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## ANNUAL REPORT 2023



**Caisse populaire Desjardins  
de Blanc-Sablon**

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# Desjardins Group

## 2023 key figures

**7.7 million**

members and  
clients



**\$2.3 billion**

in surplus earnings  
before member  
dividends

**\$538 million**

redistributed to  
members and the  
community

**56,165**

employees



**\$422.9 billion**

in assets

**\$23.1 billion**

in indivisible  
shared wealth  
held in the  
caisses'  
general reserves<sup>1</sup>

**2,379**

directors



**20.4%**

Tier 1A  
capital ratio<sup>2</sup>

**\$13.9 billion**

in insurance  
premiums<sup>3</sup>

This data comes from Desjardins Group's Combined financial statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis as at December 31, 2023.

<sup>1</sup> Included in the \$26.8 billion total reserves presented in the Desjardins Group's combined financial statements as at December 31, 2023

<sup>2</sup> In accordance with the *Capital Adequacy Guideline* for financial services cooperatives issued by the AMF

<sup>3</sup> Direct Written Premiums



# Desjardins Group

## Information on our business sectors of activity

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 information is therefore divided into the following three business segments: **Personal and Business Services, Wealth Management and Life and Health Insurance, and Property and Casualty Insurance.**

The **Personal and Business Services** segment offers Desjardins Group's members and clients a comprehensive, integrated offering designed to meet the needs of individuals, businesses, institutions, not-for-profit organizations and cooperatives through the Desjardins caisse network, the Desjardins Business centres as well as specialized teams. This offering meets a range of needs including day-to-day transactions, financing, specialty services, access to capital markets, development capital and business ownership transfers and advice.

The **Wealth Management and Life and Health Insurance** segment provides various categories of service offerings aimed at increasing the wealth of members and clients of Desjardins Group and helping them protect their financial security. These offerings are intended for individuals or businesses, while group insurance or savings plans meet the needs of employees through their businesses or those of individuals who are part of any other group.

The **Property and Casualty Insurance** segment offers insurance products allowing members and clients of Desjardins Group to protect themselves against the impact of a disaster.

Personal and Business Services	Wealth Management and Life and Health Insurance	Property and Casualty Insurance
Surplus earnings before member dividends of \$1,162 million <sup>(1)</sup>	Surplus earnings before member dividends of \$581 million <sup>(1)</sup>	Surplus earnings before member dividends of \$494 million <sup>(1)</sup>
Québec's leader in residential mortgages in Québec	No. 1 in Canada and in Québec for market-linked guaranteed investments	No. 2 property and casualty insurer in Québec
Leader in personal savings in Québec		Gross written premiums grew by \$651 million compared to 2022

For more details on each segment, we refer you to Note 31 – Segmented information of the Desjardins Group 2023 Annual Report. Additionally, the data presented in the table above is extracted from the "Highlights" section of the 2023 Desjardins Group Management's Discussion and Analysis.

<sup>(1)</sup> For the year ended December 31, 2023, Desjardins Group recorded surplus earnings before member dividends of \$2,259 million, including \$22 million from Other Category.

## Note to readers

This annual report provides an overview of Caisse populaire Desjardins de Blanc-Sablon's key financial data as at December 31, 2023.

This document complies with the reporting requirements of the *Act respecting financial services cooperatives* and the Autorité des marchés financiers and was approved by the caisse board of directors.

Marie-Michèle Monger, Chair  
Marielle Jones, Secretary

### About Caisse populaire Desjardins de Blanc-Sablon:

- A dynamic team of managers and employees under the general management of Keala Goudie

- **Dedicated directors**

Marie-Michèle Monger	Chair
Joanne Jones	Vice-Chair
Marielle Jones	Secretary
Janna Bilodeau	Director
Dany Gaudreault	Director
Becky Lynn Spingle	Director

### 2023 key figures for the caisse

**2,875**

business and individual members

**\$122 million**

in assets

**\$291K**

redistributed to members and the community

including

**\$237K**

in member dividends

Operating surplus earnings of

**\$1.9 million**

Surplus earnings before member dividends of

**\$981K**

## SUMMARY OF THE LOAN PORTFOLIO

As at December 31, 2023, the quality of the caisse's loan portfolio remained high. The table below shows the gross carrying amount of loans and their allowance balance by stage:

