

CONTRACT NUMBER(S):

### ADVANCE NOTICE OF CHANGE MILLENNIA III – NEW ERA CONTRACT (SERIES 3)

Dear contract owner:

We are writing to inform you about some changes we are making to the Millennia III (New Era) contract and to our Guaranteed Investment Funds line-up. We encourage you to read the information contained in this Advance Notice of Change.

This Advance Notice of Change is being sent to all Millennia III (New Era) contract owners. Although we are informing you of all the changes to be made to the Millennia III (New Era) contract, not all of them may apply to your personal situation, but where they do apply, no action is required on your part.

Also, except for the changes described in this Advance Notice of Change, we assure you that the terms and conditions of your Millennia III (New Era) contract remain the same.

#### Closing of Three Funds to Switches and New Deposits

Fund Caterogy	Fund Name	
Individual Funds – Balanced and Asset	DFS GIF – Growth and Income – NEI	
Allocation	DFS GIF – Growth – NEI Select*	
Individual Funds – Canadian Equity	DFS GIF – Canadian Small Cap Equity – NEI	

\* This fund will also be renamed as mentioned in the attached Advance Notice of Change at page 6.

#### Closing of Two Fee Options to New Deposits

On November 25, 2022, the Low Load, 3 years fee option (fee option B) and Back End Load, 5 years fee option (fee option C) will no longer be available to new deposits, in accordance with the recent recommendation of the Canadian Council of Insurance Regulators and the Canadian Insurance Services Regulatory Organizations. However, if you have made deposits with these fee options prior to November 25 at 4 p.m. (ET), your units will stay associated with these fee options and charges will still apply if you make withdrawals in the future depending on the amount of time that has passed since each deposit was made.

If, on the closing date, you have a pre-authorized debit agreement (PAD) that provides for deposits with fee options B or C, please be advised that after that date, your deposits will automatically be made with **fee option A** (negotiable fee option) instead.

#### Please see the attached Advance Notice of Change at page 4 for more details.

#### Other Changes

We will also make the following changes:

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#### You can find more details in the attached Advance Notice of Change.

If you have any questions, please contact your advisor or our Guaranteed Investment Funds Department at 1-877-647-5435 (options 9–1–2). We are here to help you.

You can also contact us by fax at 1-888-926-2987, by email at gifclientservice@dfs.ca or by mail at: 1150 rue de Claire-Fontaine, Quebec City, Quebec, G1R 5G4.

We thank you for trusting Desjardins Insurance.

Sincerely,

**Denis Dubois** President and Chief Operating Officer

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**Éric Landry** Vice-President, Investment Solutions

### Advance Notice of Change Millennia III – New Era contract (Series 3) November 2022

This Advance Notice of Change is an integral part of your contract with Desjardins Financial Security Life Assurance Company and it should be read accordingly.

Except for the changes described in this Advance Notice of Change, the terms and conditions of your contract remain the same.

We certify that this Advance Notice of Change contains modifications to the contract called Millennia III Plan, issued by Desjardins Financial Security Life Assurance Company, and provides brief and plain disclosure of these modifications.

**Denis Dubois** President and Chief Operating Officer

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**Éric Landry** Vice-President, Investment Solutions

# **Closing of Three Funds to Switches and New Deposits**

We will no longer accept switches and new deposits in the following funds starting **November 25, 2022 at 4 p.m. (ET)**, with the exception of deposits made under an existing pre-authorized debit (PAD) agreement:

Fund Category	Fund Name	
Individual Funds – Balanced and Asset Allocation	lanced and Asset Allocation DFS GIF – Growth and Income – NEI	
	DFS GIF – Growth – NEI Select*	
Individual Funds – Canadian Equity	DFS GIF – Canadian Small Cap Equity – NEI	

\* This fund will also be renamed as mentioned on page 6 below.

We intend to permanently close these funds in the future. We will inform you by an advance notice of change, if and when this occurs. If you own a non-registered contract, you may have tax implications for the fiscal year in which the permanent closure occurs. If you have units of one of these funds in a non-registered contract, we invite you to contact your advisor to establish a course of action.

# **Closing of Two Fee Options to New Deposits**

The fee option you choose when making a deposit determines how your advisor will be paid and if you must pay sales charges when making the deposit and surrender charges when making a withdrawal.

Effective **November 25, 2022, fee option B** (low load, 3 years) and **fee option C** (back end load, 5 years) will no longer be available to new deposits in accordance with the recent recommendation of the Canadian Council of Insurance Regulators and the Canadian Insurance Services Regulatory Organizations. Your contract will be considered modified accordingly. Only the **Negotiable** fee option (fee option A) will be offered going forward.

