&A and this MD&A for the first quarter of 2021, such as credit, market, liquidity, operational, insurance, strategic and reputation risk, the risk related to pension plans, environmental or social risk, and legal and regulatory risk.

Additional factors that may affect the accuracy of the forward-looking statements in this MD&A also include factors related to the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change, government, corporate and household indebtedness, technological advancement and regulatory developments, interest rate fluctuations and geopolitical uncertainty. Furthermore, there are factors related to general economic and business conditions in regions in which Desjardins Group operates; security breaches; monetary policies; the critical accounting estimates and accounting standards applied by Desjardins Group; new products and services to maintain or increase Desjardins Group's market share; geographic concentration; acquisitions and joint arrangements; and credit ratings. Other factors include amendments to tax laws, unexpected changes in consumer spending and saving habits, talent recruitment and retention for key positions, the ability to implement Desjardins Group's disaster recovery plan within a reasonable time, the potential impact on operations of international conflicts, public health crises, such as pandemics and epidemics, or any other similar disease affecting the local, national or global economy, and Desjardins Group's ability to anticipate and properly manage the risks associated with these factors, despite a disciplined risk management environment. Additional information about these factors is found in the "Risk management" section and under "COVID-19 pandemic" in the "Significant events" section of Desjardins Group's 2020 annual MD&A and this MD&A for the first quarter of 2021.

It is important to note that the above list of factors that could influence future results is not exhaustive. Other factors could have an adverse effect on Desjardins Group's results. Additional information about these and other factors is found in Section 4.0, "Risk management" of Desjardins Group's 2020 annual MD&A.

Although Desjardins Group believes that the expectations expressed in these forward-looking statements are reasonable and founded on valid bases, it cannot guarantee that these expectations will materialize or prove to be correct. Desjardins Group cautions readers against placing undue reliance on forward-looking statements when making decisions, given that actual results, conditions, actions or future events could differ significantly from the targets, expectations, estimates or intentions advanced in them, explicitly or implicitly. Readers who rely on these forward-looking statements must carefully consider these risk factors and other uncertainties and potential events, including the uncertainty inherent in forward-looking statements.

The significant economic assumptions underlying the forward-looking statements in this document are described in Section 1.5 "Economic environment and outlook" of Desjardins Group's 2020 annual MD&A. These assumptions may also be updated in the quarterly MD&As, in the "Economic environment and outlook" section. To develop our economic growth forecasts, in general and for the financial services sector, we mainly use historical economic data provided by recognized and reliable organizations, empirical and theoretical relationships between economic and financial variables, expert judgment and identified upside and downside risks for the domestic and global economies. Given how the COVID-19 pandemic has developed and its impact on the global economy and financial market conditions, as well as Desjardins Group's business operations, financial results and financial position, greater uncertainty is attached to our economic assumptions compared to previous periods, such assumptions being determined based on uncertain future developments and considering the difficulty of anticipating the extent of the pandemic's long-term effects.

Any forward-looking statements contained in this MD&A represent the views of management only as at the date hereof, and are presented for the purpose of assisting readers in understanding and interpreting Desjardins Group's balance sheet as at the dates indicated or its results for the periods then ended, as well as its strategic priorities and objectives as considered as at the date hereof. These statements may not be appropriate for other purposes. Desjardins Group does not undertake to update any oral or written forward-looking statements that could be made from time to time by or on behalf of Desjardins Group, except as required under applicable securities legislation.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

COVID-19 pandemic

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a COVID-19 pandemic, and on March 13, 2020, the Québec government declared a public health emergency throughout Québec. Since this date, the declaration of a public health emergency has been successively extended. Since March 2020, the Canadian government has introduced various protection measures and the governments of affected regions have implemented measures designed to contain the spread of the virus, including business shutdowns, travel restrictions, quarantines, prohibition of gatherings, event cancellations and curfews. Following recommendations by government authorities concerning the spread of COVID-19, Desjardins Group implemented a number of protection and relief measures as of March 2020.

Since the start of the pandemic, various restrictions, varying in severity from one province and region to another, have been imposed, eased and then reintroduced by governments depending on trends in the spread of COVID-19. In March and April 2021, a strong resurgence in the number of new cases of COVID-19 and the emergence of variants led governments to tighten certain preventive measures. In Québec, for instance, a curfew was in effect in certain regions and teleworking has been mandatory for all workers except those whose physical presence is necessary to pursue the organization's activities. Desjardins continues to make the health and safety of its members and employees its top priority, and to favour online or remote service delivery. In March 2021, more than 80% of employees were working from home. Desjardins is closely monitoring the situation and continues to adjust to ensure service continuity during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Desjardins will also be active in the vaccination effort. As of May 18, the *Cité de la cooperation* in Lévis will become a COVID-19 vaccination site. It should be noted that Desjardins will follow the order of priority for vaccination established by the government, and will not prioritize its employees or its members and clients.

Main measures for the benefit of members and clients

Desjardins has deployed a number of measures to support its members and clients in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. A number of relief measures have been in place since March 16, 2020 for personal and business members and clients who might experience difficulty meeting their financial obligations because of the current situation. The main relief measures are still in place and evolving in order to offer solutions for members and clients in financial difficulty, whatever the event or situation. In addition, Desjardins recently launched Flexi Visa, a no-fee credit card with a reduced interest rate. This product will provide a longer-term solution for cardholders who need it, at any time. Details on the measures taken by Desjardins Group may be found under "COVID-19 pandemic" in Section 1.3 "Significant events" of Desjardins Group's 2020 annual MD&A.

The table below presents, as at March 31, 2021, Desjardins members' and clients' use of the main relief measures since the start of the pandemic.

Products			
Financing	Number of requests	Total loans - relief granted	Loan balance as at March 31, 2021
Residential mortgages and consumer loans	167,675	\$19.0 billion	\$1.8 billion
Credit card and other personal loans	165,825	\$1.7 billion	\$46 million
Business loans	34,583	\$17.3 billion	\$1.4 billion
Insurance	Number	Value o	of refund
Automobile insurance premium refund	2,151,000	\$155	million

Desjardins also set up partnerships with the Québec and Canadian governments in order to offer solutions to members and clients. Desjardins Group is participating in the following assistance programs in particular, which help to provide additional liquidity to finance operations or enhance working capital for businesses experiencing temporary difficulties on account of COVID-19.

- Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA):
 - As at March 31, 2021, 144,135 loans totalling \$4.8 billion had been granted to Desjardins Group members and clients since the CEBA program began. Members and clients could take advantage of this program until March 31, 2021.
- Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) Co-Lending Program:
 - As at March 31, 2021, 126 loans totalling \$75 million had been granted to Desjardins Group members and clients since the beginning of the colending program. Members and clients can take advantage of this program until June 30, 2021.
- BDC mid-market financing program:
 - No loans have been granted by Desjardins since the program was launched in July 2020. Members and clients can take advantage of this
 program until June 30, 2021.
- BDC Highly Affected Sectors Credit Availability Program (HASCAP) Guarantee:
 - As at March 31, 2021, 20 loans totalling \$4 million had been granted to Desjardins Group members and clients since the beginning of the program. Members and clients can take advantage of this program until June 30, 2021.
- Loan guarantees for small- and medium-sized enterprises (EDC) :
 - As at March 31, 2021, 117 loans totalling \$63 million had been granted to Desjardins Group members and clients since the start of this program.
 Members and clients can take advantage of this program until June 30, 2021.
- Mid-market guarantee program (EDC):
 - No loans have been granted by Desjardins since the program was launched. Members and clients can take advantage of this program until June 30, 2021.
- Concerted temporary action program for businesses (PACTE) with Investissement Québec:
 - As at March 31, 2021, 204 loans totalling \$76 million had been granted to Desjardins Group members and clients since the start of the PACTE program.

Details on these assistance programs may be found under "COVID-19 pandemic" in Section 1.3 "Significant events" of Desjardins Group's 2020 annual MD&A.

Capital and liquidity measures

In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, the AMF introduced a series of measures to support Québec's financial system, including adjustments to capital requirements related to the COVID-19 pandemic, regulatory and administrative relief in respect of certain provisions of the *Deposit Institutions and Deposit Protection Act*, and additional information regarding the consultation and supervisory processes. For details on the measures put in place by Desjardins Group in this regard, please see the "Capital management" section of Desjardins Group's 2020 annual MD&A and of this MD&A for the first quarter of 2021.

In addition, the Canadian government set up programs for extraordinary liquidity facilities to facilitate access to funding for financial institutions. Additional information on the federal government programs used by Desjardins Group may be found under "Liquidity risk" in the "Risk management" section of Desjardins Group's 2020 annual MD&A and this MD&A for the first quarter of 2021.

These additional funding sources allow Desjardins Group to maintain adequate liquidity levels to deal with impacts related to the pandemic. Furthermore, Desjardins Group complies with Basel III rules and maintains very good capitalization. As at March 31, 2021, Desjardins Group's Tier 1A and total capital ratios were 22.1% and 22.6%, respectively, compared to 21.9% and 22.6% as at December 31, 2020.

Social measures and reopening of the economy

For information on the hygiene and protection measures applied by Desjardins Group since March 2020 to help limit the spread of COVID-19 and its effects, see Desjardins Group's 2020 annual MD&A.

To contribute to the reopening of the Québec and Ontario economies, Desjardins has put forward a number of initiatives to encourage innovation and entrepreneurship and thereby help out businesses and community organizations. These initiatives include, in particular, the \$250 million GoodSpark Fund and the \$10 million Momentum Fund, as well as a partnership with Google and Bonjour Startup Montréal to hold an innovation competition. Information on these initiatives may be found under "COVID-19 pandemic" in Section 1.3 "Significant events" of Desjardins Group's 2020 annual MD&A.

Impact of the pandemic

As mentioned in the "Economic environment and outlook" section of this MD&A, the spread of COVID-19 has had a disruptive impact on the countries and Canadian provinces where Desjardins Group operates, and on the global economy in general, while triggering higher volatility on financial markets. Should the COVID-19 pandemic be prolonged or should subsequent waves of the pandemic occur, or should other diseases appear with similar effects, the adverse impact on the global economy could be exacerbated and lead to declines on financial markets. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic could have a negative effect on Desjardins Group's operations, operating results, profitability, reputation and financial position for an undetermined, considerable period of time. Desjardins Group is continuing to monitor developments in the COVID-19 pandemic and the potential detrimental effects on its operations. The pandemic's repercussions on the economy and the markets as well as on Desjardins' activities and financial position depend on highly uncertain future developments that are difficult to foresee given the uncertainty about the magnitude, gravity and duration of the pandemic, the size of the current wave in Québec and the rest of Canada, vaccine efficacy, as well as the possibility of subsequent waves or the emergence of new variants that could prolong the closure of certain sectors of the economy, or result in additional closures or a tightening of lockdown measures by government authorities. More information on the impact of the pandemic may be found under "COVID-19 pandemic" in Section 1.3 "Significant events" of Desjardins Group's 2020 annual MD&A.

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to, or could lead to, an increase in some of the risks described in the "Risk management" section of this MD&A and of Desjardins Group's 2020 annual MD&A, including credit, market and liquidity risks, operational risk and insurance risk. The COVID-19 pandemic and its associated risks are the main situation being monitored by Desjardins Group. For details about the impact of the pandemic on risks, see the "Risk management" section of this MD&A and Desjardins Group's 2020 annual MD&A.

Desjardins Group released its medium-term financial objectives in its 2020 Annual Report. The environment of great uncertainty due to the COVID-19 pandemic could continue to affect the global economy and global markets as well as Desjardins Group's operations, results and financial position in 2021. The key medium-term indicators presented in the 2020 Annual Report did not take into account the possible repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic or other extraordinary events on Desjardins Group's ability to achieve its medium-term financial objectives.

NON-GAAP MEASURES

To assess its performance, Desjardins Group uses GAAP (IFRS) measures and various non-GAAP financial measures. Non-GAAP financial measures, other than the regulatory ratios, do not have a standardized definition and are not directly comparable to similar measures used by other companies, and may not be directly comparable to any GAAP measures. Investors, among others, may find these non-GAAP measures useful in analyzing financial performance. They are defined as follows:

Average assets - Average loans and acceptances - Average deposits - Average equity

The average balances for these items are used to measure growth. They are equal to averages of the amounts presented in the Combined Financial Statements at the end of the quarters calculated starting from the quarter prior to the period concerned.

Productivity index

The productivity index is used to measure efficiency and is equal to the ratio of non-interest expense to total income, net of expenses related to claims, benefits, annuities and changes in insurance contract liabilities, expressed as a percentage. A lower ratio indicates greater productivity.

The following table presents the calculation of the productivity index as presented in the MD&A.

For	the	three	-month	periods
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(in millions of dollars and as a percentage)		ended						
		December 31, 2020	March 31, 2020					
Non-interest expense	\$ 2,165	\$ 2,332	\$ 1,999					
Total income	3,035	5,364	4,696					
Claims, benefits, annuities and changes in insurance contract liabilities	206	(1,781)	(2,071)					
Total income excluding claims	\$ 3,241	\$ 3,583	\$ 2,625					
Productivity index	66.8%	65.1%	76.2%					

Net interest margin

Net interest margin is used to measure profitability. It is equal to net interest income expressed as a percentage of average interest-bearing assets.

Gross credit-impaired loans/gross loans and acceptances

The gross credit-impaired loans/gross loans and acceptances ratio is used to measure loan portfolio quality and is equal to gross credit-impaired loans expressed as a percentage of total gross loans and acceptances.

The "Gross credit-impaired loans by borrower category" table of the MD&A provides more detailed information on this ratio.

Loss ratio - Expense ratio - Combined ratio

These ratios are used to measure the performance of the Property and Casualty Insurance segment.

The loss ratio is equal to incurred claims less reinsurance, expressed as a percentage of net premiums, excluding the market yield adjustment. Market yield adjustment is defined as the impact of changes in the discount rate on the provisions for claims and adjustment expenses based on the change in the market-based yield of the underlying assets for these provisions.

The loss ratio is comprised of the following ratios:

- Current year loss ratio, which is the loss ratio excluding catastrophe and major event claims expenses for the current year as well as changes in prior year claims, net of related reinsurance, not including reinstatement premiums, as applicable.
- Loss ratio related to catastrophes and major events, which is the loss ratio including catastrophe and major event claims expenses for the current year, net of reinsurance and including the impact of reinstatement premiums, as applicable.
- Ratio of changes in prior year claims, which is the loss ratio including the effect of changes in prior year claims, net of related reinsurance, not including reinstatement premiums, as applicable.

The expense ratio is equal to operating expenses expressed as a percentage of net premiums.

The combined ratio is equal to the sum of the loss ratio and the expense ratio.

The following table presents the calculation of the loss ratio, the expense ratio and the combined ratio, as presented in the MD&A.

For the three-month periods

(in millions of dollars and as a percentage)			(ended		
		March 31, 2021		December 31, 2020		arch 31, 2020
Net premiums	\$	1,427	\$	1,456	\$	1,377
Claims, benefits, annuities, and changes in insurance contract liabilities Market yield adjustment (MYA)	\$	685 117	\$	741 (2)	\$	1,042 (122)
Claims, benefits, annuities and changes in insurance contract liabilities excluding the MYA	\$	802	\$	739	\$	920
Loss ratio		56.2%		50.8%		66.8%
Non-interest expense	\$	327	\$	331	\$	329
Other expenses excluded from the expense ratio ⁽¹⁾		(2)		(2)		(2)
Operating expenses	\$	325	\$	329	\$	327
Expense ratio		22.8%		22.6%		23.7%
Combined ratio		79.0%		73.4%		90.5%

⁽¹⁾ Comes mainly from investment management expenses.

Return on equity

Return on equity is used to measure profitability resulting in value creation for members and clients. Expressed as a percentage, it is equal to surplus earnings before member dividends, excluding the non-controlling interests' share, divided by average equity before non-controlling interests.

The following table presents the reconciliation of return on equity with surplus earnings before member dividends as presented in the MD&A.

For the three-month periods

(in millions of dollars and as a percentage)		enaea						
		December 31, 2020	March 31, 2020					
Surplus earnings before member dividends	\$ 798	\$ 876	\$ 285					
Non-controlling interests' share	(30)	(43)	(13)					
Group's share	\$ 768	\$ 833	\$ 272					
Average equity before non-controlling interests' share	\$ 30,184	\$ 29,114	\$ 27,463					
Return on equity ⁽¹⁾	10.3%	11.4%	4.0%					

⁽¹⁾ Corresponds to an annualized calculation that takes into account the number of days in the period concerned.

Income

Operating income

The concept of operating income is used to analyze financial results. This concept allows for better structuring of financial data and makes it easier to compare operating activities from one period to the next by excluding the volatility of results specific to investments, particularly regarding the extent of life and health insurance and Property and Casualty Insurance (P&C) operations, for which a very large proportion of investments are recognized at fair value through profit or loss. The analysis therefore breaks down Desjardins Group's income into two parts, namely operating income and investment income, which make up total income. This measure is not directly comparable to similar measures used by other companies.

Operating income includes net interest income, generated mainly by the Personal and Business Services segment and the Other category, net premiums and other operating income such as deposit and payment service charges, lending fees and credit card service revenues, income from brokerage and investment fund services, management and custodial service fees, foreign exchange income as well as other income. These items, taken individually, correspond to those presented in the Combined Financial Statements.

Investment income

Investment income includes net investment income on securities classified and designated as being at fair value through profit or loss, net investment income on securities classified as being at fair value through other comprehensive income, and net investment income on securities measured at amortized cost and other investment income, which are included under "Net investment income" in the Combined Statements of Income. Investment income also includes the overlay approach adjustment for insurance operations financial assets. The life and health insurance and P&C insurance subsidiaries' matching activities, which include changes in fair value, gains and losses on disposals and interest and dividend income on securities, are presented with investment income, given that these assets back insurance liabilities, which are recognized under expenses related to claims, benefits, annuities and changes in insurance contract liabilities in the Combined Financial Statements. In addition, this investment income includes changes in the fair value of investments for the Personal and Business Services segment, recognized at fair value through profit or loss.

The following table shows the correspondence of total income between the MD&A and the Combined Financial Statements.

For the three-month periods

(in millions of dollars)	1014	ended					
	March 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	March 31, 2020				
Presentation of income in the Combined Financial Statements							
Net interest income	\$ 1,403	\$ 1,455	\$ 1,353				
Net premiums	2,585	2,626	2,522				
Other income							
Deposit and payment service charges	99	104	105				
Lending fees and credit card service revenues	187	165	196				
Brokerage and investment fund services	273	243	241				
Management and custodial service fees	169	168	150				
Net investment income (loss) ⁽¹⁾	(1,602)	646	(458)				
Overlay approach adjustment for insurance operations financial assets	(146)	(112)	512				
Foreign exchange income	30	21	46				
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Operating income	4,783	4,830	4,642				
Investment income (loss)							
Net investment income (loss) ⁽¹⁾	(1,602)	646	(458)				
Overlay approach adjustment for insurance operations financial assets	(146)	(112)	512				
Investment income (loss)	(1,748)	534	54				
Total income	\$ 3,035	\$ 5,364	\$ 4,696				

⁽¹⁾ The breakdown of this line item is presented in Note 9, "Net interest income and net investment income (loss)", to the Interim Combined Financial Statements.

Credit loss provisioning rate

The credit loss provisioning rate is used to measure loan portfolio quality, and is equal to the provision for credit losses divided by average gross loans and acceptances.

The following table presents the calculation of the credit loss provisioning rate as presented in the MD&A.

For the three-month periods

(in millions of dollars and as a percentage)							
		March 31, 2021		December 31, 2020			arch 31, 2020
Provision for credit losses		\$	4	\$	169	\$	324
Average gross loans		21	4,224	211,756			205,445
Average gross acceptances			241		164		231
Average gross loans and acceptances		\$ 21	4,465	\$ 2	11,920	\$	205,676
Credit loss provisioning rate ⁽¹⁾			0.01%		0.32%		0.63%

⁽¹⁾ Corresponds to an annualized calculation that takes into account the number of days in the period concerned.

DESJARDINS GROUP PROFILE

Desjardins Group is the largest financial cooperative in North America, with assets of \$377.0 billion. The organization included 214 caisses in Québec as at March 31, 2021, as well as the Caisse Desjardins Ontario Credit Union Inc., the *Fédération des caisses Desjardins du Québec* and its subsidiaries, and the *Fonds de sécurité Desjardins*. A number of its subsidiaries and components are active across Canada, and Desjardins Group maintains a presence in the U.S. through Desjardins Bank, National Association.

Through its Personal and Business Services, Wealth Management and Life and Health Insurance, and Property and Casualty Insurance business segments, Desjardins Group offers a full range of financial services to members and clients designed to meet their needs. As one of the largest employers in the country, Desjardins Group capitalizes on the skills of almost 50,200 employees and the commitment of close to 2,500 directors.

The Federation is a cooperative entity which is responsible for assuming orientation, framework, coordination, treasury and development activities for Desjardins Group and acts as a financial agent on Canadian and foreign financial markets. It provides its member caisses with a variety of services, including certain technical, financial and administrative services. It acts as a monitoring and control organization for the caisses and its mission includes risk management and capital management for Desjardins Group, as well as ensuring the financial soundness and sustainability of the Desjardins Cooperative Group (comprised of the Desjardins caisse network in Québec, the Federation and the *Fonds de sécurité Desjardins*), pursuant to the *Act respecting financial services cooperatives*. The Federation also has the right to participate in the Visa Inc. and MasterCard Inc. payment systems in Canada on behalf of Desjardins Group. In addition, it manages majority interests in joint-stock companies through holding companies.

The Act respecting financial services cooperatives provides that the entities comprising the Desjardins Cooperative Group may be amalgamated into a single legal entity to be wound up, as these entities cannot be wound up in any other manner. It should be mentioned that Caisse Desjardins Ontario Credit Union Inc. is excluded from this amalgamation-liquidation provided for in the Act.

Summary additional information on the entities that are not part of the Desjardins Cooperative Group or the subsidiaries of the entities that comprise it, but are included in Desjardins Group's financial statements may be found under "Additional information required pursuant to the AMF's Decision No. 2021-FS-0091".

CHANGES IN THE REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT

Desjardins Group closely monitors regulations for financial products and services, as well as new developments in fraud, corruption, tax evasion, protection of personal information, money laundering, terrorist financing and domestic and international economic sanctions in order to mitigate any negative impact on its operations, and aims to comply with best practices in this regard. Additional information can be found in the "Regulatory environment" section of the 2020 annual MD&A, and the "Capital management" section presents further information on regulatory developments relating to capital.

The Proceeds of Crime (Money Laundering) and Terrorist Financing Act (PCMLTFA)

The final version of the amendments to the PCMLTFA and its regulations, tabled in June 2018, was published by the Department of Finance Canada on July 10, 2019. Some of the amendments took effect upon official publication, certain others in June 2020 and the rest will take effect in June 2021. In February 2020, the Department of Finance Canada published new proposed regulatory changes, which were commented by Desjardins. The final publication of these recent regulatory changes on June 10, 2020 had to do in particular with ongoing monitoring of business relationships. Desjardins Group is continuing to analyze the various regulatory changes and will make the required adjustments, particularly the changes to be made to the systems for electronic funds transfers and large cash transaction reports. A project was deployed in order to implement the changes to the systems, processes and procedures of Desjardins Group's business lines.

The Income Tax Act (ITA) - Part XVIII (FATCA - Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act) and Part XIX (CRS - Common Reporting Standard)

On July 10, 2020, the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) published the final version of the guidance documents for Parts XVIII (FATCA) and XIX (CRS) of the ITA. The amendments took effect on January 1, 2021, and provide some clarification on the requirements regarding reasonable measures to be taken and the penalties applicable for non-compliance. The necessary changes have been made to Desjardins Group processes and procedures and circulated internally to ensure that the new requirements are observed and to prevent any non-compliance or penalty.

U.S. financial reform bills

U.S. reform initiatives pertaining to financial regulation could affect non-U.S. financial institutions operating in the United States, including Desjardins Group. The deregulation bill of U.S. Congress and the American regulators has been set in motion, in particular with the enactment of a statute providing some relief concerning certain rules prescribed by the *Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act* and continued with the finalizing of a second draft regulation aimed at simplifying the Volcker rule, whose original purpose was to prohibit banking entities from engaging in proprietary trading and to limit their investing in or sponsoring hedge funds and private equity funds. The final changes to the restrictions on the Volcker rule dated June 25, 2020 concerning investing in and sponsoring hedge funds and private equity funds took effect on October 1, 2020. These changes round out the other revisions to the Volcker rule that took effect on January 1, 2020. The final changes to the restrictions on the control framework pursuant to the *Bank Holding Company Act* took effect on September 30, 2020. Desjardins Group is continuing its work to confirm and document the extent of the relief resulting from these changes with respect to its operations.

Data confidentiality and security

Because of rapid changes in information technology, the protection of data confidentiality and data security are highly topical areas. On June 16, 2020, the Québec Ministère de la Justice tabled Bill 64, An Act to Modernize Legislative Provisions Respecting the Protection of Personal Information. As anticipated, Bill 64 follows the broad outline of the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation, particularly as it concerns transparency, the duty to inform, consent, the right to data portability and the right to be forgotten. Public consultations were held at the end of September 2020, and the section-by-section detailed study has been underway since February 2, 2021. On November 17, 2020, the Government of Canada tabled Bill C-11, An Act to enact the Consumer Privacy Protection Act and the Personal Information and Data Protection Tribunal Act and to make related and consequential amendments to other Acts. The content of Bill C-11 is similar to that of Bill 64, with a few exceptions. Desjardins Group is closely monitoring work on the bills to determine their impact on its operations.

Pillar 3 financial disclosure requirements

Desjardins Group continues to monitor changes in financial disclosure requirements under global standards developed by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS). These Pillar 3 requirements aim to enhance comparability across financial institutions, transparency and disclosure with regard to regulatory capital adequacy and risk exposure. In December 2016, the AMF filed an update of its guideline on the adequacy of capital base standards for financial services cooperatives, which includes revised Pillar 3 provisions. Desjardins Group has issued a Pillar 3 Report since December 31, 2018 in order to comply with it. On January 1, 2020, the Pillar 3 financial disclosure requirements were included by the AMF in a separate document entitled *Pillar 3 Disclosure Requirements Guideline*, which features new requirements that deal in particular with liquidity risk, operational risk, interest rate risk in the banking book and credit valuation adjustments. During the first two quarters of 2020, the AMF announced relief measures intended to minimize the impact of COVID-19 on Québec's financial system. These measures included, in particular, postponing the effective date of the disclosures to first quarter 2023 and the adjustment of certain existing requirements in order to include additional information on regulatory capital. The table of systemic risk indicators, which aims to present an assessment of Desjardins's relative size within the global financial system, is expected to be applicable as of the disclosure for first quarter 2022.

Report on Ontario's automobile insurance system

Since the government introduced "Putting Drivers First", its 2019 plan for the auto insurance system, some progress has been made on its commitments related to increased competition, choice and innovation for insurance consumers. However, the changes that would address the existing cost pressures in the system have not yet been implemented. Steps to introduce a "Care, Not Cash" default clause to ensure that a driver's auto insurance coverage will pay for treatment instead of costly legal fees and reforming the flawed medical assessment process to bring credibility and accountability to the assessments that injured claimants must undergo after an accident should be prioritized. The Financial Services Regulatory Authority of Ontario (FSRA) has created a Technical Advisory Committee for Transforming Auto Insurance Rate Regulation. Desjardins and other stakeholders are actively working with the government to ensure a better auto insurance system for Ontario drivers.

Amalgamation of the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada (IIROC) and the Mutual Fund Dealers Association (MFDA)

On June 25, 2020, the Canadian Securities Administrators (CSA) launched a consultation on the regulatory framework for the operations of self-regulatory organizations (SROs). The CSA is seeking input on whether the current SRO framework best serves the interests of Canadian investors and the investment industry, in light of the evolution of the financial services industry. Desjardins Group continues to monitor developments in this file and to analyze the potential impact on its operations.

Client focused reforms

In October 2019, the CSA adopted new obligations for brokerage firms and investment dealers, called the Client Focused Reforms. The new obligations have to do in particular with "know your client" and "know your product", the suitability of recommendations and dealing with conflicts of interest. The CSA also developed a new fundamental requirement for registrants, namely that clients' interests come first in terms of suitability. Desjardins Group is continuing its work in order to comply with the required implementation dates. As a result of COVID-19 challenges, the in-force date is now December 31, 2021 for all elements other than the conflict of interest provisions, which will come into force on June 30, 2021.

Interest rate benchmark reform

Interest rate benchmark reform is a global initiative that includes Canada and is being led by the central banks and regulatory authorities. Its objective is to improve benchmark indices by making sure they comply with robust international standards. The gradual withdrawal of certain interest rate benchmarks will begin on May 17, 2021, with the discontinuation of six-month and 12-month CDOR. In addition, regulators recently announced that the publication of LIBOR would officially cease after December 31, 2021 for all currencies except certain USD LIBOR settings which will not cease publication until after June 30, 2023. Desjardins Group has set up a task force to ensure a smooth transition from benchmark interest rates to risk-free rates, and is closely monitoring the preparation of the schedule for withdrawing certain benchmark rates.

