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HELIOS2[®] CONTRACT

Guaranteed
investment funds →

ADVISOR GUIDE

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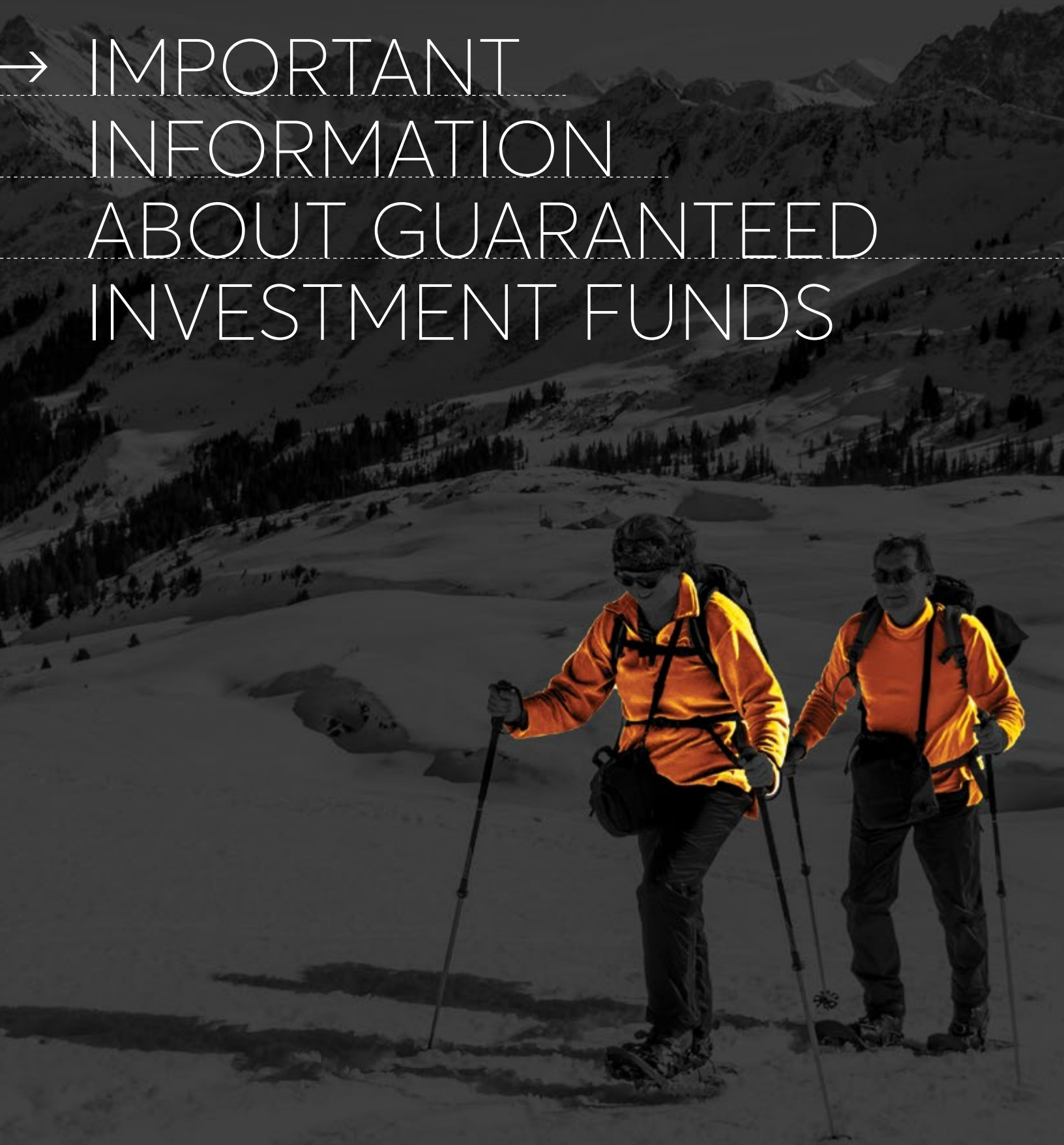
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1. ESTATE BYPASS

Because of the nature of the contract they're sold under, guaranteed investment funds can spare your clients' loved ones from complicated paperwork and cash flow problems in the event of their death.

The **death benefit is automatically paid out to the beneficiary designated in the contract within five business days**,¹ thereby avoiding estate settlement costs and delays. That way, your client's loved ones won't have to jump through hoops to access the funds they need for their immediate needs.

2. DECISION-MAKING CONTROL

Because the **death benefit isn't part of the estate**, it's paid out confidentially to the beneficiary designated in the contract.² If confidentiality is a priority for your clients, or if they want to make a private donation, a guaranteed investment fund contract can be a valuable estate-planning tool.

GRADUAL WEALTH TRANSFER

With the **annuity settlement option**, your clients can set the conditions for how their beneficiaries will receive their share of the death benefit.³

This option is right for your client if:

- ➔ They want to transfer their assets gradually
- ➔ They're concerned about a beneficiary's ability to manage a potentially sizeable lump-sum payment
- ➔ They want to provide lifetime care for a dependent beneficiary

1 Some conditions apply, including receipt of required documents (e.g., death certificate). The beneficiary must be named in the contract.

2 Except for a TFSA contract, tax slips must be sent to the estate's trustee to declare the contract's fair market value at the moment of the annuitant's death.

3 For the death benefit to be paid out as an annuity, the contract owner must complete form *17-0136 800E, Beneficiary Designation – Annuity Settlement Option (Endorsement)*, either when they complete their Contract Application or any time thereafter.

3. CREDITOR PROTECTION⁴

If your client is self-employed, a business executive, a board member or a professional such as a doctor, lawyer or notary, their work puts them at high risk of liability. One of the advantages of the Helios2 contract is that it can be made **exempt from seizure**.

As an annuity contract issued by an insurance company, the Helios2 contract is able to provide some protection from creditors.

IT ALL COMES DOWN TO THE BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION

The person your client chooses as their beneficiary is the key to ensuring their guaranteed investment fund contract is exempt from seizure. Only the following types of beneficiaries are guaranteed some protection from creditors:

CLASS OF BENEFICIARY DESIGNATED IN AN ANNUITY CONTRACT ESTABLISHED BY AN INSURER	DURING THE OWNER'S LIFETIME
Preferred revocable beneficiary → Married spouse* → Ascendants:* parents (or grandparents in Quebec) → Descendants:* children and grandchildren	Exempt from seizure
Any irrevocable beneficiary	Exempt from seizure

* In Quebec, the relationship must be between the person(s) named in the table and the contract owner. In the rest of Canada, the relationship must be between the person(s) named in the table and the annuitant of the contract.

EXAMPLE

An unmarried man with no children who designates his brother as his revocable beneficiary could have his guaranteed investment fund contract seized by creditors. To protect his contract, he should instead name one of his parents as a revocable beneficiary, or his brother (or any other person) as an irrevocable beneficiary.⁵

- 4 The information in this guide is provided for illustrative purposes only and does not constitute a legal opinion. Exemption from seizure rules can be complex and may vary between provinces. Interested parties should consult a legal expert (lawyer or notary) for an assessment of their specific situation.
- 5 The consent of the irrevocable beneficiary is required to make any changes or carry out any transactions under the Helios2 contract.

4. ESTATE PLANNING

The Helios2 contract is a great way to balance out an estate plan.

