

## PRESS RELEASE

# ÆQUO ANNOUNCES A NEW BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP

**Montreal, April 27, 2018** – Æquo – Shareholder Engagement Services, a Montreal shareholder engagement firm, is pleased to announce that it has signed an agreement with Desjardins Global Asset Management (DGAM), the institutional portfolio manager for the Desjardins Group.

Æquo's experts will support DGAM in its shareholder engagement activities, with the aim of promoting environmental, social and governance best practices among the companies represented in its investment portfolio.

This partnership is an opportunity for Æquo to consolidate its team and offer clients an American engagement program, while increasing the impact of activities it leads for companies.

"In addition to boosting the number of companies targeted, this partnership will help enhance our service offering through the creation of an engagement program dedicated specifically to American companies," explains Jean-Philippe Renaut, Æquo's CEO.

Shareholder engagement is an integral part of DGAM's responsible investment activities. This partnership enables DGAM to accelerate the development of these activities that are part of Desjardins Group's strategic approach.

### **About Æquo**

Æquo – Shareholder Engagement Services Inc. offers responsible investment services and carries out dialogues with a number of Canadian and American companies on behalf of institutional investors. Æquo was founded by Bâtirente — CSN members' pension plan, and the Regroupement pour la responsabilité sociale des entreprises (RRSE), an association of religious communities.

### **About DGAM**

Desjardins Global Asset Management is one of the largest institutional portfolio managers in Quebec and Canada, managing more than \$60 billion in assets, primarily from insurance companies, pension funds, foundations, and trust companies. DGAM brings together over 60 professionals, including a team dedicated exclusively to responsible investment. DGAM is a signatory of the United Nations' Principles for Responsible Investment.

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