Guideline on Information and Communications Technology Risk Management

In February 2020, the AMF issued the final version of the Guideline on Information and Communications Technology Risk Management (GICT), applying, in particular, to insurers and financial services cooperatives. After filing with the AMF its assessment of compliance with the GICT in February 2021, Desjardins is continuing its work to comply with the guideline.

ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT AND OUTLOOK

Global economy

In early 2021, the global economy still showed signs of the ongoing pandemic. The second wave was affecting growth in some countries at the end of 2020, and this was still evident in the first months of 2021, particularly in Europe. Following a relaxation of some restrictive health measures, a third wave began, forcing the closure of some sectors once again, notably in France and Italy. The vaccination campaign also started slowly in continental Europe. In contrast, the campaign in the United Kingdom has made great strides. However, the U.K. posted one of the worst declines in real GDP among the G20 countries in 2020, and growth is expected to remain sluggish or even turn negative in early 2021. The British economy was also affected by the end of the post-Brexit transition period. Meanwhile, China has benefited from the rebound in global trade and the disruptions to production experienced in other countries. In the first quarter of 2021, the Chinese economy was already 6.9% higher than at the end of 2019, i.e. before the pandemic. Overall and for the year as a whole, the progress made in vaccinations, the gradual reopening of sectors that were closed or under restrictions during the pandemic, and fiscal and monetary stimuli should lead to strong growth in 2021 and a 6.0% gain in global real GDP.

In recent months, good economic data, new relief plans in the United States and accelerating vaccination campaigns have put significant upward pressure on bond rates. Until the end of January, the increase was mainly in long-term rates and essentially reflected higher inflation expectations. Bond rates have now risen more generally, as investors have begun to expect a faster return to normal monetary policy. The Canada 5-year yield more than doubled in the first quarter, placing some upward pressure on mortgage rates. Central banks have maintained a cautious tone for the time being, pointing to slack in the labour market and the major ongoing health risks. The rapid rise in bond yields led to some volatility in financial markets at the start of the year, but stock markets continued to perform well, benefiting from improved growth prospects for the economy and higher profits.

The gradual recovery of the U.S. economy should reassure the U.S. Federal Reserve (the Fed) and convince it to begin scaling back asset purchases in the fall. The Bank of Canada seems to want to normalize its monetary policy a little faster than the FED; a reduction in its bond purchases was also announced in April. However, key interest rates should remain at historically low levels for several more months. The outlook for the equity markets remains generally positive, with robust economic growth supporting profits.

United States

In the U.S., the economy is recovering from problems caused by the pandemic. Real GDP in the first quarter of 2021 had fallen 0.9% from one year earlier. This gap should be closed by the spring. The U.S. economy is already benefiting from the US\$900 billion and US\$1,900 billion relief plans adopted by the federal government. In addition, the U.S. has rolled out one of the fastest vaccination campaigns in the world. After the solid growth of 6.4% of real GDP recorded in the first quarter, the momentum will continue in subsequent quarters. Following a 3.5% decline in 2020, U.S. real GDP is expected to grow by 7.0% in 2021, which would be its strongest annual increase since 1984. In April, the labour market was still more than 8 million jobs short of its pre-pandemic level. However, strong growth is expected to generate considerable hiring over the next few quarters.

Canada

Despite the restrictive measures put in place in late 2020 and in 2021 to limit the spread of the second wave of COVID-19, the Canadian economy has shown great resilience. For the fourth quarter of 2020 as a whole, real GDP grew by 2.3%, equal to 9.6% on an annualized basis. Businesses and consumers therefore responded very differently to the pandemic's second wave. Clearly economic agents are now more accustomed to the constraints imposed by the health measures. Under these conditions, the growth outlook for 2021 is very encouraging and the Canadian economy can be expected to continue recovering. On average, Canadian real GDP could grow by 6.3% in 2021. In addition, the progress made in the vaccination campaign suggests that the authorities may be able to gradually ease restrictive measures in the next few months. According to our current projections, Canadian real GDP could return to its pre-pandemic level as early as the summer of 2021. It could take a few more months for the labour market to fully recover. This is an outcome that was unthinkable just one year ago. However, significant disparities will remain, with some sectors emerging from the pandemic as winners and others as losers. These structural changes will take several years to dissipate.

Québec

Despite the fact that the Québec economy rallied in the second half of 2020, the decline in the first two quarters caused real GDP to plunge 5.3% for the year as a whole. The Québec economy has continued to recover, in spite of the restrictive measures imposed gradually since October. The gradual lifting of restrictions in February and March will lead to a rally in the economic indicators that have been affected by the closures since last fall. Employment rallied strongly starting in February, eliminating entirely the losses incurred from October to January. Overall, the economy suffered less turbulence during the second wave. The third wave led to a further tightening of health measures in April in some regions, but the damage is likely to be more limited. For some sectors that have already suffered prolonged closures, however, the blow will be very hard to take. Other industries are doing relatively well, and this will allow the Québec economy to continue growing in the first quarter of 2021. The ongoing success of the vaccination campaign bodes well for the future.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL RESULTS

ANALYSIS OF RESULTS

Financial results and indicators

For the three-month periods

(in millions of dollars and as a percentage)		ended	
	March 31,	December 31,	March 31,
	2021	2020	2020
Results			
Net interest income	\$ 1,403	\$ 1,455	\$ 1,353
Net premiums	2,585	2,626	2,522
Other operating income ⁽¹⁾			
Deposit and payment service charges	99	104	105
Lending fees and credit card service revenues	187	165	196
Brokerage and investment fund services	273	243	241
Management and custodial service fees	169	168	150
Foreign exchange income	30	21	46
Other	37	48	29
Operating income ⁽¹⁾	4,783	4,830	4,642
Investment income (loss) ⁽¹⁾			
Net investment income (loss)	(1,602)	646	(458)
Overlay approach adjustment for insurance operations financial assets	(146)	(112)	512
Investment income (loss) ⁽¹⁾	(1,748)	534	54
Total income	3,035	5,364	4,696
Provision for credit losses	4	169	324
Claims, benefits, annuities and changes in insurance contract liabilities	(206)	1,781	2,071
Non-interest expense	2,165	2,332	1,999
Income taxes on surplus earnings	274	206	17
Surplus earnings before member dividends	\$ 798	\$ 876	\$ 285
Contribution to combined surplus earnings by business segment ⁽²⁾			
Personal and Business Services	\$ 414	\$ 364	\$ 190
Wealth Management and Life and Health Insurance	125	249	(41)
Property and Casualty Insurance	248	378	73
Other	11	(115)	63
	\$ 798	\$ 876	\$ 285
Return to members and the community			
Member dividends	\$ 90	\$ 93	\$ 77
Sponsorships, donations and bursaries ⁽³⁾	12	28	16
Desiardins Member Advantages program	4	10	11
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Indicators			
Net interest margin ⁽¹⁾⁽⁴⁾	2.10%	2.17%	2.37%
Return on equity ⁽¹⁾	10.3	11.4	4.0
Productivity index ⁽¹⁾	66.8	65.1	76.2
Credit loss provisioning rate ⁽¹⁾	0.01	0.32	0.63
(1) Co. "New CASP measures"	3101	0.02	0.00

⁽¹⁾ See "Non-GAAP measures".

⁽²⁾ The breakdown by line item is presented in Note 10, "Segmented information", to the Interim Combined Financial Statements.

⁽³⁾ Including \$5 million from the caisses' Community Development Fund (\$15 million in the fourth quarter of 2020 and \$6 million in the first quarter of 2020).

⁽⁴⁾ The data for 2020 have been restated to conform to the current period's presentation because of a refinement in methodology.

COMPARISON OF THE FIRST QUARTERS OF 2021 AND 2020

Surplus earnings

For the first quarter ended March 31, 2021, Desjardins Group posted surplus earnings before member dividends of \$798 million, up \$513 million compared to the corresponding quarter of 2020. In the first quarter of 2021, the growth in surplus earnings was mainly due to a decline in the provision for credit losses, good performance from the caisse network and a lower auto insurance loss experience in the Property and Casualty Insurance segment. It's worth noting that surplus earnings for the first quarter of 2020 were affected by the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. The provision for credit losses was affected by the deterioration in the economic outlook, and provisions were recognized in travel insurance.

By its very nature as a cooperative financial group, Desjardins Group's mission is to improve the economic and social well-being of people and communities, which it continued to strive to achieve in the first quarter of 2021.

- A total of \$106 million was returned to members and the community, comparable to the corresponding period in 2020.
 - The provision for member dividends totalled \$90 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2021, up \$13 million compared to the same period in 2020.
 - An amount of \$12 million was returned in the form of sponsorships, donations and bursaries, compared to \$16 million for the same period in 2020, including \$5 million in the first quarter of 2021 and \$6 million in the first quarter of 2020 from the caisses' Community Development Fund.
 - Through the Desjardins Member Advantages program, \$4 million was paid out, compared to \$11 million for the corresponding period in 2020.
- Commitments of \$7 million were made in the first quarter of 2021 with regard to the GoodSpark Fund, which seeks in particular to provide social and economic support to the regions. Since 2017, Desjardins Group has made commitments totalling \$130 million.

Business segment contributions to surplus earnings

- Personal and Business Services: **Surplus earnings of \$414 million**, up \$224 million compared to the same period in 2020. This increase is essentially due to the following:
 - Decrease in the provision for credit losses in the first quarter of 2021 compared to the same quarter in 2020, reflecting the impact of the deterioration in the economic outlook as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Solid performance from the caisse network and Desjardins Securities Inc.

This increase was partially offset by:

- Decrease in business volumes from payment and financing activities at Desjardins Card Services as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Increase in investments, particularly related to the digital shift and security.
- Wealth Management and Life and Health Insurance: **Surplus earnings of \$125 million**, compared to a net deficit of \$41 million in the first quarter of 2020, mainly due to the following, basically related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Travel insurance and credit balance insurance provisions recognized in first quarter 2020, i.e. at the start of the pandemic.
 - The markets' positive impact on guaranteed investment funds, whereas they had been adversely affected during the comparative quarter.
- Property and Casualty Insurance: Surplus earnings of \$248 million, up \$175 million compared to the first quarter of 2020, on account of the following items:
 - Lower current year loss ratio than in the comparative quarter in automobile insurance, particularly because of changes in driving habits attributable
 to the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Increase in investment income, excluding the change in the fair value of matched bonds.
 - Increase in net premiums.
- Return on equity was 10.3%, up compared to 4.0% for the quarter ended March 31, 2020, mainly because of higher surplus earnings, as explained earlier.

Operating income

Operating income, which comprises net interest income, net premiums and other operating income, totalled \$4,783 million, up \$141 million, or 3.0%, compared to the first guarter of 2020.

Net interest income is the difference between interest income earned on assets, such as loans and securities, and the interest expense related to liabilities, such as deposits and subordinated notes. It is sensitive to interest rate fluctuations, funding and matching strategies, as well as to the composition of both interest-bearing and non-interest-bearing financial instruments.

- Net interest income of \$1,403 million, up \$50 million, or 3.7%, mainly because of growth in average residential mortgages outstanding, as well as higher interest income from the securities portfolio related to treasury activities. This increase was partially offset by a decrease in average consumer and credit card loans outstanding related to the decline in purchases.
- Net interest margin of 2.10% for the quarter ended March 31, 2021, as a percentage of average interest-bearing assets, down 27 basis points compared to the same period in 2020, mainly because of the increase in securities and liquidities with a smaller net interest margin, as well as lower interest rates.

Net premiums were up \$63 million, or 2.5%, compared to the first quarter of 2020, to total \$2,585 million as at March 31, 2021.

Wealth Management and Life and Health Insurance segment

- Net insurance and annuity premiums of \$1,229 million, up \$12 million, or 1.0%, essentially on account of the following:
 - Increase of \$8 million from group insurance and of \$4 million from group annuities.

Property and Casualty Insurance segment

Net premiums of \$1,427 million, up \$50 million, or 3.6%, reflecting the rate adjustments due to changes in driving habits attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic, which slowed growth in the average premium.

Other operating income stood at \$795 million, up \$28 million, or 3.7%, compared to the first quarter of 2020, due to the following:

- Increase in income from growth in assets under management.
- Increase in income from online brokerage activities.
- Income from the operations of DuProprio and Purplebricks Canada.

This increase was partially offset by the following:

- Change in investment funds that benefited groups having signed agreements under The Personal banner.
- Decrease in business volumes from payment and financing activities at Desjardins Card Services as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Investment income

Loss of \$1,748 million, presented under "Investment income (loss)", compared to income of \$54 million in the first quarter of 2020, essentially due to the following:

- Decrease in the fair value of assets backing liabilities related to life and health insurance operations.
 - Change mostly due to fluctuations in the fair value of the bond portfolio mainly related to higher interest rates.
 - Decrease largely offset by the change in actuarial liabilities leading to lower expenses related to claims, benefits, annuities and changes in insurance contract liabilities.
- Unfavourable change in the fair value of matched bonds in the Property and Casualty Insurance segment, whereas there had been a positive change in the comparative quarter, chiefly because of higher market interest rates in the first quarter of 2021, which had been lower in the comparative quarter. This reduction in bond value was offset by a similar decrease in the cost of claims on account of a matching strategy.
- · Lower gains on the disposal of securities and real estate investments compared to 2020.
- · Offset by higher trading income as a result of developments on financial markets.

Total income

Total income amounted to \$3,035 million, a decrease of \$1,661 million, or 35.4%, compared to the same period in 2020.

Provision for credit losses

The provision for credit losses totalled \$4 million, a decrease of \$320 million compared to the same period in 2020. While the provision for credit losses in the first quarter of 2020 reflected the significant negative impact of the deterioration in the economic outlook as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the provision for the first quarter of 2021 mainly reflected the impact of lower volumes in the credit card portfolio. The provision for credit losses in the first quarter of 2021 also reflected lower net write-offs in the credit card portfolio compared to the same period in 2020.

Desjardins Group continued to present a quality loan portfolio in 2021.

- The credit loss provisioning rate was 0.01% for the first quarter of 2021, compared to 0.63% for the corresponding period of 2020. The decrease in this indicator in the first quarter of 2021 is because the provision for credit losses was much lower in the first quarter of 2021 than in the corresponding quarter of 2020, reflecting the impact of the deterioration in the economic outlook as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The ratio of gross credit-impaired loans, as a percentage of the total gross loans and acceptances portfolio, was 0.57%, compared to 0.56% as at March 31, 2020.

Claims, benefits, annuities and changes in insurance contract liabilities

Expenses related to claims, benefits, annuities and changes in insurance contract liabilities were down \$2,277 million compared to the corresponding quarter of 2020.

Wealth Management and Life and Health Insurance segment

- Cost of claims down \$1,925 million, basically due to the following:
 - Decrease of \$1,756 million in actuarial liabilities under "Insurance contract liabilities", which included the effect of the decrease in the fair value of matched investments.
 - Decrease in travel insurance provisions and credit balance provisions recognized in the comparative quarter related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Property and Casualty Insurance segment

- Cost of claims of \$685 million, down \$357 million, or 34.3%, due to the following:
 - Favourable impact of an increase in the discount rates used to measure the provision for claims, whereas there had been an unfavourable impact in the comparative quarter because of a decrease in the discount rates. It should be mentioned that this decrease in the cost of claims was partially offset by a decrease in the value of matched bonds.
 - Loss ratio of 56.2% compared to 66.8% for the corresponding period in 2020.
 - Lower current year loss ratio compared to the corresponding period in 2020, i.e. 63.8% vs. 76.2%, basically in automobile insurance.
 - Changes in driving habits attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic had a positive impact on the current year loss ratio whereas the impact was smaller in the comparative quarter.
 - The mild weather conditions in first quarter 2021 had a favourable effect on the current year loss ratio, just as in the corresponding period of 2020.
 - Offset by the less favourable ratio of changes in prior year claims than in the comparative quarter, i.e. (7.6)% vs. (9.4)%, basically in automobile insurance.

Non-interest expense and productivity index

- Non-interest expense totalled \$2,165 million, up \$166 million, or 8.3%, compared to the first quarter of 2020, essentially because of:
 - Higher salaries due to growth in operations and indexing.
 - Increase in investments related to the continued implementation of Desjardins-wide strategic projects, in particular, for creating innovative technology platforms, privacy protection, security and improving business processes.
 - Offset by a contraction in costs from payment and financing activities at Desjardins Card Services particularly as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic situation.
- Productivity index at 66.8% for the first quarter of 2021, compared to 76.2% for the corresponding period in 2020. The improvement in the productivity index in first quarter 2021 is due to higher surplus earnings.

Income taxes

- Income taxes on surplus earnings before member dividends of \$274 million, up \$257 million compared to the first guarter of 2020.
 - Effective tax rate of 25.6% for the quarter ended March 31, 2021, up compared to 5.6% for the corresponding period in 2020. The increase in the income tax expense is due to an increase in surplus earnings compared to the first quarter of 2020, combined with an increase in the weighted average annual income tax rate expected for the full year 2021, as determined in accordance with accounting standards.

RESULTS BY BUSINESS SEGMENT

Desjardins Group's financial reporting is organized by business segments, which are defined based on the needs of members and clients, the markets in which Desjardins operates, and on its internal management structure. Desjardins Group's financial results are divided into the following three business segments: Personal and Business Services, Wealth Management and Life and Health Insurance, and Property and Casualty Insurance. In addition to these three segments, there is also the Other category. This section presents an analysis of results for each of these segments.

Intersegment transactions are recognized at the exchange amount, which represents the amount agreed upon by the various legal entities and business units. The terms and conditions of these transactions are comparable to those offered on financial markets.

Additional information about each business segment, particularly its profile, services, 2020 achievements and industry, can be found on pages 32 to 43 of Desjardins Group's 2020 annual MD&A.

Personal and Business Services

Personal and Business Services is central to Desjardins Group's operations. Through a comprehensive, integrated line of products and services designed to meet the needs of individuals, businesses, institutions, non-profit organizations and cooperatives, Desjardins Group is a leader in financial services in Québec and a player on the financial services scene in Ontario as well.

Desjardins's offer includes everyday financial management, savings transactions, payment services, wealth management, financing, specialized services, access to capital markets, development capital, business ownership transfers and advisory services, and through its distribution network, life and health insurance and property and casualty insurance products.

In addition, members and clients know that they can rely on the largest advisory force in Québec, made up of dedicated professionals who are there for them at every stage in their life or entrepreneurial growth.

To meet the constantly-changing expectations of its members and clients, Desjardins Group offers its services through the caisse network, the Desjardins Business centres and the Signature Service centres, as well as through complementary distribution networks and specialized teams, by phone, online, via applications for mobile devices, and at ATMs.

Personal and Business Services - Segment results

For the three-month periods

(in millions of dollars and as a percentage)		ended ended								
		,	December 31, 2020			arch 31, 2020				
Net interest income	\$ 1,2°	15	\$	1,277	\$	1,244				
Other operating income ⁽¹⁾	65	58		625		643				
Operating income ⁽¹⁾	1,87	73		1,902		1,887				
Investment income (loss) ⁽¹⁾	10)2		76		(26)				
Total income	1,97	75		1,978		1,861				
Provision for credit losses		6		196		319				
Non-interest expense	1,4	11		1,300		1,290				
Income taxes on surplus earnings	14	14		118		62				
Surplus earnings before member dividends	4	14		364		190				
Member dividends, net of income tax recovery		66		70		57				
Net surplus earnings for the period after member dividends	\$ 34	18	\$	294	\$	133				
Indicators										
Average gross loans and acceptances ⁽¹⁾	\$ 209,47	70	\$	206,249	\$	200,878				
Average deposits ⁽¹⁾	182,86	67		174,655		165,436				
Credit loss provisioning rate ⁽¹⁾	0.0)1%		0.38%		0.64%				
Gross credit-impaired loans/gross loans and acceptances(1)	0.9	58		0.64		0.57				
(4)										

⁽¹⁾ See "Non-GAAP measures".

COMPARISON OF THE FIRST QUARTERS OF 2021 AND 2020 - PERSONAL AND BUSINESS SERVICES

- · Surplus earnings before member dividends of \$414 million, up \$224 million. This increase was essentially due to the following:
 - Lower provision for credit losses in first quarter 2021 than in the same quarter in 2020, reflecting the impact of the deterioration in the economic outlook as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Good performance of the caisse network and Desjardins Securities Inc.

This increase was partially offset by:

- Decrease in business volumes from payment and financing activities at Desjardins Card Services as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Increase in investments, particularly related to the digital shift and security.
- Operating income of \$1,873 million, down \$14 million, or 0.7%.
 - Decrease of \$29 million in net interest income mainly as a result of the drop in average consumer and credit card loans outstanding related to the decline in purchases, which was partially offset by growth in average residential mortgages outstanding.
 - Other operating income of \$658 million, up \$15 million, or 2.3%, mainly due to:
 - Increase in income from online brokerage activities.
 - Offset by the decrease in business volumes from payment and financing activities at Desjardins Card Services as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Investment income of \$102 million, up \$128 million essentially because of:
 - Increase in activities related to derivative financial instruments due in particular to financial market volatility and credit spreads compared to first quarter 2020.
 - Higher trading income as a result of developments on financial markets.
- Total income of \$1,975 million, up \$114 million, or 6.1%.
- Provision for credit losses of \$6 million, down \$313 million, compared to the same period in 2020. While the provision for credit losses in the first quarter of 2020 reflected the significant negative impact of the deterioration in the economic outlook as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the provision for the first quarter of 2021 mainly reflected the impact of lower volumes in the credit card portfolio. The provision for credit losses in the first quarter of 2021 also reflected lower net write-offs in the credit card portfolio compared to the same period in 2020.
- Non-interest expense of \$1,411 million, up \$121 million, or 9.4%, essentially due to:
 - Business growth, especially in activities aimed at enhancing the service offer to caisse members and clients, including those related to wealth management advisory activities, *AccèsD* services and the shared services centre.
 - Increase in investments, particularly related to the digital shift and security.
 - Offset by the contraction of costs related to payment and financing activities at Desjardins Card Services, particularly as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Wealth Management and Life and Health Insurance

The Wealth Management and Life and Health Insurance segment combines different categories of service offers aimed at growing the assets of Desjardins Group members and clients and helping them protect their financial security. These offers are intended for individuals and businesses, while its group insurance and savings plans meet the needs of employees through their company, or individuals who are part of any other group.

The segment designs several lines of individual insurance (life and health) coverage as well as investment and group retirement savings solutions. The segment also includes asset management and trust services for institutional clients.

The Wealth Management and Life and Health Insurance segment's vast and diversified Canada-wide distribution networks are one of its greatest strengths:

- Desjardins caisse network.
- Desjardins agent networks.
- Desjardins Financial Security Life Assurance Company partner networks.
- External insurance and investment solution networks.
- Actuarial consulting firms and brokers.

To meet members' and clients' needs and preferences, certain product lines are also distributed directly via customer care centres, online or through applications for mobile devices. Online services are constantly being finetuned so that they properly meet clients' changing requirements.

Wealth Management and Life and Health Insurance - Segment results

(in millions of dollars)	F	For the three-month periods ended							
		Ι,	December 31, 2020			arch 31, 2020			
Net interest income	\$	-	\$	1	\$	3			
Net premiums	1,229)	•	1,240		1,217			
Other operating income ⁽¹⁾	354	l .		324		321			
Operating income ⁽¹⁾	1,583	3	•	1,565		1,541			
Investment income (loss) ⁽¹⁾	(1,737	7)		317		(43)			
Total income (loss)	(154	l)	•	1,882		1,498			
Provision for (recovery of) credit losses		•		(2)		2			
Claims, benefits, annuities and changes in insurance contract liabilities	(884	l)	•	1,048		1,041			
Non-interest expense	576	6		539		524			
Income taxes on surplus earnings	29)		48		(28)			
Net surplus earnings (deficit) for the period	\$ 125	5	\$	249	\$	(41)			
Indicators									
Net sales of savings products	\$ 3,669)	\$	229	\$	1,899			
Insurance sales	179)		90		122			
Group insurance premiums	840)		841		832			
Individual insurance premiums	222	2		238		222			
Annuity premiums	167	,		161		163			
Segregated fund receipts	1,860)		617		765			

⁽¹⁾ See "Non-GAAP measures".

COMPARISON OF THE FIRST QUARTERS OF 2021 AND 2020 - WEALTH MANAGEMENT AND LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE

- Net surplus earnings of \$125 million, compared to a net deficit of \$41 million in the first quarter of 2020, mainly due to the following items essentially related to the COVID-19 pandemic:
 - Travel insurance and credit balance insurance provisions recognized in the first quarter of 2020, i.e. at the start of the pandemic.
 - Markets' positive impact on guaranteed investment funds, whereas they had been adversely affected in the comparative quarter.
- Operating income of \$1,583 million, up \$42 million, or 2.7%.
- Net premiums of \$1,229 million, up \$12 million, or 1.0%, on account of the following:
 - Increase of \$8 million from group insurance and of \$4 million from group annuities.
- . Other operating income of \$354 million, up \$33 million, or 10.3%, mainly as a result of the increase in assets under management.

 Loss of \$1,737 million, presented under "Investment income (loss)", compared to a loss of \$43 million in the first quarter of 2020, mainly due to the following:

- Decrease in the fair value of assets backing liabilities related to life and health insurance operations.
 - · Change mostly due to fluctuations in the fair value of the bond portfolio primarily as a result of higher interest rates.
 - Decrease largely offset by the change in actuarial liabilities leading to lower expenses related to claims, benefits, annuities and changes in insurance contract liabilities.
- Lower gains on the disposal of securities and real estate investments than in 2020.
- Loss of \$154 million, presented under "Total income (loss)", compared to total income of \$1,498 million in the comparative quarter.
- Expenses related to claims, benefits, annuities and changes in insurance contract liabilities down \$1,925 million, essentially due to the following:
 - Decrease of \$1,756 million in actuarial liabilities under "Insurance contract liabilities", which included the effect of the decrease in the fair value of matched investments.
 - Lower travel insurance and credit balance insurance provisions recognized during the comparative quarter related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Non-interest expense of \$576 million, up \$52 million, or 9.9%, primarily due to the following:
 - Increase in administration costs to improve services for caisse members and clients.
 - Higher expenses as a result of the increase in assets under management.

Property and Casualty Insurance

The Property and Casualty Insurance segment offers insurance products providing coverage for the assets of Desjardins Group members and clients and guarding them against disasters. This segment includes the operations of Desjardins General Insurance Group Inc. and its subsidiaries, offering a personal line of automobile and property insurance products across Canada and also providing businesses with insurance products. Its products are distributed through property and casualty insurance agents in the Desjardins caisse network in Québec, a number of client care centres (call centres) and Desjardins Business centres, as well as through an exclusive agent network of close to 500 agencies in Ontario, Alberta and New Brunswick, which distributes P&C insurance and several other financial products. Digital services and applications for mobile devices form an integral part of the distribution strategy for each of our networks.

Desjardins General Insurance Group Inc., which has more than 3 million clients, markets its products to the Canada-wide individual and business market under the Desjardins Insurance banner, and to the group market—including members of professional associations and unions, and employers' staff—under The Personal banner.

For the three-month periods ended

(4.2)

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79.0

Property and Casualty Insurance – Segment results

Ratio of favourable changes in prior year claims(1)

(in millions of dollars and as a percentage) March 31, March 31. December 31. 2021 2020 2020 Net premiums 1,427 1,456 1,377 Other operating income (loss)(1) (30)(54)(35)Operating income⁽¹⁾ 1,373 1,421 1,347 Investment income(loss)(1) 162 114 (36)Total income 1,337 1,583 1,461 Claims, benefits, annuities and changes in insurance contract liabilities 685 741 1,042 327 329 331 Non-interest expense Income taxes on surplus earnings 77 133 17 Net surplus earnings for the period 248 \$ 378 \$ 73 Of which: Group's share \$ 218 \$ 335 \$ 60 Non-controlling interests' share 30 43 13 Indicators Gross written premiums 1.315 1.409 1.244 Loss ratio(1) 56.2% 50.8% 66.8% Current year loss ratio(1) 63.8 53.5 76.2 Loss ratio related to catastrophes and major events(1) 1.5

Expense ratio(1)

Combined ratio(1)

⁽¹⁾ See "Non-GAAP measures".