1. A TEMPORARY SOLUTION WHILE FINALIZING A WILL

Did you know that half of Canadians don't have a will?⁶ When someone dies without a will, the law decides how their assets are distributed. But by designating a beneficiary on their contract, your clients can make sure their wishes are respected if they die before their will is finalized.

2. A SMART SOLUTION TO SUPPLEMENT A WILL

Did you know that it generally takes **over a year** to settle an estate?

One of the first steps in the estate settlement process is probating the will (the legal process required to recognize its validity). Once this is done, the executor of the will can administer and liquidate the estate. This process is mostly the same across all of Canada, except in Quebec, where a will doesn't need to be probated if it's been notarized. Plus, there are fees involved in the probate process. In many provinces, probate fees are based on the value of the estate.

EXAMPLES OF PROBATE FEES ON A \$100,000 ESTATE	
Alberta	\$275
British Columbia	\$1,050
Manitoba	N/A
New Brunswick	\$500
Quebec (non-notarized will)	\$243
Nunavut	\$215
Yukon	\$140
Newfoundland and Labrador	\$654
Nova Scotia	\$1,003
Ontario	\$750
Saskatchewan	\$700
Prince Edward Island	\$400
Northwest Territories	\$215

Source: Taxtips.ca, March 2026.

With the Helios2 contract, your clients will avoid the legal, accounting and other administrative costs involved in liquidating a portion of their estate, which can be as much as 10% of the value of the investment.

6 CIBC (2013).



The **death benefit is paid to the beneficiary of the contract within five business days**,⁷ which means your client's loved ones will have quick access to the funds they need to cover any immediate expenses (funeral arrangements, final income taxes, debt repayments, etc.) without having to wait for the estate to be settled.

	FEES	TIME LENGTH
Settling an estate	Up to 10% of the value of the investment	Up to a year
Helios2 contract ⁸	None!	Five business days ⁷

CONFIDENTIALITY

In addition to the fees, another aspect of the probate process is that the will is made public. The process involves the executor going to court to have their appointment confirmed and to get approval that the will is the valid last will. After that, the executor can legally manage the deceased's estate.

The will and everything in it becomes a matter of public record. For an administrative fee, anyone can access the will and find out what was left behind and to whom.

However, a **Helios2 contract isn't part of the estate**. Your client's contract details will remain confidential.

⁷ Some conditions apply, including receipt of required documents (e.g., death certificate). The beneficiary must be named in the contract.

⁸ The beneficiary must be named in the contract.

SECTION 2

→ HELIOS2 – 75/75





WHAT DOES THIS GUARANTEE OFFER TO YOUR CLIENTS?

75%	75%
AT CONTRACT MATURITY The contract matures when the annuitant reaches age 105. At that time, the maturity benefit ⁹ is the greater of: → The market value of the contract → 75% of deposits, less adjustments for withdrawals	ON THE ANNUITANT'S DEATH The annuitant is the person on whose life the contract is based. When the annuitant dies, the death benefit is paid to the beneficiary named by the contract owner. On the annuitant's death, the death benefit is the greater of: → The market value of the contract → 75% of deposits, less adjustments for withdrawals When the death benefit is paid out, the contract is terminated.

MAXIMUM AGE FOR ANNUITANTS TO MAKE DEPOSITS

FEE OPTION	ANNUITANT AGE
A (No Load) and F (Advisory Service Fee)*	Age 90 (inclusive)
D and E (No Load – Advisor Chargeback)	Age 80 (inclusive)

* This fee option is only available for contracts held externally in an intermediary or nominee account.

See section 6 for the full terms and conditions of the Helios2 contract.

⁹ The guaranteed minimum maturity benefit is reduced in proportion to any units that may have been surrendered. Refer to the Contract and Information Folder for more information about the surrender of units.

SECTION 3

→ HELIOS2 – 75/100 i



WHAT DOES THIS GUARANTEE OFFER TO YOUR CLIENTS?

75%	100%	i
AT CONTRACT MATURITY The contract matures when the annuitant reaches age 105. At that time, the maturity benefit¹⁰ is the greater of: → The market value of the contract → 75% of deposits, less adjustments for withdrawals	ON THE ANNUITANT'S DEATH The annuitant is the person on whose life the contract is based. When the annuitant dies, the death benefit is paid to the beneficiary named by the contract owner. On the annuitant's death, the death benefit¹¹ is the greater of: → The market value of the contract → The guaranteed minimum death benefit, which is equal to 100% of the value of each deposit (regardless of the age at time of deposit) Up to the annuitant's 75th birthday, the guaranteed minimum death benefit is reset every year on the contract anniversary date based on the greater of: → The current guaranteed minimum death benefit → The market value of the contract → The inflation-adjusted value When the death benefit is paid out, the contract is terminated.	INFLATION-ADJUSTED VALUE¹² * THE ONLY ONE OF ITS KIND IN CANADA!¹³ See why on page 12 → Initially equal to 100% of the value of the deposits paid into the contract → Reset annually on the contract anniversary date based on the consumer price index (CPI)¹⁴ Annual resets end when the annuitant turns 75.

MAXIMUM AGE FOR ANNUITANTS TO MAKE DEPOSITS

FEE OPTION	ANNUITANT AGE
A (No Load) and F (Advisory Service Fee)*	Age 85 (inclusive)
D and E (No Load – Advisor Chargeback)	Age 80 (inclusive)

*This fee option is only available for contracts held externally in an intermediary or nominee account.

[See section 6](#) for the full terms and conditions of the Helios2 contract.

10 The guaranteed minimum maturity benefit is reduced in proportion to any units that may have been surrendered. Refer to the Contract and Information Folder for more information about surrendering units.

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12 The inflation-adjusted value is reduced in proportion to any units that have been surrendered. Refer to the Contract and Information Folder for more information about surrendering units.

13 Source: Desjardins internal analysis, November 2022.

14 The inflation-adjusted value is calculated based on the CPI increase established by Statistics Canada for the one-year period ending the previous November 30, up to a maximum of 5%.

INFLATION MATTERS.

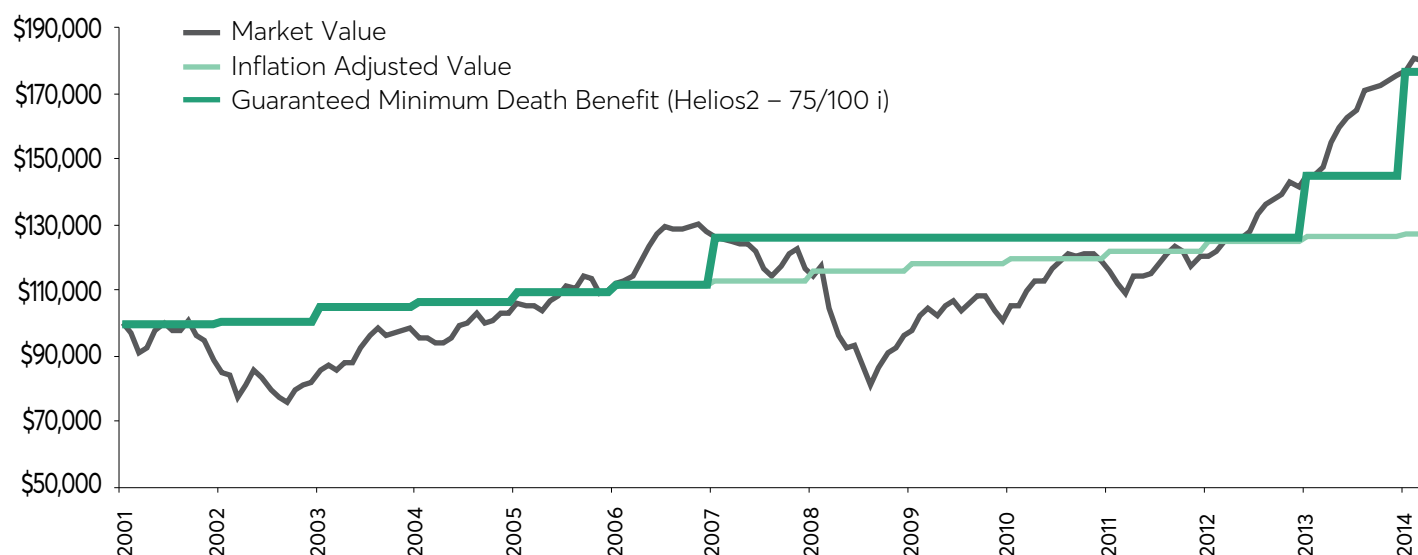
Every year, cost of living increases reduce the value of your clients' investments. It's important to make your clients realize that simply saving isn't enough—their savings need to retain its value if they want to leave behind as much as possible.

