Janus Henderson INVESTORS

GLOBAL LIFE SCIENCES FUND

At a glance

Performance*
The Fund returned −1.28%, the Index returned 3.33% and the Sector returned 3.23%.

Contributors/detractors
Stock selection in biotechnology detracted as investors favoured what we consider to be more speculative companies with higher valuations. An overweight position in the sector modestly contributed.

Outlook
Despite recent volatility, we see a positive backdrop with attractive valuations. We believe the sector's levels of innovation will continue to result in positive clinical data and strong product launches.

Portfolio management



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Investment environment

- The healthcare sector rose during the period, driven by strong performance in biotechnology and devices and medical technology stocks. Performance in the biotech sector was driven by a narrow, momentum-fuelled rally concentrated in a small group of stocks perceived to benefit from artificial intelligence (AI)-related tailwinds. Life science tools companies were supported by similar themes.
- During the quarter, stability appeared to return to the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) with the nomination of Dr Heidi Overton to supervise the agency. Additionally, the interim directors of both the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) and the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER) were appointed as permanent leaders.
- FDA approvals continued steadily throughout the quarter. The most notable was Revolution Medicines' highly anticipated pancreatic cancer treatment, offering patients the chance to avoid toxic chemotherapy while nearly doubling overall survival expectations compared with standard treatment.
- Approvals spanned a broad range of therapeutic areas. Notably, portfolio holding Protagonist Therapeutics received approval for a hepcidin mimetic therapy targeting a rare blood cancer. Other novel treatments approved during the period target ADHD, cholesterol management, narcolepsy, multiple myeloma, wet age-related macular degeneration (AMD) and IgA nephropathy (Berger disease). Beyond pharmaceuticals, approvals included Johnson & Johnson's Ottava surgical robot and Abbott Laboratories' first continuous glucose and ketone monitoring system for people with diabetes.
- Clinical trial activity remained robust during the quarter, highlighted by positive Phase 3 results for Lilly's obesity therapy retatrutide, Moderna and Merck's personalised melanoma vaccine, and several oncology programs that further advanced next-generation targeted and immunotherapy treatments. Additionally, Kodiak Sciences announced results from its Phase 3 trial for a novel regimen for wet AMD that demonstrated efficacy comparable to current therapies, with the potential for only twice-yearly dosing for many patients – a substantial gain over competitors and a major benefit given these injections are administered directly into the eye. Wet AMD affects approximately 1.5 million US citizens and can lead to rapid vision loss in people over age 50.
- Acquisition and partnership activity remained robust as large pharmaceutical companies continued to

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strengthen their pipelines and expand into new therapeutic areas. Notable transactions spanned autoimmune disease, rare disease, neuroscience, oncology, and precision medicine, including acquisitions by Eli Lilly, Vertex Pharmaceuticals, and argenx SE, underscoring continued demand for differentiated clinical assets.

Portfolio review

Praxis Precision Medicines, a developer of therapies for central nervous system disorders, detracted from relative performance. The stock was emblematic of a broader fall among companies that had generated strong first-half returns on the back of clinical progress, as specialist investors reduced exposure amid a rally in heavily shorted stocks. We remain constructive on the firm's outlook, supported by the potential for clinical data from its epilepsy programme in the fourth quarter and the anticipated 2027 approval of its novel therapy for essential tremor, a condition that affects over seven million people in the US and represents a significant unmet medical need.

Rare-disease specialist Mirum Pharmaceuticals also detracted. While the firm reported net sales above forecasts and raised its full-year product sales outlook, its shares were pressured by news of a delayed FDA timeline for Mirum's treatment for primary sclerosing cholangitis, a chronic liver disease. However, late in the quarter Mirum received regulatory approval for its treatment for an ultra-rare bone disease that turns soft tissues into bone.