COMPARISON OF THE FIRST QUARTERS OF 2021 AND 2020 - PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE

- Net surplus earnings of \$248 million, up \$175 million compared to the first quarter of 2020, due to:
 - Lower current year loss ratio than in the comparative quarter in automobile insurance, particularly because of changes in driving habits attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Increase in investment income, excluding the change in the fair value of matched bonds.
 - Increase in net premiums.
- Operating income of \$1,373 million, up \$26 million, or 1.9%.
- Net premiums of \$1,427 million, up \$50 million, or 3.6%, reflecting the rate adjustments arising from changes in driving habits attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic, which slowed growth in the average premium.
- Loss of \$54 million, presented under "Other operating income (loss)", compared to a loss of \$30 million in first quarter 2020, as a result of the change in investment funds that benefited groups having signed agreements under The Personal banner.
- · Loss of \$36 million, presented under "Investment income (loss)", compared to income of \$114 million for the comparative quarter as a result of:
 - Decrease in the fair value of matched bonds, whereas there had been an increase in the comparative quarter, chiefly because of higher market interest rates in the first quarter of 2021, while they had declined in the comparative quarter. It should be remembered that this reduction in bond value was offset by a similar decrease in the cost of claims on account of a matching strategy.

This decrease was partially offset by the following:

- Net gains on common shares while net losses were recorded in the comparative quarter.
- Favourable results for derivative financial instruments while the results had been unfavourable in the comparative quarter.
- Total income of \$1,337 million, down \$124 million, or 8.5%.
- Cost of claims totalling \$685 million, down \$357 million, or 34.3%, as a result of:
 - Favourable impact of an increase in the discount rates used to measure the provision for claims, whereas there had been an unfavourable impact in the comparative quarter because of a decrease in the discount rates. It should be mentioned that this decrease in the cost of claims was partially offset by a decrease in the value of matched bonds.
 - Loss ratio of 56.2% compared to 66.8% for the corresponding period in 2020.
 - Lower current year loss ratio compared to the same period in 2020, i.e. 63.8% vs. 76.2%, basically in automobile insurance.
 - Changes in driving habits attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic had a favourable impact on the current year loss ratio whereas the impact was smaller in the comparative quarter.
 - The mild weather conditions in first quarter 2021 had a favourable effect on the current year loss ratio, just as in the corresponding period of 2020
 - Offset by the less favourable ratio of changes in prior year claims than in the comparative quarter, i.e. (7.6)% vs. (9.4)%, basically in automobile insurance.
- Non-interest expense of \$327 million, comparable to the amount in the same quarter in 2020.

Other category

The Other category includes financial information that is not specific to a business segment. It mainly includes treasury activities and financial intermediation between liquidity surpluses and needs of the caisses. This category also includes the results for the support functions provided by the Federation to Desjardins Group as a whole, including finance, administration, risk management, human resources, communications and marketing, as well as the Desjardins Group Security Office. It further includes the operations of Desjardins Capital Inc. and Desjardins Technology Group Inc., which encompasses all of Desjardins Group's IT operations. In addition to various adjustments required to prepare the Interim Combined Financial Statements, intersegment balance eliminations are classified in this category.

Since the third quarter of 2020, the Other category has also included the real estate operations of 9420-7404 Québec Inc., which manages two brands: DuProprio and Purplebricks Canada.

Other category

For the three-month periods

(in millions of dollars)		ended						
	March 31, 2021	December 2020	31, March 31, 2020					
Net interest income	\$ 188	\$ 17	7 \$ 106					
Net premiums	(71)	(7	0) (72)					
Other operating income (loss) ⁽¹⁾	(163)	(16	5) (167)					
Operating income (loss) ⁽¹⁾	(46)	(5	8) (133)					
Investment income (loss) ⁽¹⁾	(77)	(2	1) 9					
Total income (loss)	(123)	(7:	9) (124)					
Provision for (recovery of) credit losses	(2)	(2:	5) 3					
Claims, benefits, annuities and changes in insurance contract liabilities	(7)	(8) (12)					
Non-interest expense	(149)	163	2 (144)					
Income taxes on surplus earnings	24	(9:	3) (34)					
Net surplus earnings (deficit) for the period	\$ 11	\$ (11	5) \$ 63					

⁽¹⁾ See "Non-GAAP measures".

COMPARISON OF THE FIRST QUARTERS OF 2021 AND 2020 - CONTRIBUTION OF OTHER CATEGORY TO SURPLUS EARNINGS

- Net surplus earnings of \$11 million, compared to net surplus earnings of \$63 million for the first quarter of 2020.
- Increase in income tax expense, essentially due to slower recognition of income tax savings related to the remuneration of F capital shares, based on income tax recognition using the expected annual effective tax rate method.
- In relation to treasury activities, market rate fluctuations as well as changes in hedging positions for matching activities had an overall favourable effect on total income.
- Non-interest expense included expenses related to the continued implementation of Desjardins-wide strategic projects, in particular, for creating innovative technology platforms, privacy protection, security and improving business processes, thereby enhancing the member and client experience, improving productivity and ensuring the implementation of best practices in security. It also included commitments made regarding the GoodSpark Fund, with the aim, in particular, of providing social and economic support to the regions, and the amounts paid out under the Desjardins Member Advantages program.

SUMMARY OF INTERIM RESULTS

The table below presents a summary of data related to the results for Desjardins Group's most recent eight quarters.

Results of the most recent eight quarters

(in millions of dollars)	2021		2	2020			2019	
	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2	Q1	Q4	Q3	Q2
Net interest income	\$ 1,403	\$ 1,455	\$ 1,464	\$ 1,368	\$ 1,353	\$ 1,383	\$ 1,363	\$ 1,290
Net premiums	2,585	2,626	2,534	2,238	2,522	2,527	2,326	2,242
Other operating income ⁽¹⁾								
Deposit and payment service charges	99	104	96	83	105	109	116	103
Lending fees and credit card service revenues	187	165	126	141	196	185	193	186
Brokerage and investment fund services	273	243	235	235	241	226	223	223
Management and custodial service fees	169	168	152	147	150	155	148	140
Foreign exchange income	30	21	22	14	46	12	11	27
Other	37	48	14	58	29	341	12	9
Operating income ⁽¹⁾	4,783	4,830	4,643	4,284	4,642	4,938	4,392	4,220
Investment income (loss) ⁽¹⁾								
Net investment income (loss)	(1,602	646	304	2,624	(458)	(93)	608	1,052
Overlay approach adjustment for insurance operations								
financial assets	(146)	(112)	(143)	(299)	512	(22)	(13)	10
Investment income (loss) ⁽¹⁾	(1,748	534	161	2,325	54	(115)	595	1,062
Total income	3,035	5,364	4,804	6,609	4,696	4,823	4,987	5,282
Provision for (recovery of) credit losses	4	169	99	271	324	113	154	(11)
Claims, benefits, annuities and changes in insurance								
contract liabilities	(206)	1,781	1,775	3,606	2,071	1,411	2,247	2,345
Non-interest expense	2,165	2,332	1,954	2,012	1,999	2,172	1,861	2,069
Income taxes on surplus earnings	274	206	247	191	17	192	155	187
Surplus earnings before member dividends	798	876	729	529	285	935	570	692
Member dividends, net of income tax recovery	66	70	60	58	57	57	60	58
Net surplus earnings for the period after member dividends	\$ 732	\$ 806	\$ 669	\$ 471	\$ 228	\$ 878	\$ 510	\$ 634
Of which:								
Group's share	\$ 702	\$ 763	\$ 648	\$ 464	\$ 215	\$ 858	\$ 499	\$ 616
Non-controlling interests' share	30	43	21	7	13	20	11	18

⁽¹⁾ See "Non-GAAP measures".

Quarterly income, expenses and surplus earnings before member dividends are affected by certain trends, including seasonal variations, and by changes in general economic conditions and the financial markets. In the past year, the quarters were affected by the public health crisis related to the COVID-19 pandemic, leading to significant fluctuations in quarterly results, compared to those normally recognized by Desjardins. The results of the fourth quarter of 2019, on the other hand, were affected by the sale to Global Payments of the entire portfolio of merchants receiving Desjardins Group services under the Monetico brand, completed on December 31, 2019. For more information about quarterly trends, see pages 47 and 48 of the 2020 annual MD&A.

BALANCE SHEET REVIEW

BALANCE SHEET MANAGEMENT

Combined Balance Sheets

(in millions of dollars and as a percentage) As at March 31, 2021		31, 2021	As at December 31, 2020	
Assets				
Cash and deposits with financial institutions	\$ 19,853	5.3%	\$ 12,126	3.3%
Securities	83,429	22.1	87,668	24.2
Securities borrowed or purchased under reverse repurchase agreements	13,634	3.6	9,658	2.7
Net loans and acceptances	215,005	57.0	211,749	58.5
Segregated fund net assets	20,662	5.5	19,093	5.3
Derivative financial instruments	5,585	1.5	5,820	1.6
Other assets	18,813	5.0	15,921	4.4
Total assets	\$ 376,981	100.0%	\$ 362,035	100.0%
Liabilities and equity				
Deposits	\$ 230,919	61.2%	\$ 225,236	62.2%
Commitments related to securities sold short	11,589	3.1	9,353	2.6
Commitments related to securities lent or sold under repurchase agreements	21,883	5.8	19,152	5.3
Derivative financial instruments	5,236	1.4	4,884	1.3
Insurance contract liabilities	32,822	8.7	34,827	9.6
Segregated fund net liabilities	20,660	5.5	19,089	5.3
Other liabilities	20,755	5.5	17,738	4.9
Subordinated notes	1,473	0.4	1,493	0.4
Equity	31,644	8.4	30,263	8.4
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 376,981	100.0%	\$ 362,035	100.0%

Assets

As at March 31, 2021, Desjardins Group's total assets stood at \$377.0 billion, up by \$14.9 billion, or 4.1%, since December 31, 2020. This growth was largely due to an increase in cash and deposits with financial institutions, securities borrowed or purchased under reverse repurchase agreements, and net loans and acceptances, partially offset by the decrease in securities.

Desjardins Group's cash and deposits with financial institutions were up \$7.7 billion, or 63.7%. Securities borrowed or purchased under reverse repurchase agreements increased by \$4.0 billion, or 41.2%, while securities decreased by \$4.2 billion, or 4.8%.

Desjardins Group's outstanding loan portfolio, including acceptances, net of the allowance for credit losses, increased by \$3.3 billion, or 1.5%. Residential mortgages, which have a very important place in Desjardins Group's credit activities, were responsible for this growth and accounted for 64.0% of its portfolio as at March 31, 2021.

Loans and acceptances

(in millions of dollars and as a percentage)	As at March 31, 2021		As at Decemb	er 31, 2020
Residential mortgages	\$ 138,438	64.0%	\$ 136,208	64.0%
Consumer, credit card and other personal loans	24,789	11.5	25,310	11.9
Business and government	52,842	24.5	51,343	24.1
	216,069	100.0%	212,861	100.0%
Allowance for credit losses	(1,064)		(1,112)	
Total loans and acceptances by borrower category	\$ 215,005		\$ 211,749	

Desjardins Group's residential mortgages were up \$2.2 billion, or 1.6%, since December 31, 2020. Desjardins Group was able to capitalize on the sustained growth in housing activity, particularly in Québec. Outstanding business and government loans, including acceptances, increased by \$1.5 billion, or 2.9%. Consumer, credit card and other personal loans outstanding were down \$521 million, or 2.1%, since the end of 2020, essentially because of the decrease in credit card loans outstanding related in particular to the decline in purchases during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Information on the quality of Desjardins Group's credit portfolio can be found in the "Risk management" section, on pages 31 and 32 of this MD&A.

Segregated fund net assets were up \$1.6 billion, or 8.2%, on account of changes in policyholders.

Derivative financial instrument assets were down by \$235 million, or 4.0%, particularly because of developments on financial markets.

Other assets increased by \$2.9 billion, or 18.2%, mainly as a result of the higher amounts receivable from clients, brokers and financial institutions.

Liabilities

Desjardins Group's total liabilities amounted to \$345.3 billion as at March 31, 2021, up \$13.6 billion, or 4.1%, since December 31, 2020, largely due to the increase in deposits and commitments related to securities sold short and lent or sold under repurchase agreements.

Outstanding deposits grew by \$5.7 billion, or 2.5%. The increase in business and government deposits, which comprised 43.1% of Desjardins Group's total deposit portfolio as at the same date, partly accounted for this growth. In fact, these outstanding deposits were up \$2.8 billion, or 2.9%, particularly because of growth in member deposits in the caises network. Various securities, including medium-term notes and covered bonds, issued on U.S., Canadian and European markets, made it possible to support the growth of Desjardins Group's funding requirements.

Deposits

(in millions of dollars and as a percentage)	As at March	31, 2021	As at Decemb	er 31, 2020
Individuals	\$ 129,676	56.2%	\$ 127,928	56.8%
Business and government	99,638	43.1	96,853	43.0
Deposit-taking institutions	1,605	0.7	455	0.2
Total deposits	\$ 230,919	100.0%	\$ 225,236	100.0%

Personal deposits outstanding, which accounted for 56.2% of the total deposit portfolio, increased by \$1.7 billion, or 1.4%, because of growth in member deposits in the caisse network. Deposits from deposit-taking institutions were up by \$1.2 billion.

Commitments related to securities sold short and lent or sold under repurchase agreements increased by \$5.0 billion, or 17.4%, to reach a volume of \$33.5 billion.

Derivative financial instrument liabilities were up \$352 million, or 7.2%, notably because of developments on financial markets.

Desjardins Group's insurance contract liabilities were down by \$2.0 billion, or 5.8%, largely as a result of actuarial liabilities arising from life and health insurance operations.

Segregated fund net liabilities increased by \$1.6 billion, or 8.2%, mainly because of changes in policyholders.

Other liabilities grew by \$3.0 billion, or 17.0%, due to the higher amounts payable to clients, brokers and financial institutions.

Equity

Equity was up \$1.4 billion, or 4.6%, since December 31, 2020. Net surplus earnings after member dividends, totalling \$732 million for the first three months of 2021, and other comprehensive income of \$660 million were the primary sources of this growth.

Note 22, "Capital stock", and Note 23, "Share capital", to the Annual Combined Financial Statements provide additional information about Desjardins Group's capital stock and share capital.

CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

Capital management is crucial to the financial management of Desjardins Group. Its goal is to ensure that the capital level and structure of Desjardins Group and its components are consistent with their risk profile, distinctive nature and cooperative objectives. Capital management must also ensure that the capital structure is adequate in terms of protection for members and clients, and regulators' expectations and requirements. In addition, it must optimize the allocation of capital and internal capital flow mechanisms, and support growth, development and asset risk management at Desjardins Group. Additional information on the Integrated Capital Management Framework can be found in the "Capital management" section of Desjardins Group's 2020 annual MD&A.

Regulatory framework and internal policies

Desjardins Group's capital management is the responsibility of the Federation's Board of Directors. To support it with this task, it has mandated the Management Committee, through the Finance and Risk Management Committee, to ensure that Desjardins Group has a sufficient capital base in light of the organization's strategic objectives and regulatory obligations. The Finance, Treasury and Administration Executive Division is responsible for preparing, on an annual basis, a capitalization plan to forecast capital trends, devise strategies and recommend action plans for achieving capital objectives and targets.

The current situation and the forecasts show that overall, Desjardins Group has a solid capital base that maintains it among the best-capitalized financial institutions.

Desjardins Group's regulatory capital ratios are calculated according to the AMF's Guideline on adequacy of capital base standards for financial services cooperatives (the guideline). This guideline takes into account the global regulatory framework for more resilient banks and banking systems (Basel III) issued by the Bank for International Settlements.

Under this framework, a minimum amount of capital must be maintained on a combined basis by all the Desjardins Group components. Some of these components are subject to separate requirements regarding regulatory capital, liquidity and funding, which are set by regulatory authorities governing banks, insurers and securities, in particular. Desjardins Group oversees and manages the capital requirements of these entities to ensure efficient use of capital and continuous compliance with the applicable regulation.

In this regard, it should be mentioned that the life and health insurance subsidiaries under provincial jurisdiction are subject to the Capital Adequacy Requirements Guideline (CARLI) issued by the AMF. The property and casualty insurance subsidiaries under provincial jurisdiction must comply with the Guideline on Capital Adequacy Requirements issued by the AMF. The property and casualty insurance subsidiaries under federal jurisdiction must comply with the OSFI's Minimum Capital Test Guideline for federally regulated property and casualty insurance companies.

For the purpose of calculating capital, Desjardins Financial Corporation Inc., the holding corporation that mainly includes the insurance companies, has been deconsolidated and presented as a partial capital deduction under the rules for significant investments stated in the guideline. Furthermore, Desjardins Financial Corporation Inc. is subject to the AMF's CARLI guideline.

In addition, the Total Loss Absorbing Capacity Guideline (TLAC Guideline) issued by the AMF took effect on March 31, 2019. As of April 1, 2022, Desjardins Group will be required to maintain at all times a minimum loss absorbing capacity composed of unsecured external long-term debt that meets the target criteria, or regulatory capital instruments to support its recapitalization in the event of a failure.

Under the TLAC Guideline, the AMF expects Desjardins Group to maintain a risk-based TLAC ratio of at least 21.5% of risk-weighted assets as well as a TLAC leverage ratio of at least 6.75% as of the second quarter of 2022. For this purpose, Desjardins Group started issuing TLAC-eligible debt on October 1, 2019 and expects to be able to meet the minimum requirements when they take effect.

The following table presents a summary of the target regulatory ratios set by the AMF under Basel III.

Summary of ratios regulated by the AMF under Basel III(1)(2)

(as a percentage)		imum atio	Capital conservation buffer	includi cons	num ratio ing capital ervation uffer	Supplement applying to D-SIFIs ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	capital o	ratio including conservation d supplement g to D-SIFIs	Capital and leverage ratio as at March 31, 2021
Tier 1A capital	>	4.5%	2.5%	>	7.0%	1.0%	>	8.0%	22.1%
Tier 1 capital	>	6.0	2.5	>	8.5	1.0	>	9.5	22.1
Total capital	>	8.0	2.5	>	10.5	1.0	>	11.5	22.6
Leverage ratio	>	3.5	N/A	>	3.5	N/A	>	3.5	8.7

(1) The capital ratios are expressed as a percentage of regulatory capital to risk-weighted assets, as required in the guideline.

(2) The leverage ratio is calculated by dividing Tier 1 capital by the exposure measure, which is an independent measure of risk and includes: 1) on-balance sheet exposures, 2) securities financing transaction exposures, 3) derivative exposures, and 4) other off-balance sheet items.

(3) In June 2013, the AMF determined that Desjardins Group met the criteria for designation as a domestic systemically important financial institution (D-SIFI). Since January 1, 2016, Desjardins Group has therefore been subject, as a D-SIFI, to an additional capital requirement of 1% on its minimum capital ratios.

(4) At its discretion, the AMF may also set higher target ratios when warranted by circumstances. In this regard, since March 31, 2019, the AMF could activate the countercyclical buffer when it considers that excess credit growth is associated with a build-up of system-wide risk. Based on this assessment, a countercyclical buffer requirement representing between 0% and 2.5% of total risk-weighted assets (RWA) will be put in place when circumstances warrant. This requirement will be lifted when the risk either crystallizes or dissipates.

Regulatory developments

Desjardins Group continues to monitor changes in capital requirements under the global standards developed by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS) and to assess their impact on the capital ratios and the leverage ratio. Additional information in this regard can be found in Desjardins Group's 2020 annual MD&A on page 54. This section also presents the measures issued by the AMF since March 31, 2020, aimed at minimizing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and thereby support Québec's financial system. The "Changes in the regulatory environment" section presents additional details on regulation as it affects all Desjardins Group operations.

On February 1, 2021, the AMF issued a notice to the effect that the guaranteed portion of a loan granted under the BDC's Highly Affected Sectors Credit Availability Program (HASCAP) is treated as a Government of Canada exposure, and the residual portion not covered by the guarantee is considered to be a borrower exposure. The total amount of the loan is included in the calculation of the leverage ratio.

On March 17, 2021, the AMF announced that the relief measure granted at the beginning of the pandemic aimed at reducing the stressed Value-at-Risk multiplier under market risk from 3 to 1 would expire on April 30, 2021.

Compliance with requirements

As at March 31, 2021, the Tier 1A, Tier 1 and total capital ratios of Desjardins Group, calculated in accordance with Basel III requirements, were 22.1%, 22.1% and 22.6%, respectively. The leverage ratio was 8.7%. Desjardins Group therefore has very good capitalization, with a Tier 1A capital ratio above the 15% target.

As at March 31, 2021, the Tier 1A capital ratio was up 20 basis points compared to December 31, 2020, due to the increase in reserves and surplus earnings as well as the decrease in defined benefit plan liabilities as at March 31, 2021, partially offset by growth in risk-weighted assets.

Desjardins Group and all its components that are subject to minimum regulatory requirements with respect to capitalization were in compliance with said requirements as at March 31, 2021.

Regulatory capital

The following tables present Desjardins Group's main capital components, regulatory capital balances, risk-weighted assets, capital ratios, and movements in capital during the period.

Main capital components

		Total capital	
	Tier 1 d	apital	— Tier 2 capital
	Tier 1A ⁽¹⁾	Tier 1B ⁽¹⁾	Tier 2 Capital
Eligible items	Reserves and undistributed surplus earnings Eligible accumulated other comprehensive income F capital shares Caisse permanent shares and surplus	Non-controlling interests ⁽²⁾	 General allowance Senior notes subject to phase-out NVCC subordinated notes⁽³⁾ Eligible qualifying shares
	shares subject to phase-out • Eligible portion of general allowance ⁽⁴⁾		
Regulatory adjustments	Goodwill Software Other intangible assets Deferred tax assets essentially resulting from loss carryforwards Shortfall in allowance		
Deductions	 Mainly significant investments in financial entities⁽⁵⁾ 	 Investment in preferred shares of a component deconsolidated for regulatory capital purposes 	 Investment in preferred shares of a component deconsolidated for regulatory capital purposes Subordinated financial instrument

⁽¹⁾ The Tier 1A and Tier 1B ratios are the equivalent of the financial institutions' CET1 and AT1 ratios, for financial services cooperatives regulated by the AMF.

(2) The amount of non-controlling interests is determined, in particular, based on the nature of the operations and the capitalization level of the investee.

(4) On March 31, 2020, the AMF published transitional provisions stipulating that a portion of the general allowance initially included in Tier 2 capital could be included in Tier 1A capital. For more information, see the "Capital management" section in the 2020 annual MD&A.

Regulatory capital, risk-weighted assets and capital ratios

(in millions of dollars and as a percentage)	As at March 31, 2021	As at December 31, 2020
Capital		
Tier 1A capital	\$ 27,503	\$ 26,317
Tier 1 capital	27,503	26,317
Total capital	28,118	27,114
Risk-weighted assets		
Credit risk	\$ 106,309	\$ 103,658
Market risk	2,861	2,561
Operational risk	13,822	13,705
Total risk-weighted assets before the RWA floor	122,992	119,924
RWA floor adjustment	1,412	177
Total risk-weighted assets	\$ 124,404	\$ 120,101
Ratios and leverage ratio exposure		
Tier 1A capital	22.1%	21.9%
Tier 1 capital	22.1	21.9
Total capital	22.6	22.6
Leverage	8.7	8.5
Leverage ratio exposure	\$ 314,328	\$ 307,925

⁽³⁾ These notes meet the Non-Viability Contingent Capital (NVCC) requirements of the guideline. To be eligible, the notes must include a clause requiring the full and permanent conversion into a Tier 1A capital instrument at the point of non-viability.

⁽⁵⁾ Represent the portion of investments in the components deconsolidated for regulatory capital purposes (mainly Desjardins Financial Corporation Inc.) that exceeds 10% of capital net of regulatory adjustments. In addition, when the non-deducted balance, plus deferred tax assets net of corresponding deferred tax liabilities, exceeds 15% of the adjusted capital, the surplus is also deducted from this capital. The net non-deducted balance is subject to risk-weighting at a rate of 250%.

In compliance with Basel III requirements, capital instruments that no longer meet the eligibility criteria for capital tiers have been excluded from them effective January 1, 2013, as prescribed. In accordance with the transitional provisions set out in the guideline, instruments that meet certain conditions are being phased out from capital at an annual rate of 10% until January 1, 2022. These instruments include permanent shares and surplus shares issued before September 12, 2010, which totalled \$2.1 billion.

In addition, the subordinated notes issued by Desjardins Capital Inc. are also subject to the 10% amortization. In order to be fully eligible for Tier 2 capital, such notes must meet Non-Viability Contingent Capital (NVCC) requirements.

The Federation is able to issue NVCC instruments on Canadian, U.S. and European markets. In the second quarter of 2020, it issued \$1.0 billion of such securities.

Change in regulatory capital

For the three-month periods ended

(in millions of dollars)	March 31, 2021
Tier 1A capital	
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 26,317
Increase in reserves and undistributed surplus earnings ⁽¹⁾	1,660
Eligible accumulated other comprehensive income	(304)
Permanent shares and surplus shares subject to phase-out	(15)
Deductions	(155)
Balance at end of period	27,503
Total Tier 1 capital ⁽²⁾	27,503
Tier 2 capital	
Balance at beginning of period	797
Eligible instruments	(3)
Senior notes subject to phase-out	(186)
General allowance	7
Deductions	-
Balance at end of period	615
Total capital	\$ 28,118

⁽¹⁾ Amount including the change in defined benefit pension plan liabilities.

Risk-weighted assets (RWA)

Desjardins Group calculates risk-weighted assets for credit risk, market risk and operational risk.

Credit risk

- Desjardins uses the Internal Ratings-Based Approach for credit risk.
- Since March 2009, the Internal Ratings-Based Approach has been used for credit risk related to retail exposures Personal.
- Since December 2019, the Internal Ratings-Based Approach has been used for most exposures in the asset classes consisting of sovereign borrowers, financial institutions, businesses and SMEs similar to other retail client exposures.
- The Standardized Approach is used to measure the credit risk of certain exposures related to components of lesser importance, as well as asset classes that are not significant in terms of amount and perceived risk profile.

Market risk

- Since September 2018, Desjardins Group has been using market risk internal models for trading portfolios.
- The Standardized Approach is used for foreign exchange risk and commodity risk in the banking portfolio.

Operational risk

Since June 2017, Desjardins Group has been using the Standardized Approach to calculate operational risk.

Desjardins is also subject to an RWA floor. When the RWA modelled are lower than the RWA calculated using the Standardized Approach multiplied by a factor set by the AMF, the difference is added to the denominator of the regulatory capital, as specified in the Guideline on adequacy of capital base standards for financial services cooperatives issued by the AMF.

RWA totalled \$124.4 billion as at March 31, 2021, up \$4.3 billion compared to the previous quarter.

For credit risk, changes in RWA for the first quarter of 2021 are divided into two segments: credit risk other than counterparty risk, and counterparty risk. In credit risk other than counterparty risk, the net increase of \$2.6 billion in RWA was mainly the result of changes in methods and policies, which led to a \$977 million increase in RWA, changes in portfolio size, which caused a \$664 million increase in RWA, as well as the updating of models, which resulted in a \$548 million increase in RWA. In counterparty risk, a slight \$64 million increase in RWA was basically due to the updating of models, offset by changes in portfolio quality and size.

In market risk, a \$300 million increase in RWA resulted from a change in risk levels.

An increase of \$117 million in RWA was noted in operational risk as a result of fluctuations in the income generated.

⁽²⁾ No Tier 1B capital instrument has been issued to date.

The RWA floor adjustment as previously defined caused RWA to increase by \$1.2 billion since December 31, 2020, mainly due to changes in portfolio size and quality, partially offset by the updating of models and changes in methods and policies.

OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

In the normal course of operations, Desjardins Group enters into various off-balance sheet arrangements, including assets under management and under administration on behalf of its members and clients, credit instruments, guarantees, participation in government loan programs and structured entities, including securitization. Additional information can be found in the "Off-balance sheet arrangements" section of Desjardins Group's 2020 annual MD&A.

Note 13, "Interests in other entities", and Note 29, "Commitments, guarantees and contingent liabilities", to Desjardins Group's Annual Combined Financial Statements contain information about structured entities, credit instruments and guarantees, while Note 8, "Derecognition of financial assets", to the Annual Combined Financial Statements provides information about participation in government loan programs and the securitization of Desjardins Group's loans.

Assets under management and under administration

As at March 31, 2021, Desjardins Group administered, for the account of its members and clients, assets worth \$464.7 billion, for an increase of \$6.5 billion, or 1.4% since December 31, 2020. The financial assets entrusted to Desjardins Group as wealth manager totalled \$77.2 billion as at March 31, 2021, down \$305 million, or 0.4%, since December 31, 2020.

Assets under management and under administration by Desjardins Group are comprised essentially of financial assets in the form of investment funds, securities held in custody and assets accumulated by pension funds. They do not belong to Desjardins Group, but to its members and clients and, as a result, they are not recognized on the Combined Balance Sheets. The Wealth Management segment is primarily responsible for the activities related to assets under management and under administration.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATED TO CERTAIN RISK EXPOSURES

The following tables provide details about more complex financial instruments that carry a higher risk.

