



Desjardins Group Pension Plan Quarter ending September 30, 2020



I'm happy to share the first quarterly report we're publishing for Desjardins Group Pension Plan ("DGPP" or "Plan") members! We've created it to give you regular updates about Plan highlights.

With the ongoing pandemic, financial markets are still very volatile. Fortunately, we're prepared for multiple economic scenarios, and the results this quarter show that our strategies are effective. Rest assured that our teams keep working tirelessly on your behalf.



Sylvain Gareau, Vice-President, DGPP

Financial position

Thanks to strategies we've had in place for several years now, the Plan's financial position is well under control.

Good returns made it possible for the Plan to maintain its financial position in Q3. According to our most recent estimates, the funding ratio, which is the Plan's key financial health indicator, improved somewhat, to 119.6%. The solvency ratio decreased marginally, to 89.0%, because of a reduction in the interest rates used in the calculation.

Since the beginning of the year, the Plan has seen returns of nearly 8.5%, an increase of \$1.3 billion, bringing the Plan's total assets to \$16.4 billion.

Bonds and bond overlay were key drivers (11.5%). Public equity (1.5%), infrastructure (3.9%), private equity (3.2%) and specialty finance securities (6.4%) performed moderately well. Real estate investments, however, suffered because of the pandemic (-5.9%).

Funding ratio

119.6%

Solvency ratio

89.0%

Net assets

\$16.4B

Return

8.5%

Responsible investing

The DGPP has invested in wind farms and solar projects in Taiwan and the United States, 2 investments that will generate stable, long-term income for the plan.

The publicly traded securities in our portfolios have a 25% smaller carbon footprint than the average of companies listed on the stock and bond indexes. That means we're on target to meet our goal of decreasing our carbon footprint by 20% by the end of 2020.

We've also implemented exclusion criteria for the tobacco and vaping industries.

These are just a few of the ways the DGPP is contributing to the energy transition and sustainable development, and keeping its promises—and that's something we can all be proud of!

Online retirement planning program

The Desjardins Group Pension Plan and other income sources at retirement training is going online! The English program will be offered in early 2021. It will be hosted live on Teams by an advisor of the DGPP Member Services team.

The 98% satisfaction rate we've had so far with the French program, which started this fall, shows that members are enjoying it, and are finding it useful, even online.

To stay in the loop, click on Express Interest in Workday if you're interested in attending the next the course.

This training is part of the [Retirement planning program](#), an essential training consisting of 5 lessons, open to Desjardins Group employees 50 and over.

Additional information

Funding ratio: The DGPP's ability to meet its obligations over the long term
Solvency ratio: The DGPP's ability to meet its obligations if it were terminated
The [annual reports](#) are available on the Plan's website.

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