Crinetics Pharmaceuticals was a top contributor to relative performance. During the quarter, Vertex Pharmaceuticals announced plans to acquire the company in a transaction valued at approximately $10 billion. The deal highlighted the value of Crinetics' commercial franchise, led by Palsonify, the first once-daily oral treatment for the rare hormonal disorder acromegaly, as well as its late-stage pipeline for rare endocrine disorders.

Medical technology company HeartFlow also contributed. The company specialises in AI-powered, non-invasive cardiac diagnostics, including 3D modelling and coronary plaque analysis. Revenue growth accelerated during the quarter, marking its fastest pace in eight quarters. Growth was driven by strong adoption of the company's plaque assessment products, including its flagship coronary CT angiography offering, which provides a detailed visualisation of arterial plaque. Management also expects continued adoption of its recently launched risk stratification tool, which could further expand the platform's clinical utility and market opportunity.

Manager outlook

Investor enthusiasm for AI-enabled drug discovery has fuelled a narrow rally in select companies, driving their valuations to what we consider very high levels, while many fundamentally strong biotech companies have underperformed. We believe this divergence has been driven more by market sentiment and positioning than intrinsic value.

Despite this backdrop, we believe fundamentals remain favourable across several healthcare subsectors. Managed care companies are seeing improving visibility into reimbursement rates, and the trajectory of medical cost trends supports confidence in longer-term margin recovery. Meanwhile, life science tools appear poised to benefit from stronger biotech financing activity, healthy pharmaceutical research and development (R&D) spending, and gradually improving demand trends.

Capital-raising activity also remains robust. Even in a higher interest rate environment, biotechnology companies remain a critical source of innovation for pharmaceutical companies as they prepare for significant patent expirations over the coming years.

Looking ahead, we remain optimistic about the healthcare sector, which, at the time of writing, was trading at a price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio below its long-term average relative to the S&P 500 Index. We expect a steady cadence of clinical data releases could create opportunities across oncology, cardiovascular and neurological diseases, as well as specialised areas such as myotonic dystrophy and achondroplasia.

While the current environment has created a temporary headwind for the portfolio, we remain confident that disciplined stock selection, valuation awareness, and a focus on differentiated clinical innovation may be rewarded over the long term. Within the portfolio, we favour early commercial-stage companies with breakthrough products, several of which are approaching profitability, alongside late-stage development companies we believe are clinically de-risked. Overall, we believe the backdrop remains constructive and that healthcare valuations may increasingly reflect the sector's underlying innovation over time.

Performance (%)

Returns	Cumulative				Annualised			
	1 Month	3 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since inception (31/03/00)
A2 USD (Net)	-4.22	-1.28	6.09	25.49	12.58	6.55	9.41	7.44
Index	-1.79	3.33	5.23	16.38	8.96	5.29	8.86	7.55
Sector	-2.05	3.23	3.49	12.21	8.64	1.33	6.18	6.16
A2 USD (Gross)	—	—	—	—	—	9.10	12.04	10.18
Target	—	—	—	—	—	7.40	11.04	9.70

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)	25.49	-8.31	24.01	11.03	-13.32
Index	16.38	-8.00	20.84	10.88	-9.79
Sector	12.21	-3.11	17.93	6.95	-22.08

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Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth over the long term. Performance target: To outperform the MSCI World Health Care 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	31 March 2000
Total net assets	5.66bn
Asset class	Equities
Domicile	Ireland
Structure	Irish Investment Company
Base currency	USD
Index	MSCI World Health Care Index
Morningstar sector	Sector Equity Healthcare
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

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Investment strategy

The Sub-Investment Adviser looks to identify innovative healthcare companies addressing high unmet medical needs across fields including biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, healthcare services and medical technology. The team understands that success of drug development is binary in nature, creating wide disparities between winners and losers. The investment process leverages proprietary statistical models to analyse the probability of a company's success, focusing on products they believe can overcome the rigours of clinical development. Additional tools, such as physician surveys and prescription models, attempt to more accurately predict commercial viability.

Fund specific risks

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