Asset-backed securities

(in millions of dollars)	As at March 31, 2021 As at December 31, 2020		ber 31, 2020	
	Notional	Fair	Notional	Fair
	amounts	value	amounts	value
Financial asset-backed and mortgage-backed securities ⁽¹⁾	\$ 77	\$ 79	\$ 97	\$ 97

⁽¹⁾ None of the securities held is directly backed by subprime residential mortgage loans. These securities are presented under "Securities at fair value through profit or loss" and "Securities at fair value through other comprehensive income" on the Combined Balance Sheets.

Leveraged finance loans and subprime loans

(in millions of dollars)	As at March 31, 2021	As at December 31, 2020
Leveraged finance loans ⁽¹⁾	\$ 214	\$ 325
Alt-A mortgage loans ⁽²⁾	12	12
Subprime residential mortgage loans ⁽³⁾	3	3

⁽¹⁾ Leveraged finance loans are defined as loans to large corporations and finance companies whose credit rating is between BB+ and D, and whose level of indebtedness is very high compared to other companies in the same industry.

RISK MANAGEMENT

RISK MANAGEMENT

Desjardins Group's objective in risk management is to optimize the risk-return trade-off by developing and applying integrated risk management strategies, frameworks, practices and procedures to all of the organization's business sectors and support functions. To this end, Desjardins developed an Integrated Risk Management Framework reflective of its business strategies and organizational risk-taking philosophy which is aimed, among other things, at giving its senior management and the Federation's Board of Directors an appropriate level of confidence and comfort regarding the understanding and management of the risks associated with the achievement of its objectives.

Desjardins Group is exposed to different types of risk in the normal course of its operations, including credit risk, market risk, liquidity risk, operational risk, insurance risk, strategic risk, reputational risk, risk related to pension plans, environmental or social risk and risk related to the regulatory and legal environment.

⁽²⁾ Alt-A mortgage loans are defined as loans to borrowers with non-standard income documentation. These loans are presented on the Combined Balance Sheets under "Loans — Residential mortgages" and are measured at amortized cost.

⁽³⁾ Subprime residential mortgage loans are defined as loans to borrowers with a high credit risk profile. Subprime residential mortgages are recorded on the Combined Balance Sheets under "Loans – Residential mortgages" and are measured at amortized cost.

Strict and effective management of these risks is a priority for Desjardins Group, its purpose being to support its major orientations, particularly regarding its financial soundness as well as its sustained and profitable growth, while complying with regulatory requirements. Desjardins Group considers risk an inextricable part of its development, and consequently strives to promote a proactive approach in which each of its business segments, employees and managers is responsible for risk management.

In the first three months of fiscal 2021, Desjardins Group's governance structure, frameworks and practices for risk management, and the nature and description of the risks to which it is exposed (including operational risk, insurance risk, strategic risk, reputational risk, risk related to pension plans, environmental or social risk and risk related to the regulatory and legal environment) did not change significantly from those described on pages 65 to 99 of Desjardins Group's 2020 annual MD&A. In addition to these types of risk, other risk factors, which are beyond Desjardins Group's control, could have an impact on its future results. These principal risks and emerging risks, as well as other risk factors, did not change significantly from those described on pages 62 to 64 of Desjardins Group's 2020 annual MD&A.

The COVID-19 pandemic and its associated risks are the primary situation being monitored by Desjardins Group. Much work has been done by Desjardins to deal with this, and the impact and developments of the COVID-19 pandemic are still subject to ongoing supervision. The pandemic has had and will continue to have repercussions on the risks to which Desjardins Group is exposed. Desjardins is closely monitoring developments in these risks to ensure the sustainability of its operations during the crisis. Below you will find the pandemic's main impact on some of the principal types of risk at Desjardins:

Market risk

- Market data are significantly affected by the global pandemic. Therefore, the extreme volatility during the first quarter of 2020 is reflected in the data histories of subsequent quarters. Given that the VaR model uses one-year data histories, the data observed continue to have an impact on current VaR levels.

Credit risk – Portfolio quality

- The quality of the credit portfolio has remained stable since the second quarter of 2020. A possible increase in delinquencies is being monitored.

Credit risk – Provisioning

 Despite the continued application of public health measures and closures of certain sectors, delinquencies and defaults did not increase as anticipated. Consequently, the expected credit losses recognized because of the anticipated effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have not materialized for the time being, but an increase in bankruptcies over the coming months could bring about these expected losses. Desjardins Group continues to monitor developments in the situation.

• Insurance risk - Life and Health Insurance

- The evolution of the experience as a result of the pandemic continues to be monitored, in particular for disability and mortality.

Insurance risk – Property and Casualty Insurance

- Given COVID-19 public health measures, claims, particularly in automobile insurance, have been declining since the beginning of the pandemic. The Property and Casualty Insurance segment has provided support to its insured clients by applying rate adjustments due to changes in driving habits because of the COVID-19 pandemic, which slowed down growth in the average premium. The P&C Insurance segment also adjusted its programs with the launch of a new version of Ajusto based on modified use of the motor vehicle driven. Ajusto is a telematics program providing personalized feedback on driving and is used to reflect the changes in insured clients' driving habits.
- There is still uncertainty about growth in premiums versus claims, the likely increase in fraud and potential civil liability claims for businesses. Additional margins are included in loss reserves and unearned premiums.

Liquidity risk

- In order to prevent liquidity from drying up, the Government of Canada has set up exceptional liquidity granting programs to facilitate access to funding from financial institutions. The use of these programs by Desjardins Group and growth in deposits have resulted in very high liquidity ratios. With the stabilization of market conditions, certain programs have expired and the liquidity level remains high.

Operational risks – Information security

- Given the massive increase in telework, remote monitoring has been reinforced, including on applications with confidential data. The adequacy of the working environment for all employees has been assessed to ensure compliance with information security standards.

Operational risks – Technology

- The robustness and monitoring of technology infrastructures were enhanced in order to better meet performance needs for telework and the increased use of digital services by our members and clients. Enhanced monitoring of infrastructure stability has been put in place.

Operational risks – Business continuity

- The risk of abnormal absenteeism caused by a third wave of COVID-19 affecting Desjardins employees and their families is being monitored, and business continuity plans are adjusted and finetuned on an ongoing basis to ensure backup of operations. The risk of exhausting resources, which increased due to the resulting disruptions in operations, and the abnormally fast pace of work are still also being monitored.

Operational risks – Third parties

- The pandemic is heightening third party risk. There is increased monitoring, in particular, of major suppliers' business continuity strategies. Furthermore, special attention is being paid to their financial health.

In order to mitigate this impact, Desjardins Group has increased the frequency of its risk management activities, which are set out in Section 4 of Desjardins Group's 2020 annual MD&A. For more information about the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the measures implemented by Desjardins Group, please see "Significant events – COVID-19 pandemic" in Desjardins Group's 2020 annual MD&A and in this MD&A, which presents certain factors that could add to the risks described above and those presented in Desjardins Group's 2020 annual MD&A.

CREDIT RISK

Credit risk is the risk of losses resulting from a borrower's, guarantor's, issuer's or counterparty's failure to honour its contractual obligations, whether or not such obligations appear on the Combined Balance Sheets.

Desjardins Group is exposed to credit risk first through its direct personal, business and government loans. It is also exposed through various other commitments, including letters of credit and transactions involving derivative financial instruments as well as securities transactions.

During the current COVID-19 pandemic, Desjardins Group has put forward several relief measures to support its members and clients and mitigate the impact of this crisis. Government authorities have also set up a number of programs to stabilize the situation and bolster the economy. Although future repercussions are still uncertain, the credit portfolio is being strictly monitored to take into consideration more or less long-term impacts.

Quality of loan portfolio

As at March 31, 2021, in accordance with Note 5, "Loans and allowance for credit losses", to the Interim Combined Financial Statements, the loss allowance for expected credit losses on loans totalled \$1,064 million, down \$48 million compared to December 31, 2020, mainly as a result of the decline in credit card portfolio volumes. For more information about the methodology and assumptions used to estimate the loss allowance for expected credit losses, please refer to Note 5, "Loans and allowance for credit losses", to the Interim Combined Financial Statements.

Gross credit-impaired loans outstanding are considered Stage 3 loans of the impairment model. The ratio of gross credit-impaired loans, as a percentage of the total gross loans and acceptances portfolio, was 0.57% for the first quarter of 2021, compared to 0.62% as at December 31, 2020. The allowance for credit losses on credit-impaired loans totalled \$313 million as at March 31, 2021, resulting in a provisioning rate of 25.3% for credit-impaired loans.

The following table presents the aging of gross loans that are past due but not credit-impaired.

Gross loans past due but not credit-impaired

As at March 31 2021

(in millions of dollars)	1 to 29 days	30 to 59 days	60 to 89 days	90 days or more	Total
Residential mortgages	\$ 1,114	\$ 147	\$ 24	\$ -	\$ 1,285
Consumer, credit card and other personal loans	435	112	38	36	621
Business and government	135	39	9	-	183
	\$ 1,684	\$ 298	\$ 71	\$ 36	\$ 2,089
As at December 31, 2020 (in millions of dollars)	1 to 29 days	30 to 59 days	60 to 89 days	90 days or more	Total
Residential mortgages	\$ 1,305	\$ 150	\$ 31	\$ 1	\$ 1,487
Consumer, credit card and other personal loans	551	138	55	46	790
Business and government	192	98	14	1	305
	\$ 2.048	\$ 386	\$ 100	\$ 48	\$ 2,582

The following tables present gross credit-impaired loans by Desjardins Group borrower category and the change in the gross credit-impaired loan balance.

Gross credit-impaired loans by borrower category

(in millions of dollars and as a percentage)		As at December 31, 2020					
	Gross carrying amount Gross loans Gross credit- and impaired acceptances loans		Allowance for credit losses on credit-impaired loans	Net credit- impaired loans	Gross credit- impaired loans	Net credit- impaired loans	
Residential mortgages Consumer, credit card and other	\$ 138,438	\$ 323 0.23%	\$ 26	\$ 297	\$ 374	\$ 345	
personal loans	24,789	186 0.75	109	77	212	86	
Business and government	52,842	727 1.38	178	549	737	556	
Total loans	\$ 216,069	\$1,236 0.57%	\$ 313	\$ 923	\$ 1,323	\$ 987	

Change in gross credit-impaired loans

For the three-month periods

(in millions of dollars)		ended							
	March 31, 2021	Dec	December 31, 2020		rch 31, 2020				
Gross credit-impaired loans at the beginning of the period	\$ 1,323	\$	1,340	\$	1,142				
Gross loans that became credit-impaired since the last period	608		851		483				
Loans returned to unimpaired status	(699)		(772)		(407)				
Write-offs and recoveries	(56)		(114)		(105)				
Other changes	60		18		54				
Gross credit-impaired loans at the end of the period	\$ 1,236	\$	1,323	\$	1,167				

Counterparty and issuer risk

Counterparty and issuer risk is a credit risk relative to different types of securities, derivative financial instrument and securities lending transactions.

The Risk Management Executive Division sets the maximum exposure for each counterparty and issuer based on quantitative and qualitative criteria. In addition, limits are set for certain financial instruments. The amounts are then allocated to different components based on their needs. Growth in Desjardins Group's securities portfolio increases exposure to economic losses when credit spreads widen. This exposure impacts net income.

A large proportion of Desjardins Group's exposure is to the different levels of government in Canada, Québec public and parapublic entities and major Canadian banks. For most of these counterparties and issuers, the credit rating is A- or higher. Apart from the U.S. sovereign debt holdings and commitments with major international banks, Desjardins Group's exposure to foreign entities is low.

MARKET RISK

Market risk refers to the risk of changes in the fair value of financial instruments resulting from fluctuations in the parameters affecting this value, in particular, interest rates, exchange rates, credit spreads and their volatility.

Desjardins Group is exposed to market risk through its trading activities, which result primarily from short-term transactions conducted with the intention of profiting from current price movements or to provide arbitrage revenue. Desjardins Group is also exposed to market risk through its non-trading activities, which group together mainly asset/liability management transactions in the course of its traditional banking activities as well as investment portfolios related to its insurance operations. Desjardins Group and its components have adopted policies that set out the principles, limits and procedures to use in managing market risk.

Governance

Desjardins Group's components are primarily structured into different legal entities to deliver products and services that can be distributed to Desjardins Group members and clients. These legal entities manage financial instruments exposed to market risk and are subject to different regulatory environments such as the banking, securities brokerage, wealth management, life and health insurance and property and casualty insurance industries. The board of directors of these entities delegate to various committees the responsibility of setting up systems and procedures to establish measures adapted to their operations and regulatory environments. These measures, together with the appropriate follow-up procedures, are incorporated into their respective policies and guidelines. The function of the Risk Management Executive Division is to monitor these measures and ensure compliance with the said policies. The main measures used and their follow-up processes are described below.

Link between market risk and the Combined Balance Sheets

The following table presents the link between the main Combined Balance Sheet data and the positions included in trading activities and non-trading activities. The principal market risks associated with non-trading activities are also indicated in the table.

Link between market risk and the Combined Balance Sheets

As at March 31, 2021

AS at March 31, 2021		Exposed to					
(in millions of dollars)	Combined Balance Sheets	Trading activities ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	Non-trading activities ⁽³⁾	Not exposed to market risk	Principal risks associated with non-trading activities		
Assets							
Cash and deposits with financial							
institutions	\$ 19,853	\$ -	\$ 19,853	\$ -	Interest rate		
Securities							
Securities at fair value through							
profit or loss	36,542	10,738	25,804	-	Interest rate		
Securities at fair value through							
other comprehensive income	46,862	•	46,862	•	Interest rate, FX, price		
Securities at amortized cost	25	-	25	-	Interest rate		
Securities borrowed or purchased							
under reverse repurchase agreements	13,634	12,823	811	-	Interest rate		
Net loans and acceptances	215,005	-	215,005	-	Interest rate		
Segregated fund net assets	20,662	-	20,662	-	Interest rate, price		
Derivative financial instruments	5,585	293	5,292	-	Interest rate, FX, price		
Other assets	18,813	-	-	18,813			
Total assets	\$ 376,981	\$ 23,854	\$ 334,314	\$ 18,813			
Liabilities and equity		-		-	-		
Deposits	\$ 230,919	\$ -	\$ 230,919	\$ -	Interest rate		
Commitments related to securities							
sold short	11,589	11,450	139	-	Interest rate		
Commitments related to securities lent		·					
or sold under repurchase agreements	21,883	18,797	3,086	-	Interest rate		
Derivative financial instruments	5,236	355	4,881	-	Interest rate, FX, price		
Insurance contract liabilities	32,822	-	32,822	-	Interest rate		
Segregated fund net liabilities	20,660	-	20,660	_	Interest rate, price		
Other liabilities	20,755	-	1,877	18,878	Interest rate		
Subordinated notes	1,473	-	1,473	-	Interest rate		
Equity	31,644	-	•	31,644			
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 376,981	\$ 30,602	\$ 295,857	\$ 50,522			

Footnotes to this table are presented on the next page.

Link between market risk and the Combined Balance Sheets (continued)

As at December 31, 2020

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	Combined			Not exposed	Principal risks		
	Balance	Trading	Non-trading	to market	associated with		
(in millions of dollars)	Sheets	activities(1)(2)	activities ⁽³⁾	risk	non-trading activities		
Assets							
Cash and deposits with financial							
institutions	\$ 12,126	\$ -	\$ 12,126	\$ -	Interest rate		
Securities							
Securities at fair value through							
profit or loss	34,960	8,170	26,790	-	Interest rate		
Securities at fair value through							
other comprehensive income	52,679	=	52,679	-	Interest rate, FX, price		
Securities at amortized cost	29	-	29	-	Interest rate		
Securities borrowed or purchased							
under reverse repurchase agreements	9,658	8,842	816	-	Interest rate		
Net loans and acceptances	211,749	-	211,749	-	Interest rate		
Segregated fund net assets	19,093	-	19,093	-	Interest rate, price		
Derivative financial instruments	5,820	405	5,415	-	Interest rate, FX, price		
Other assets	15,921	-	-	15,921			
Total assets	\$ 362,035	\$ 17,417	\$ 328,697	\$ 15,921			
iabilities and equity							
Deposits	\$ 225,236	\$ -	\$ 225,236	\$ -	Interest rate		
Commitments related to securities							
sold short	9,353	9,352	1	-	Interest rate		
Commitments related to securities lent							
or sold under repurchase agreements	19,152	12,508	6,644	-	Interest rate		
Derivative financial instruments	4,884	548	4,336	-	Interest rate, FX, price		
Insurance contract liabilities	34,827	-	34,827	-	Interest rate		
Segregated fund net liabilities	19,089	-	19,089	-	Interest rate, price		
Other liabilities	17,738	-	3,107	14,631	Interest rate		
Subordinated notes	1,493	-	1,493	-	Interest rate		
Equity	30,263	-	-	30,263			
Fotal liabilities and equity	\$ 362,035	\$ 22,408	\$ 294,733	\$ 44,894			

⁽¹⁾ Trading activity positions for which the risk measure is VaR and SVaR.

Management of market risk related to trading activities - Value at Risk

The market risk of trading portfolios is managed on a day-to-day basis under specific frameworks, which set out the risk factors that must be measured and the limit for each of these factors as well as the total. Tolerance limits are also provided for various stress testing. Compliance with these limits is monitored daily and a market risk dashboard is produced on a daily basis and sent to senior management. Any limit exceeded is immediately analyzed and the appropriate action is taken.

The main tool used to measure this risk is "Value at Risk" (VaR). VaR is an estimate of the potential loss over a certain period of time at a given confidence level. A Monte Carlo VaR is calculated daily on the trading portfolios, using a 99% confidence level and a holding horizon of one day (holding horizon extended up to 10 days for regulatory capital calculations). It is therefore reasonable to expect a loss exceeding the VaR figure once every 100 days. The calculation of VaR is based on historical data for a one-year interval.

In addition to aggregate VaR, Desjardins Group calculates an aggregate stressed VaR (SVaR). It is calculated in the same way as aggregate VaR, except for the use of historical data. Therefore, instead of using the interval of the past year, aggregate SVaR takes into account the historical data for a crisis period of one year from September 2008. However, a ratio of aggregate SVaR to VaR is calculated on a daily basis to ensure that the stress period selected is still adequate. In addition, this stress period is reviewed periodically, as well as stress testing.

The incremental risk charge (IRC) supplements the VaR and SVaR measures and represents an estimate of default and migration risks of unsecuritized products held in the trading portfolio, exposed to interest rate risk, and measured over a one-year horizon at a 99.9% confidence level.

⁽²⁾ The amounts presented in trading activities take into account inter-company eliminations.

⁽³⁾ Positions mainly related to non-trading banking activities and insurance activities.

The table below presents the aggregate VaR and the aggregate SVaR of trading activities by risk category, as well as the IRC. Equity price risk, foreign exchange risk, interest rate risk and specific interest rate risk are the four risk categories to which Desjardins Group is exposed. These risk factors are taken into account in measuring the market risk of the trading portfolio. They are reflected in the VaR table presented below. The definition of a trading portfolio meets the various criteria defined in the AMF standard.

Market risk measures for the trading portfolio

	For the quarter ended						For the quarters ended									
(in millions of dollars)	March 31, 2021							December 31, 2020			March 31, 2020					
	As at						As at				As at					
	March 31, 2021		Av	Average H		High		_ow	December 31, 2020		Average		March 31, 2020		Average	
Equities	\$	0.6	\$	8.0	\$	1.2	\$	0.5	\$	0.9	\$	1.0	\$	3.4	\$	1.5
Foreign exchange		8.0		1.3		3.3		0.5		0.6		1.1		1.6		0.4
Interest rate		3.0		4.7		7.2		3.0		3.7		4.7		4.0		3.7
Specific interest rate risk ⁽¹⁾		1.4		2.0		3.0		1.4		3.2		3.1		3.5		2.0
Diversification effect ⁽²⁾		(2.5)		(3.4)		N/A ⁽³⁾		N/A ⁽³⁾		(4.2)		(4.6)		(6.7)		(3.4)
Aggregate VaR	\$	3.3	\$	5.4	\$	8.0	\$	3.3	\$	4.2	\$	5.3	\$	5.8	\$	4.2
Aggregate SVaR	\$	17.3	\$	14.9	\$	25.3	\$	8.1	\$	7.6	\$	14.5	\$	12.1	\$	11.9
Incremental risk charge (IRC)	\$	64.5	\$	59.9	\$	71.9	\$	50.0	\$	56.6	\$	54.9	\$	55.4	\$	44.2

⁽¹⁾ Specific risk is the risk directly related to the issuer of a financial security, independent of market events. A portfolio approach is used to distinguish specific risk from general market risk. This approach consists of creating a sub-portfolio that contains the positions involving the specific risk of an issuer, such as provinces, municipalities and companies, and a sub-portfolio that contains the positions considered to be without issuer risk, such as governments in the local currency.

The average of the trading portfolio's aggregate VaR was \$5.4 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2021, remaining stable compared to the quarter ended December 31, 2020. The average of the aggregate SVaR was \$14.9 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2021, up \$0.4 million compared to the quarter ended December 31, 2020. The average of the incremental risk charge totalled \$59.9 million, up \$5.0 million compared to the previous quarter.

It should be noted that the considerable market volatility during the first quarter of 2020 continued to have an impact on VaR levels during the quarter. This impact started to dissipate at the end of the first quarter of 2021 and will continue during the second quarter of 2021.

Aggregate VaR and aggregate SVaR are appropriate measures for a trading portfolio but they must be interpreted by taking into account certain limits, in particular the following ones:

- these measures do not allow future losses to be predicted if actual market fluctuations differ markedly from those used to do the calculations;
- these measures are used to determine the potential losses for a one-day holding period, and not the losses on positions that cannot be liquidated or hedged during this one-day period;
- these measures do not provide information on potential losses beyond the selected confidence level of 99%.

Given these limitations, the process of monitoring trading activities using VaR is supplemented by stress testing and by establishing limits in this regard.

Back testing

Back testing, which is a daily comparison of the VaR with the profits and losses (P&L) on portfolios, is conducted to validate the VaR model used by ensuring that results correspond statistically to those of the VaR model. In addition, an independent modelling validation unit works on the model every year.

Desjardins Group performs back testing daily, applying a hypothetical P&L and an actual P&L to its trading portfolios. The hypothetical P&L is calculated by determining the difference in value resulting from changes in market conditions between two consecutive days. The portfolio mix between these two days remains static.

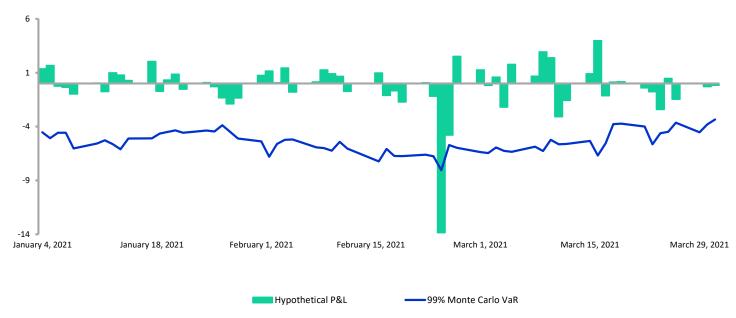
The following graph shows changes in VaR for trading activities as well as the hypothetical P&L related to these activities. During the first quarter of 2021, an overage of \$5.8 million of hypothetical P&L compared to VaR was observed for Desjardins Group on February 24. It was essentially due to a very significant hike in Canadian and U.S. interest rates. No overage of actual P&L compared to the VaR was observed for Desjardins Group.

⁽²⁾ Represents the risk reduction related to diversification, namely the difference between the sum of the VaR of the various market risks and the aggregate VaR.

⁽³⁾ The highs and lows of the various market risk categories can refer to different dates. It is not relevant to calculate a diversification effect.

VaR compared to hypothetical P&L for trading activities

(in millions of dollars)



Stress testing

Certain events that are considered highly unlikely and that may have a significant impact on trading portfolios may occur from time to time. These events are at the tail-end of a distribution and are the result of extreme situations. Use of a stress-testing program is required to assess the impact of these potential situations.

The stress-testing program used for trading portfolios includes historical, hypothetical and sensitivity scenarios based, for instance, on events such as 9/11 or the 2008 credit crisis. Using such stress testing, changes can be monitored in the market value of positions held depending on various scenarios. Most stress-testing is predictive. For a given stress test, shocks are applied to certain risk factors (interest rates, exchange rates and commodities) and the effects of these shocks are passed on to all the risk factors taking historical correlations into account. The running of each stress test is considered to be independent of the others. In addition, certain stress testing is subject to limit tracking. Stress-testing results are analyzed and reported daily using a dashboard, together with VaR calculations, in order to detect vulnerability to such events. The stress-testing program is reviewed periodically to ensure that it is kept current.

Structural interest rate risk management

Desjardins Group is exposed to structural interest rate risk, which represents the potential impact of interest rate fluctuations on net interest income and the economic value of equity. This risk is the main component of market risk for Desjardins Group's traditional non-trading banking activities, such as accepting deposits and granting loans, as well as for its securities portfolios used for long-term investment purposes and as liquidity reserves.

Interest rate sensitivity is based on the earlier of the repricing or the maturity date of the assets, liabilities and derivative financial instruments used to manage structural interest rate risk. The situation presented reflects the position only on the date indicated and can change significantly in subsequent quarters depending on the preferences of Desjardins Group members and clients, and the application of policies on structural interest rate risk management.

Some Combined Balance Sheet items are considered non-interest-rate-sensitive instruments, including investments in equities, non-performing loans, non-interest-bearing deposits, non-maturity deposits with an interest rate not referenced to a specific rate (such as the prime rate), and equity. As dictated in its policies, Desjardins Group's management practices are based on prudent assumptions with respect to the maturity profile used in its models to determine the interest rate sensitivity of such instruments.

In addition to the total sensitivity gap, the main structural interest rate risk factors are:

- the trend in interest rate level and volatility;
- · the changes in the shape of the yield curve;
- · member and client behaviour in their choice of products;
- the financial intermediation margin;
- the optionality of the various financial products offered.

In order to mitigate these risk factors, sound and prudent management is applied to optimize net interest income while reducing the negative incidence of interest rate movements. The established policies describe the principles, limits and procedures that apply to structural interest rate risk management. Stress testing is used to measure the effect of different variables on changes in net interest income and the economic value of equity. These policies specify the structural interest rate risk factors, the risk measures selected, the risk tolerance levels and the management limits as well as the procedures in the event that limits are exceeded. Structural interest rate risk is assessed at the required frequency according to portfolio volatility (daily, monthly and quarterly).

The assumptions used in the stress testing are based on an analysis of historical data and on the effects of various interest rate environments on changes in such data. These assumptions concern changes in the structure of assets and liabilities, including modelling for non-maturity deposits and equity, in member and client behaviour, and in pricing. Desjardins Group's Asset/Liability Committee (ALCO) is responsible for analyzing and approving the global matching strategy on a monthly basis while respecting the parameters defined in structural interest rate risk management policies. In the current context of the COVID-19 pandemic, the situation is still under control because the portfolios are well matched.

The table below presents the potential impact before income taxes, with regard to structural interest rate risk management associated with banking activities, of a sudden and sustained 25- and 100-basis-point increase or decrease in interest rates on net interest income and the economic value of equity for Desjardins Group. The impact related to insurance activities is presented in Note 1 of this table.

Interest rate sensitivity (before income taxes)(1)

(in millions of dollars)	As at Mar	As at March 31, 2021		mber 31, 2020	As at March 31, 2020		
	Net	Economic	Net	Economic	Net	Economic	
	interest	interest value of income ⁽²⁾ equity ⁽³⁾		interest value of interest value of inte		interest	value of
	income ⁽²⁾			equity ⁽³⁾	income ⁽²⁾	equity ⁽³⁾	
Impact of a 100-basis-point increase in interest rates	\$ 35	\$ (154)	\$ 30	\$ (168)	\$ (20)	\$ (17)	
Impact of a 25-basis-point decrease in interest rates (100-basis-point as at March 31, 2020) ⁽⁴⁾	(13)	37	7	39	88	(36)	

⁽¹⁾ Interest rate sensitivity related to insurance activities is not reflected in the amounts above. For these activities, a 100-basis-point increase in interest rates would result in a \$162 million decrease in the economic value of equity before taxes as at March 31, 2021, and in a \$165 million and \$124 million decrease as at December 31, 2020 and March 31, 2020, respectively. A 25-basis-point decrease in interest rates would result in a \$44 million increase in the economic value of equity before taxes as at March 31, 2021, and of \$49 million as at December 31, 2020. A 100-basis-point decrease would result in a \$165 million increase in the economic value of equity as at March 31, 2020.

- (2) Represents the interest rate sensitivity of net interest income for the next 12 months.
- (3) Represents the sensitivity of the present value of assets, liabilities and off-balance sheet instruments.

Foreign exchange risk management

Foreign exchange risk arises when the actual or expected value of assets denominated in a foreign currency is higher or lower than that of liabilities denominated in the same currency.