As at December 31 (in thousands of Canadian dollars)	Non-credit impaired				Credit-impaired		Total 2023			Total 2022
	Stage 1		Stage 2		Stage 3		Gross carrying amount	Allowance for credit losses	Net carrying amount	Net carrying amount
	Gross carrying amount	Allowance for credit losses	Gross carrying amount	Allowance for credit losses	Gross carrying amount	Allowance for credit losses				
Residential mortgages	\$ 57,991	\$ 22	\$ 4,932	\$ 31	\$ 166	\$ 7	\$ 63,089	\$ 60	\$ 63,029	\$ 58,557
Consumer and other personal loans	7,475	21	1,032	65	33	33	8,540	119	8,421	8,338
Business and government	5,611	11	418	9	191	19	6,220	39	6,181	5,295
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 71,077</b>	<b>\$ 54</b>	<b>\$ 6,382</b>	<b>\$ 105</b>	<b>\$ 390</b>	<b>\$ 59</b>	<b>\$ 77,849</b>	<b>\$ 218</b>	<b>\$ 77,631</b>	<b>\$ 72,190</b>

For more information, see Note 2 "Accounting policies" to the Combined Financial Statements of the Desjardins Group for the year ended December 31, 2023, available at [www.desjardins.com](http://www.desjardins.com).

Loans to restricted parties during the year 2023 totalled \$186K. Restricted parties include Caisse directors, the caisse general manager, Federation directors including their relative.

## SUMMARY OF THE DEPOSIT PORTFOLIO

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 the Caisse does not have the right to require notice prior to withdrawal. Notice deposits are interest-bearing deposits, primarily savings accounts, for which the Caisse 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 one day to 10 years and mature on a predetermined date.

As at December 31 (in thousands of Canadian dollars)	Payable on demand	Payable upon notice	Payable on a fixed date	Total 2023	Total 2022
Individuals	\$ 30,083	\$ 5,214	\$ 48,990	\$ 84,287	\$ 80,146
Business and government	11,292	164	7,089	18,545	17,262
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 41,375</b>	<b>\$ 5,378</b>	<b>\$ 56,079</b>	<b>\$ 102,832</b>	<b>\$ 97,408</b>

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# 2023 Financial Report

## Caisse populaire Desjardins de Blanc-Sablon

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**Agreed-upon procedures report of the financial report of the  
Caisse dc di `Ujfy Desjardins de 6 `UbWGU`cb (the Caisse)**

To the members of the Fédération des caisses Desjardins du Québec

As independent auditor of the combined financial statements of the Desjardins Group, we have been mandated by the members of the Fédération des caisses Desjardins du Québec to perform agreed-upon procedures on the financial report attached to the Caisse.

**Purpose of this agreed-upon procedures report**

Our report is solely for the purpose of assisting the members of the Fédération des caisses Desjardins du Québec to determine whether the information included in the financial report of the Caisse, considering the Caisse's specific accounting adjustments, is in line with the information used for the preparation of the combined financial statements of the Desjardins Group and it is possible that it cannot be used for another purpose. This report only covers the accounts and the items specified below in the financial report and does not cover the annual report.

**Responsibilities of the engaging party**

The Fédération des caisses Desjardins du Québec has acknowledged that the agreed-upon procedures are appropriate for the purpose of the engagement and is also responsible for the subject matter on which the agreed-upon procedures are performed.

**Practitioner's responsibilities**

We have conducted the agreed-upon procedures engagement in accordance with the Canadian Standard on Related Services (CSRS) 4400, *Agreed-Upon Procedures Engagements*. An agreed-upon procedures engagement involves our performing the procedures that have been agreed with the Fédération des caisses Desjardins du Québec and reporting the findings, which are the factual results of the agreed-upon procedures performed. We make no representation regarding the appropriateness of the agreed-upon procedures.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement is not an assurance engagement. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion or an assurance conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported.

*Professional ethics*

We have complied with the relevant ethical and independence requirements in the rules of professional conduct/code of ethics issued by the various professional accounting bodies.

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"PwC" refers to PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an Ontario limited liability partnership.





### Procedures and findings

We have performed the procedures described below, which were agreed upon with the Fédération des caisses Desjardins du Québec in the terms of engagement dated November 30, 2023 on the subject matter.

