Janus Henderson INVESTORS

GLOBAL SHORT DURATION INCOME FUND

At a glance

Performance*
The Fund returned −0.23%, the Index returned 0.27% and the Sector returned −1.76%.

Contributors/detractors
Yield curve positioning and allocation to high yield corporate bonds detracted from performance as yields rose and credit spreads widened. Income from securitised assets contributed to performance.

Outlook
We favour a more conservative duration position, while seeking to harvest carry (income) levels that have largely been absent from the front end of the curve for many years.

Portfolio management



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Investment environment

- Global bond markets fell sharply in September as oil prices rose again and major central banks raised interest rates, pushing government bond yields to multi-year highs.
- The US Federal Reserve (Fed) hiked the federal funds rate by 25 basis points (bps) to 3.75% to 4.00%, its first policy tightening since July 2023. Chair Kevin Warsh said the economy was strong, but that inflation had been too high for too long. Futures markets are pricing in one more hike this year and at least another two in 2027.
- The US economy added a higher-than-expected 162,000 jobs in August, with unemployment unchanged at 4.1% and July's previously reported job losses revised to a gain of 21,000. Annual US inflation eased from 3.5% in June to 3.4% in both July and August, but remains stubbornly high.
- Elsewhere, the European Central Bank (ECB) raised its main policy rate by 25 bps to 2.50%, as did the Bank of Japan, to 1.25% – its highest level since 1995. The Reserve Bank of Australia raised its cash rate to 4.6%, the highest since 2011.
- Globally, the yield differential (spread) between corporate and government bonds ended the month wider.

Portfolio review

The strategy aims to invest in higher-quality, shorter-dated corporate bonds that we believe offer attractive income generation (carry) as they near maturity. These core holdings detracted from performance in September, particularly the allocation to high yield corporate bonds, as yields rose and credit spreads widened. Our yield curve positioning also detracted for similar reasons. Income from securitised assets contributed, notably our allocation to non-agency mortgages.

Duration (interest-rate risk) ended the period slightly lower, at around 0.8 years, which is below the fund's historical average. In our view, the combination of above-target inflation and strong growth in the US supports keeping duration lower, so that income can reset higher more quickly. Now that rates have backed up, we believe the extra yield on offer is attractive.

Like other central banks, the Fed must contend with inflationary factors outside its control. A fresh escalation of the US-Iran conflict could push oil prices higher, potentially hurting growth, while a full reopening of the Strait of

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Hormuz could bring them sharply lower. Other inflationary forces look more entrenched, including supply-side price pressures from deglobalisation, or could yet prove two-edged, such as the artificial intelligence (AI) investment wave. While the build-out of AI infrastructure is fuelling demand for land, labour and resources, and competition for capital, its disinflationary potential has yet to be tested. We are also watching the pace of this investment closely, in case it slows significantly.

With capital preservation central to the fund, we prefer not to get ahead of the market by adding too much duration too early. Typically, we aim to opportunistically source duration in regions where slowing economic growth and falling inflation may signal a rate cut. Over the past several months, conditions have coalesced around the need for more restrictive policy in most developed economies in Europe and Asia. Nonetheless, beyond our core US market—in Canada, New Zealand and Europe—we continue to find opportunities in short-dated government bonds where central banks could have room to cut sharply if growth faltered. These markets are more sensitive to oil prices, however, so we size these positions carefully.

Manager outlook

Global fixed-income markets have entered a more volatile phase after the Fed increased interest rates for the first time in more than three years. With the US economy showing resilience, the pressure does not appear to be coming from any change in credit fundamentals, which remain largely sound.

Aside from facing a possible cycle of further modest rate hikes, markets are adjusting to life under Fed Chair Warsh, as he seeks to earn credibility through delivery rather than the forward guidance investors have grown accustomed to. By unanimously raising interest rates in September, the nascent Warsh Fed signalled that its inflation-fighting credibility comes first. Although rate rises are likely to do little to curb inflation driven by oil or investment in infrastructure for AI, the Fed may still seek to keep inflation expectations in check. Therefore, it appears to be choosing to pay now, in terms of rate-market volatility and potential economic pain, rather than risk paying more later by allowing inflationary expectations to become unanchored. However, markets are likely to need more clarity around the pace and extent of rate hikes before they can invest with confidence. The September rate hike is a step, not an “all clear” sign.