In certain specific situations, Desjardins Group and its components may become exposed to foreign exchange risk, particularly with respect to the U.S. dollar and the euro. This exposure mainly arises from their intermediation activities with members and clients, and their financing and investment activities. A Desjardins Group policy on market risk has set foreign exchange risk exposure limits, which are monitored by the Risk Management Executive Division. To ensure that this risk is properly controlled, Desjardins Group and its components also use, among other things, derivative financial instruments such as foreign exchange forward contracts and currency swaps. Desjardins Group's residual exposure to this risk is low because it reduces its foreign exchange risk by using derivative financial instruments.

LIQUIDITY RISK

Liquidity risk refers to Desjardins Group's capacity to raise the necessary funds (by increasing liabilities or converting assets) to meet a financial obligation, whether or not it appears on the Combined Balance Sheets.

Desjardins Group manages liquidity risk in order to ensure that it has timely and cost-effective access to the funds needed to meet its financial obligations as they become due, in both routine and crisis situations. Managing this risk involves maintaining a sufficient level of liquid securities, ensuring stable and diversified sources of funding, monitoring indicators and having a contingency plan in the event of a liquidity crisis.

Liquidity risk management is a key component of the overall risk management strategy. Desjardins Group has established policies describing the principles, limits, risk appetite thresholds as well as the procedures that apply to liquidity risk management. These policies are reviewed on a regular basis to ensure that they are appropriate for the operating environment and prevailing market conditions. They are also updated to reflect regulatory requirements and sound liquidity risk management practices. Given that the insurance companies are subject to specific regulatory requirements, they manage their liquidity risks based on their own needs while following Desjardins Group guidelines. The securities held by these components are not taken into account in the valuation of Desjardins Group's liquidity reserves.

Desjardins Group's Treasury ensures stable and diversified sources of institutional funding by type, source and maturity. It uses a wide range of financial products and borrowing programs on various markets for its funding needs. Through these operations, the funding needs of Desjardins Group components can be satisfied under conditions comparable to those offered on capital markets.

Furthermore, Desjardins Group issues covered bonds and securitizes CHMC-insured loans in the course of its normal operations. Desjardins Group is also eligible for the Bank of Canada's various intervention programs and loan facilities for Emergency Lending Assistance advances.

The implementation of Basel III strengthens international minimum liquidity requirements through the application of a liquidity coverage ratio (LCR), a net stable funding ratio (NSFR) and the use of Net Cumulative Cash Flow (NCCF). Under its liquidity risk management policy, Desjardins Group already produces these two ratios as well as the NCCF, and reports them on a regular basis to the AMF.

⁽⁴⁾ The results of the impact of a decrease in interest rates take into consideration the use of a floor to avoid negative interest rates. In addition, given the current environment where interest rates are low, the impact of a decrease in interest rates has been calculated using a decrease of 25 basis points as at March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, compared to 100 basis points as at March 31, 2020.

In the current context of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government of Canada has set up exceptional liquidity programs to facilitate access to funding for financial institutions. Additional information on Government of Canada programs is presented under "Sources of funding" in the "Liquidity risk" section of Desjardins Group's 2020 annual MD&A. Desjardins Group has used these programs to maintain adequate liquidity in order to deal with this unprecedented situation. However, as market conditions stabilized, some Bank of Canada programs to provide temporary liquidity to the financial system ended. Among others, the contingent term liquidity facility was deactivated in early April, while the Standing Term Liquidity Facility is expected to be terminated indefinitely in mid-May. Desjardins Group's average LCR was 155% for the quarter ended March 31, 2021, compared to 157% for the previous quarter. Despite this decline, the average ratio for the first quarter rose to a very high level following the use of the aforementioned programs and the increase in deposits. The AMF requires that in the absence of stressed conditions, the ratio be greater than or equal to the minimum requirement of 100%. However, in order to promote the effective circulation of liquidity during the COVID-19 pandemic crisis, the AMF could exceptionally accept levels this one time that are lower than the minimum requirements. Desjardins Group does not expect its regulatory ratio to fall below the regulatory limit. This ratio is proactively managed by Desjardins Group's Treasury, and an appropriate level of high-quality liquid assets is maintained for adequate coverage of the theoretical cash outflows associated with the standardized crisis scenario within the Basel III framework. Desjardins Group's main sources of theoretical cash outflows are a potential serious run on deposits by members of Desjardins caisses and a sudden drying-up of the short-term institutional funding sources used on a day-to-day basis by Desjardins Group.

Liquidity risk measurement and monitoring

Desjardins Group determines its liquidity needs by reviewing its current operations and evaluating its future forecasts for balance sheet growth and institutional funding conditions. Various analyses are used to determine the actual liquidity levels of assets and the stability of liabilities based on observed behaviours or contractual maturities. Maintaining liquidity reserves of high-quality assets is required to offset potential cash outflows following a disruption in capital markets, or events that would restrict its access to funding or result in a serious run on deposits.

The minimum liquid asset levels to be maintained by Desjardins Group are specifically prescribed by policies. Daily management of these securities and the reserve level to be maintained is centralized at Desjardins Group Treasury and is subject to monitoring by the Risk Management function under the supervision of the Finance and Risk Management Committee. Securities eligible for liquidity reserves must meet high security and negotiability criteria and provide assurance of their adequacy in the event of a severe liquidity crisis. The securities held are largely Canadian government securities.

In addition to complying with regulatory ratios, a Desjardins-wide stress testing program has been set up. This program incorporates the concepts put forward by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision in "Basel III: International Framework for Liquidity Risk Measurement, Standards and Monitoring". The scenarios make it possible to:

- measure the extent of potential cash outflows in a crisis situation;
- implement liquidity ratios and levels to be maintained across Desigrdins Group;
- assess the potential marginal cost of such events, depending on the type, severity and level of the crisis.

Liquid assets

The tables below present a summary of Desjardins Group's liquid assets, which do not include assets held by the insurance subsidiaries because those assets are committed to cover insurance liabilities and not the liquidity needs of Desjardins Group's other components. Liquid assets constitute Desjardins Group's primary liquidity reserve for all its operations. Encumbered liquid assets mainly include liquid assets that are pledged as collateral or cannot be used as a result of regulatory, legal, operational or other requirements.

Liquid assets(1)

As at March 31, 2021

(in millions of dollars)	Liquid assets held by Desjardins Group	Securities held as collateral - Securities financing and derivatives trading	Total liquid assets	Encumbered liquid assets	Unencumbered liquid assets	
Cash and deposits with financial institutions	\$ 19,217	\$ -	\$ 19,217	\$ -	\$ 19,217	
Securities						
Issued or guaranteed by Canada,						
provinces and municipal corporations in						
Canada, school or public corporations in						
Canada, and foreign public administrations	48,909	12,287	61,196	29,156	32,040	
Other securities in Canada	3,617	1,554	5,171	4,257	914	
Issued or guaranteed by foreign issuers	391	4	395	7	388	
Loans						
Insured residential mortgage-backed securities	6,723	-	6,723	1,837	4,886	
Total	\$ 78,857	\$ 13,845	\$ 92,702	\$ 35,257	\$ 57,445	

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713 at December 31, 2020					
(in millions of dollars)	Liquid assets held by Desjardins Group	Securities held as collateral - Securities financing and derivatives trading	Total liquid assets	Encumbered liquid assets	Unencumbered liquid assets
Cash and deposits with financial institutions	\$ 11,300	\$ -	\$ 11,300	\$ -	\$ 11,300
Securities					
Issued or guaranteed by Canada,					
provinces and municipal corporations in					
Canada, school or public corporations in					
Canada, and foreign public administrations	51,483	8,526	60,009	24,139	35,870
Other securities in Canada	4,273	1,387	5,660	4,446	1,214
Issued or guaranteed by foreign issuers	421	3	424	6	418
Loans					
Insured residential mortgage-backed securities	7,366	=	7,366	1,610	5,756
Total	\$ 74,843	\$ 9,916	\$ 84,759	\$ 30,201	\$ 54,558

⁽¹⁾ Excluding assets held by insurance subsidiaries.

Unencumbered liquid assets by entity(1)

(in millions of dollars)	As at March 31, 2021	As at December 31, 2020
Federation	\$ 38,343	\$ 34,603
Caisse network	16,386	17,463
Other entities	2,716	2,492
Total	\$ 57,445	\$ 54,558

⁽¹⁾ Excluding assets held by insurance subsidiaries. Substantially all unencumbered liquid assets presented in this table are issued in Canadian dollars.

Encumbered assets

In the normal course of its operations, Desjardins Group pledges securities, loans and other assets as collateral, mainly with regard to financing operations, participation in clearing and payments systems and operations related to provisions for claims and adjustment expenses. The following table presents, for all assets on the Combined Balance Sheets and securities held as collateral, those that are encumbered as well as those that may be pledged as collateral as part of financing or other transactions.

Encumbered assets

As at March 31, 2021

				Breakdown of total assets				
				Encum ass		Unencu ass		
(in millions of dollars)	Combined Balance Sheet assets	Securities held as collateral	Total assets	Pledged as collateral	Other ⁽¹⁾	Available as collateral	Other ⁽²⁾	
Cash and deposits with financial institutions	\$ 19,853	\$ -	\$ 19,853	\$ -	\$ 687	\$ 18,530	\$ 636	
Securities	83,429	19,495	102,924	38,971	1,251	32,190	30,512	
Securities borrowed or purchased under reverse								
repurchase agreements	13,634	-	13,634	-	-	-	13,634	
Net loans and acceptances	215,005	-	215,005	28,171	-	74,528	112,306	
Segregated fund net assets	20,662	-	20,662	-	-	-	20,662	
Other assets	24,398	-	24,398	-	-	-	24,398	
Total	\$ 376,981	\$ 19,495	\$ 396,476	\$ 67,142	\$ 1,938	\$ 125,248	\$ 202,148	

As at December 31, 2020

				Encum ass		Unencu ass	mbered ets
(in millions of dollars)	Combined Balance Sheet assets	Securities held as collateral	Total assets	Pledged as collateral	Other ⁽¹⁾	Available as collateral	Other ⁽²⁾
Cash and deposits with financial institutions	\$ 12,126	\$ -	\$ 12,126	\$ -	\$ 359	\$ 10,941	\$ 826
Securities	87,668	14,649	102,317	32,945	1,173	36,708	31,491
Securities borrowed or purchased under reverse							
repurchase agreements	9,658	-	9,658	-	-	-	9,658
Net loans and acceptances	211,749	-	211,749	28,401	-	73,167	110,181
Segregated fund net assets	19,093	-	19,093	-	-	-	19,093
Other assets	21,741	-	21,741	-	-	-	21,741
Total	\$ 362,035	\$ 14,649	\$ 376,684	\$ 61,346	\$ 1,532	\$ 120,816	\$ 192,990

⁽¹⁾ Assets that cannot be used for legal or other reasons.

Liquidity coverage ratio

The Basel Committee on Banking Supervision has developed a liquidity coverage ratio (LCR) to promote the short-term resilience of the liquidity risk profile of financial institutions. The LCR is the ratio of a stock of unencumbered high-quality liquid assets (HQLA) to net cash outflows over the next 30 days in the event of an acute liquidity stress scenario.

Under the AMF's Liquidity Adequacy Guideline, HQLA eligible for the purpose of calculating the LCR consist of assets that can be converted quickly into cash at little or no loss of value on financial markets. For Desjardins Group, such high-quality liquid assets are comprised essentially of cash and highly rated securities issued or guaranteed by various levels of government. The AMF Guideline also prescribes weightings for cash inflows and outflows.

^{(2) &}quot;Other" unencumbered assets include those of the insurance companies as well as assets that in management's opinion would not be immediately available for collateral or financing purposes in their current form.

The table below presents quantitative information regarding the LCR, based on the template recommended for disclosure requirements by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision.

Liquidity coverage ratio(1)

	For the qua March 3	For the quarter ended December 31, 2020		
(in millions of dollars and as a percentage)	Total unweighted value ⁽²⁾ (average ⁽⁴⁾)	Total weighted value ⁽³⁾ (average ⁽⁴⁾)	Total weighted value ⁽³⁾ (average ⁽⁴⁾)	
High-quality liquid assets	(average)	value (average)	(average)	
Total high-quality liquid assets	N/A	\$ 46,101	\$ 47,028	
Cash outflows		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	7	
Retail deposits and deposits from small business customers,				
including:	\$ 95,275	6,265	5,998	
Stable deposits	46,601	1,398	1,336	
Less stable deposits	48,674	4,867	4,662	
Unsecured wholesale funding, including:	34,022	17,202	17,911	
Operational deposits (all counterparties) and deposits				
in cooperative bank networks	9,572	2,281	2,057	
Non-operational deposits (all counterparties)	16,206	6,677	6,886	
Unsecured debt	8,244	8,244	8,968	
Secured wholesale funding	N/A	6	13	
Additional requirements, including:	14,623	3,097	3,634	
Outflows related to exposures on derivatives and				
other collateral required	1,349	1,231	1,216	
Outflows related to funding loss on debt products	78	78	644	
Credit and liquidity facilities	13,196	1,788	1,774	
Other contractual funding liabilities	4,170	2,470	2,209	
Other contingent funding liabilities	98,447	2,493	2,343	
Total cash outflows	N/A	\$ 31,533	\$ 32,108	
Cash inflows				
Secured loans (e.g. reverse repurchase agreements)	\$ 12,097	\$ 41	\$ 39	
Inflows related to completely effective exposures	3,399	1,700	1,689	
Other cash inflows	113	113	516	
Total cash inflows	\$ 15,609	\$ 1,854	\$ 2,244	

	Total adjusted value ⁽⁵⁾	Total adjusted value ⁽⁵⁾
Total high-quality liquid assets	\$ 46,101	\$ 47,028
Total net cash outflows	29,679	29,864
Liquidity coverage ratio	155%	157%

⁽¹⁾ Excluding the insurance subsidiaries.

Net stable funding ratio

The net stable funding ratio (NSFR) was developed by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision to promote the medium- and long-term resilience of liquidity risk profile of financial institutions. The NSFR requires financial institutions to maintain a stable funding and liquidity profile in relation to the composition of their assets and off-balance sheet activities. The NSFR limits overreliance on short-term wholesale funding, encourages better assessment of funding risk across all on- and off-balance sheet items, and promotes funding stability. The NSFR presents the amount of available stable funding (ASF) relative to the amount of required stable funding (RSF). According to the AMF's Liquidity Adequacy Guideline, this ratio should be equal to at least 100% on an on-going basis.

The amount of ASF designates the portion of capital and liabilities considered stable over a one-year horizon. Liabilities with the longest contractual maturities are the most significant contributors to the increase in the ratio. The amount of RSF is measured based on the broad characteristics of the liquidity risk profile of assets and off-balance sheet exposures. The amounts of ASF and RSF are weighted to reflect the degree of stability of liabilities and the liquidity of assets.

⁽²⁾ The unweighted values of cash inflows and outflows represent unpaid balances either maturing or falling due and payable within 30 days.

⁽³⁾ Weighted values are calculated after the "haircuts" prescribed for high-quality liquid assets and the rates prescribed for cash inflows and outflows have been applied.

⁽⁴⁾ The ratio is presented based on the average of daily data for the quarter.

⁽⁵⁾ The total adjusted value takes into account, if applicable, the caps prescribed by the AMF for high-quality liquid assets and cash inflows.

The table below presents quantitative information regarding the NSFR, based on the template recommended for disclosure template requirements by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision.

Net Stable Funding Ratio⁽¹⁾

As at March 31, 2021

	Unweighted value by residual maturity						
	From 6						
	NI	0	months to	.	1	Neighted	
(in millions of dollars and as a percentage)	No maturity	< 6 months	< 1 year	≥ 1 year		value	
Available Stable Funding (ASF) item	* 00.740	•	•	•	•	00.740	
Capital		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	30,742	
Regulatory capital	30,742	-	•	-		30,742	
Other capital instruments							
Retail deposits and deposits from small business customers	74,342	42,747	13,400	30,510		149,810	
Stable deposits	41,987	7,093	4,385	10,343		61,134	
Less stable deposits	32,355	35,654	9,015	20,167		88,676	
Wholesale funding	22,681	37,976	2,217	12,919		25,692	
Operational deposits	9,581	• 	• •			4,790	
Other wholesale funding	13,100	37,976	2,217	12,919		20,902	
Liabilities with matching interdependent assets	-	678	708	10,844		-	
Other liabilities	24,281	10,899	5,161	-		-	
NSFR derivative liabilities	N/A	-	5,161	-		N/A	
All other liabilities and equity not included in the above categories	24,281	10,899	-	<u> </u>		-	
Total ASF	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$	206,244	
Required Stable Funding (RSF) item							
Total NSFR high-quality liquid assets (HQLA)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$	455	
Deposits held by other financial institutions for operational purposes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ - 9	\$ -		-	
Performing loans and securities	18,137	38,349	21,255	137,391		138,256	
Performing loans to financial institutions secured by Level 1 HQLA	-	11,646	-	-		582	
Performing loans to financial institutions secured by non-Level 1							
HQLA and unsecured performing loans to financial institutions	-	2,204	-	375		596	
Performing loans to non-financial corporate clients, loans to retail							
and small business customers, and loans to sovereigns,							
central banks and public sector entities (PSEs), of which:	12,617	18,627	8,851	49,023		64,019	
Loans with a risk weight of less than or equal to 35% under							
the Basel II Standardized Approach for credit risk	-	6,151	4,936	10,570		6,871	
Performing residential mortgages, of which:	5,510	5,435	11,730	86,590		71,302	
Loans with a risk weight of less than or equal to 35% under							
the Basel II Standardized Approach for credit risk	5,510	5,435	11,730	86,590		71,302	
Securities that are not in default and do not quality as HQLA,							
including exchange-traded equities	10	437	674	1,403		1,757	
Assets with matching interdependent liabilities	-	678	708	10,844		-	
Other assets ⁽²⁾	-	-	23,421	-		13,018	
Physical traded commodities, including gold	-	N/A	N/A	N/A		-	
Assets posted as initial margin for derivative contracts and							
contributions to default funds of central counterparties(2)	N/A	-	580	-		493	
NSFR derivative assets ⁽²⁾	N/A	-	5,413	-		259	
NSFR derivative liabilities before deduction of variation margin							
posted ⁽²⁾	N/A	-	5,162			-	
All other assets not included in the above categories	_	17	4	12,245		12,266	
Off-balance sheet items	N/A	-	112,346	_		2,646	
Total RSF	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$	154,375	
Net Stable Funding Ratio (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		1349	

⁽¹⁾ Excluding the insurance subsidiaries.
(2) The amounts in these lines include the categories of residual maturities of less than 6 months, 6 months to less than 1 year and 1 year and more.

Sources of funding

Core funding, which includes capital, long-term liabilities and a diversified deposit portfolio, is the foundation upon which Desjardins Group's liquidity position depends. The solid base of deposits from individuals combined with wholesale funding, diversified in terms of both the programs used as well as the staggering of contractual maturities, allows Desjardins Group to maintain high regulatory liquidity ratios while ensuring their stability. Total deposits, including wholesale funding, presented on the Combined Balance Sheets amounted to \$230.9 billion as at March 31, 2021, up \$5.7 billion since December 31, 2020. Additional information on deposits is presented in the "Balance sheet management" section.

Funding programs and strategies

As Desjardins Group's Treasurer, the Federation meets the needs of the organization's members and clients. Its first priority is to implement appropriate strategies to identify, measure and manage risks, and these strategies are regulated by policies. In the first three months of 2021, the Federation succeeded in maintaining a liquidity level sufficient to meet Desjardins Group's needs through its strict treasury policy, solid institutional funding and the contribution of the caisse network. Short-term wholesale funding is used to finance very liquid assets while long-term wholesale funding is mainly used to finance less liquid assets and to support reserves of liquid assets.

In order to secure long-term funding at the lowest cost on the market, the Federation maintains an active presence in the federally-guaranteed mortgage loan securitization market under the *National Housing Act* (NHA) Mortgage-Backed Securities Program. In addition, to ensure stable funding, it diversifies its sources from institutional markets. It therefore resorts to the capital markets when conditions are favourable, and makes public and private issues of term notes on Canadian, U.S. and European markets, as required.

The main programs currently used by the Federation are as follows:

Main funding programs

As at March 31, 2021

	Maximum authorized amount
Medium-term notes (Canadian)	\$10 billion
Covered bonds (multi-currency) ⁽¹⁾	\$17 billion
Short-term notes (European)	€3 billion
Short-term notes (U.S.)	US\$15 billion
Medium-term and subordinated notes (multi-currency)	€7 billion
NVCC subordinated notes (Canadian)	\$3 billion

⁽¹⁾ On April 6, 2021, the AMF announced the unwinding, effective immediately, of the temporary increase in the covered bond issue limits and, therefore, a return to the normal target of 5.5% of Desjardins Group's assets, as calculated according to the AMF's decision on the matter. As at April 6, 2021, the maximum authorized amount under the covered bond program was therefore lowered from \$26 billion to \$17 billion (calculated as at March 31, 2021).

The following table presents the remaining terms to maturity of wholesale funding.

Remaining contractual term to maturity of wholesale funding

6 W 61 W				A	-h 24 2024				As at December 31,
(in millions of dollars)					ch 31, 2021				2020
	Less than 1 month	1 to 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to 12 months	Total – Less than 1 year	1 to 2 years	Over 2 years	Total	Total
Bearer discount notes	\$ 1,486	\$ 966	\$ 20	\$ 13	\$ 2,485	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,485	\$ 3,833
Commercial paper	7,485	1,342	1,931	56	10,814	-	-	10,814	11,676
Medium-term notes	-	-	1,473	998	2,471	841	4,012	7,324	6,446
Mortgage loan securitization	-	352	325	705	1,382	1,710	9,155	12,247	12,100
Covered bonds	2,416	-	-	464	2,880	2,233	4,627	9,740	9,979
Subordinated notes	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,473	1,473	1,493
Total	\$ 11,387	\$ 2,660	\$ 3,749	\$ 2,236	\$ 20,032	\$ 4,784	\$ 19,267	\$ 44,083	\$ 45,527
Including:									
Secured	\$ 2,416	\$ 352	\$ 325	\$ 1,169	\$ 4,262	\$ 3,943	\$ 15,255	\$ 23,460	\$ 23,572
Unsecured	8,971	2,308	3,424	1,067	15,770	841	4,012	20,623	21,955

Desjardins Group's total wholesale funding presented in the table above was carried out by the Federation, except for the subordinated notes, which were issued by Desjardins Capital Inc. Total wholesale funding decreased by \$1.4 billion compared to December 31, 2020, mainly because of a decline in bearer discount notes and commercial paper partially offset by an increase in medium-term notes. Desjardins Group does not foresee any event, commitment or requirement that could have a major impact on its ability to raise funds through wholesale funding or its members' deposits.

In addition, Desjardins Group diversifies its funding sources in order to limit its reliance on a single currency. The "Wholesale funding by currency" table presents a breakdown of borrowings on markets and subordinated notes by currency. These funds are obtained primarily through short- and medium-term notes, mortgage loan securitization, covered bonds and subordinated notes.

Wholesale funding by currency

(in millions of dollars and as a percentage)	As at March	31, 2021	As at Decemb	er 31, 2020
Canadian dollars	\$ 23,929	54.3%	\$ 24,205	53.2%
U.S. dollars	13,508	30.6	13,491	29.6
Other	6,646	15.1	7,831	17.2
	\$ 44,083	100.0%	\$ 45,527	100.0%

Moreover, the Federation participated in new issues under the NHA Mortgage-Backed Securities Program for a total amount of \$416 million in the first three months of 2021. During the same period, the Federation also made one issue for a total of \$1.0 billion, subject to the bail-in regime, under its Canadian medium-term notes program. Furthermore, on April 8, 2021, the Federation also floated a new issue for a total of 500 million euros under its legislative covered bond program.

Outstanding notes issued under the Federation's medium-term financing programs amounted to \$29.3 billion as at March 31, 2021, compared to \$28.5 billion as at December 31, 2020. The outstanding notes for these issues are presented under "Deposits – Business and government" on the Combined Balance Sheets. Desjardins Capital Inc.'s senior notes outstanding totalled \$0.5 billion as at March 31, 2021, unchanged from December 31, 2020.

Overall, these transactions made it possible to adequately meet the liquidity needs of Desjardins Group, to better diversify its sources of funding and to further extend the average term.

Credit ratings of securities issued and outstanding

Desjardins Group's credit ratings affect its ability to access sources of funding on capital markets, as well as the conditions of such funding. They are also a factor considered in certain Desjardins Group transactions involving counterparties.

Rating agencies assign credit ratings and related ratings outlooks based on their own proprietary methodology, which includes a number of analytical criteria, including factors that are not under Desjardins Group's control. The rating agencies evaluate Desjardins Group on a combined basis and recognize its capitalization, its consistent financial performance, its significant market shares in Québec and the quality of its assets. Consequently, the credit ratings of the Federation, a reporting issuer, and of Desjardins Capital Inc., a venture issuer, are backed by Desjardins Group's financial strength.

The Federation and Desjardins Capital Inc. have first-class credit ratings that are among the best of the major Canadian and international banking institutions.

As at the date of this MD&A, the credit ratings and outlooks of rating agencies were as follows:

Credit ratings of securities issued and outstanding

	DBRS	FITCH	MOODY'S	STANDARD & POOR'S
Fédération des caisses Desjardins du Québec				
Short-term	R-1 (high)	F1+	P-1	A-1
Medium- and long-term, existing senior ⁽¹⁾	AA	AA	Aa2	A+
Medium- and long-term, senior ⁽²⁾	AA (low)	AA-	A2	A-
NVCC subordinated notes	A (low)	Α	A2	BBB+
Covered bonds	-	AAA	Aaa	-
Outlook	Stable	Stable	Stable	Stable
Desjardins Capital Inc.				
Medium- and long-term, senior	A (high)	Α	A2	Α
Outlook	Stable	-	Stable	Stable

⁽¹⁾ Includes medium- and long-term senior debt issued before March 31, 2019, as well as that issued on or after that date and excluded from the bail-in regime applicable to Desjardins Group.

Desjardins Group regularly monitors the additional level of obligations that its counterparties would require in the event of a credit rating downgrade for the Federation and Desjardins Capital Inc. This monitoring enables Desjardins Group to assess the impact of such a downgrade on its funding capabilities and its ability to perform transactions in the normal course of its operations as well as ensure that it has the additional liquid assets and collateral necessary to meet its obligations. Currently, Desjardins Group is not obliged to provide additional collateral in the event of its credit rating being lowered three notches by one or more credit rating agencies.

Contractual maturities of on-balance sheet items and off-balance sheet commitments

The following table presents assets and liabilities recorded on the Combined Balance Sheets and off-balance sheet commitments at their carrying amount and classified according to their residual contractual maturities. The classification of maturities is an information source for liquidity and financing risk, but it differs from the analysis performed by Desjardins Group to determine the expected maturity of the items for liquidity risk management purposes. Many factors other than contractual maturity are taken into consideration to measure expected future cash flows and liquidity risk.

⁽²⁾ Includes medium- and long-term senior debt issued on or after March 31, 2019, which can be converted under the bail-in regime applicable to Desjardins Group.

The value of the credit commitments presented in this table represents the maximum amount of additional credit that Desjardins Group could be required to grant if the commitments were fully used. The value of guarantees and standby letters of credit amounts to the maximum cash outflows that Desjardins Group could be required to make in the event of complete default of the parties to the guarantees, without taking any possible recovery into account. These commitments and guarantees do not necessarily represent future liquidity needs because a large portion of these instruments will expire or be cancelled without giving rise to any cash outflows.

Note 16, "Insurance contract liabilities", to the Annual Combined Financial Statements provides additional information on the contractual maturities of actuarial liabilities and provisions for claims and adjustment expenses.