Inflation-adjusted value is offered with Helios2 – 75/100 i and Helios2 – 100/100 i.

ESTATE PROTECTION

1. WHEN THE MARKET IS DOWN: INFLATION PROTECTION

The inflation-adjusted value is calculated once a year on the contract anniversary date. If this value is greater than the market value or the guaranteed minimum death benefit set on the previous contract anniversary date, it becomes the new guaranteed minimum death benefit.



All amounts attributed to a DFS GIF are invested at the risk of the contract owner and may increase or decrease in value. This simulation is for information purposes only and is neither an indication nor a guarantee of future results. Portfolio mix: 10% FTSE Canada Universe Bond, 20% S&P/TSX, 20% S&P500, 50% MSCI World. Resets of the minimum death benefit amount only until annuitant reaches age 75. Please refer to the Contract and Information Folder for more information on Helios2 – 75/100 i.¹⁵

With the inflation-adjusted guaranteed minimum death benefit¹⁶—**the only one of its kind in Canada**—your clients can make sure that what their beneficiaries receive has been adjusted for cost-of-living increases between when deposits were made into the contract and when the benefit is paid out.



Despite market downturns, the death benefit increases with inflation.

¹⁵ Source: Simulation prepared by Desjardins for Desjardins.

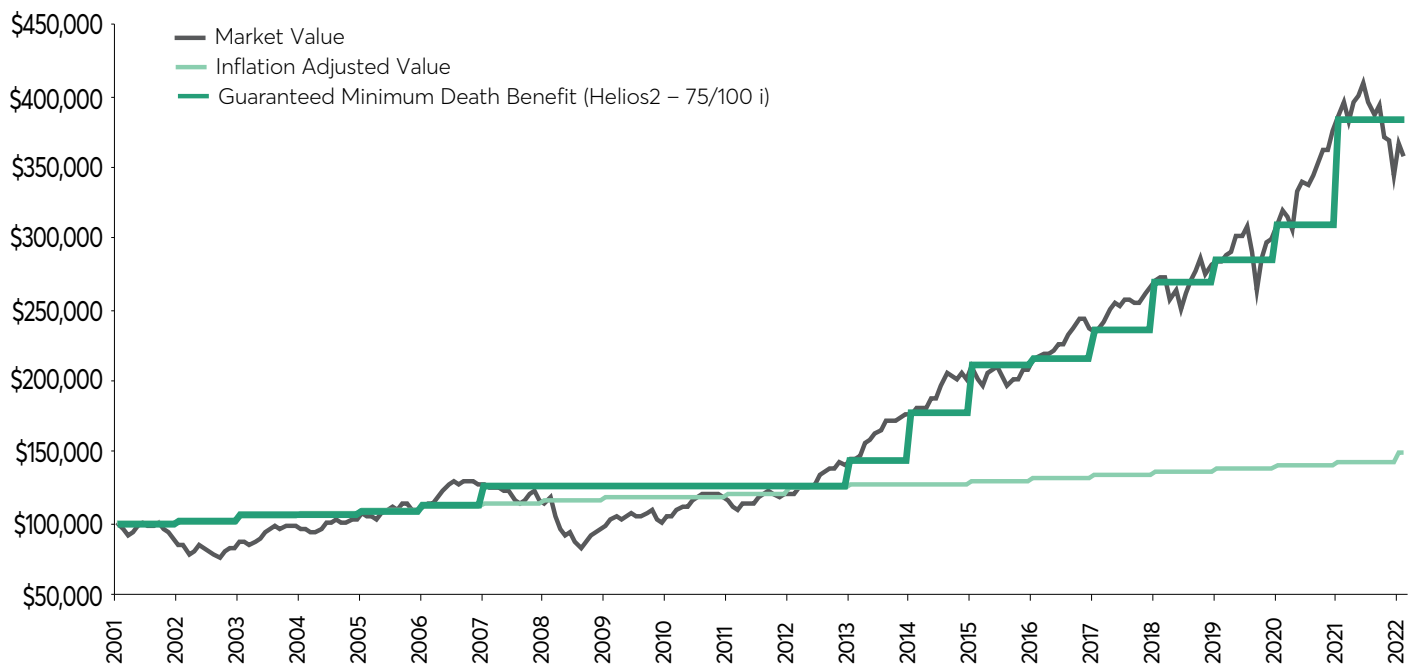
¹⁶ The annual automatic reset of the guaranteed minimum death benefit ends when the annuitant reaches age 75.

DID YOU KNOW?

→ \$100,000 in savings today will only be worth \$53,939 in 25 years.¹⁷

2. WHEN THE MARKET IS UP: ACCESS TO HIGHER RETURNS

The guaranteed minimum death benefit increases and the beneficiary is protected as the market rises.



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EXAMPLE OF HOW THE GUARANTEED MINIMUM DEATH BENEFIT WORKS

- During the first four years of the contract, the inflation-adjusted value is the higher value, which means it's the guaranteed minimum death benefit.
- In year five, this value increases as the market starts to perform better.
- The market bottoms out in year seven, but the guaranteed minimum death benefit set on the previous contract anniversary date remains in effect.
- In the following years, the guaranteed minimum death benefit increased, thanks to the market value.

→ **The guaranteed minimum death benefit never goes down!**

¹⁷ Given a 2.5% annual inflation rate.

¹⁸ Source: Simulation prepared by Desjardins for Desjardins.

SECTION 4

→ HELIOS2 – 100/100 i



WHAT DOES THIS GUARANTEE OFFER TO YOUR CLIENTS?

100%	100%	i
AT CONTRACT MATURITY The contract matures 15 years after the initial deposit date. After a reset, the contract maturity date will be 15 years after the last reset.¹⁹ The maturity benefit²⁰ is the greater of: → The market value of the contract → The guaranteed minimum maturity benefit equal to 100% of deposits,²¹ less adjustments for withdrawals	ON THE ANNUITANT'S DEATH The annuitant is the person on whose life the contract is based. When the annuitant dies, the death benefit is paid to the beneficiary designated by the contract owner. When the annuitant dies, the death benefit²² is the greater of: → The market value of the contract → The guaranteed minimum death benefit, which is equal to 100% of the value of each deposit Up to the annuitant's 75th birthday, the guaranteed minimum death benefit is reset every year on the contract anniversary date based on the greater of: → The current guaranteed minimum death benefit → The Market Value of the contract → The inflation-adjusted value When the death benefit is paid out, the contract is terminated.	INFLATION-ADJUSTED VALUE²³ * THE ONLY ONE OF ITS KIND IN CANADA!²⁴ → Initially equal to 100% of the value of the deposits paid into the contract → Reset annually on the contract anniversary date based on the consumer price index (CPI)²⁵ Annual resets end when the annuitant turns 75.