Still, with front-end yields moving quickly to anticipate tighter monetary policy, we believe there may be potential to earn attractive income streams without increasing interest-rate exposure. With the yield curve steep at its shortest end, short-dated bonds may also benefit as they move closer to maturity. Across geographies, we believe relatively conservative duration positioning is merited until the market gains greater visibility into how geopolitics, technology, and even fiscal discipline may impact the future investment environment.

Performance (%)

Returns	Cumulative				Annualised			
	1 Month	3 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since inception (04/05/16)
A2 USD (Net)	-0.23	0.39	1.91	3.15	5.09	3.35	2.44	2.39
Index	0.27	0.89	2.65	3.68	4.63	3.84	2.47	2.39
Sector	-1.76	-2.07	-0.35	0.66	5.84	1.97	2.87	3.03
A2 USD (Gross)	—	—	—	—	—	4.33	3.50	3.45
Target	—	—	—	—	—	5.91	4.52	4.43

12 month rolling	Sep 2025-Sep 2026	Sep 2024-Sep 2025	Sep 2023-Sep 2024	Sep 2022-Sep 2023	Sep 2021-Sep 2022
A2 USD (Net)	3.15	5.27	6.90	4.06	-2.40
Index	3.68	4.61	5.63	4.71	0.63
Sector	0.66	5.32	11.84	5.80	-12.11

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Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide positive, consistent returns (although not guaranteed) above those that would be earned on cash equivalents. Performance target: To outperform the ICE BofA 3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index by at least 2% per annum, before the deduction of charges, over any 5 year period.

For the fund's investment policy, refer to the Additional fund information on page 4.
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Fund details

Inception date	04 May 2016
Total net assets	75.99m
Asset class	Fixed Income
Domicile	Ireland
Structure	Irish Investment Company
Base currency	USD
Index	ICE BofA 3 Month US Treasury Bill Index
Morningstar sector	Global Flexible Bond - USD Hedged
SFDR category	Article 8

In accordance with the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation, the Fund is classified as Article 8 and promotes, among other characteristics, environmental and/or social characteristics, and invests in companies with good governance practices.

Additional fund information

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Investment policy

The Fund invests at least 80% of its assets in a global portfolio of short duration bonds of any quality, including high yield (non-investment grade) bonds and asset-backed and mortgage-backed securities, issued by governments or companies. The overall duration of the Fund is typically less than two years and may at times also be negative. The Fund may invest directly or via derivatives (complex financial instruments). The Fund may also invest in other assets including bonds of other types from any issuer, preference shares, cash and money market instruments. In certain market conditions, the Fund may invest more than 35% of its assets in government bonds issued by any one body. The Fund will not invest more than 15% of its assets in high yield (non-investment grade) bonds and will never invest in bonds rated lower than B- or B3 (credit agency ratings), or if unrated deemed to be of a comparable quality by the Sub-Investment Adviser. The Sub-Investment Adviser may use derivatives (complex financial instruments), including total return swaps, with the aim of making investment gains in line with the Fund's objective, to reduce risk or to manage the Fund more efficiently. The Fund is actively managed with reference to the ICE BofA 3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index as this forms the basis of the Fund's performance target. The Sub-Investment Adviser has a high degree of freedom to choose individual investments for the Fund.

Investment strategy

The Sub-Investment Adviser constructs a portfolio around a core of shorter maturity, global investment grade securities seeking to generate yield above cash, and by applying secular and opportunistic views across countries, currencies and sectors to enhance return and mitigate downside risk. The Sub-Investment Adviser will seek to manage the portfolio through the various market environments using a variety of strategies, including, but not limited to, adjusting the overall credit exposure, credit quality, and interest rate duration of the portfolio and the allocation to cash.

Fund specific risks

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