Procedures	Findings
1. Obtain the trial balance of the Caisse prior to the Caisse's specific adjustments as at December 31, 2023 and compare it to the Caisse's trial balance used in the audit of combined financial statements of the Desjardins Group as at December 31, 2023.	We have obtained the trial balance prior to the Caisse's specific adjustments as at December 31, 2023, and compared it to the trial balance of the Caisse used as part of the audit of the combined financial statements of the Desjardins Group as at December 31, 2023. We have noted no discrepancies.
2. Obtain the Caisse's specific accounting adjustments and add them to the trial balance prior to the Caisse's specific adjustments as at December 31, 2023. Round the result to the nearest thousand dollars.	We have obtained the accounting adjustments specific to the Caisse and added them to the trial balance prior to the Caisse's specific adjustments as at December 31, 2023. We have rounded the result to the nearest thousand dollars.
3. From the Caisse's financial report accounting chart, recalculate the balance of each financial statement line item of the Caisse's financial report using the result of procedure 2.	We have recalculated the balance of each financial statement line item of the Caisse's financial report from the Caisse's financial report accounting chart using the result of procedure 2.
4. Obtain the financial report of the Caisse as at December 31, 2023 and compare it to the result obtained in procedure 3.	We have obtained the Caisse's financial report as at December 31, 2023 and compared it to the result obtained in procedure 3. We have noted no discrepancies.



**Restriction on distribution and use**

Our report is intended solely for Members of the Fédération des caisses Desjardins du Québec, to the members of the Caisse and to the Autorité des marchés financiers. We make no representations or warranties of any kind to any third party in respect of this report.

*PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP<sup>1</sup>*

Montréal, Quebec  
March FJ, 2024

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<sup>1</sup> FCPA auditor, public accountancy permit No. A115888

**BALANCE SHEET**

(unaudited)

(in thousands of Canadian dollars)

	As at December 31, 2023	As at December 31, 2022
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Cash and deposits with financial institutions</b>	\$ 2,929	\$ 3,785
<b>Securities</b>		
Investment in liquidity fund under management	5,927	6,146
Term deposits and other	26,002	24,000
	<b>31,929</b>	<b>30,146</b>
<b>Loans</b>		
Residential mortgages	63,089	58,649
Consumer and other personal loans	8,540	8,481
Business and government	6,220	5,331
	<b>77,849</b>	<b>72,461</b>
Allowance for credit losses	218	271
	<b>77,631</b>	<b>72,190</b>
<b>Investments in the Federation</b>	<b>3,310</b>	<b>3,310</b>
<b>Other assets</b>		
Derivative financial instruments	5,005	5,607
Property, plant and equipment	300	234
Net defined benefit plan assets	-	131
Other	886	834
	<b>6,191</b>	<b>6,806</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 121,990</b>	<b>\$ 116,237</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Deposits</b>		
Individuals	\$ 84,287	\$ 80,146
Business and government	18,545	17,262
	<b>102,832</b>	<b>97,408</b>
<b>Other liabilities</b>		
Derivative financial instruments	1,924	2,486
Net defined benefit plan liabilities	107	87
Other	1,321	995
	<b>3,352</b>	<b>3,568</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>106,184</b>	<b>100,976</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Capital stock	14	14
Distributable surplus earnings	-	3,560
Reserves	15,792	11,687
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>15,806</b>	<b>15,261</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 121,990</b>	<b>\$ 116,237</b>

**STATEMENT OF INCOME**

(unaudited)

For the years ended December 31

(in thousands of Canadian dollars)	2023	2022
Interest income	\$ 4,305	\$ 3,283
Interest expense	1,634	853
<b>NET INTEREST INCOME</b>	<b>2,671</b>	<b>2,430</b>
Other income	816	765
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>3,487</b>	<b>3,195</b>
Provision for credit losses	122	118
<b>NON-INTEREST EXPENSE</b>		
Salaries and fringe benefits	1,042	1,003
Occupancy costs	105	97
Other	274	268
	<b>1,421</b>	<b>1,368</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS EARNINGS</b>	<b>1,944</b>	<b>1,709</b>
Income on investments in the Federation	-	272
Income (loss) on fair value of derivative financial instruments	271	(794)
Assessments paid to Desjardins Group components and related costs	(1,199)	(1,089)
Community development expenses	(44)	(48)
<b>SURPLUS EARNINGS BEFORE TAXES AND MEMBER DIVIDENDS</b>	<b>972</b>	<b>50</b>
Recovery of income taxes on surplus earnings	(9)	(83)
<b>SURPLUS EARNINGS BEFORE MEMBER DIVIDENDS</b>	<b>981</b>	<b>133</b>
Member dividends	237	229
Tax recovery on member dividends	(29)	(28)
<b>SURPLUS EARNINGS (DEFICIT) AFTER MEMBER DIVIDENDS</b>	<b>\$ 773</b>	<b>\$ (68)</b>