The contract owner can request a reset of the guaranteed minimum maturity benefit at any time, but no more than twice per calendar year. When the guaranteed minimum maturity benefit is reset, the maturity date is pushed back to 15 years after the reset date.

MAXIMUM AGE FOR ANNUITANTS TO MAKE DEPOSITS

Up to age 80 inclusive (annuitant age). See [section 6](#) for the full terms and conditions of the Helios2 contract.

¹⁹ The contract ends when the annuitant reaches age 105.

²⁰ The guaranteed minimum maturity benefit is reduced in proportion to any units that may have been surrendered. Refer to the Contract and Information Folder for more information about surrendering units.

²¹ 100% of deposits made in the contract's first year and 75% of deposits made in subsequent years.

²² The guaranteed minimum death benefit is reduced in proportion to any units that may have been surrendered. Refer to the Contract and Information Folder for more information about surrendering units.

²³ The inflation-adjusted value is reduced in proportion to any units that may have been surrendered. Refer to the Contract and Information Folder for more information about surrendering units.

²⁴ Source: Desjardins internal analysis, November 2022.

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WHY CHOOSE THIS GUARANTEE?

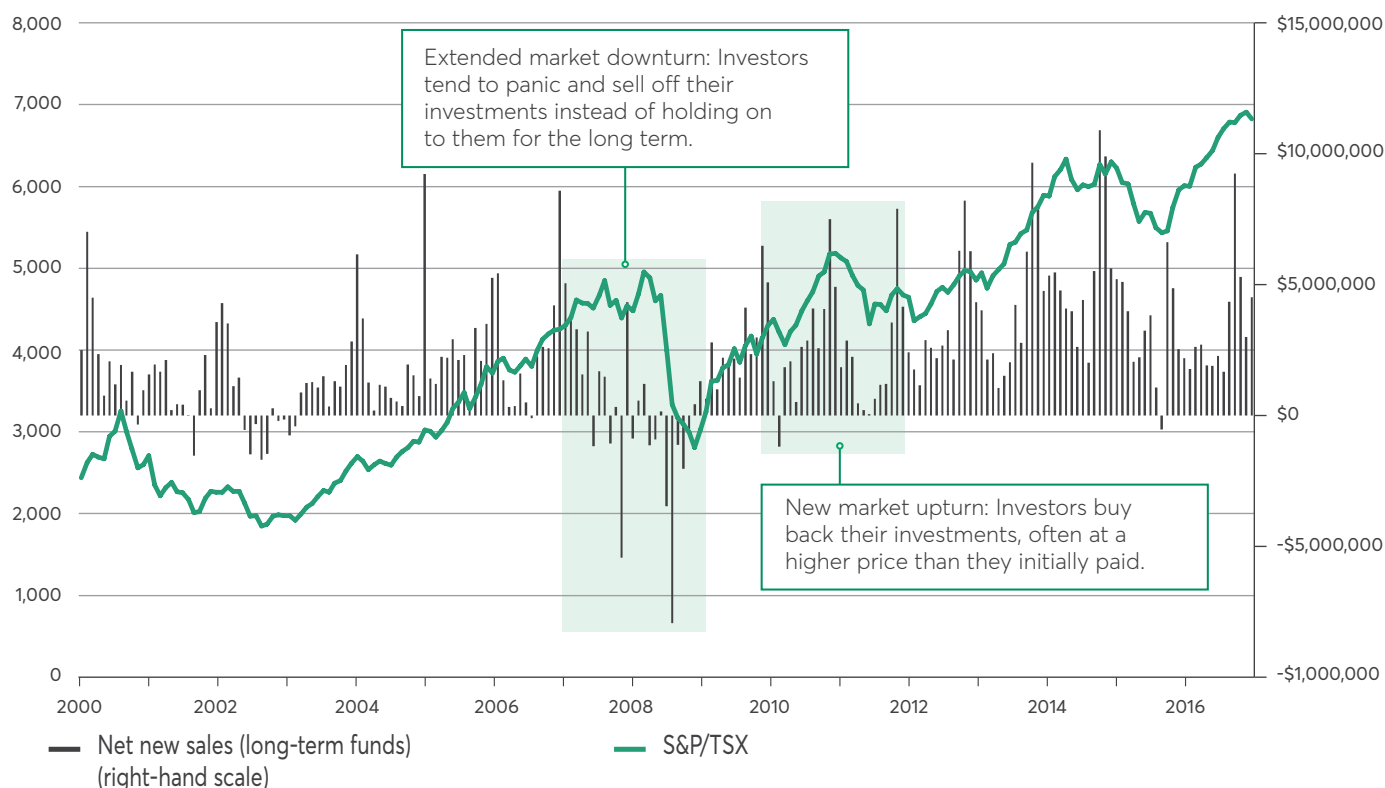
100% PROTECTION AT MATURITY

1. WHEN THE MARKET IS DOWN: PREVENT PANIC SELLING

The 100% maturity guarantee is perfect for clients with a lower risk tolerance, since they're guaranteed to get back the full amount of their deposits made within the first year,²⁶ after 15 years. Plus, unlike a fixed-rate product, like a term investment, your clients will benefit from the growth potential of investment funds, helping them achieve their investment goals.

The graph below shows the relationship between mutual fund flows and stock market activity. The conclusion: investors' fears can cause them to make costly and inefficient decisions!

"When the market goes up, risk tolerance is infinite. But when it goes down, risk tolerance often shrinks to zero."²⁷



This graph shows net sales of mutual funds in Canada between January 2000 and May 2017, according to IFIC, compared to the S&P/TSX index.



With this guarantee, the 100% guaranteed capital return after 15 years sets clients' minds at ease and encourages them to keep their money invested when they might otherwise be tempted to sell.

26 100% of deposits made in the contract's first year and 75% of deposits made in subsequent years.

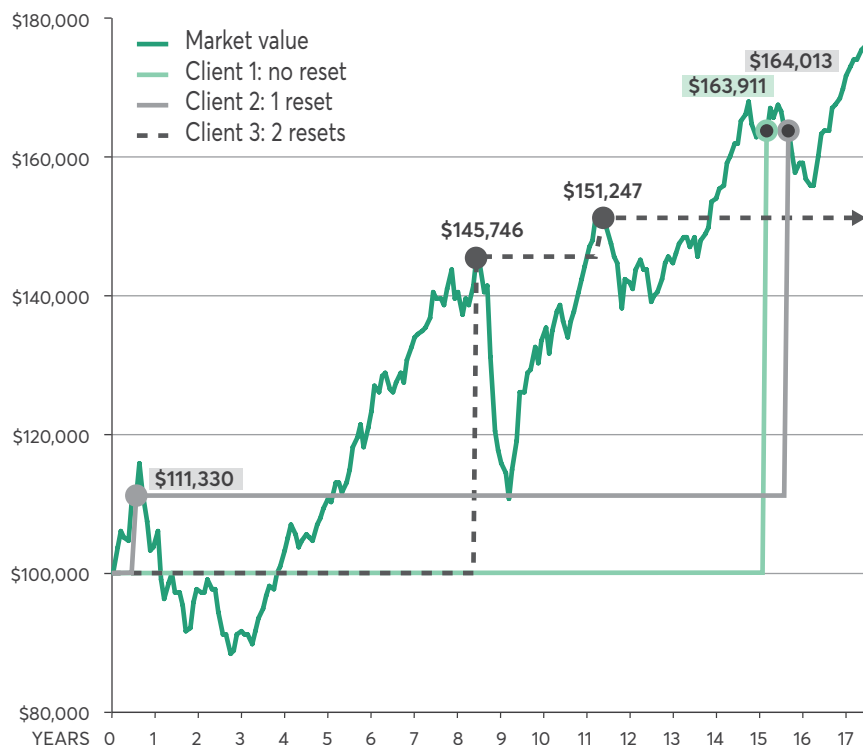
27 Harold R. Evensky, Chairman of Wealth Management Firm Evensky & Katz, as quoted by Paul Lim, *New York Times*, May 28, 2006.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Clients who sold their Canadian equity funds during the worst of the 2008–2009 financial crisis lost nine years of returns.²⁸