Residual contractual maturities of on-balance sheet items and off-balance sheet commitments As at March 31, 2021

a millions of dollars)	Less than 1 month	1 to 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to 9 months	9 to 12 months	1 to 2 years	2 to 5 years	Over 5 years	No stated maturity	Total
n millions of dollars) Ssets	1 month	months	months	months	months	years	years	J years	maturity	Total
Cash and deposits with	¢ 40 500	\$ 252	\$ 3	\$ -	¢	\$ -	\$ -	¢	\$ -	♠ 40.0E2
financial institutions Securities	\$ 19,598	\$ 252	a 3	a -	a -	a -	.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,853
Securities at fair value	400	F07	500	000	4 204	0.440	C 475	40.000	F 400	20 54
through profit or loss ⁽¹⁾	122	587	532	982	1,384	2,142	6,475	18,838	5,480	36,542
Securities at fair value										
through other										
comprehensive	000	004	500	4 440	704	0.000	00.750	47.570		40.00
income ⁽¹⁾	363	394	588	1,113	784	3,228	22,752	17,573	67	46,86
Securities at amortized							_			_
cost	-	-	-	1	-	1	5	18	-	2
Securities borrowed or										
purchased under reverse										
repurchase agreements	12,368	316	650	300	•	•	-	-	-	13,63
Loans										
Residential mortgages ⁽²⁾	2,424	3,634	5,829	8,307	8,873	20,918	75,528	7,007	5,918	138,43
Consumer, credit card										
and other personal										
loans ⁽²⁾	54	81	186	278	263	1,322	5,540	7,774	9,291	24,78
Business and										
government ⁽²⁾	12,152	5,305	5,086	5,786	4,207	3,790	8,152	3,010	5,200	52,68
Allowance for credit losses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,064)	(1,06
Segregated fund net assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,662	20,66
Clients' liability under										
acceptances	114	26	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Premiums receivable	163	63	13	3	-	-	-	-	2,399	2,64
Derivative financial										
instruments	260	308	208	274	175	1,145	2,951	264	-	5,58
Amounts receivable from										
clients, brokers and										
financial institutions	4,612	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	774	5,38
Reinsurance assets	34	59	75	67	64	171	349	1,085	-	1,90
Right-of-use assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	563	56
Investment property	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	918	91
Property, plant and										
equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,514	1,51
Goodwill	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	156	150
Intangible assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	455	45
Investments in companies										
accounted for using the										
equity method	-	-	-	-			-	-	1,238	1,23
Deferred tax assets	-	-	-		-		-	-	833	83
Other assets	774	251	123	13	17	28	48	12	1,936	3,20
otal assets	\$ 53,038		\$ 13,307	\$ 17.124	\$ 15.767	\$ 32,745	\$121,800	\$ 55,581		\$ 376,98

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Residual contractual maturities of on-balance sheet items and off-balance sheet commitments (continued) As at March 31, 2021

(in millions of dollars)	Less than 1 month	1 to 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to 9 months	9 to 12 months	1 to 2 years	2 to 5 years	Over 5 years	No stated maturity	Total
Liabilities and equity										
Deposits										
Individuals ⁽³⁾	\$ 6,716	\$ 4,475	\$ 5,091	\$ 6,987	\$ 5,299	\$ 13,299	\$ 16,571	\$ 387	\$ 70,851	\$ 129,676
Business and										
government ⁽³⁾	13,464	3,314	4,273	1,616	1,919	6,178	15,675	3,886	49,313	99,638
Deposit-taking										
institutions ⁽³⁾	545	2	-	6	3	7	3	_	1,039	1,605
Acceptances	114	26	14	-	-	-	-	-		154
Commitments related to										
securities sold short(4)	490	241	310	262	63	3,078	2,076	5,067	2	11,589
Commitments related to										
securities lent or sold										
under repurchase										
agreements	21,863	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	21,883
Derivative financial										
instruments	228	137	544	217	268	997	2,718	127	-	5,236
Amounts payable to										
clients, brokers and										
financial institutions	5,260	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,783	11,047
Lease liabilities	6	10	16	16	16	61	168	329	9	631
Insurance contract										
liabilities	448	748	990	885	870	2,231	4,825	18,995	2,830	32,822
Segregated fund net										
liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,660	20,660
Net defined benefit										
plan liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,877	1,877
Deferred tax liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	334	334
Other liabilities	2,908	691	123	84	222	232	161	33	2,258	6,712
Subordinated notes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,473	-	1,473
Total equity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31,644	31,644
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 52,042	\$ 9,648	\$ 11,361	\$ 10,093	\$ 8,660	\$ 26,083	\$ 42,197	\$ 30,297	\$ 186,600	\$ 376,981
Off-balance sheet										
commitments										
Credit commitments ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 852	\$ 1,054	\$ 1,019	\$ 1,066	\$ 364	\$ 3,254	\$ 7,430	\$ 255	\$ 107,235	\$ 122,529
Indemnification										
commitments related to										
securities lending	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,223	1,223
Documentary letters										
of credit	1	11	2	3	1	-	-	-	-	18
Guarantees and standby										
letters of credit	99	305	217	255	175	240	31	8	15	1,345
Credit default swaps	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	641	-	641

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Residual contractual maturities of on-balance sheet items and off-balance sheet commitments (continued) As at December 31, 2020

(in millions of dollars)	Less than 1 month	1 to 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to 9 months	9 to 12 months	1 to 2 years	2 to 5 years	Over 5 years	No stated maturity	Total
Assets										
Cash and deposits with										
financial institutions	\$ 11,739	\$ 384	\$ 3	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,126
Securities										
Securities at fair value										
through profit or loss(1)	172	181	866	303	627	1,508	5,632	20,671	5,000	34,960
Securities at fair value										
through other										
comprehensive										
income ⁽¹⁾	695	648	644	625	1,749	6,738	23,188	18,326	66	52,679
Securities at amortized										
cost	-	-	-	-	1	2	4	22	-	29
Securities borrowed or										
purchased under reverse										
repurchase agreements	8,676	599	383	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,658
Loans										
Residential mortgages ⁽²⁾	2,257	3,040	7,108	6,494	8,643	24,388	73,124	5,136	6,018	136,208
Consumer, credit card										
and other personal										
loans ⁽²⁾	56	59	138	246	359	1,350	5,762	7,918	9,422	25,310
Business and										
government ⁽²⁾	11,150	5,796	5,553	5,054	4,824	3,591	7,786	2,757	4,504	51,015
Allowance for credit losses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,112)	(1,112)
Segregated fund net assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,093	19,093
Clients' liability under										
acceptances	312	2	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	328
Premiums receivable	169	59	13	3	-	-	=	-	2,559	2,803
Derivative financial										
instruments	155	203	390	223	217	891	3,153	588	-	5,820
Amounts receivable from										
clients, brokers and										
financial institutions	1,807	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	682	2,499
Reinsurance assets	38	71	78	69	66	173	362	1,105	-	1,962
Right-of-use assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	=	565	565
Investment property	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	=	924	924
Property, plant and equipment	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	1,541	1,541
Goodwill	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	156	156
Intangible assets	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	424	424
Investments in companies									72-7	727
accounted for using the										
equity method	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	1,189	1,189
Deferred tax assets	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	1,154	1,154
Other assets	583	187	134	14	17	21	47	12	1,689	2,704
Total assets					\$ 16,503			\$ 56,535		\$ 362,035
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See page 48 for footnotes.

Residual contractual maturities of on-balance sheet items and off-balance sheet commitments (continued)

As at December 31, 2020

(in millions of dollars)	s than nonth	I to 3 nonths	3 to 6 nonths	to 9 onths	to 12 onths	to 2 rears	to 5 rears	Over years	lo stated naturity	Total
Liabilities and equity										
Deposits										
Individuals ⁽³⁾	\$ 4,129	\$ 3,579	\$ 8,209	\$ 5,044	\$ 7,058	\$ 14,559	\$ 15,392	\$ 343	\$ 69,615	\$ 127,928
Business and										
government ⁽³⁾	11,884	6,236	5,159	2,556	1,115	6,273	15,384	3,720	44,526	96,853
Deposit-taking										
institutions ⁽³⁾	45	-	3	-	6	10	5	-	386	455
Acceptances	312	2	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	328
Commitments related to										
securities sold short(4)	248	343	399	91	141	858	1,920	5,347	6	9,353
Commitments related to										
securities lent or sold										
under repurchase										
agreements	13,266	1,250	3,119	-	505	1,012	-	-	-	19,152
Derivative financial										
instruments	330	278	500	229	187	855	2,377	128	-	4,884
Amounts payable to										
clients, brokers and										
financial institutions	3,195	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,615	6,810
Lease liabilities	6	11	16	16	16	61	168	330	9	633
Insurance contract										
liabilities	467	845	1,007	906	855	2,126	4,877	20,754	2,990	34,827
Segregated fund net										
liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,089	19,089
Net defined benefit										
plan liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,107	3,107
Deferred tax liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	372	372
Other liabilities	2,132	890	587	161	51	146	164	35	2,322	6,488
Subordinated notes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,493	-	1,493
Total equity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,263	30,263
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 36,014	\$ 13,434	\$ 18,999	\$ 9,017	\$ 9,934	\$ 25,900	\$ 40,287	\$ 32,150	\$ 176,300	\$ 362,035
Off-balance sheet										
commitments										
Credit commitments ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 804	\$ 189	\$ 1,072	\$ 1,044	\$ 1,120	\$ 3,381	\$ 7,168	\$ 154	\$ 107,380	\$ 122,312
Indemnification										
commitments related to										
securities lending	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,702	1,702
Documentary letters										
of credit	10	9	72	9	17	12	3	-	-	132
Guarantees and standby										
letters of credit	98	173	283	205	202	30	28	8	10	1,037
Credit default swaps	-	-	-	-	-	-	649	-	-	649

⁽¹⁾ Equity securities are classified under "No stated maturity".

⁽²⁾ Amounts repayable on demand are classified under "No stated maturity".

⁽³⁾ Deposits payable on demand or after notice are considered as having "No stated maturity".

⁽⁴⁾ Amounts are presented by remaining contractual maturity of the underlying security.

⁽⁵⁾ Includes personal lines of credit, lines of credit secured by real or immovable property and credit card lines for which the amounts committed are unconditionally revocable at any time at Desjardins Group's discretion.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

During the interim period ended March 31, 2021, Desjardins Group did not make any changes to its policies, procedures and other processes with regard to internal control that had materially affected, or may materially affect, its internal control over financial reporting. The parties involved and their responsibilities regarding such internal control are described on pages 99 and 100 of Desjardins Group's 2020 annual MD&A.

RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

In the normal course of operations, Desjardins Group offers financial services to related parties, including its associates, joint ventures and other related companies, and enters into agreements for operating services with them. It also pays its key management personnel compensation under normal market conditions.

Furthermore, Desjardins Group provides its financial products and services, under normal market conditions, to its directors, its key management personnel and the persons related to them.

Desjardins Group has set up a process to obtain assurance that all transactions with its officers and the persons related to them have been carried out as arm's length transactions and in compliance with the legislative framework for its various components. These policies and procedures have not changed significantly since December 31, 2020.

Additional information on related party transactions is provided in Note 32, "Related party disclosures", to the Annual Combined Financial Statements.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

A description of the accounting policies used by Desjardins Group is essential to understanding the Annual and Interim Combined Financial Statements. The significant accounting policies are described in Note 2, "Basis of presentation and significant accounting policies", to Desjardins Group's Annual Combined Financial Statements on pages 121 to 139 of the 2020 Annual Report, except for the amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39 and IFRS 7, issued on January 1, 2021, as part of Phase 2 of the interest rate benchmark reform project, and described in Note 2, "Basis of presentation and significant accounting policies", to the Interim Combined Financial Statements.

Some of these policies are of particular importance in presenting Desjardins Group's financial position and operating results because they require management to make judgments as well as estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of some assets, liabilities, income and expenses, as well as related information. Explanations of the significant accounting policies that have required management to make difficult, subjective or complex judgments, often about matters that are inherently uncertain, are provided on pages 100 to 106 of the 2020 annual MD&A. There was no material change made to these accounting policies during the first three months of 2021. However, the COVID-19 pandemic situation continues to result in new sources of uncertainty affecting the judgments as well as the estimates and assumptions made by management in applying these accounting policies for the three-month period ended March 31, 2021. This concerns in particular the loss allowance for expected credit losses. For more information about the significant judgments made to estimate the loss allowance for expected credit losses, please refer to Note 5, "Loans and allowance for credit losses", to the Interim Combined Financial Statements.

FUTURE ACCOUNTING CHANGES

Accounting standards issued by the IASB but not yet effective as at December 31, 2020 are described in Note 2, "Basis of presentation and significant accounting policies", to Desjardins Group's Annual Combined Financial Statements, on page 139 of the 2020 Annual Report. The IASB has not issued any new accounting standard or any new amendment to an existing standard during the three-month period ended March 31, 2021, having a significant impact on Desjardins Group's financial statements.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED PURSUANT TO THE AMF'S DECISION NO. 2021-FS-0091

In addition to the entities comprising the Desjardins Cooperative Group (as defined under "Desjardins Group profile") and the subsidiaries of such entities, Desjardins Group's Combined Financial Statements include the Caisse Desjardins Ontario Credit Union Inc. (CDO). The CDO's financial information in comparison to that of Desjardins Group is presented in the table below.

		As at March 31, 2021			As at December 31, 2020	
(in millions of dollars and as a		Desjardins Group	%		Desjardins Group Combined	%
percentage)	CDO	Combined Balance Sheets	of total	CDO	Balance Sheets	of total
Total assets	\$ 8,835	\$ 376,981	2.3%	\$ 7,376	\$ 362,035	2.0%
Total liabilities	8,119	345,337	2.4	6,757	331,772	2.0
Total equity	716	31,644	2.3	619	30,263	2.0

				For the	three-month pe	eriods ende	d		
		March 31, 202	1		December 31, 20)20		March 31, 202	0
		Desjardins			Desjardins			Desjardins	
		Group			Group			Group	
		Combined			Combined			Combined	
(in millions of dollars and as a		Statements	%		Statements	%		Statements	%
percentage)	CDO	of Income	of total	CDO	of Income	of total	CDO	of Income	of total
Total income	\$ 78	\$ 3,035	2.6%	\$ 55	\$ 5,364	1.0%	\$ 24	\$ 4,696	0.5%
Surplus earnings before member dividends	41	798	5.1	26	876	3.0	(3)	285	(1.1)
Net surplus earnings for the period after member dividends	38	732	5.2	23	806	2.9	(5)	228	(2.2)

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Combined Balance Sheets

(in millions of Canadian dollars) ASSETS Cash and deposits with financial institutions Securities Securities at fair value through profit or loss Securities at fair value through other comprehensive income Securities at amortized cost Securities borrowed or purchased under reverse repurchase agreements Loans Residential mortgages Consumer, credit card and other personal loans Business and government	Notes 5	As at March 31, 2021 \$ 19,853 36,542 46,862 25 83,429 13,634	As at December 31, 2020 \$ 12,126 34,960 52,679 29 87,668
ASSETS Cash and deposits with financial institutions Securities Securities at fair value through profit or loss Securities at fair value through other comprehensive income Securities at amortized cost Securities borrowed or purchased under reverse repurchase agreements Loans Residential mortgages Consumer, credit card and other personal loans		\$ 19,853 36,542 46,862 25 83,429	\$ 12,126 34,960 52,679 29
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Loans Residential mortgages Consumer, credit card and other personal loans	5	13,634	0.000
Residential mortgages Consumer, credit card and other personal loans	5		9,658
Consumer, credit card and other personal loans			400.000
·		138,438	136,208
Business and government		24,789	25,310
		52,688	51,015
		215,915	212,533
Allowance for credit losses	5	(1,064)	(1,112)
		214,851	211,421
Segregated fund net assets		20,662	19,093
Other assets			
Clients' liability under acceptances		154	328
Premiums receivable		2,641	2,803
Derivative financial instruments		5,585	5,820
Amounts receivable from clients, brokers and financial institutions		5,389	2,499
Reinsurance assets		1,904	1,962
Right-of-use assets		563	565
Investment property		918	924
Property, plant and equipment		1,514	1,541
Goodwill		156	156
Intangible assets		455	424
Investments in companies accounted for using the equity method		1,238	1,189
Deferred tax assets		833	1,154
Other		3,202	2,704
		24,552	22,069
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 376,981	\$ 362,035
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY LIABILITIES			
Deposits	6		
Individuals	-	\$ 129,676	\$ 127,928
Business and government		99,638	96,853
Deposit-taking institutions		1,605	455
2000 taking mondatorio		230,919	225,236
Other liabilities		,	,
Acceptances		154	328
Commitments related to securities sold short		11,589	9,353
Commitments related to securities lent or sold under repurchase agreements		21,883	19,152
Derivative financial instruments		5,236	4,884
Amounts payable to clients, brokers and financial institutions		11,047	6,810
Lease liabilities		631	633
Insurance contract liabilities		32,822	34,827
		20,660	19,089
			3,107
Segregated fund net liabilities		1 877	0,101
Segregated fund net liabilities Net defined benefit plan liabilities		1,877 334	372
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Segregated fund net liabilities Net defined benefit plan liabilities Deferred tax liabilities Other Subordinated notes FOTAL LIABILITIES EQUITY Capital stock Undistributed surplus earnings Accumulated other comprehensive income	7	334 6,712 112,945 1,473 345,337 5,016 2,369 999	6,488 105,043 1,493 331,772 5,021 1,874 1,302
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Segregated fund net liabilities Net defined benefit plan liabilities Deferred tax liabilities Other Subordinated notes FOTAL LIABILITIES EQUITY Capital stock Undistributed surplus earnings Accumulated other comprehensive income Reserves Equity – Group's share	7	334 6,712 112,945 1,473 345,337 5,016 2,369 999 22,470 30,854	6,488 105,043 1,493 331,772 5,021 1,874 1,302 21,316 29,513
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of the Condensed Interim Combined Financial Statements.

Combined Statements of Income

(unaudited)

For the three-month periods

		ended I	March 31
(in millions of Canadian dollars)	Notes	2021	2020
INTEREST INCOME			
Loans		\$ 1,712	\$ 1,935
Securities		113	109
		1,825	2,044
INTEREST EXPENSE			
Deposits		405	645
Subordinated notes		14	18
Other		3	28
		422	691
NET INTEREST INCOME	9	1,403	1,353
NET PREMIUMS		2,585	2,522
OTHER INCOME			
Deposit and payment service charges		99	105
Lending fees and credit card service revenues		187	196
Brokerage and investment fund services		273	241
Management and custodial service fees		169	150
Net investment loss	9	(1,602)	(458)
Overlay approach adjustment for insurance operations financial assets		(146)	512
Foreign exchange income		30	46
Other		37	29
		(953)	821
TOTAL INCOME		3,035	4,696
PROVISION FOR CREDIT LOSSES	5	4	324
CLAIMS, BENEFITS, ANNUITIES AND CHANGES IN INSURANCE			
CONTRACT LIABILITIES		(206)	2,071
NON-INTEREST EXPENSE			
Salaries and fringe benefits		1,061	913
Premises, equipment and furniture, including depreciation		223	207
Service agreements and outsourcing		56	62
Communications		61	66
Other		764	751
		2,165	1,999
OPERATING SURPLUS EARNINGS		1,072	302
Income taxes on surplus earnings		274	17
SURPLUS EARNINGS BEFORE MEMBER DIVIDENDS(1)		798	285
Member dividends		90	77
Tax recovery on member dividends		(24)	(20)
NET SURPLUS EARNINGS FOR THE PERIOD AFTER MEMBER DIVIDENDS		\$ 732	\$ 228
of which:			
Group's share		\$ 702	\$ 215
Non-controlling interests' share		30	13

⁽¹⁾ The Group's share of "Surplus earnings before member dividends" is presented in Note 10, "Segmented information".

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the Condensed Interim Combined Financial Statements.

Combined Statements of Comprehensive Income

(unaudited)

For the three-month periods ended March 31

	ended	March 31
(in millions of Canadian dollars)	2021	2020
Net surplus earnings for the period after member dividends	\$ 732	\$ 228
Other comprehensive income, net of income taxes		
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to the Combined Statements of Income		
Remeasurement of net defined benefit plan liabilities	951	1,250
Share of associates and joint ventures accounted for using the equity method	6	7
Net change in gains and losses on equity securities designated as at fair value		
through other comprehensive income	1	(3)
Net change in fair value attributable to changes in the credit risk of financial liabilities		
designated as at fair value through profit or loss	-	5
	958	1.259
tems that will be reclassified subsequently to the Combined Statements of Income		,
Net change in unrealized gains and losses on debt securities classified as at fair value		
through other comprehensive income		
Net unrealized gains (losses)	(290)	218
Provision for credit losses recognized in profit or loss	(== 5) -	6
Reclassification of net gains to the Combined Statements of Income	(57)	(76)
rectassineation of het gains to the combined statements of medine	(347)	148
Net change in unrealized gains and losses related to the overlay approach adjustment for		-
insurance operations financial assets		
Net unrealized gains (losses)	147	(432)
Reclassification of net (gains) losses to the Combined Statements of Income	(36)	34
residestification of not (gains) 100000 to the Combined Statements of mounts	111	(398)
Net change in cash flow hedges		(555)
Net gains (losses) on derivative financial instruments designated as cash flow hedges	(50)	490
Reclassification to the Combined Statements of Income of net gains on	(55)	
derivative financial instruments designated as cash flow hedges	(12)	(1)
denvative infancial institutions designated as cash now nedges	(62)	489
Net unrealized exchange gains on the translation of a net investment in a foreign	(0-)	100
operation, net of hedging transactions	_	2
operation, not or neoging transactions	(298)	241
Total other comprehensive income, net of income taxes	660	1,500
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD	\$ 1,392	\$ 1,728
of which:	-,	¥ .,.==
Group's share	\$ 1,346	\$ 1,721
Non-controlling interests' share	46	7

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the Condensed Interim Combined Financial Statements.

Combined Statements of Comprehensive Income (continued)

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Income taxes on other comprehensive income

The tax expense (recovery) related to each component of other comprehensive income for the period is presented in the following table.

For the three-month periods ended March 31

	Cilucu	IVIAI CII J I
(in millions of Canadian dollars)	2021	2020
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to the Combined Statements of Income		
Remeasurement of net defined benefit plan liabilities	\$ 341	\$ 448
Net change in gains and losses on equity securities designated as at fair value		
through other comprehensive income	<u>-</u>	(1)
Net change in fair value attributable to changes in the credit risk of financial liabilities		
designated as at fair value through profit or loss	-	2
	341	449
Items that will be reclassified subsequently to the Combined Statements of Income		
Net change in unrealized gains and losses on debt securities classified as at fair value		
through other comprehensive income		
Net unrealized gains (losses)	(102)	74
Provision for credit losses recognized in profit or loss	` <u>-</u>	2
Reclassification of net gains to the Combined Statements of Income	(20)	(29)
	(122)	47
Net change in unrealized gains and losses related to the overlay approach adjustment for	, ,	
insurance operations financial assets		
Net unrealized gains (losses)	46	(128)
Reclassification of net (gains) losses to the Combined Statements of Income	(11)	14
	35	(114)
Net change in cash flow hedges		
Net gains (losses) on derivative financial instruments designated as cash flow hedges	(19)	181
Reclassification to the Combined Statements of Income of net gains on derivative		
financial instruments designated as cash flow hedges	(4)	-
	(23)	181
	(110)	114
Total income tax expense	\$ 231	\$ 563

Combined Statements of Changes in Equity

(unaudited)

For the three-month periods ended March 31

		vo	e			Rese	Reserves				_ o	sts	
(in millions of Canadian dollars)	Capital stock	Undistributed surplu earnings	Accumulated other comprehensive income (Note 7)		Stabilization reserve	Reserve for future member dividends	General and other	reserves		Total reserves	Equity - Group's shar	Non-controlling intere	Total equity
BALANCE AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2020	\$ 5,021	\$ 1,874	\$ 1,302	\$	795	\$ 1,159	\$ 19	,362	\$	21,316	\$ 29,513	\$ 750	\$ 30,263
Net surplus earnings for the period after member dividends	-	702	-		-	-		-		-	702	30	732
Other comprehensive income for the period	-	947	(303)		-	-		-		-	644	16	660
Comprehensive income for the period	-	1,649	(303)		-	-		-		-	1,346	46	1,392
Redemption of shares of capital stock	(5)	-	-		-	-		-		-	(5)	-	(5)
Dividends	-	-	-		-	-		-		-	-	(6)	(6)
Transfer from undistributed surplus earnings (to reserves)	-	(1,154)	-		-	(64)	1	,218		1,154	-	-	-
BALANCE AS AT MARCH 31, 2021	\$ 5,016	\$ 2,369	\$ 999	\$	795	\$ 1,095	\$ 20),580	\$	22,470	\$ 30,854	\$ 790	\$ 31,644
BALANCE AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2019	\$ 5,134	\$ 2,352	\$ 211	\$	796	\$ 978	\$ 17	7,185	\$	18,959	\$ 26,656	\$ 773	\$ 27,429
Net surplus earnings for the period after member dividends	-	215	-		-	-		-		-	215	13	228
Other comprehensive income for the period	-	1,242	264		-	-		-		-	1,506	(6)	1,500
Comprehensive income for the period	-	1,457	264		-	-		-		-	1,721	7	1,728
Redemption of shares of capital stock	(93)	-	-		-	-		-		-	(93)	-	(93)
Net buy-out of non-controlling interests	-	-	-		-	-		-		-	-	(93)	(93)
Dividends	-	-	-		-	-		-		-	-	(6)	(6)
Transfer from undistributed surplus earnings (to reserves)	-	(1,794)	-		-	(55)	1	,849		1,794	-	-	-
Loss on dilution of non-controlling interest	-	(14)	-		-	-		-		-	(14)	-	(14)
Other	-	(1)	-		-	-		-		-	(1)	-	(1)
BALANCE AS AT MARCH 31, 2020	\$ 5,041	\$ 2,000	\$ 475	\$	796	\$ 923	\$ 19	9,034	\$	20,753	\$ 28,269	\$ 681	\$ 28,950

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the Condensed Interim Combined Financial Statements.

Combined Statements of Cash Flows

(unaudited)

For the three-month periods ended March 31

	ended March 31								
(in millions of Canadian dollars)	2021	2020							
CASH FLOWS FROM (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES									
Operating surplus earnings	\$ 1,072	\$ 302							
Non-cash adjustments:									
Depreciation of right-of-use assets, property, plant and equipment, and investment property,									
and amortization of intangible assets	93	84							
Amortization of premiums and discounts	114	15							
Net change in insurance contract liabilities	(2,005)	224							
Provision for credit losses	4	324							
Net realized gains on securities classified as at fair value through other comprehensive income	(63)	(107)							
Net gains on disposal of property, plant and equipment, intangible assets and investment property	-	(101)							
Overlay approach adjustment for insurance operations financial assets	146	(512)							
Deferred income taxes	(4)	(63)							
Other	(2)	(39)							
Change in operating assets and liabilities:									
Securities at fair value through profit or loss	(1,582)	(485)							
Securities borrowed or purchased under reverse repurchase agreements	(3,976)	(533)							
Loans	(3,434)	(3,486)							
Derivative financial instruments, net amount	1,386	(2,406)							
Net amounts receivable from and payable to clients, brokers and financial institutions	1,347	2,305							
Deposits	5,683	11.577							
Commitments related to securities sold short	2,236	(1,714)							
Commitments related to securities lent or sold under repurchase agreements	2,731	2,854							
Other	397	(68)							
	(468)	(140)							
Income taxes paid on surplus earnings	3,675	8,031							
CACUELOWIC FROM (LICED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES	3,073	8,031							
CASH FLOWS FROM (USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(20)								
Purchase of debt securities and subordinated notes from third parties on the market Repayment of lease liabilities	(23)	(13)							
Redemption of shares of capital stock	(5)	(93)							
Remuneration on capital stock	(208)	(210)							
Net buy-out of non-controlling interests	(200)	(106)							
,	(6)	(6)							
Dividends paid	(262)	(428)							
CASH FLOWS FROM (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(262)	(428)							
• •	(C 490)	(14,300)							
Purchase of securities at fair value through other comprehensive income and at amortized cost	(6,489)	(14,300)							
Proceeds from disposals of securities at fair value through other comprehensive income	9,039	5,529							
and at amortized cost	9,039	5,529							
Proceeds from maturities of securities at fair value through other comprehensive income	4.074	7.077							
and at amortized cost	1,874	7,077							
Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment, intangible assets and investment property	(78)	(56)							
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment, intangible assets and investment property	-	131							
Acquisitions of joint ventures and associates accounted for using the equity method	(32)	(79)							
	4,314	(1,698)							
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	7,727	5,905							
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	12,126	3,709							
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	\$ 19,853	\$ 9,614							
Supplemental information on cash flows from (used in) operating activities									
Interest paid	\$ 718	\$ 866							
Interest received	2,011	2,114							
Dividends received	59	55							

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the Condensed Interim Combined Financial Statements.

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED INTERIM COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited)

NOTE 1 – INFORMATION ON DESJARDINS GROUP

Nature of operations

Desjardins Group is made up of the Desjardins caisses in Québec, the *Fédération des caisses Desjardins du Québec* (the Federation) and its subsidiaries, Caisse Desjardins Ontario Credit Union Inc. (CDO) and the *Fonds de sécurité Desjardins*. A number of the subsidiaries are active across Canada. The address of its head office is 100 Des Commandeurs Street, Lévis, Québec, Canada.

Basis of presentation of the Combined Financial Statements

As an integrated financial services group, Desjardins Group is a complete economic entity. These unaudited Condensed Interim Combined Financial Statements (the Interim Combined Financial Statements) have been prepared to present the financial position, the financial performance and the cash flows of this economic entity. The Desjardins caisses exercise a collective power over the Federation, which is the cooperative entity responsible for assuming orientation, framework, coordination and development activities for Desjardins Group. The role of the Federation is also to protect the interests of Desjardins Group members.

As Desjardins caisses and the Federation are financial services cooperatives, these Interim Combined Financial Statements differ from the consolidated financial statements of a group with a traditional organizational structure. Consequently, the Combined Financial Statements of Desjardins Group are a combination of the accounts of the Desjardins caisses of Québec, the Federation, CDO and the entities controlled by them, namely the Federation's subsidiaries and the *Fonds de sécurité Desjardins*. The capital stock of Desjardins Group represents the aggregate of the capital stock issued by the caisses, the Federation and CDO.

