

## DFS GIF – GLOBAL BALANCED – JARISLOWSKY FRASER

### QUARTERLY COMMENTARY AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017

PERFORMANCE	3 months
Series 6	2.78
Series 7	2.94

Portfolio Manager: Jarislowsky, Fraser Limited

Inception Date: February 24, 2014

#### CONTRIBUTORS TO PERFORMANCE

- Strong absolute returns from equities, especially those of U.S. stocks, was the main contributor.
- The bond portfolio generated a solid return in the quarter, nevertheless the underweight in that asset class was a positive contributor.
- The overweight in stocks was a positive contributor.

#### DETRACTORS FROM PERFORMANCE

- Given the risk-on sentiment and strong performance from cyclicals, the portfolio's equity sections could not beat their benchmarks.
- The very strong U.S. and international markets driven by expensive technology and momentum stocks outpaced our more conservative, high-quality holdings.

#### MAJOR CHANGES TO PORTFOLIO

- The major change to the portfolio during the fourth quarter was the addition of a small position in the JF Emerging Markets Fund.
- We reduced the cash and a small portion in the allocation of the JF International Pooled Fund for the allocation to the JF Emerging Markets Fund.

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