2. WHEN THE MARKET IS UP: HAVE THE OPTION TO LOCK IT IN

When the market is up, the contract owner can request a reset of the guaranteed minimum maturity benefit. That pushes back the contract maturity date to 15 years from the reset date.



All amounts attributed to a DFS GIF are invested at the risk of the contract owner and may increase or decrease in value. This graph simulates a reset of the guaranteed minimum maturity benefit at the contract owner's request. This simulation is for information purposes only and is neither an indication nor a guarantee of future results.²⁹

CLIENT N° 1

The main advantage for this client is the 15 year maturity period. They leave their contract alone and end up with a maturity benefit of **\$163,911**.

CLIENT N° 2

A few months into the investment, this client asks for a reset. That guarantees them a maturity benefit of at least \$111,330 and pushes back the maturity date by a few months. At maturity, they get **\$164,013**.

CLIENT N° 3

This client asks for resets in year 8 and year 12. When the contract matures in year 27, the guaranteed minimum maturity benefit is **\$151,247**.

²⁸ Based on observations of the S&P TSX Composite Index. In the days leading up to February 28, 2009, the index fell below the level it had reached on June 30, 2000.

²⁹ Source: Simulation prepared by Desjardins for Desjardins.

SECTION 5

→ DFS GUARANTEED INVESTMENT FUNDS

FUND NAME	HELIOS2 – 75/75	HELIOS2 – 75/100 I	HELIOS2 – 100/100 I
INVESTMENT SOLUTIONS (more information on page 19)			
→ DFS GIF – Conservative	✓	✓	✓
→ DFS GIF – Moderate	✓	✓	✓
→ DFS GIF – Balanced	✓	✓	✓
→ DFS GIF – Growth	✓	✓	✓
→ DFS GIF – Maximum Growth	✓	✓	✓
→ DFS GIF – 100% Equity	✓	✓	✓
RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT PORTFOLIOS (more information on page 20)			
→ DFS GIF – Conservative – Desjardins Sustainable	✓	✓	✓
→ DFS GIF – Moderate – Desjardins Sustainable	✓	✓	✓
→ DFS GIF – Balanced – Desjardins Sustainable	✓	✓	✓
→ DFS GIF – Growth – Desjardins Sustainable	✓	✓	✓
→ DFS GIF – Maximum Growth – Desjardins Sustainable	✓	✓	✓
→ DFS GIF – 100% Equity – Desjardins Sustainable	✓	✓	✓
WISE ETF PORTFOLIOS (more information on page 21)			
→ DFS GIF – Conservative – Desjardins Wise ETF	✓	✓	✓
→ DFS GIF – Moderate – Desjardins Wise ETF	✓	✓	✓
→ DFS GIF – Balanced – Desjardins Wise ETF	✓	✓	✓
→ DFS GIF – Growth – Desjardins Wise ETF	✓	✓	✓
→ DFS GIF – Aggressive – Desjardins Wise ETF	✓	✓	✓
→ DFS GIF – 100% Equity – Desjardins Wise ETF	✓	✓	✓

For fund codes and management expense ratios (MERs), see the [fund chart](#) (20105E).



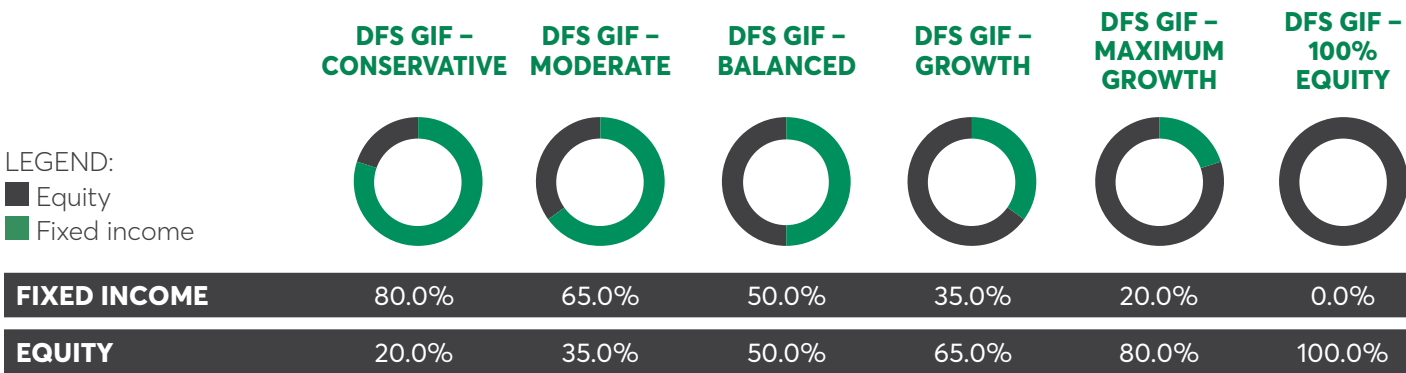
SIMPLIFY YOUR CLIENTS' LIVES WITH OUR INVESTMENT SOLUTIONS!

We've designed five investment solutions to meet all your clients' needs in one easy step. Determine which solution is best for them, and we'll take care of the rest!

Your clients will have access to a mix of funds that:

- ➔ Are distributed across all asset classes
- ➔ Have been selected for their complementary management styles
- ➔ Are automatically rebalanced for weighting every quarter with no action required from your clients

INVESTMENT SOLUTIONS



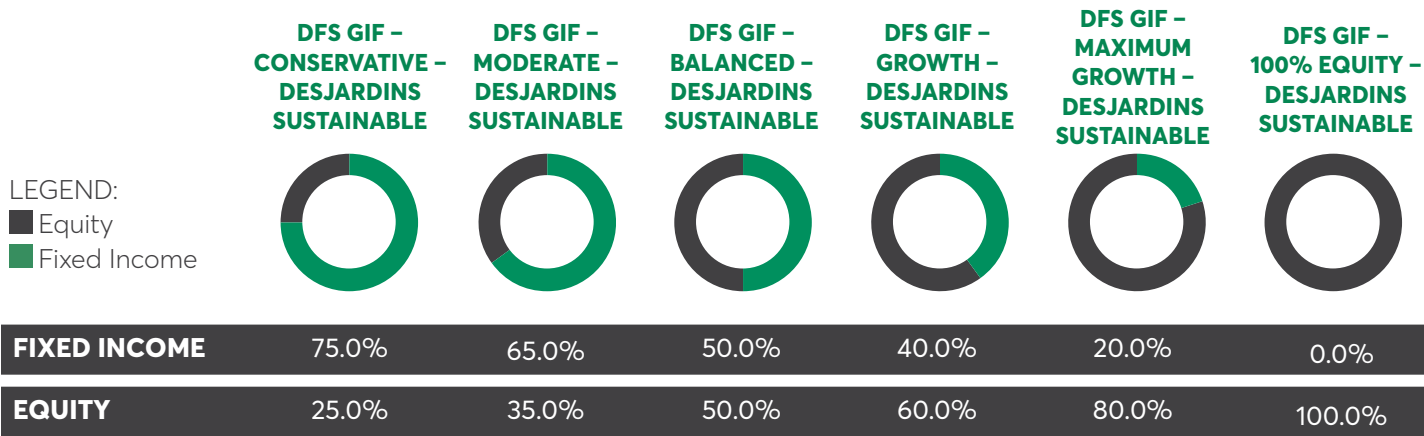
TRYING TO DECIDE WHICH INVESTMENT SOLUTION OR RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO IS THE BEST FIT FOR YOUR CLIENT?