NOTE 2 – BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Statement of Compliance

Pursuant to the *Act Respecting Financial Services Cooperatives*, these Interim Combined Financial Statements have been prepared by Desjardins Group's management in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB), more specifically in accordance with International Accounting Standard (IAS) 34, "Interim Financial Reporting", and the accounting requirements of the *Autorité des marchés financiers* (AMF) in Québec, which do not differ from IFRS. Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with the presentation of the Interim Combined Financial Statements for the current period. These reclassifications had no impact on Desjardins Group's profit or loss or total assets and liabilities.

These Interim Combined Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the audited Annual Combined Financial Statements (the Annual Combined Financial Statements) for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the shaded areas of section 4.0, "Risk management", of the related Management's Discussion and Analysis, which are an integral part of the Annual Combined Financial Statements. All accounting policies were applied as described in Note 2, "Basis of presentation and significant accounting policies", to the Annual Combined Financial Statements, except for the changes described in the "Changes in accounting policies" section of this note.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to have an impact on judgments as well as significant estimates and assumptions made by management in preparing the Interim Combined Financial Statements. Desjardins Group closely monitors the development of the pandemic and its impact on significant judgments, estimates and assumptions, which are described in Note 2, "Basis of presentation and significant accounting policies", to the Annual Combined Financial Statements. For more information on significant judgments made to estimate the loss allowance for expected credit losses, see Note 5, "Loans and allowance for credit losses", to the Interim Combined Financial Statements.

These Interim Combined Financial Statements were approved by the Board of Directors of Desjardins Group, which is the Board of Directors of the Federation, on May 13, 2021.

Presentation and functional currency

These Interim Combined Financial Statements are expressed in Canadian dollars, which is also the functional currency of Desjardins Group. Dollar amounts presented in the tables of the Notes to the Interim Combined Financial Statements are in millions of dollars, unless otherwise stated.

NOTE 2 - BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Interest rate benchmark reform

On January 1, 2021, Desjardins Group adopted amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39 and IFRS 7 in connection with Phase 2 of the interest rate benchmark reform project. These amendments supplement the amendments adopted on January 1, 2020 arising from Phase 1 and focus on the impact on the financial statements of the replacement of the interest rate benchmark.

The International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) amended IFRS 9 to add a practical expedient allowing an entity to account prospectively for a change in contractual cash flows that is required by interest rate benchmark reform by revising the effective interest rate. The practical expedient applies only if certain conditions are met.

The IASB also amended IFRS 9 and IAS 39 to add a temporary exception for hedge accounting. The IASB therefore provides relief from applying the current hedge accounting documentation requirements with respect to changes to hedged items, hedging instruments or hedged risk resulting directly from interest rate benchmark reform. The amendments allow continuing hedge accounting when changes to the hedged item and the hedging instrument occur as a result of changes that are required by the reform.

IFRS 7 was also amended to include the requirement to disclose the nature and extent of risks related to the reform and how the entity manages those risks as well as the entity's progress in completing the transition to alternative benchmark rates and how the entity is managing the transition. Amendments to these standards had no material impact on Desjardins Group's profit or loss or financial position.

Progress and risks arising from the interest rate benchmark reform

Interest rate benchmark reform is a global initiative that includes Canada and is being led by the central banks and regulatory authorities. The objective is to improve benchmark indices by making sure they comply with robust international standards.

Desjardins Group is exposed to several risks, including interest, market, reputation and operational risks, which result from transactions on over-the-counter derivative financial instruments, securities, loans and other variable-rate instruments.

To ensure a smooth transition from interest rate benchmarks to risk-free rates, Desjardins Group has set up a working group comprising members having diverse fields of expertise and coming from various sectors affected by the reform. The mandate of this working group is to analyze all aspects of this reform, identify and mitigate the risks it poses, as well as coordinate and execute a transition plan.

The plan of the working group is intended to ensure that the recommendations from the various relevant authorities with respect to the deployment schedule for the key transitional measures are implemented, including the integration of contractual clauses required in connection with the reform. In addition, a significant measure to mitigate risks related to derivative exposures is the adherence, by the parties to such transactions, to the International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA) 2020 IBOR Fallbacks Protocol. This protocol amends transactions entered into by its adherents before January 25, 2021 so that they would be subject to safe and efficient mechanisms. The Federation has adhered to the ISDA Protocol, which became effective on January 25, 2021, at the same time as a supplement to the 2006 ISDA Definitions. The other concerned components of the Desjardins Group will adhere to the ISDA Protocol in the near future.

The working group also monitors closely the evolution of the expected timeframe for the retirement of certain interest rate benchmarks, which will start on May 17, 2021 with the cessation of the 6-month and 12-month CDOR. In addition, regulatory authorities recently announced that the publication of LIBOR will officially cease after December 31, 2021 for all currencies except for some USD LIBOR, for which the publication will cease after June 30, 2023. The work of the working group continues to progress and meets the timeline set out in the Desjardins Group's transition plan.

The following table presents quantitative information about exposures for financial instruments and commitments subject to the reform that have yet to transition to alternative benchmark rates and mature after December 31, 2021 or June 30, 2023 (depending on the expected cessation date of the applicable benchmark rate)⁽¹⁾.

	USD LIBOR	GBP LIBOR	OTHER ⁽²⁾
	Maturing after	Maturing after	Maturing after
As at March 31, 2021	June 30, 2023	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2021
Non-derivative financial assets(3)	\$ 939	\$ 76	\$ 1
Derivative financial instruments ⁽⁴⁾	8,066	-	-
Loan commitments ⁽⁵⁾	1,825	37	13

⁽¹⁾ This table excludes exposures to interest rate benchmark for which no cessation plans have been announced, including CDOR (Canadian Dollar Offered Rate) for all maturities except the 6-month and 12-month CDOR, Euribor (Euro Interbank Offered Rate) and BBSW (Australian Bank Bill Swap Rate).

FUTURE ACCOUNTING CHANGES

Accounting standards issued by the IASB, but not yet effective as at December 31, 2020, are described in Note 2, "Basis of presentation and significant accounting policies", to the Annual Combined Financial Statements. During the three-month period ended March 31, 2021, the IASB has not issued any new accounting standards or new amendments to existing standards having a significant impact on Desjardins Group's financial statements.

⁽²⁾ Include the following rates: Euro LIBOR, EONIA (Euro Overnight Index Average), CHF LIBOR, and 6- and 12-month CDOR.

⁽³⁾ Non-derivative financial assets include the gross carrying amount of loans and the carrying amount of securities.

⁽⁴⁾ Derivative financial instruments include the notional amount of interest rate contracts and foreign exchange contracts.

⁽⁵⁾ Include loan commitments for which it is possible to draw amounts in several currencies.

NOTE 3 – CARRYING AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

CLASSIFICATION AND CARRYING AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The following tables present the carrying amount of financial assets and liabilities according to their classification in the classes defined in the financial instrument standards.

		At fair valu			Α	t fair value t comprehen						
As at March 31, 2021	at	assified as fair value through fit or loss ⁽¹⁾	at t	ignated as fair value hrough fit or loss	at com	ssified as fair value through other prehensive ncome ⁽²⁾	at fa th c comp	inated as ir value rough other rehensive come	,	Amortized cost ⁽²⁾	ī	otal
Financial assets												
Cash and deposits with financial												
institutions	\$.	\$	109	\$	618	\$	-	\$	19,126		19,853
Securities		17,082		19,460		46,795		67		25		83,429
Securities borrowed or purchased under												
reverse repurchase agreements		-		-		-		-		13,634		13,634
Loans		-		-		-		-		214,851	2	14,851
Other financial assets												
Clients' liability under acceptances				-		-		-		154		154
Derivative financial instruments ⁽³⁾		5,585		-		-		-		-		5,585
Amounts receivable from clients,										F 000		5 000
brokers and financial institutions		-		-		-		-		5,389		5,389
Other		2								2,101		2,103
Total financial assets	\$	22,669	\$	19,569	\$	47,413	\$	67	\$	255,280	\$ 3	44,998
Financial liabilities	_											
Deposits ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾⁽⁶⁾	\$	-	\$	201	\$	-	\$	-	\$	230,718	\$ 2	30,919
Other financial liabilities												
Acceptances		-		-		-		-		154		154
Commitments related to securities		44 500										44 500
sold short		11,589		-		-		-		-		11,589
Commitments related to securities lent												
or sold under repurchase										04.000		04 000
agreements		-		-		-		-		21,883		21,883
Derivative financial instruments ⁽³⁾		5,236		-		-		-		-		5,236
Amounts payable to clients, brokers										11.047		11 017
and financial institutions		402		-		-		-		11,047		11,047
Other		183		-		•		-		3,138		3,321
Subordinated notes Total financial liabilities	¢	17.009	\$	201	\$	-	\$		¢	1,473	¢ 2	1,473
(1) An amount of \$2 442 million corresponds to		17,008				-	Þ	-	Þ	268,413	\$ 2	85,622

⁽¹⁾ An amount of \$3,413 million corresponds to financial assets designated for the overlay approach.

⁽²⁾ As at March 31, 2021, the allowance for credit losses on securities at "Amortized cost" totalled was insignificant, and the allowance for credit losses on securities "Classified as at fair value through other comprehensive income" totalled \$4 million. Detailed information on the allowance for credit losses on loans is presented in Note 5, "Loans and allowance for credit losses".

⁽³⁾ Include derivative financial instruments designated as hedging instruments amounting to \$375 million in assets and \$391 million in liabilities.

⁽⁴⁾ The maturity amount that Desjardins Group will be contractually required to pay to holders of deposits designated as at fair value through profit or loss fluctuates and could differ from the fair value of such deposits as at the reporting date.

⁽⁵⁾ As at March 31, 2021, the cumulative amount of change in fair value attributable to changes in the credit risk of liabilities designated as at fair value through profit or loss was \$5 million.

⁽⁶⁾ The amount recognized in other comprehensive income attributable to changes in the credit risk of liabilities designated as at fair value through profit or loss that was realized at derecognition during the period was insignificant.

NOTE 3 – CARRYING AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

CLASSIFICATION AND CARRYING AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

		At fair val		•		At fair value comprehen					
As at December 31, 2020	a	assified as t fair value through offit or loss ⁽¹⁾	De: at	signated as fair value through ofit or loss	con	assified as fair value through other nprehensive ncome ⁽²⁾	Designat farth	gnated as air value rough other rehensive come	ļ	Amortized cost ⁽²⁾	Total
Financial assets											
Cash and deposits with financial											
institutions	\$	1	\$	174	\$	719	\$	-	\$	11,232	\$ 12,126
Securities		13,721		21,239		52,613		66		29	87,668
Securities borrowed or purchased under											
reverse repurchase agreements		-		-		-		-		9,658	9,658
Loans		-		-		-		-		211,421	211,421
Other financial assets											
Clients' liability under acceptances		-		-		-		-		328	328
Derivative financial instruments(3)		5,820		-		-		-		-	5,820
Amounts receivable from clients,											
brokers and financial institutions		-		-		-		-		2,499	2,499
Other		2		-		-		-		1,638	1,640
Total financial assets	\$	19,544	\$	21,413	\$	53,332	\$	66	\$	236,805	\$ 331,160
Financial liabilities											
Deposits ⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾⁽⁶⁾	\$	-	\$	206	\$	-	\$	-	\$	225,030	\$ 225,236
Other financial liabilities											
Acceptances		-		-		-		-		328	328
Commitments related to securities											
sold short		9,353		-		-		-		-	9,353
Commitments related to securities lent											
or sold under repurchase											
agreements		-		-		=		-		19,152	19,152
Derivative financial instruments(3)		4,884		-		=		-		-	4,884
Amounts payable to clients, brokers											
and financial institutions		-		-		=		-		6,810	6,810
Other		155		-		-		-		2,930	3,085
Subordinated notes				-		-		-		1,493	 1,493
Total financial liabilities	\$	14,392	\$	206	\$	=	\$	-	\$	255,743	\$ 270,341

⁽¹⁾ An amount of \$3,082 million corresponds to financial assets designated for the overlay approach.

During the three-month period ended March 31, 2021 and the year ended December 31, 2020, there were no material reclassifications of financial instruments.

⁽²⁾ As at December 31, 2020, the allowance for credit losses on securities at "Amortized cost" was insignificant, and the allowance for credit losses on securities "Classified as at fair value through other comprehensive income" totalled \$4 million. Detailed information on the allowance for credit losses on loans is presented in Note 5, "Loans and allowance for credit losses".

⁽³⁾ Include derivative financial instruments designated as hedging instruments amounting to \$742 million in assets and \$288 million in liabilities.

⁽⁴⁾ The maturity amount that Desjardins Group will be contractually required to pay to holders of deposits designated as at fair value through profit or loss fluctuates and could differ from the fair value of such deposits as at the reporting date.

⁽⁵⁾ As at December 31, 2020, the cumulative amount of change in fair value attributable to changes in the credit risk of liabilities designated as at fair value through profit or loss was \$5 million.

⁽⁶⁾ The amount recognized in other comprehensive income attributable to changes in the credit risk of liabilities designated as at fair value through profit or loss that was realized at derecognition during the year was insignificant.

NOTE 4 – FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

DETERMINATION OF THE FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

For a description of the valuation techniques and data used to determine the fair value of the main financial instruments, refer to Note 2, "Basis of presentation and significant accounting policies", to the Annual Combined Financial Statements. No significant changes were made to our fair value valuation techniques during the quarter. Desjardins Group has implemented controls and procedures to ensure that financial instruments are appropriately and reliably measured.

FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The carrying amount of certain financial instruments measured at amortized cost does not reasonably approximate fair value. These financial instruments are presented in the following table.

	As at Marc	h 31, 2021	As at December 31, 2020					
	Carrying amount	Fair value	Carrying amount	Fair value				
Financial assets								
Securities	\$ 25	\$ 26	\$ 29	\$ 29				
Loans	214,851	216,042	211,421	213,920				
Financial liabilities								
Deposits	230,718	231,882	225,030	226,762				
Subordinated notes	1,473	1,544	1,493	1,592				

FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY

Fair value measurement is determined using a three-level fair value hierarchy. Refer to Note 4, "Fair value of financial instruments", to the Annual Combined Financial Statements, which contains a description of these three levels.

NOTE 4 - FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

HIERARCHY OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS MEASURED AT FAIR VALUE

The following tables present the hierarchy for financial instruments measured at fair value in the Combined Balance Sheets.

As at March 31, 2021	L	_evel 1	Level 2	Level 3		Total
Financial assets						
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss						
Cash and deposits with financial institutions	\$	27	\$ 82	\$ -	\$	109
Securities						
Debt securities issued or guaranteed by						
Canadian governmental entities		7,776	-	-		7,776
Provincial governmental entities and municipal corporations in Canada		15,918	801	-		16,719
School or public corporations in Canada		14	88	-		102
Foreign public administrations		443	-	-		443
Other securities			4 004	40		4 004
Financial institutions		-	1,321	10		1,331
Other issuers		41	3,981	714		4,736
Equity securities		4,256	62	1,117		5,435
Destructive Conservation Control of Control		28,448	6,253	1,841		36,542
Derivative financial instruments			4 0 4 2			4 0 4 2
Interest rate contracts		-	1,842 187	-		1,842 187
Foreign exchange contracts		-	3,556	-		3,556
Other contracts			 5,585	 		5,585
O(h		-	2,363			2
Other assets				4 044		
Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		28,475	11,922	1,841		42,238
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income			550			640
Cash and deposits with financial institutions		66	552			618
Securities						
Debt securities issued or guaranteed by		7,215	5,368			12,583
Canadian governmental entities Provincial governmental entities and municipal corporations in Canada		26,470	2,758	-		29,228
Foreign public administrations		20,470 12	2,750	-		12
Other securities		12	-	-		12
Financial institutions		38	4,036	_		4,074
Other issuers		-	831	67		898
Equity securities		_	2	65		67
Equity Securities		33,735	12,995	132		46,862
Total financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income		33,801	13,547	132		47,480
Financial instruments of segregated funds		7,334	13,095	286		20,715
Total financial assets	\$	69,610	\$ 38,564	\$ 2,259	\$ 1	10,433
Financial liabilities	_ ·		 	 		10,100
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss						
Deposits	\$	-	\$ 201	\$ -	\$	201
Other liabilities						
Commitments related to securities sold short		11,032	557	-		11,589
Other			-	183		183
		11,032	758	183		11,973
Derivative financial instruments						
Interest rate contracts		-	1,229	-		1,229
Foreign exchange contracts		-	647	-		647
Other contracts		-	3,360	-		3,360
			5,236	-		5,236
Total financial liabilities	\$	11,032	\$ 5,994	\$ 183	\$	17,209
		_	-			

NOTE 4 - FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

HIERARCHY OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS MEASURED AT FAIR VALUE (continued)

As at December 31, 2020	Lev	vel 1	Level 2		Level 3			Total
Financial assets								
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	\$	44	\$	161	œ.		\$	175
Cash and deposits with financial institutions Securities	Ф	11	Ф	164	\$	-	Ф	175
Debt securities issued or guaranteed by	-							F CO0
Canadian governmental entities		5,698		774		-		5,698
Provincial governmental entities and municipal corporations in Canada	16	5,785		771		-		17,556
School or public corporations in Canada		16		95		-		111
Foreign public administrations		248		-		-		248
Other securities								
Financial institutions		-		1,278		10		1,288
Other issuers		61		4,327		735		5,123
Equity securities	3	3,901		71		964		4,936
	26	,709		6,542		1,709		34,960
Derivative financial instruments	· · · · ·				·	-		
Interest rate contracts		-		2,556		-		2,556
Foreign exchange contracts		-		464		-		464
Other contracts		-		2,800		-		2,800
		-		5,820		-		5,820
Other assets		-		2		-		2
Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	26	5,720		12,528		1,709		40,957
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income		,,,,,		12,020		1,7 00		10,001
Cash and deposits with financial institutions		1		718		_		719
Securities		- '		710				7.10
Debt securities issued or guaranteed by								
Canadian governmental entities	c	3,035		5,380				13,415
Provincial governmental entities and municipal corporations in Canada		,033),548		3,031		-		33,579
	30	,340		,		-		17
School or public corporations in Canada		-		17		-		
Foreign public administrations		11		-		-		11
Other securities								
Financial institutions		28		4,678		-		4,706
Other issuers		3		813		69		885
Equity securities		-		2		64		66
		3,625		13,921		133		52,679
Total financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income		3,626		14,639		133		53,398
Financial instruments of segregated funds		',113		11,861		127		19,101
Total financial assets	\$ 72	2,459	\$	39,028	\$	1,969	\$ 1	13,456
Financial liabilities								
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss								
Deposits	\$	-	\$	206	\$	-	\$	206
Other liabilities								
Commitments related to securities sold short	8	3,671		682		-		9,353
Other		-		-		155		155
	۶	3.671		888		155		9.714
Derivative financial instruments		,						-,
Interest rate contracts		_		1,507		_		1,507
Interest rate contracts Foreign exchange contracts		_		712		_		712
Other contracts		_		2,665		_		2,665
Other Contracts		-		4,884				4.884
Total financial liabilities	φ	-	Φ.		Φ.		Φ.	,
Total financial liabilities	\$ 8	3,671	\$	5,772	\$	155	\$	14,598

During the three-month period ended March 31, 2021 and the year ended December 31, 2020, no material transfers attributable to changes in the observability of market data were made between Levels 1 and 2 of the hierarchy for instruments measured at fair value. Transfers of financial instruments into or out of Level 3 reflect changes in the availability of observable inputs as a result of changes in market conditions.

NOTE 4 – FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS CATEGORIZED WITHIN LEVEL 3

Desjardins Group has implemented various key controls and procedures to ensure that financial instruments categorized within Level 3 are appropriately and reliably measured. During the three-month period ended March 31, 2021, no significant changes were made to the key controls and procedures as well as the valuation techniques. Some changes were made to input value ranges used to determine fair value, but they did not result in material changes to the fair value of financial instruments categorized within Level 3. For a description of the valuation process for financial instruments categorized within Level 3, refer to Note 4, "Fair value of financial instruments", to the Annual Combined Financial Statements.

Sensitivity of financial instruments categorized within Level 3

Desjardins Group performs sensitivity analyses to measure the fair value of financial instruments categorized within Level 3. Changing unobservable inputs to one or more reasonably possible alternative assumptions does not significantly change the fair value of financial instruments categorized within Level 3.

NOTE 4 – FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS CATEGORIZED WITHIN LEVEL 3 (continued)

Changes in fair value of financial instruments categorized within Level 3

The following tables present the changes in fair value of financial instruments categorized within Level 3 of the hierarchy, namely financial instruments whose fair value is determined using valuation techniques not based mainly on observable market data.

For the three month paried and of March 24, 2024	Balance at beginnir	ng	Unrealized gains / losses recognized in profit or loss ⁽¹⁾	gair red i com	nrealized as / losses cognized n other prehensive	insti into	esfers of ruments (out of)	Issu	chases / ances / Other	Settl	ales / ements / Other	Balance at end of	
For the three-month period ended March 31, 2021 Financial assets	of perio	u	1055**/	Ш	icome/	L.	evel 3		tner		mer	period	
Financial assets Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss													
Securities													
Other securities													
Financial institutions													
Mortgage bonds	\$ 10		\$ -	\$	_	\$	_	¢	_	\$	_	\$ 10	
Other issuers	Φ 10		Φ -	Ψ	-	Ψ	_	Φ	-	φ	-	φ 10	
Hedge funds	3		_		_		_		_		_	3	
Asset-backed term notes	3		_		_		_		_		_	3	
Mortgage bonds	668		(13)		_		_		_		(8)	647	
Other debt securities	61		(13)		_		_		_		(0)	61	
Equity securities	964		38		_		_		120		(5)	1,117	
Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	1,709		25						120		(13)	1,841	
Financial assets at fair value through other	1,703								120		(13)	1,041	
comprehensive income													
Securities													
Other securities													
Other issuers													
Mortgage bonds	69		_		(1)						(1)	67	
Equity securities	64		_		1		-		-		-	65	
Total financial assets at fair value through					<u> </u>								
other comprehensive income	133		_		_						(1)	132	
Financial instruments of segregated funds	127		1		-		145		20		(7)	286	_
Total financial assets	\$ 1,969		\$ 26	\$	-	\$	145	\$	140	\$	(21)	\$ 2,259	
Financial liabilities	. ,		•										
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss													
Other liabilities – Other													
Financial liability related to the contingent consideration	\$ 155		\$ 28	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 183	
Total financial liabilities	\$ 155		\$ 28	\$	-	\$	-	\$		\$		\$ 183	
Total financial liabilities	\$ 155		\$ 28	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 183	

⁽¹⁾ Unrealized gains or losses on financial assets classified or designated as at fair value through profit or loss are presented under "Net investment loss".

⁽²⁾ Unrealized gains or losses on financial assets "Classified as at fair value through other comprehensive income" are recognized under "Net unrealized gains (losses)" on debt securities at fair value through other comprehensive income, while unrealized gains or losses on financial assets "Designated as at fair value through other comprehensive income" are recognized under "Net change in gains and losses on equity securities designated as at fair value through other comprehensive income" in the Combined Statements of Comprehensive Income.

NOTE 4 – FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS CATEGORIZED WITHIN LEVEL 3 (continued)

Changes in fair value of financial instruments categorized within Level 3 (continued)

For the three-month period ended March 31, 2020	Baland at beginni of peri	ing	gains / recogr pro	lized / losses nized in fit or ss ⁽¹⁾	gains recog	ealized s / losses gnized in ofit or oss ⁽²⁾	gains recog in c compre	ealized / losses gnized other ehensive ome ⁽³⁾	Issua	nases / ances / ther	Settle	ales / ements /	e	alance at end of eriod
Financial assets														
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss														
Securities														
Other securities														
Financial institutions														
Mortgage bonds	\$ 5	5	\$	-	\$	_	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	55
Other issuers	•		•		•		*		•		•		•	
Hedge funds		2		2		(1)		-		-		-		3
Asset-backed term notes		4		-		Ì		-		-		-		5
Mortgage bonds	71	0		-		(10)		-		-		(9)		691
Other debt securities	5	5		-		(2)		-		6		-		59
Equity securities	79	4		(2)		(10)		-		58		(1)		839
Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	1,62	.0		-		(22)		-		64		(10)		1,652
Financial assets at fair value through other														
comprehensive income														
Securities														
Other securities														
Other issuers														
Mortgage bonds	7	0		-		-		(1)		-		(1)		68
Equity securities	5	7		-		-		(4)		-		-		53
Total financial assets at fair value through other														
comprehensive income	12	7		-		-		(5)		-		(1)		121
Financial instruments of segregated funds	8	1		-		(7)		-		5		(5)		74
Total financial assets	\$ 1,82	8	\$	-	\$	(29)	\$	(5)	\$	69	\$	(16)	\$	1,847
Financial liabilities														
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss														
Other liabilities – Other														
Financial liability related to the contingent consideration	\$ 26	8	\$	-	\$	30	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	298
Total financial liabilities	\$ 26	8	\$	-	\$	30	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	298

⁽¹⁾ Realized gains or losses on financial assets classified or designated as at fair value through profit or loss are presented under "Net investment loss".

⁽²⁾ Unrealized gains or losses on financial assets classified or designated as at fair value through profit or loss are presented under "Net investment loss".

⁽³⁾ Unrealized gains or losses on financial assets "Classified as at fair value through other comprehensive income" are recognized under "Net unrealized gains (losses)" on debt securities at fair value through other comprehensive income, while unrealized gains or losses on financial assets "Designated as at fair value through other comprehensive income" are recognized under "Net change in gains and losses on equity securities designated as at fair value through other comprehensive income" in the Combined Statements of Comprehensive Income.

NOTE 5 - LOANS AND ALLOWANCE FOR CREDIT LOSSES

EXPOSURE TO CREDIT RISK OF LOANS AND OFF-BALANCE SHEET ITEMS

The following tables present the gross carrying amount of loans and the exposure amount for off-balance sheet items for which Desjardins Group estimates a loss allowance for expected credit losses, according to credit quality and the impairment model stage in which they are classified. Loans and off-balance sheet items are classified based on their credit quality using their 12-month probability of default (PD) adjusted to take into consideration relevant forward-looking information over their lifetime. This is the PD used to determine whether credit risk has significantly increased since initial recognition or identify financial instruments in regulatory default. For more information on the classification of loans and off-balance sheet items based on credit quality, see the table presenting PD tranches in relation with risk levels for loans and off-balance sheet items in Note 7, "Loans and allowance for credit losses", to the Annual Combined Financial Statements.

Loans

		Non-cr	edit im	paired	Cred	lit-impaired	
As at March 31, 2021		Stage 1		Stage 2	;	Stage 3	Total
Residential mortgages							
Excellent	\$	698	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 698
Very low		48,209		-		-	48,209
Low		53,335		4,894		-	58,229
Moderate		14,053		12,346		-	26,399
High		1,051		3,359		-	4,410
Default		-		170		323	493
Total gross residential mortgages	\$ 1	117,346	\$	20,769	\$	323	\$ 138,438
Allowance for credit losses		(65)		(91)		(26)	(182)
Total net residential mortgages	\$ 1	117,281	\$	20,678	\$	297	\$ 138,256
Consumer, credit card and other personal loans							
Excellent	\$	3,050	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 3,050
Very low		3,487		-		-	3,487
Low		9,541		293		-	9,834
Moderate		4,383		1,672		-	6,055
High		416		1,700		-	2,116
Default		-		61		186	247
Total gross consumer, credit card and other personal loans	\$	20,877	\$	3,726	\$	186	\$ 24,789
Allowance for credit losses		(119)		(270)		(109)	(498)
Total net consumer, credit card and other personal loans	\$	20,758	\$	3,456	\$	77	\$ 24,291
Business and government loans ⁽¹⁾							
Acceptable risk:							
Investment grade	\$	9,951	\$	33	\$	-	\$ 9,984
Other than investment grade		25,519		4,883		-	30,402
Under watch		5,557		6,052		-	11,609
Default		-		120		727	847
Total gross business and government loans	\$	41,027	\$	11,088	\$	727	\$ 52,842
Allowance for credit losses		(79)		(127)		(178)	(384)
Total net business and government loans	\$	40,948	\$	10,961	\$	549	\$ 52,458

⁽¹⁾ Include clients' liability under acceptances.

