Janus Henderson INVESTORS

HORIZON PAN EUROPEAN ABSOLUTE RETURN FUND

At a glance

Performance*
The Fund returned −2.56%, the Index returned 0.19%

Contributors/detractors
Higher bond yields and profit-taking meant Hemnet, Pan African Resources and Talanx detracted. Contributors included ASML, Diploma, ABN AMRO and the short book, aided by stock-specific positions and index hedging.

Outlook
We have continued to reduce broader thematic and sector exposures in favour of a more diversified portfolio focused on stock-specific opportunities.

Portfolio management



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Investment environment

- September was a difficult month for European equities, with the MSCI Europe Index declining 2.4%.
- Rising bond yields (and falling prices), higher oil prices, ongoing geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and renewed political uncertainty across several European economies combined to maintain a cautious market backdrop.

Portfolio review

The long book detracted from performance, while the short book delivered a positive contribution.

In the long book, the largest detractors included Sweden-listed housing platform Hemnet, precious metals miner Pan African Resources and German insurer Talanx. Hemnet's shares came under pressure alongside broader housing-related equities as higher bond yields weighed on the sector, while the company's decision to pause its share buyback programme added further pressure. We exited the position during the month. Shares in Pan African Resources declined alongside the wider precious metals complex, as stronger bond yields and a firmer US dollar weighed on gold and silver prices. We retained the position. Talanx's shares experienced some profit-taking following a period of strong performance. We continue to view the company favourably and maintained the position, given its market positioning, cost advantages and entrepreneurial operating culture.

On the positive side, following the sector shift in July, improving sentiment towards artificial intelligence (AI)-related investment supported a rebound across parts of the semiconductor sector. While our exposure was relatively modest, this provided an opportunity to tactically reintroduce a position in ASML, which contributed positively. Technical products and services distributor Diploma was another contributor. We view the company as a high-quality compounder with exposure to a diverse range of structural growth markets, which has enabled it to deliver resilient growth across economic cycles. Dutch bank ABN AMRO also contributed positively. We used the strength to exit the position as part of a broader reduction in bank exposure amid widening Eurozone sovereign bond spreads.

The short book generated a positive return overall, with gains arising from a broad range of idiosyncratic positions, including an alternative asset manager, a cell tower operator, a real estate company and an automotive platform. Index hedges also provided support in a weaker market environment.

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Manager outlook

From a positioning perspective, we have continued to reduce broader thematic and sector exposures in favour of a more diversified portfolio of stock-specific opportunities. We reduced the position in banks during the month, while our semiconductor positioning remains more balanced, reflected in a modest net short position, as we continued AI-related investment while noting signs that parts of the supply chain may be moving beyond peak rates of growth. At the same time, on the long side we maintain exposure to what we view as potential AI beneficiaries that have lagged the initial phase of the investment cycle, particularly within software and IT services. Conversely, we continue to hold short positions in areas where we believe the disruptive implications of AI remain underappreciated, including online marketplaces and home security, for example.

Looking ahead, our near-term outlook remains constructive, in our view, despite the recent volatility. Corporate earnings revisions across much of the European investment universe remain supportive, and the breadth of opportunities has continued to expand beyond the narrow group of stocks that has dominated market performance in recent months. While we are closely monitoring signs of moderating liquidity growth and the potential implications for economic activity during 2027, these signals remain preliminary and are not yet reflected in corporate fundamentals. Should the outlook deteriorate, we are prepared to adapt portfolio positioning accordingly. More importantly, we continue to see an attractive level of stock dispersion across European equities, which may create opportunities on both the long and short side. Reflecting this, the portfolio currently holds a broader range of positions than usual, driven by our conviction that the most attractive opportunities are increasingly idiosyncratic rather than dependent on broad market or sector trends.

Performance (%)

Returns	Cumulative				Annualised			
	1 Month	3 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since inception (01/12/06)
A2 EUR (Net)	-2.56	-10.91	-5.08	-2.70	5.20	1.84	3.20	3.60
Index	0.19	0.57	1.56	2.06	2.86	2.13	1.05	-0.38
Target	—	—	—	—	3.89	3.07	1.51	-0.15

12 month rolling	Sep 2025-Sep 2026	Sep 2024-Sep 2025	Sep 2023-Sep 2024	Sep 2022-Sep 2023	Sep 2021-Sep 2022
A2 EUR (Net)	-2.70	4.22	14.83	5.35	-10.69
Index	2.06	2.57	3.96	2.59	-0.46

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Performance fees may be charged before the Fund's outperformance target is reached.

Performance fees are charged separately as a way of rewarding the investment manager for superior returns or for outperforming specified targets. A Performance Fee is accrued where the NAV outperforms the relevant Hurdle NAV (subject to a High Water Mark). For further explanation of the performance fee calculation methodology please see the relevant prospectus, available at www.janushenderson.com.

Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide a positive (absolute) return, regardless of market conditions, over any 12 month period. A positive return is not guaranteed over this or any other time period and, particularly over the shorter term, the Fund may experience periods of negative returns. Consequently, your capital is at risk. Performance target: To outperform the Euro Short Term Rate (€STR) by at least 1% per annum, after the deduction of charges, over any 3 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	01 December 2006
Total net assets	249.25m
Asset class	Alternatives
Domicile	Luxembourg
Structure	SICAV
Base currency	EUR
Index	Euro Short Term Rate
Morningstar sector	Long/Short Equity - Europe
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

Tax assumptions and reliefs depend upon an investor's particular circumstances and may be subject to change. Please note the performance target is to be achieved over a specific annualised time period. Refer to the performance target wording within the objective. Availability of share classes shown may be limited by law in certain jurisdictions. Performance records/scenarios are detailed within the fund's specific KIID/KID; fees and charges, and the respective risk rating may vary. Further information can be found in the fund's prospectus and KIID/KID, which must be reviewed before investing. Please consult your local sales representative and/or financial adviser if you have any queries. From 1 July 2021, the benchmark changed from the Euro Main Refinancing Rate to the Euro Short Term Rate (€STR). The Fund's investment policy and performance target changed. Past performance shown before 1 July 2021 was achieved under circumstances that no longer apply. From 25 February 2022, the Fund changed its performance target. Past performance shown before 25 February 2022 was achieved under circumstances that no longer apply. This is a Luxembourg SICAV Fund, regulated by the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (CSSF). These are the views of the author at the time of publication and may differ from the views of other individuals/teams at Janus Henderson Investors. Any securities, funds, sectors or indices mentioned within this article do not constitute or form part of any offer or solicitation to buy or sell them. The information in this commentary does not qualify as an investment recommendation. Investment into the fund will acquire units/shares of the fund itself and not the underlying assets owned by the fund. Cash balances and exposures are based on settled and unsettled trades as at the reporting date.

Investment policy

The Fund invests in shares and makes extensive use of derivatives (complex financial instruments) to take both 'long' and 'short' positions in companies the Investment Manager believes will either rise in value (long positions) or fall in value (short positions) meaning that the Fund may benefit from either scenario. The Fund will hold a significant proportion of its assets in cash and money market instruments as a result of holding derivatives and for when the Investment Manager wishes to take a defensive stance. Conversely, the Fund may also employ 'leverage' (so that the Fund can invest a greater amount than its actual value) when the Investment Manager has greater confidence in the opportunities available. At least two-thirds of the exposure to the long and short positions (in aggregate) will be to companies of any size, in any industry, in Europe (including UK).Companies may be located or do most of their business in this region. The balance of the long and short exposure may be to companies outside this region. The Fund may invest in other assets including bonds (including convertible bonds) and preference shares. The Investment Manager may also use derivatives to reduce risk or to manage the Fund more efficiently. The Fund is actively managed and makes reference to the Euro Short Term Rate (€STR) as this forms the basis of the Fund's performance target and the calculation of performance fees (if applicable). For currency hedged Share Classes, the rate that corresponds with the relevant Share Class currency is used as the basis of the performance comparison and for calculating performance fees. The Investment Manager has complete discretion to choose investments for the Fund and is not constrained by a benchmark.

Investment strategy

The Investment Manager targets long-term capital appreciation through exposure primarily to European equities. The manager selects stocks using a fundamental approach, blended with sector themes. The process results in a high-conviction portfolio with a bias towards long positions (where the manager believes the prospects for the companies are positive), complemented by 'short positions' (where prospects are less positive) and other market hedging securities.

Fund specific risks

Shares can lose value rapidly, and typically involve higher risks than bonds or money market instruments. The value of your investment may fall as a result. High exposure to a particular country or geographical region carries a higher level of risk than a more broadly diversified portfolio. If the Fund holds assets in currencies other than the base currency of the Fund, or you invest in a share/unit class of a different currency to the Fund (unless hedged, i.e. seeks to mitigate exchange rate movements between the share/unit class currency and the base currency of the Fund), the value of your investment may be impacted by changes in exchange rates. Derivatives may be used to help achieve the investment objective. This can result in leverage (higher levels of debt), which can magnify an investment outcome. Gains or losses may therefore be greater than the cost of the derivative. Derivatives also introduce other risks, in particular, that a derivative counterparty may not meet its contractual obligations. When the Fund, or a share/unit class, seeks to mitigate exchange rate movements of a currency relative to the base currency (hedge), the hedging strategy itself may positively or negatively impact the value of the Fund due to differences in short-term interest rates between the currencies. Securities could become hard to value or to sell at a desired time and price, especially in extreme market conditions when asset prices may be falling, increasing the risk of investment losses. The Fund involves a high level of buying and selling activity and as such will incur a higher level of transaction costs than a fund that trades less frequently. These transaction costs are in addition to the Fund's ongoing charges. Losses could be incurred if a counterparty became unwilling or unable to meet its obligations, or as a result of failure or delay in operational processes or the failure of a third party provider.

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