We have a calculator to help you do just that! Answer a few questions, and the calculator will make a recommendation for your client based on their risk tolerance and financial situation.

Go to webi.ca/Helios2Contract



RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT PORTFOLIOS



For more information on the responsible investment portfolios, see desjardinsfunds.com.

FINALLY, AN EASY WAY TO OFFER ETFs TO YOUR CLIENTS

Wise ETF Portfolios make it possible to take advantage of the benefits offered by exchange-traded funds (ETFs) without trading them individually on the markets.

These portfolios consist of ETFs that replicate several different indices so your clients can benefit from a highly diversified investment.

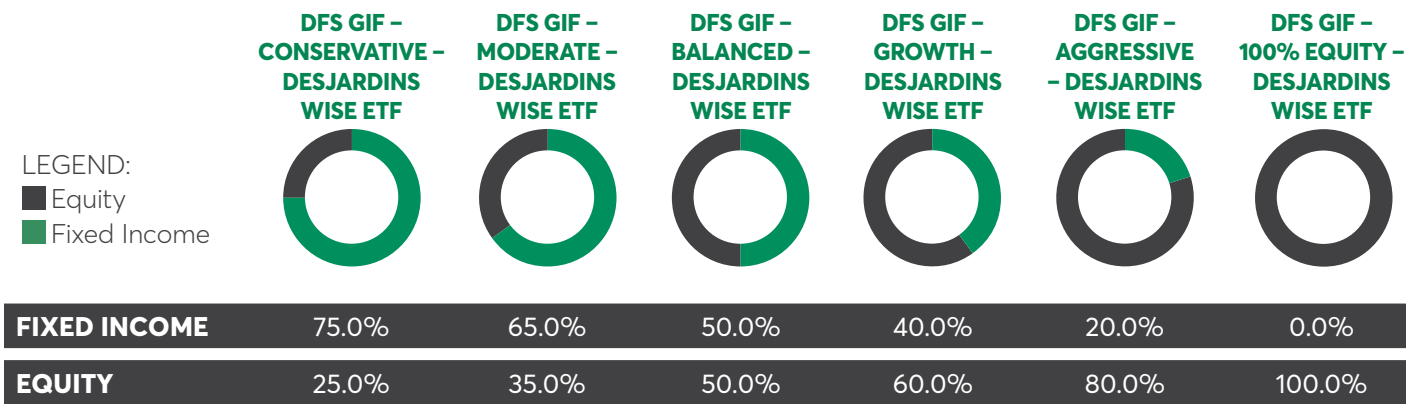
A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO STAND OUT!

Wise ETF portfolios make it possible to:

- Easily access a basket of ETFs from **recognized issuers**
- **Capture gains in rising markets** while also **minimizing the risks** related to volatility

WISE ETF PORTFOLIOS

Wise ETF Portfolios are **created based on the same underlying assets**, whose weight varies by objective.



With DFS Guaranteed Investment Funds (DFS GIF), your clients get access to a diversified range of investment funds that offer growth potential to help them achieve their investment objectives. Choose from a range of categories: income, balanced and asset allocation, Canadian equity and foreign equity.

INDIVIDUAL FUNDS

For fund codes and MERs, see the [fund chart](#) (20105E).

FUND NAME	HELIOS2 – 75/75	HELIOS2 – 75/100 I	HELIOS2 – 100/100 I
INCOME			
→ DFS GIF – Money Market	✓	✓	✓
→ DFS GIF – Canadian Bond	✓	✓	✓
→ DFS GIF – Global Tactical Bond – Desjardins	✓	✓	✓
BALANCED AND ASSET ALLOCATION			
→ DFS GIF – Diversified Income – Franklin Quotential*	✓	✓	n/a
→ DFS GIF – Balanced Income – Franklin Quotential*	✓	✓	n/a
→ DFS GIF – Canadian Balanced – Fidelity	✓	✓	n/a
→ DFS GIF – U.S. Monthly Income – Fidelity	✓	✓	✓
→ DFS GIF – Global Balanced – Desjardins Sustainable	✓	✓	✓
→ DFS GIF – Global Balanced – Jarislowsky Fraser	✓	✓	✓
→ DFS GIF – Canadian Balanced – Fiera Capital	✓	✓	✓
→ DFS GIF – Balanced Growth – Franklin Quotential*	✓	✓	n/a
→ DFS GIF – Canadian Asset Allocation – CI	✓	✓	✓
→ DFS GIF – Canadian Balanced – CI	✓	✓	✓
→ DFS GIF – Canadian Income and Growth – CI	✓	✓	✓
→ DFS GIF – Global Balanced Growth – Desjardins	✓	✓	✓
→ DFS GIF – Growth and Income – NEI*	✓	✓	✓
→ DFS GIF – Growth RS – NEI Select*	✓	✓	✓
→ DFS GIF – Growth – Franklin Quotential*	✓	✓	n/a
CANADIAN EQUITY			
→ DFS GIF – Dividend Balanced – Desjardins	✓	✓	✓
→ DFS GIF – Canadian Dividend – NEI*	✓	✓	✓
→ DFS GIF – Canadian Equity – Desjardins	✓	✓	✓
→ DFS GIF – Canadian Equity – Jarislowsky Fraser	✓	✓	✓
→ DFS GIF – Canadian Equity – Fidelity True North®	✓	✓	✓
→ DFS GIF – Canadian Equity – Franklin ClearBridge*	✓	✓	✓
→ DFS GIF – Canadian Small Cap Equity – NEI*	✓	✓	n/a
→ DFS GIF – Canadian Small Cap – Franklin ClearBridge*	✓	✓	n/a
FOREIGN EQUITY			
→ DFS GIF – American Equity – MFS	✓	✓	✓
→ DFS GIF – American Equity Value – Desjardins	✓	✓	✓
→ DFS GIF – Global Dividend – Desjardins	✓	✓	✓
→ DFS GIF – Global Equity – Desjardins	✓	✓	✓
→ DFS GIF – Global Equity – MFS	✓	✓	✓
→ DFS GIF – Global Equity Growth – Desjardins	✓	✓	✓
→ DFS GIF – International Equity – MFS	✓	✓	✓
→ DFS GIF – International Equity Growth – Desjardins	✓	✓	✓

→ *Funds closed to additional deposits and switches.

SECTION 6

→ HELIOS2 CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

AS OF MARCH 31, 2026, YOU CAN NO LONGER PURCHASE A NEW HELIOS2 CONTRACT. THIS SECTION IS FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY.