NOTE 5 – LOANS AND ALLOWANCE FOR CREDIT LOSSES (continued)

EXPOSURE TO CREDIT RISK OF LOANS AND OFF-BALANCE SHEET ITEMS (continued)

Loans (continued)

	Non-credit impaired				Credit-impaired			
As at December 31, 2020		Stage 1		Stage 2	S	tage 3		Total
Residential mortgages								_
Excellent	\$	709	\$	-	\$	-	\$	709
Very low		47,146		=		-		47,146
Low		52,003		5,329		-		57,332
Moderate		12,891		12,937		-		25,828
High		1,077		3,546		-		4,623
Default				196		374		570
Total gross residential mortgages	\$ 1	13,826	\$	22,008	\$	374	\$	136,208
Allowance for credit losses		(64)		(98)		(29)		(191)
Total net residential mortgages	\$ 1	13,762	\$	21,910	\$	345	\$	136,017
Consumer, credit card and other personal loans								
Excellent	\$	2,194	\$	=	\$	-	\$	2,194
Very low		4,308		-		-		4,308
Low		9,735		299		-		10,034
Moderate		4,499		1,707		-		6,206
High		393		1,904		-		2,297
Default		-		59		212		271
Total gross consumer, credit card and other personal loans	\$	21,129	\$	3,969	\$	212	\$	25,310
Allowance for credit losses		(126)		(293)		(126)		(545)
Total net consumer, credit card and other personal loans	\$	21,003	\$	3,676	\$	86	\$	24,765
Business and government loans ⁽¹⁾								_
Acceptable risk:								
Investment grade	\$	9,700	\$	30	\$	-	\$	9,730
Other than investment grade		23,691		5,684		-		29,375
Under watch		4,752		6,623		-		11,375
Default		-		126		737		863
Total gross business and government loans	\$	38,143	\$	12,463	\$	737	\$	51,343
Allowance for credit losses		(70)		(125)		(181)		(376)
Total net business and government loans	\$	38,073	\$	12,338	\$	556	\$	50,967

⁽¹⁾ Include clients' liability under acceptances.

NOTE 5 – LOANS AND ALLOWANCE FOR CREDIT LOSSES (continued)

EXPOSURE TO CREDIT RISK OF LOANS AND OFF-BALANCE SHEET ITEMS (continued)

Off-balance sheet items(1)

	Non-credit impaired			Credit	-impaired		
As at March 31, 2021		Stage 1	5	Stage 2	St	age 3	Total
Residential mortgages, consumer, credit card and other		_					
personal loans							
Excellent	\$	18,625	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 18,625
Very low		21,197		-		-	21,197
Low		33,273		94		-	33,367
Moderate		3,688		2,736		-	6,424
High		348		1,119		-	1,467
Default		-		1		63	64
Total gross off-balance sheet items	\$	77,131	\$	3,950	\$	63	\$ 81,144
Allowance for credit losses		(49)		(16)		-	(65)
Total net off-balance sheet items	\$	77,082	\$	3,934	\$	63	\$ 81,079
Business and government							
Acceptable risk:							
Investment grade	\$	23,228	\$	10	\$	-	\$ 23,238
Other than investment grade		14,137		2,004		-	16,141
Under watch		1,033		2,135		-	3,168
Default		-		10		191	201
Total gross off-balance sheet items	\$	38,398	\$	4,159	\$	191	\$ 42,748
Allowance for credit losses		(6)	•	(3)		-	(9)
Total net off-balance sheet items	\$	38,392	\$	4,156	\$	191	\$ 42,739

⁽¹⁾ Loan commitments for which Desjardins Group estimates a loss allowance for expected credit losses comprise credit commitments and documentary letters of credit, while financial guarantees for which it estimates a loss allowance for expected credit losses comprise guarantees and standby letters of credit.

	Non-credit impaired				Credit-impaired			
As at December 31, 2020		Stage 1	5	Stage 2	S	tage 3		Total
Residential mortgages, consumer, credit card and other								
personal loans								
Excellent	\$	18,439	\$	-	\$	-	\$	18,439
Very low		20,966		-		-		20,966
Low		34,871		103		-		34,974
Moderate		3,658		2,879		-		6,537
High		358		1,264		-		1,622
Default		-		-		77		77
Total gross off-balance sheet items	\$	78,292	\$	4,246	\$	77	\$	82,615
Allowance for credit losses		(52)		(17)		-		(69)
Total net off-balance sheet items	\$	78,240	\$	4,229	\$	77	\$	82,546
Business and government								
Acceptable risk:								
Investment grade	\$	21,758	\$	13	\$	-	\$	21,771
Other than investment grade		13,432		2,190		-		15,622
Under watch		954		2,338		-		3,292
Default		-		10		171		181
Total gross off-balance sheet items	\$	36,144	\$	4,551	\$	171	\$	40,866
Allowance for credit losses		(6)		(3)		-		(9)
Total net off-balance sheet items	\$	36,138	\$	4,548	\$	171	\$	40,857

⁽¹⁾ Loan commitments for which Desjardins Group estimates a loss allowance for expected credit losses comprise credit commitments and documentary letters of credit, while financial guarantees for which it estimates a loss allowance for expected credit losses comprise guarantees and standby letters of credit.

NOTE 5 – LOANS AND ALLOWANCE FOR CREDIT LOSSES (continued)

ALLOWANCE FOR CREDIT LOSSES

The following tables present the changes in the balance of the loss allowance for expected credit losses on loans and off-balance sheet items.

	Non-credit impaired		Cred	Credit-impaired		Allowance for		
For the three-month period ended March 31, 2021		Stage 1	S	tage 2	•	Stage 3	cre	dit losses
Residential mortgages								
Balance at beginning of period	\$	64	\$	98	\$	29	\$	191
Provision for credit losses								
Transfers to ⁽¹⁾ :								
Stage 1		17		(15)		(2)		-
Stage 2		(3)		7		(4)		-
Stage 3		-		(1)		1		_
Net remeasurement due to transfers ⁽²⁾		(4)		7		5		8
Changes in model inputs ⁽³⁾		(18)		(2)		-		(20)
New originations or acquisitions ⁽⁴⁾		12		5		-		17
Derecognition and maturities ⁽⁵⁾		(3)		(6)		(3)		(12)
Net drawdowns (repayments) ⁽⁶⁾				(2)		-		(2)
W. C. C.		11		(7)		(3)		(9)
Write-offs and recoveries	*	-	*	- 04		-	•	-
Balance at end of period	\$	65	\$	91	\$	26	\$	182
Consumer, credit card and other personal loans ⁽⁷⁾ Balance at beginning of period	\$	184	\$	313	\$	126	\$	623
Provision for credit losses	Þ	104	Ð	313	Þ	120	Þ	623
Transfers to ⁽¹⁾ :								
Stage 1		75		(70)		(5)		_
Stage 2		(19)		42		(23)		_
Stage 3		-		(10)		10		_
Net remeasurement due to transfers ⁽²⁾		(11)		16		44		49
Changes in model inputs ⁽³⁾		(57)		12		23		(22)
New originations or acquisitions ⁽⁴⁾		17		11		-		`28
Derecognition and maturities ⁽⁵⁾		(9)		(16)		(15)		(40)
Net drawdowns (repayments) ⁽⁶⁾		(6)		`(9)		`(3)		(18)
		(10)		(24)		31		(3)
Write-offs and recoveries		-		-		(48)		(48)
Balance at end of period	\$	174	\$	289	\$	109	\$	572
Business and government								
Balance at beginning of period	\$	70	\$	125	\$	181	\$	376
Provision for credit losses								
Transfers to ⁽¹⁾ :								
Stage 1		9		(9)		-		-
Stage 2		(5)		7		(2)		-
Stage 3		(4)		(2)		2		- 7
Net remeasurement due to transfers ⁽²⁾ Changes in model inputs ⁽³⁾		(1)		1		7 3		7
New originations or acquisitions ⁽⁴⁾		(16)		(1) 11		3		(14) 34
Derecognition and maturities ⁽⁵⁾		23 (4)				- (11)		~ -
				(7)				(22)
Net drawdowns (repayments) ⁽⁶⁾		<u>3</u> 9		2		<u>6</u> 5		11 16
Write-offs and recoveries		<u>9</u>				(8)		(8)
Balance at end of period	\$	79	\$	127	\$	(o) 178	\$	384
•	\$ \$	318	<u> </u>	507	<u>\$</u>	313		1.138
Total balances at end of period Composed of:	Þ	310	•	507	•	313	Þ	1,130
Loans	\$	263	\$	488	\$	313	\$	1,064
Off-balance sheet items ⁽⁸⁾	Ψ	55	Ψ	19	Ψ	-	Ψ	74
On-balance sheet items		- 00		13				17

⁽¹⁾ Represent transfers between stages before the remeasurement of expected credit losses.

⁽²⁾ Represents the remeasurement of the loss allowance for expected credit losses resulting from transfers between stages.

⁽³⁾ Represent the change in the allowance resulting from changes in credit risk parameters and other model inputs.

⁽⁴⁾ Represent the increase in the allowance for new originations or acquisitions during the period, including loans that were derecognized and for which a new asset was recognized following a modification of terms.

⁽⁵⁾ Represent mainly the decrease in the allowance for fully repaid loans, including loans that were derecognized and for which a new asset was recognized following a modification of terms.

⁽⁶⁾ Represent changes in the allowance attributable to drawdowns and repayments on outstanding loans.

⁽⁷⁾ For purposes of this table, the entire allowance for credit losses on off-balance sheet items is presented in the "Consumer, credit card and other personal loans" section as the allowance amounts and changes therein attributable to other off-balance sheet items categories are not material.

(8) The allowance for credit losses on off-balance sheet items is presented under "Other liabilities – Other" in the Combined Balance Sheets.

NOTE 5 – LOANS AND ALLOWANCE FOR CREDIT LOSSES (continued)

ALLOWANCE FOR CREDIT LOSSES (continued)

	Non-credit impaired		Credi	t-impaired	Allowance for			
For the three-month period ended March 31, 2020		Stage 1		tage 2	_	tage 3	_	it losses
Residential mortgages		J						
Balance at beginning of period	\$	27	\$	26	\$	24	\$	77
Provision for credit losses								
Transfers to ⁽¹⁾ :								
Stage 1		7		(6)		(1)		-
Stage 2		(7)		10		(3)		-
Stage 3		-		(1)		1		-
Net remeasurement due to transfers ⁽²⁾		(3)		9		6		12
Changes in model inputs ⁽³⁾		11		22		(5)		28
New originations or acquisitions ⁽⁴⁾		7		3		-		10
Derecognition and maturities ⁽⁵⁾		(1)		(2)		(3)		(6)
Net drawdowns (repayments) ⁽⁶⁾		-		(2)		-		(2)
		14		33		(5)		42
Write-offs and recoveries		-		-		4		4
Balance at end of period	\$	41	\$	59	\$	23	\$	123
Consumer, credit card and other personal loans ⁽⁷⁾								
Balance at beginning of period	\$	145	\$	203	\$	143	\$	491
Provision for credit losses								
Transfers to ⁽¹⁾ :								
Stage 1		83		(77)		(6)		-
Stage 2		(31)		56		(25)		-
Stage 3		(1)		(14)		15		-
Net remeasurement due to transfers ⁽²⁾		(5)		11		95		101
Changes in model inputs ⁽³⁾		(41)		88		69		116
New originations or acquisitions ⁽⁴⁾		18		14		=		32
Derecognition and maturities ⁽⁵⁾		(6)		(12)		(42)		(60)
Net drawdowns (repayments) ⁽⁶⁾		(3)		(5)		(1)		(9)
		14		61		105		180
Write-offs and recoveries				-		(101)		(101)
Balance at end of period	\$	159	\$	264	\$	147	\$	570
Business and government	•	0.4	•	00	•	404	•	4
Balance at beginning of period	\$	31	\$	20	\$	104	\$	155
Provision for credit losses								
Transfers to ⁽¹⁾ :		0		(0)				
Stage 1		3		(3)		- (0)		-
Stage 2		(15)		18		(3)		-
Stage 3		- (4)		(1)		1		-
Net remeasurement due to transfers ⁽²⁾		(1)		10		11		20
Changes in model inputs ⁽³⁾		12		33		18		63
New originations or acquisitions ⁽⁴⁾		11		5				16
Derecognition and maturities ⁽⁵⁾		(2) 3		(3) 3		(10) 4		(15) 10
Net drawdowns (repayments) ⁽⁶⁾								-
Other		-		-		(2)		(2)
Melts offer and accounting		11		62		19		92
Write-offs and recoveries	Φ.	- 40	Φ.	-	Φ.	(8)	Φ.	(8)
Balance at end of period	\$	42	\$	82	\$	115	\$	239
Total balances at end of period	\$	242	\$	405	\$	285	\$	932
Composed of:	•	400	•	005	•	005	•	070
Loans Off halones about items (8)	\$	198	\$	395	\$	285	\$	878
Off-balance sheet items ⁽⁸⁾		44		10		-		54

⁽¹⁾ Represent transfers between stages before the remeasurement of expected credit losses.

⁽²⁾ Represents the remeasurement of the loss allowance for expected credit losses resulting from transfers between stages.

⁽³⁾ Represent the change in the allowance resulting from changes in credit risk parameters and other model inputs.

⁽⁴⁾ Represent the increase in the allowance for new originations or acquisitions during the period, including loans that were derecognized and for which a new asset was recognized following a modification of terms.

⁽⁵⁾ Represent mainly the decrease in the allowance for fully repaid loans, including loans that were derecognized and for which a new asset was recognized following a modification of terms.

⁽⁶⁾ Represent changes in the allowance attributable to drawdowns and repayments on outstanding loans.

⁽⁷⁾ For purposes of this table, the entire allowance for credit losses on off-balance sheet items is presented in the "Consumer, credit card and other personal loans" section as the allowance amounts and changes therein attributable to other off-balance sheet items categories are not material.

⁽⁸⁾ The allowance for credit losses on off-balance sheet items is presented under "Other liabilities – Other" in the Combined Balance Sheets.

NOTE 5 – LOANS AND ALLOWANCE FOR CREDIT LOSSES (continued)

KEY DATA AND ASSUMPTIONS

The following information is an update, compared to the most recent annual financial statements, of key data and assumptions underlying the measurement of the loss allowance for expected credit losses. For more information, see Notes 2, "Basis of presentation and significant accounting policies", and 7, "Loans and allowance for credit losses", to the Annual Combined Financial Statements.

The development of the COVID-19 pandemic and its future resolution continue to give rise to uncertainty. Management therefore has to make particularly complex judgments to estimate the loss allowance for expected credit losses in the current situation.

The macroeconomic scenarios prepared for calculating the loss allowance for expected credit losses include the following value ranges over the projection horizon for the most significant variables for credit risk parameters:

	Base sc	enario	Upside s	cenario	Downside scenario			
		Remaining		Remaining		Remaining		
	Next	forecast	Next	forecast	Next	forecast		
As at March 31, 2021	12 months	period	12 months	period	12 months	period		
Macroeconomic variables ⁽¹⁾								
Gross domestic product								
(annualized change)	4.9%	1.4%	7.2%	2.0%	2.2%	1.0%		
Unemployment rate								
(average)	6.5%	5.4%	5.3%	4.2%	8.3%	6.9%		
Consumer Price Index								
(annualized change)	1.0%	2.0%	3.9%	2.1%	1.0%	1.0%		
Housing prices								
(annualized change)	7.2%	1.4%	16.0%	1.5%	(10.2)%	(1.2)%		
Corporate credit spread ⁽²⁾								
(average)	122 bp	119 bp	95 bp	86 bp	151 bp	139 bp		
S&P/TSX stock index ⁽²⁾								
(annualized change)	6.4%	6.6%	14.3%	7.3%	(4.7)%	5.0%		

⁽¹⁾ All macroeconomic variables relate to the Québec economy, unless otherwise noted.

⁽²⁾ Macroeconomic variables related to the Canadian economy.

	Base sce	enario	Upside s	cenario	Downside scenario				
		Remaining		Remaining		Remaining			
	Next	forecast	Next	forecast	Next	forecast			
As at December 31, 2020	12 months	period	12 months	period	12 months	period			
Macroeconomic variables ⁽¹⁾									
Gross domestic product									
(annualized change)	3.2%	1.6%	5.0%	1.7%	0.5%	1.5%			
Unemployment rate									
(average)	6.7%	5.8%	6.1%	4.8%	8.7%	6.7%			
Consumer Price Index									
(annualized change)	1.5%	1.9%	3.7%	2.3%	0.6%	1.5%			
Housing prices									
(annualized change)	0.3%	2.0%	7.0%	2.5%	(8.0)%	1.7%			
Corporate credit spread ⁽²⁾									
(average)	124 bp	120 bp	98 bp	86 bp	154 bp	140 bp			
S&P/TSX stock index ⁽²⁾									
(annualized change)	9.9%	6.7%	16.4%	7.6%	(0.6)%	5.4%			

⁽¹⁾ All macroeconomic variables relate to the Québec economy, unless otherwise noted.

The economic activity has suffered the effects of the COVID-19 second wave at the end of 2020 and in early 2021, but the impact was sharply less than during the first wave, in spring 2020. Although the uncertainty surrounding vaccine distribution in Canada decreased over the last few months, it remains high as a result of the emergence and progression of new variants. Overall, the economic forecasts prepared for calculating the loss allowance for expected credit losses as at March 31, 2021 are more optimistic than those prepared for calculated the allowance as at December 31, 2020.

The base scenario forecasts that the economic activity will be strong in the second and third quarters of 2021. These forecasts are based on a gradual reopening of the economy, helped by the expected acceleration of the vaccination campaign. While the December 31, 2020 forecasts anticipated that real GDP level would return to its pre-pandemic high in early 2022, the base scenario now forecasts a return by the end of 2021. Under this scenario, the unemployment rate should continue to decrease over the coming quarters to then slowly converge toward its pre-pandemic level. The base scenario also forecasts that the housing market will remain very strong until summer 2021 and, afterwards, the increase in residential property prices should slow down, but without any major corrections.

⁽²⁾ Macroeconomic variables related to the Canadian economy.

NOTE 5 - LOANS AND ALLOWANCE FOR CREDIT LOSSES (continued)

KEY DATA AND ASSUMPTIONS (continued)

In the downside scenario, the rebound in economic activity forecast for spring and summer 2021 would be more modest, but there would not be any negative growth in real GDP in any of the quarters. In the longer term, this scenario assumes that real GDP would converge toward a lower level than in the base scenario and that we would have to wait until early 2024 to see it exceed its pre-pandemic level. The unemployment rate would temporarily increase to over 8% in the short term and would afterward trend down again to converge toward a higher level than in the base scenario. With respect to the housing market, the downside scenario expects a decrease in house prices of over 15% by the end of 2022.

The upside scenario essentially assumes that the economic recovery will be faster than in the base scenario. This recovery would be supported by a faster withdrawal of health restrictions as well as the acceleration and great effectiveness of the vaccination campaign. The unemployment rate would continue to decrease quite rapidly to 5% by the end of 2021. The increase in house prices would remain quite strong in 2021 and 2022, but the faster increase in interest rates under this scenario would eventually temper the housing market in future years.

The development of the economic outlook after March 31, 2021 will be considered in estimating the loss allowance for expected credit losses in future periods. Considering the atypical nature of the current economic crisis, management continues to apply expert credit judgment as to the degree of correlation between input data related to forward-looking indicators and expected credit losses. Expert credit judgment also continued to be applied to consider the impact of government support measures, which are at an unprecedented level and have been continuously evolving since the outset of the pandemic.

SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS OF THE ALLOWANCE FOR CREDIT LOSSES ON NON-CREDIT IMPAIRED LOANS

Scenarios

The amount of the loss allowance for expected credit losses depends on the probability of occurrence associated with each scenario. The following table compares the allowance for credit losses on non-credit impaired loans and off-balance sheet items at the reporting dates, which takes into account the probability weighting for the three scenarios, with the allowance for credit losses that would have been obtained if a weighting of 100% had been assigned to each scenario individually.

	Allowance for credit losses on non-credit impaired loans and off-balance sheet items	
	As at March 31, 2021 As at December 31, 202	0
Under IFRS 9	\$ 825 \$ 854	
Weighting of 100% assigned to the scenario:		
Base	\$ 713 \$ 740	
Upside	670 699	
Downside	1,207 1,233	

Transfers between stages

The following table compares the allowance for credit losses on non-credit impaired loans and off-balance sheet items at the reporting dates with the allowance for credit losses that would have been obtained if all non-credit impaired loans had been included in Stage 1 of the impairment model.

	Allowance for credit losses on					
	non-credit impaired loans and off-balance sheet items					
	As at March 31, 2021 As at December 31, 2					
Under IFRS 9	\$ 825	\$ 854				
If all non-credit impaired loans and off-balance sheet items had been included in Stage 1	\$ 742	\$ 765				

NOTE 6 - DEPOSITS

Deposits consist of demand deposits (payable on demand), notice deposits (payable upon notice) and term deposits (payable on a fixed date). Demand deposits are interest-bearing or non-interest-bearing deposits, primarily accounts with chequing privileges, for which Desjardins Group does not have the right to require notice prior to withdrawal. Notice deposits are interest-bearing deposits, primarily savings accounts, for which Desjardins Group has the legal right to require notice prior to withdrawal. Term deposits are interest-bearing deposits, primarily fixed-term deposit accounts, guaranteed investment certificates or other similar instruments, with a term that generally varies from 1 day to 10 years and mature on a predetermined date.

The following table presents the breakdown of deposits.

		As at March 31, 2021					As at December 31, 2020																																	
	P	Payable Pay		Payable		Payable		Payable Payable upon on a		Payable F		Payable Pa		Payable Payable		Payable Pa		Payable Payable		Payable		Payable		Payable		Payable F		Payable Payab		Payable			F	Payable	P	Payable		Payable		
		on		upon on a						on	upon		on a																											
	d	lemand	- 1	notice	fixed date		fixed date		fixed date		Total	C	demand		notice	fi	red date		Total																					
Individuals	\$	65,437	\$	5,280	\$	58,959	\$ 129,676	\$	64,544	\$	4,985	\$	58,399	\$	127,928																									
Business and government		48,608		694		50,336	99,638		43,871		473		52,509		96,853																									
Deposit-taking institutions		1,039		-		566	1,605		387		-		68		455																									
	\$	115,084	\$	5,974	\$	109,861	\$ 230,919	\$	108,802	\$	5,458	\$	110,976	\$	225,236																									

NOTE 7 – ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

The following table presents the main components of "Accumulated other comprehensive income" (net of taxes).

		As at Ma	rch 31, 2021		Α	As at December 31, 2020				
	Group's share		Non-cont intere sha		oup's hare	inte	ontrolling erests' nare			
Items that will be reclassified subsequently to the										
Combined Statements of Income										
Net unrealized gains on debt securities classified as at fair value										
through other comprehensive income ⁽¹⁾	\$	327	\$	2	\$	669	\$	7		
Net unrealized gains related to the overlay approach adjustment										
for insurance operations financial assets		267		17		166		7		
Net gains on derivative financial instruments designated as										
cash flow hedges		404		-		466		-		
Net unrealized exchange gains on the translation of a net										
investment in a foreign operation, net of hedging transactions		1		-		1		-		
Accumulated other comprehensive income	\$	999	\$	19	\$	1,302	\$	14		

⁽¹⁾ Take into account an allowance for credit losses of \$4 million as at March 31, 2021 (\$4 million as at December 31, 2020) on securities classified as at fair value through other comprehensive income.

NOTE 8 - CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The goal of capital management at Desjardins Group is to ensure that the capital level is consistent with its risk profile, distinctive nature and cooperative objectives. Capital management must also ensure that the capital structure is adequate in terms of protection for members and clients, and regulators' expectations and requirements.

Desjardins Group's capital ratios are calculated according to the guideline on adequacy of capital base standards applicable to financial services cooperatives (the guideline) issued by the AMF and the applicable relief measures implemented by the AMF in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As it was designated by the AMF as a domestic systemically important financial institution, Desjardins Group is subject to an additional capital surcharge of 1.0% and must maintain a minimum Tier 1A capital ratio of 8.0%. In addition, its Tier 1 capital ratio and total capital ratio must be above 9.5% and 11.5%, respectively. In addition, Desjardins Group is required by the AMF to meet a minimum leverage ratio of 3.5%.

As at March 31, 2021, Desjardins Group was in compliance with the AMF's capital ratio and leverage ratio regulatory requirements.

The following table presents Desjardins Group's regulatory capital balances, risk-weighted assets and capital ratios.

(in millions of dollars and as a percentage)	As at March 31, 2021	As at December 31, 2020
Capital		
Tier 1A capital	\$ 27,503	\$ 26,317
Tier 1 capital	27,503	26,317
Total capital	28,118	27,114
Risk-weighted assets		
Credit risk	106,309	103,658
Market risk	2,861	2,561
Operational risk	13,822	13,705
Total risk-weighted assets before RWA floor	122,992	119,924
RWA floor	1,412	177
Total risk-weighted assets	\$ 124,404	\$ 120,101
Ratios and leverage ratio exposure		
Tier 1A capital	22.1%	21.9%
Tier 1 capital	22.1	21.9
Total capital	22.6	22.6
Leverage	8.7	8.5
Leverage ratio exposure	\$ 314,328	\$ 307,925

NOTE 9 - NET INTEREST INCOME AND NET INVESTMENT INCOME (LOSS)

NET INTEREST INCOME

The following table presents the breakdown of net interest income according to the classification of financial assets and liabilities.

For the three-month periods ended March 31 2021 2020 Interest income on financial assets At amortized cost \$ 1,721 \$ 1,943 At fair value through other comprehensive income 100 100 At fair value through profit or loss 1,825 2,044 Interest expense on financial liabilities At amortized cost 422 691 1,403 \$ 1,353

NET INVESTMENT INCOME (LOSS)

The following table presents the breakdown of investment income and loss according to the classification of financial assets and liabilities.

For the three-month periods ended March 31		2021		2020			
	Change in			Change in			
	Interest income	fair value		Interest income	fair value		
	and expense	and other	Total	and expense	and other	Total	
Net investment income (loss) on financial assets and liabilities							
Classified as at fair value through profit or loss	\$ 54	\$ 41	\$ 95	\$ 56	\$ (744)	\$ (688)	
Designated as at fair value through profit or loss Classified as at fair value through other	126	(1,939)	(1,813)	139	(200)	(61)	
comprehensive income	25	63	88	35	107	142	
At amortized cost and other	30	(2)	28	32	117	149	
	\$ 235	\$ (1,837)	\$ (1,602)	\$ 262	\$ (720)	\$ (458)	

NOTE 10 - SEGMENTED INFORMATION

RESULTS BY BUSINESS SEGMENT

The following table provides a summary of Desjardins Group's financial results by business segment.

			We	ealth						
			Manage	ment and	Prope	rty and				
	Perso	nal and	Life an	d Health	Cas	ualty				
	Business	Services	Insu	rance	Insu	rance	Of	ther	Com	bined
For the three-month periods										
ended March 31	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
Net interest income	\$ 1,215	\$ 1,244	\$ -	\$ 3	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 188	\$ 106	\$ 1,403	\$ 1,353
Net premiums	-	-	1,229	1,217	1,427	1,377	(71)	(72)	2,585	2,522
Other income	760	617	(1,383)	278	(90)	84	(240)	(158)	(953)	821
Total income	1,975	1,861	(154)	1,498	1,337	1,461	(123)	(124)	3,035	4,696
Provision for credit losses	6	319	-	2	-	-	(2)	3	4	324
Claims, benefits, annuities and										
changes in insurance contract										
liabilities	-	-	(884)	1,041	685	1,042	(7)	(12)	(206)	2,071
Non-interest expense	1,411	1,290	576	524	327	329	(149)	(144)	2,165	1,999
Operating surplus earnings	558	252	154	(69)	325	90	35	29	1,072	302
Income taxes on surplus earnings	144	62	29	(28)	77	17	24	(34)	274	17
Surplus earnings before member										
dividends ⁽¹⁾	414	190	125	(41)	248	73	11	63	798	285
Member dividends, net of income										
tax recovery	66	57	-	-	-	-	-	-	66	57
Net surplus earnings for the period										
after member dividends	\$ 348	\$ 133	\$ 125	\$ (41)	\$ 248	\$ 73	\$ 11	\$ 63	\$ 732	\$ 228
of which:										
Group's share	\$ 348	\$ 133	\$ 125	\$ (41)	\$ 218	\$ 60	\$ 11	\$ 63	\$ 702	\$ 215
Non-controlling interests' share	-	-	-	-	30	13	-	-	30	13

⁽¹⁾ For the three-month periods ended March 31, 2021 and 2020, the Group's share of "Surplus earnings before member dividends" was respectively \$414 million and \$190 million for the Personal and Business Services segment, \$125 million and \$(41) million for the Wealth Management and Life and Health Insurance segment, \$218 million and \$60 million for the Property and Casualty Insurance segment and \$11 million and \$63 million for the Other category.

SEGMENT ASSETS

		Wealth				
	Personal and	Management and Personal and Life and Health				
	Business Services	Insurance	Casualty Insurance	Other	Combined	
As at March 31, 2021	\$ 289,204	\$ 50,895	\$ 15,438	\$ 21,444	\$ 376,981	
As at December 31, 2020	\$ 275,766	\$ 51,019	\$ 15,457	\$ 19,793	\$ 362,035	

GENERAL INFORMATION

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