



MEMORANDUM

**TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE DESJARDINS GROUP PENSION PLAN (DGPP)
(QPP registration number: 25717)**

Excellent return of 10% in 2012

April 22, 2013

At the Annual Meeting held April 4 at the Palais des congrès de Montréal, Chair of the Retirement Committee, Serges Chamberland, announced to members that the DGPP posted an excellent return of 10% in 2012. This performance added \$600 million to the plan's assets, including \$120 million in added value compared to the benchmark indexes.

The three major asset classes performed exceptionally well and all the portfolio's sectors contributed positively to the results. Growth securities (stocks and private equities) posted a return of 13.1%; inflation-linked securities (infrastructure and real estate) recorded a 9.7% return and fixed income securities (bonds) returned 6.3%.

Over the last four years since the 2008 financial crisis, the DGPP's average annual return has been 9.4%, which is higher than the actuarial assumptions used to establish the Plan's long-term financial position.

The liability-driven asset allocation strategy, which guides asset management by taking into account the Plan's obligations, continues to be the guideline applied by the Retirement Committee in its investment plans. The balance sought in the weighting of the Plan's three major risk factors—interest rates, inflation rates and economic cycles—will remain central to the DGPP's strategy in 2013.

Note that a press release presenting the highlights of the 2013 Annual Meeting of the DGPP is now available on the Desjardins group insurance plan website (www.rcd-dgp.com). You can also watch the Annual Meeting in play back mode and read the 2012 DGPP [Annual Report](#).