DEPOSIT REQUIREMENTS

	HELIOS2 – 75/75	HELIOS2 – 75/100 i	HELIOS2 – 100/100 i
	SERIES 6/6F SERIES 8/8F	SERIES 6/6F SERIES 8/8F	SERIES 6/6F SERIES 8/8F
Maximum annuitant age	Age 90 inclusive (options A and F) Age 80 inclusive (options D and E)	Age 85 inclusive (options A and F) Age 80 inclusive (options D and E)	Age 80 (inclusive)
ADDITIONAL DEPOSIT			
Minimum lump-sum amount ³⁰	\$500		
Minimum monthly pre-authorized debit (PAD) amount ³¹	\$50		

MINIMUM TOTAL MARKET VALUE

Market value of the units attributed to all Individual Variable Insurance Contracts issued to the owner by the company (Helios2 contract and all contracts previously issued by the company)

Deposits over \$1,000,000 must be pre-approved by Desjardins Insurance. The following information is required: the amount of the deposit, the selected guarantee, the client's age and the contract type. Other information (e.g., medical questionnaire) may be requested.

³⁰ The minimum deposit per fund is \$500.

³¹ The minimum PAD amount per fund is \$25.

APPLICABLE SERIES

The applicable series depends on:

- the market value of the contract and of any other individual variable annuity contract (guaranteed investment fund) that your client has already entered into with us and is still in effect.
- the fee option your client chooses.

We can attribute both series 6 and series 6F units or series 8 and series 8F units to a contract.

APPLICABLE SERIES BASED ON THE MARKET VALUE OF YOUR CONTRACTS.

If the market value of all your client's contracts is less than \$250,000, we apply the series 6 MER to their units, or the series 6F MER if they choose fee option F (see below). If the market value of all your client's contracts is greater than or equal to \$250,000, we apply the lower series 8 MER to their units, or the lower series 8F MER if they choose fee option F (see below).

The calculation includes the contracts of which your client is the sole contract owner and the contracts your client holds with a co-owner.

Contracts held externally in an intermediary or nominee account are considered separately. For example, if your client personally holds 2 contracts in their name with a total value of \$200,000, including a Helios2 contract, and if 2 contracts valued at \$280,000, including a Helios2 contract, are held by an intermediary, we apply the series 6 MER to the units of the Helios2 contract that your client holds personally and the series 8 or 8F (if your client chooses fee option F) MER to the units of the Helios2 contract held by an intermediary.

The market value of your client's contracts can change at any time due to market movements, additional deposits or withdrawals. The MER applicable to their units could also change at any time. Consequently, we will perform a periodic evaluation to determine which MER is applicable to their units. We can also change this contract's series if we believe that transactions are carried out in such a way as to circumvent the minimum value restrictions.

APPLICABLE SERIES BASED ON THE FEE OPTION YOUR CLIENT CHOOSE.

Series 6 or 8 applies to your client's units if they choose fee options A, D or E. Series 6F or 8F applies to their units if they choose fee option F. Fee option F is only available for contracts held externally in an intermediary or nominee account.

RECAP

Series 6 and 6F (contracts under \$250,000)

- If, when your client purchases this contract, the market value of all their contracts is less than \$250,000, the units attributed to this contract will be series 6 or 6F (if they choose fee option F) units.
- If, over time, the contract's market value grows until it is greater than or equal to \$250,000, we will automatically convert the units into series 8 or 8F (if you choose fee option F) units. They will be converted back into series 6 or 6F units if the value of all your contracts falls below \$150,000.

Series 8 and 8F (reduced fees – contracts of \$250,000 or more)

- If, when your client purchases this contract, the market value of all their contracts is greater than or equal to \$250,000, the units attributed to this contract will be series 8 or 8F (if they choose fee option F) units.
- They will be converted into series 6 or 6F (if they choose fee option F) units if the value of all their contracts falls below \$150,000. They will be automatically converted back into series 8 or 8F units if the value of all their contracts rises back to \$250,000 or more.

WHICH SERIES IS APPLICABLE TO YOUR CLIENT'S UNITS?

	YOUR CLIENT CHOOSES FEE OPTIONS A, D OR E FOR THEIR UNITS	YOUR CLIENT CHOOSES FEE OPTION F FOR THEIR UNITS
Market value of all contracts* < \$250,000	Series 6	Series 6F
Market value of all contracts* > \$250,000	Series 8	Series 8F

* Market value of your client's Helios2 contract and of any other individual variable annuity contract (guaranteed investment fund) that your client has already entered into with us and is still in effect.

FEES CHARGED TO THE CONTRACT OWNER

FEE OPTION A

No sales or surrender charges

FEE OPTION B

LOW LOAD SALES CHARGES	RATE ³²
In calendar year 1	3.0%
In calendar year 2	2.5%
In calendar year 3	2.0%
Thereafter	0.0%

FEE OPTION C

DEFERRED SURRENDER CHARGES, 7 YEARS	RATE ³²
In calendar year 1	5.5%
In calendar year 2	5.0%
In calendar year 3	5.0%
In calendar year 4	4.0%
In calendar year 5	4.0%
In calendar year 6	3.0%
In calendar year 7	2.0%
Thereafter	0.0%

WAIVER OF SURRENDER CHARGES APPLICABLE TO UNITS UNDER FEE OPTION B OR FEE OPTION C

Charges which may be otherwise payable are waived for surrenders of units under fee option B or fee option C made during the calendar year up to a non-cumulative maximum each year of 12% of the value of the units in each fund attributed to this contract which are still exposed to surrender charges (as calculated at the cut-off time on the last market day in the immediately preceding calendar year). During the calendar year, this non-cumulative maximum will be adjusted to reflect a deposit made at any point in time, such adjustment to be made in proportion to the number of months between the date of the deposit and the end of the calendar year.

Surrender charges are waived on the death of the annuitant.

The low load sales charge fee option (fee option B) and deferred sales charge fee option (fee option C) are no longer offered except for switches of units that were under fee option B or C when the fee option ceased to be offered. For these units, the withdrawal fees indicated below continue to apply until expiry of the withdrawal schedule from the dates of the deposits.

32 These charges are based on the net asset value per unit as at the time of surrender for the units being surrendered.

FEE OPTION D

NO FEES – CHARGEBACK OF THE FIRST-YEAR COMMISSION IF A SURRENDER OCCURS WITHIN 36 MONTHS OF THE DEPOSIT

Commission chargebacks will be waived for surrenders of units under fee option D occurring during a calendar year, up to a non-cumulative maximum each year of 12% of the value of the units in each fund attributed to this contract that are still exposed to a chargeback rate.

No commission chargeback on the death of the annuitant.

MONTH	CHARGEBACK RATE	MONTH	CHARGEBACK RATE
1	100.0%	20	47.2%
2	97.2%	21	44.4%
3	94.4%	22	41.7%
4	91.7%	23	38.9%
5	88.9%	24	36.1%
6	86.1%	25	33.3%
7	83.3%	26	30.6%
8	80.6%	27	27.8%
9	77.8%	28	25.0%
10	75.0%	29	22.2%
11	72.2%	30	19.4%
12	69.4%	31	16.7%
13	66.7%	32	13.9%
14	63.9%	33	11.1%
15	61.1%	34	8.3%
16	58.3%	35	5.6%
17	55.6%	36	2.8%
18	52.8%	37+	0.0%
19	50.0%		

FEE OPTION E

NO FEES – CHARGEBACK OF THE FIRST-YEAR COMMISSION IF A SURRENDER OCCURS WITHIN 60 MONTHS OF THE DEPOSIT

Commission chargebacks will be waived for surrenders of units under fee option D occurring during a calendar year, up to a non-cumulative maximum each year of 12% of the value of the units in each fund attributed to this contract that are still exposed to a chargeback rate.

