Janus Henderson INVESTORS

US FORTY FUND

At a glance

Performance*
The Fund returned −8.35%, the Index returned −6.09% and the Sector returned −4.21%.

Contributors/detractors
Stock selection in the financial sector detracted from relative performance, while an overweight position in the healthcare sector contributed to relative performance.

Outlook
We believe companies aligned with durable secular growth themes have the potential to compound growth and gain market share across economic cycles.

Portfolio management



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Investment environment

- US equity market performance faced headwinds in October due to concerns about persistent inflation, geopolitical uncertainty, and the sustainability of the artificial intelligence (AI) investment cycle. These concerns overshadowed reports of generally strong corporate earnings and resilient economic growth.
- Headline Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation rose to 3.7% (year over year) in September, driven largely by higher oil prices. Core CPI, which excludes volatile food and energy prices, increased to 2.6% (year over year).
- The Federal Reserve (Fed) held interest rates unchanged in October following a September interest-rate rise, as policymakers continued to assess the prospects for moderating inflation and cooling job growth.

Portfolio review

Lam Research was a detractor from relative performance. Lam Research is a major global supplier of wafer fabrication equipment used in semiconductor production. Over the past year, the company has consistently beaten revenue and earnings targets, assisted by the build-out of chip foundry capacity to meet the needs of the AI complex. However, its shares fell in October after corporate management warned that fourth-quarter revenue growth might fall short of the market's elevated expectations. While demand for Lam Research's products has remained strong, a shortage of cleanroom capacity has pushed some of its order shipments into 2027.

Relative performance was also hindered by an overweight position in Eaton, a provider of power management solutions. The shares rose earlier in the year due to excitement around its market opportunity supplying power solutions to data centres, which led to strong orders and a growing backlog. Eaton's acquisition of Boyd Gaming also strengthened its position in liquid-cooling technology, which may provide another growth opportunity tied to data centres. While the company delivered record revenue growth and healthy earnings in the third quarter, its share price fell in October because of valuation concerns. Investors have also become more cautious about the expected pace of data centre construction and questioned Eaton's ability to convert its large order backlog into organic earnings growth.

UnitedHealth Group was a contributor to relative performance. The health insurer exceeded its third-quarter earnings targets, aided by operational improvements and cost management. It also raised its full-year guidance (forecasts), with Medicare Advantage margins tracking ahead of internal expectations. UnitedHealth has announced significant AI investments, which the company expects may help support further customer engagement

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and productivity gains. We continue to like UnitedHealth for its strong competitive positioning and track record of diversified earnings streams.

Danaher was another relative contributor. The life sciences company is a major global supplier of clinical instruments, reagents, and diagnostic solutions. Danaher experienced earnings headwinds in recent years as a cycle of inventory destocking by biotechnology customers lasted longer than anticipated. However, it has started to see orders reaccelerate, which has set the stage for improved revenue and free-cash-flow growth. Danaher's management team is also targeting margin expansion. The company reported strong third-quarter results that beat Wall Street expectations, and it raised full-year guidance.

Manager outlook

Looking ahead, we see positive drivers for equity performance, notably resilient economic growth and continued strong corporate earnings. AI-related spending, particularly on infrastructure, could also be a powerful driver of economic activity as hyperscalers increase investment and as confidence grows that these expenditures could generate attractive long-term returns.

At the same time, we recognise sources of potential volatility, including the ongoing conflict in the Middle East and its impact on oil prices. Higher fuel prices and borrowing costs could cause reverberations in the broader economy and negatively impact consumer confidence and consumer spending, especially for lower-income households. We also expect market uncertainty to dissipate somewhat as we move through the fourth quarter and gain greater clarity on geopolitical developments and the political landscape following the midterm elections.

We continue to view AI as a generational investment opportunity. Our conversations with companies reinforce our view that demand for AI applications and components has continued to expand rapidly, outpacing available supply. We believe the resulting bottlenecks may persist for several years, creating favourable conditions for companies that develop or manufacture critical technologies, components, and equipment.

We have sought to capitalise on this opportunity by investing in companies across the AI ecosystem, both among beneficiaries of AI-related capital spending and companies that are using AI to create new market opportunities and improve efficiency. Beyond technology, we continue to seek companies that we think can leverage AI to enhance profitability and strengthen competitive positioning. At the same time, we are closely monitoring how the rapidly evolving AI landscape may disrupt existing business models and erode competitive advantages.

While we continue to monitor market and macroeconomic trends, our primary focus remains on evaluating business models and identifying competitively advantaged companies operating in healthy, growing end markets. We believe companies aligned with these secular trends have the potential to compound earnings growth and gain market share across economic cycles.

Performance (%)

Returns	Cumulative				Annualised		
	1 Month	3 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
A2 USD (Net)	-8.35	-3.68	-2.82	-5.04	18.32	5.25	14.14
Index	-6.09	-0.49	-0.17	-2.59	22.26	10.39	17.70
Sector	-4.21	-0.34	4.93	3.05	20.38	6.84	14.05
A2 USD (Gross)	—	—	—	—	—	7.52	16.61
Target	—	—	—	—	—	13.15	20.64

Calendar year	YTD at Q3 2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
A2 USD (Net)	6.03	16.22	26.85	37.13	-34.32	21.26	37.27	34.45	-0.32	28.04	-2.54
Index	6.30	18.56	33.36	42.68	-29.14	27.60	38.49	36.39	-1.51	30.21	7.08
Sector	9.54	15.20	23.20	34.27	-30.62	20.93	33.97	32.32	-3.81	27.19	2.84

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Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth over the long term. Performance target: To outperform the Russell 1000 Growth Index by at least 2.5% 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	24 December 1998
Total net assets	1.30bn
Asset class	Equities
Domicile	Ireland
Structure	Irish Investment Company
Base currency	USD
Index	Russell 1000® Growth Index
Morningstar sector	US Large-Cap Growth Equity

Lower Risk 1 2 3 4 **5** 6 7 Higher Risk

Rating as at previous month end. Rating is for the representative share class as defined in the performance table.

Additional fund information

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Investment policy

The Fund invests at least 80% of its assets in a concentrated portfolio of shares (also known as equities) of companies, in any industry, in the United States. The Fund is focused towards larger US companies. The Fund may also invest in other assets including companies outside the United States, cash and money market instruments. The Sub-Investment Adviser may use derivatives (complex financial instruments) to reduce risk, to manage the Fund more efficiently, or to generate additional capital or income for the Fund. The Fund is actively managed with reference to the Russell 1000 Growth Index, which is broadly representative of the companies in which it may invest, as this forms the basis of the Fund's performance target. The Sub-Investment Adviser has a high degree of freedom to exercise conviction, which may result in a high degree of bias within the portfolio. The Fund may hold companies which are not within the index.

Investment strategy

The Sub-Investment Adviser follows a fundamental, research-driven strategy, seeking to identify companies with distinct advantages over their competitors, which allow them to protect market share and/or profitability. The Fund invests in the manager's best US large growth company ideas, where they believe their view is differentiated from the market, to construct a portfolio of 20 to 40 holdings.

Fund specific risks

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Source for risk rating

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