

# Janus Henderson European Focus Fund

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## Fund Managers Names

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## Macro backdrop

The second quarter ends with much commentary on the strong equity market rebound from the March lows. The V shaped recovery in markets has displayed greater conviction than the many economists and other talking heads agonising over which letter of the alphabet to apply to the recovery in the real world. It is, of course, easy to dismiss equities' rebound as a function of the astonishing global monetary response to the pandemic. However, it is our belief that, with fiscal largesse also on the way, we are indeed looking at a powerful economic rebound.

## Fund performance and activity

Consistent with our view that a V shaped recovery is for real, we have positioned the fund to a more "pro-cyclical" and, indeed, a more "pro-value" stance. Cognisant of the fact that the value style has been out of favour for so long that is perhaps deemed a quaint relic, we believe that the slam dunk buy "growth" and forget about it style is perhaps, finally, facing a genuine challenge. We believe that the COVID-19 pandemic will come to be seen as having ushered in a different political "zeitgeist" and, with it, hope for some of the traditional "value" sectors in the stock market. It may even mean the unthinkable: that "value Europe" might just outperform "growth USA". Perish the thought.

Thus, we have used recent weeks to select new holdings in the likes of chemicals, autos and even our least favoured sector (most of the time) - European banks. Our clients will be well aware that we view banks as "for renting, not owning". Whether we still have positions in the sector in six months' time may well hinge on the prospects for inflation. We do not feel that we need a return of inflation to validate all of our recent changes but we think it would certainly be a game changer and we have not closed our minds to it.

Source: Janus Henderson Investors, as at 30 June 2020

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## Fund information

**Index** FTSE World Europe Ex UK Index  
**Index usage** Comparator

The FTSE World Europe (Ex UK) Index is a measure of the combined performance of large and medium sized companies from developed and advanced emerging European stock markets excluding the UK. It provides a useful comparison against which the Fund's performance can be assessed over time.

**Peer group benchmark** IA Europe ex UK Equity  
**Peer group benchmark usage** Comparator

The Investment Association (IA) groups funds with similar geographic and/or investment remit into sectors. The Fund's ranking within the sector (as calculated by a number of data providers) can be a useful performance comparison against other funds with similar aims.

**Objective** The Fund aims to provide a return, from a combination of capital growth and income over the long term (5 years or more).

## Performance in (GBP)

Performance %	I (Net)	Index	Peer group	Quartile ranking
1 month	3.9	4.9	4.4	3rd
YTD	-1.1	-1.9	-2.0	2nd
1 year	4.3	0.5	1.0	2nd
3 years (annualised)	3.6	3.6	2.5	2nd
5 years (annualised)	8.1	8.8	7.9	2nd
10 years (annualised)	11.5	9.0	9.0	1st
Since inception (annualised)	6.5	5.4	5.2	-

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Discrete year performance %	I (Net)	Index	Peer group
30 Jun 2019 to 30 Jun 2020	4.3	0.5	1.0
30 Jun 2018 to 30 Jun 2019	4.9	7.9	3.3
30 Jun 2017 to 30 Jun 2018	1.8	2.5	3.3
30 Jun 2016 to 30 Jun 2017	28.0	29.0	29.2
30 Jun 2015 to 30 Jun 2016	3.5	6.0	5.1

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Source for target returns (where applicable) – Janus Henderson. Where quartiles are shown, 1st quartile means the share class is ranked in the top 25% of share classes in its sector.

Please note the performance target is to be achieved over a specific annualised time period. Refer to the performance target wording within the objective.

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