No commission chargeback on the death of the annuitant.

MONTH	CHARGEBACK RATE	MONTH	CHARGEBACK RATE
1	100.0%	32	48.3%
2	98.3%	33	46.7%
3	96.7%	34	45.0%
4	95.0%	35	43.3%
5	93.3%	36	41.7%
6	91.7%	37	40.0%
7	90.0%	38	38.3%
8	88.3%	39	36.7%
9	86.7%	40	35.0%
10	85.0%	41	33.3%
11	83.3%	42	31.7%
12	81.7%	43	30.0%
13	80.0%	44	28.3%
14	78.3%	45	26.7%
15	76.7%	46	25.0%
16	75.0%	47	23.3%
17	73.3%	48	21.7%
18	71.7%	49	20.0%
19	70.0%	50	18.3%
20	68.3%	51	16.7%
21	66.7%	52	15.0%
22	65.0%	53	13.3%
23	63.3%	54	11.7%
24	61.7%	55	10.0%
25	60.0%	56	8.3%
26	58.3%	57	6.7%
27	56.7%	58	5.0%
28	55.0%	59	3.3%
29	53.3%	60	1.7%
30	51.7%	61+	0.0%
31	50.0%		

IMPORTANT REMINDER – FEE FREE UNITS UNDER HELIOS2

- Commission chargebacks and deferred sales charges will be waived for surrenders of units up to a maximum of 12% **per fund**
- Non-cumulative over the years
- For low load and DSC fee options, the free fee units amount for deposits made during the current calendar year will be adjusted in proportion of the number of months between the deposit and end of the calendar year.

Example:* A client holding 2 funds who makes a redemption within the DSC or chargeback recovery period, depending on the option chosen, for his first withdrawal during the calendar year:

	MARKET VALUE AS OF THE WITHDRAWAL DATE	12% EXEMPTION
Fund A	\$25,000	\$3,000
Fund B	\$75,000	\$9,000
Total	\$100,000	–

The client could withdraw up to \$3,000 from fund A and \$9,000 from fund B without triggering any DSC or commission chargeback.

* This example assumes that no deposits were made during the current calendar year.

FEE OPTION F

No sales charges or withdrawal fees to pay regardless of when or how much you withdraw.

You, and the distributor you do business with, do not receive any sales commission or trailing commission. Instead, you determine with your client the fees they will pay you for your services and advice and the way these fees will be paid. For example, if your agreement with your client or distributor provides for it, units may be withdrawn at your request or your distributor's request for the payment of the advisory service fee and applicable taxes. Such a withdrawal will decrease

the amount of guaranteed minimum benefits like any withdrawal.

Since we do not pay a trailing commission to you and your distributor under this fee option, series 6F or 8F apply to your client's units and their MER is lower.

Fee option F is only available if the contract is held externally in an intermediary or nominee account. If you request that the contract be no longer held externally in an intermediary or nominee account, the units associated with fee option F will from now on be associated with fee option A instead.



GROSS COMMISSION SCHEDULE

	MONEY MARKET	FIXED INCOME FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS
FEE OPTION A			
First year	n/a	n/a	n/a
Trailing commission ³³	0.25%	0.50%	1.00%
FEE OPTION B			
First year	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%
Trailing commission – years 1 to 3 ³³	n/a	0.15%	0.50%
Trailing commission – thereafter ³³	0.25%	0.50%	1.00%
FEE OPTION C			
First year	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%
Trailing commission ³³	n/a	0.15%	0.50%
FEE OPTION D			
First year	3.50%	3.50%	3.50%
Trailing commission – years 2 to 4 ³³	n/a	0.15%	0.50%
Trailing commission – thereafter ³³	0.25%	0.50%	1.00%
FEE OPTION E			
First year	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%
Trailing commission – years 2 to 7 ³³	n/a	0.15%	0.50%
Trailing commission – thereafter ³³	0.25%	0.50%	1.00%
FEE OPTION F			

You, and the distributor you do business with, do not receive any sales commission or trailing commission. Instead, you determine with your client the fees they will pay you for your services and advice and the way these fees will be paid.

Trailing commissions are paid on a calendar year basis.

There will be a first-year commission chargeback if the annuitant dies within 90 days of the date the contract is purchased, based on a 1/90 penalty per remaining day. For example, if the annuitant dies the day after the contract is set up, the commission chargeback will be 89/90 of the first-year commission.

The low load sales charge fee option (fee option B) and deferred sales charge fee option (fee option C) are no longer offered except for switches of units that were under fee option B or C when the fee option ceased to be offered. For these units, the withdrawal fees indicated below continue to apply until expiry of the withdrawal schedule from the dates of the deposits.

³³ Trailing commissions are paid monthly based on the assets under management on the last day of each month.

SHORT-TERM TRADING FEES

Short-term or frequent trading represents an expense for all contract owners. Consequently, for short-term or frequent trading, we may charge a fee of 2% of the transaction amount, in addition to any other applicable charges.

GUARANTEE SELECTION

The Helios2 contract offers your clients the option of three different guarantees. They need to select a guarantee when they purchase their contract.

CHANGING GUARANTEES³⁴

Your client can change their guarantee once per calendar year by submitting written notification, unless such a change would result in the new guaranteed amount being less than 75% of the sum of deposits adjusted for withdrawals.

Once the guarantee is changed, the deposit amount and the guaranteed amount will be reset.

The value of the units attributed to the contract as at the cut-off time on the market day that notification is received will become the new deposit amount. The market day that notification is received will become the new valuation date of the first deposit and therefore the new contract anniversary date. If the new guarantee is Helios 2 – 100/100 i, the maturity date will be set using the new valuation date of the first deposit.

EXAMPLE – GUARANTEE CHANGE

Your client deposits \$100,000 in a Helios2 contract and selects the Helios2 – 75/100 i guarantee. A few years later, they decide they want to switch to the Helios2 – 75/75 guarantee.

If the market value of the units attributed to the contract is \$125,000: The client can change their guarantee, and their new guaranteed amount would be \$93,750 (i.e., 75% of the new deposit value).

If the market value of the units attributed to the contract is \$85,000: The client can't change their guarantee, since the guaranteed amount would only be \$63,750 (75% of \$85,000), which is less than 75% of their \$100,000 deposit.

³⁴ The owner must select one of the three guarantees available under this contract. The owner may change the guarantee of their contract, once per calendar year, by submitting written notification, unless such a change would result in the new guaranteed amount being less than 75% of the sum of deposits adjusted for withdrawals. The contract must satisfy all deposit requirements of the selected guarantee.

YOUR TOOLS

FUND OFFER

- [Fund chart](#)
- [Unit prices and performance](#) (click on the fund name to consult the monthly description sheet)
- [Taxation of GIFs](#)

FOR YOUR CLIENTS

- [Helios2 – 75/75](#)
- [Helios2 – 75/100 i](#)
- [Video - Helios2 - 75/100 i](#)
- [Helios2 – 100/100 i](#)
- [DFS Guaranteed Investment Funds](#)
- [Annuity settlement option for the death benefit](#)
- [Contract and Information Folder](#)
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