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

(unaudited)

For the years ended December 31

	Capital stock	Distributable surplus earnings	Accumulated other comprehensive income	Reserves							Total reserves	Total equity	
				Appreciation reserve (investments in the Federation's investment funds)	Appreciation reserve (derivative financial instruments)	Appreciation reserve (employee benefit plans)	General reserve	Stabilization reserve	Reserve for future member dividends	Community Development Fund			
(in thousands of Canadian dollars)													
<b>BALANCE AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2021</b>	\$ 49	\$ 825	\$ 195	\$ 2,925	\$ 174	\$ (112)	\$ 10,361	\$ 113	\$ 720	\$ 171	\$ 14,352	\$ 15,421	
Net adjustment for interest on surplus shares	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)	-	-	-	(1)	(1)	
Allocation to reserves adopted by the members at the general meeting	-	(825)	-	-	-	-	536	-	267	22	825	-	
Net adjustment for member dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	(5)	-	-	-	(5)	(5)	
Balance after distribution	49	-	195	2,925	174	(112)	10,891	113	987	193	15,171	15,415	
Deficit for the year after member dividends	-	(68)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(68)	
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	139	(195)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(56)	
Statutory transfer	-	3,444	-	(2,925)	(669)	150	113	(113)	-	-	(3,444)	-	
Net amounts used during the year	-	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(40)	(40)	-	
Redemption of permanent shares	(31)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(31)	
Other net change in capital stock	(4)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(4)	
Net adjustment for member dividends	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	
<b>BALANCE AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2022</b>	\$ 14	\$ 3,560	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (495)	\$ 38	\$ 11,004	\$ -	\$ 987	\$ 153	\$ 11,687	\$ 15,261	
Net adjustment for interest on permanent shares	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)	-	-	-	(1)	(1)	
Allocation to reserves adopted by the members at the general meeting	-	(3,560)	-	-	-	-	2,532	-	1,006	22	3,560	-	
Net adjustment for member dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2)	-	-	-	(2)	(2)	
Balance after distribution	14	-	-	-	(495)	38	13,533	-	1,993	175	15,244	15,258	
Net surplus earnings for the year after member dividends	-	773	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	773	
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	(227)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(227)	
Statutory transfer	-	(139)	-	-	257	(118)	-	-	-	-	139	-	
Net amounts used during the year	-	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(39)	(39)	-	
Transfer from (allocation to) reserves pursuant to a merger agreement	-	(448)	-	-	-	-	425	-	-	23	448	-	
Net adjustment for member dividends	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	
<b>BALANCE AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2023</b>	\$ 14	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (238)	\$ (80)	\$ 13,958	\$ -	\$ 1,993	\$ 159	\$ 15,792	\$ 15,806	

## NOTE TO THE FINANCIAL REPORT (unaudited)

### NOTE 1 – TYPE OF OPERATIONS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Caisse populaire Desjardins de Blanc-Sablon (the caisse) is a cooperative whose purpose is to accept and help grow the savings of its members, as well as to extend credit and provide other financial products and services to its members. Its mission also includes fostering cooperation and promoting economic, social and cooperative education. It is governed by the *Act Respecting Financial Services Cooperatives* (the Act).

The caisse is registered with the Autorité des marchés financiers (AMF) in Quebec. It is also a member of the Fonds de sécurité Desjardins, whose main purpose is to establish and administer a security, liquidity and mutual aid fund for the benefit of Desjardins caisses in Quebec.

The caisse is a member of the Fédération des caisses Desjardins du Québec, which controls other components that together make up Desjardins Group.

This financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in the Act. The caisse applies accounting policies similar to those used to prepare the Combined Financial Statements of the Desjardins Group, which are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.