Fee Option	What you pay	How it works
<b>Low Load, 3 years</b> Fee Option B	If you withdraw within: 1 year of buying: 3.0% 2 years of buying: 2.5% 3 years of buying: 2.0% After 3 years: 0.0%	<ul> <li>When you make a deposit, Desjardins Financial Security pays a gross commission of 2.5%.</li> <li>Any low load surrender charges you pay go to Desjardins Financial Security.</li> <li>The low load surrender charges are a set rate. They are deducted from the amount you withdraw.</li> <li>You can withdraw up to 12% of your units each year without paying surrender charges.</li> <li>You can switch to units of other funds under the insurance contract at any time, without paying surrender charges. The low load surrender charges schedule will be based on the date you made your deposit.</li> </ul>
Back End Load, 5 years Fee Option C	If you withdraw within: 1 year of buying: 5.5% 2 years of buying: 5.0% 3 years of buying: 4.5% 4 years of buying: 4.0% 5 years of buying: 3.5% After 5 years: 0.0%	<ul> <li>When you make a deposit, Desjardins Financial Security pays a gross commission of 5.0%.</li> <li>Any back end load surrender charges you pay go to Desjardins Financial Security.</li> <li>The back end load surrender charges are a set rate. They are deducted from the amount you withdraw.</li> <li>You can withdraw up to 12% of your units each year without paying surrender charges.</li> <li>You can switch to units of other funds under the insurance contract at any time, without paying surrender charges. The back end load surrender charges schedule will be based on the date you made your deposit.</li> </ul>

Here are the details about **fee option B** (low load, 3 years) and **fee option C** (back end load, 5 years):

We will no longer accept new deposits with **fee options B or C** starting **November 25, 2022 at 4 p.m. (ET)**. However, switches from one fund to another of units that will be under fee options B or C on the closing date will still be permitted, provided the units stay under the same fee option. If you have made deposits with these fee options prior to November 25 at 4 p.m. (ET), your units will stay associated with these fee options and charges will still apply if you make withdrawals in the future depending on the amount of time that has passed since each deposit was made.

If, on the closing date, you have a pre-authorized debit agreement (PAD) that provides for deposits with **fee option A** (negotiable fee option) instead. You will have no sales charge to pay when making the deposits (0%) and no surrender charges to pay when withdrawing units under this fee option. Your advisor will be compensated by receiving a trailing commission for as long as you own the units associated with this fee option. This commission will be determined by the market value of these units and the applicable rate can be found in the Fund Facts of the fund you have chosen for your deposits. The Fund Facts for the Millennia III – New Era (Series 3) contract can be found on our website at desjardinslifeinsurance.com/en/individual-savings/guaranteed-investment-funds/ our-investment-options/regulatory-documents. You can contact our Guaranteed Investment Funds Department to obtain a copy. Our contact information is on page 6 below.

# **Other Changes**

### Name Change of One Fund

It should be noted that to align the names of our funds with the names of their underlying funds, the following fund will be changing name as of **November 28, 2022**:

Current Name	New Name	
DFS GIF – Growth – NEI Select	DFS GIF – Growth RS – NEI Select	

### Change to the Investment Objective of One Fund

Due to a change in the investment objective of its underlying fund, we have modified the investment objective of the following fund:

Fund Name	Current Investment Objective	New Investment Objective
DFS GIF – Growth – NEI Select*	To provide a balance of capital growth and interest income by investing primarily in units of individual Underlying Funds in order to gain the desired exposure to the equity and fixed income markets.	To provide a balance of capital growth and interest income by investing primarily in units of individual Underlying Funds in order to gain the desired exposure to the equity and fixed income markets. <b>The fund follows a</b> <b>responsible approach to investing.</b>

\* This fund will also be renamed as mentioned above.

We thank you for trusting Desjardins Insurance.

### For more information

We invite you to refer to the *Contract and Information Folder* document. Please read it carefully as it contains important information on the Millennia III Plan and the DFS Guaranteed Investment Funds. Information about our funds, including their performance history, can also be found on our website at desjardinslifeinsurance.com.

If you have any questions about this Advance Notice of Change, please contact your advisor or our Guaranteed Investment Funds Department at 1-877-647-5435 (options 9–1–2). You can also contact us by fax at 1-888-926-2987, by email at gifclientservice@dfs.ca or by mail at: 1150 rue de Claire-Fontaine, Quebec City, Quebec, G1R 5G4.

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The Contract and Information Folder contains important information on the Millennia III Plan and the DFS Guaranteed Investment Funds. It also contains defined terms.

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