Janus Henderson INVESTORS

HORIZON BIOTECHNOLOGY FUND

At a glance

Performance*
The Fund returned 49.37%, the Index returned 33.43% and the Sector returned 33.70%.

Contributors/detractors
Leading positive contributors included Praxis Precision Medicine and Verona Pharma, while positions in Janux Therapeutics and Biohaven detracted.

Outlook
We believe the outlook for the biotech sector is as attractive as ever and continue to favour small- and mid-cap biotech firms with newly launched products or exciting late-stage pipelines.

Portfolio management



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Investment environment

- After a lacklustre beginning to 2025, weighed down by policy uncertainty under the Trump administration, proposed drug pricing reforms and tariffs, and elevated long-term US Treasury yields, biotechnology stocks rallied in the second half of 2025. They were driven by elevated deal activity, promising trial results, and improved investor sentiment.
- Three interest-rate cuts by the US Federal Reserve (Fed) supported merger and acquisition (M&A) activity, including several multibillion deals involving fund holdings.
- Positive data read-outs from clinical trials, robust fundraising, and major approvals also helped generate increased investor interest for the sector.

Portfolio review

Leading positive contributors included Praxis Precision Medicine, a developer of targeted therapies for central nervous system disorders. Following highly successful phase 3 results for its experimental drug ulixacaltamide for patients with essential tremor, Praxis received Breakthrough Therapy Designation. Praxis plans to submit a New Drug Application for the treatment in early 2026. Essential tremors are the most common type of tremor, impacting an estimated seven million US patients, and there are no approved therapies.

Respiratory disease specialist Verona Pharma also contributed positively. In the first quarter, Ohtuvayre, an inhaled non-steroidal treatment for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), saw 95% sequential sales growth, which was well above expectations. In July, Merck announced it would acquire Verona for $10 billion, leading us to sell our position and use the profits for other ideas.

Janux Therapeutics, a firm focused on developing cancer therapies that harness the immune system with its tumor-activated T cell engagers (TRACTr) platform for solid tumours, detracted. Even though the firm's prostate cancer treatment, JANX007, showed efficacy in managing prostate cancer, the market was disappointed by the limited data and the long timelines to market. We believe markets overreacted and remain optimistic that JANX007 could play an important role in prostate cancer treatment.

Other detractors included Biohaven. During the year, Biohaven reported positive phase 1 data for BHV-1300, an experimental protein degrader to treat immune-related disorders that fell short of expectations. We think investors set their sights too high for this dose-ranging study and are encouraged by BHV-1300's clean safety profile. Biohaven also announced receipt of a Complete Response Letter from the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), declining approval of its drug candidate Vyglxia for

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spinocerebellar ataxia, an inherited progressive and degenerative disease that mainly affects the cerebellum. While the news prompted Biohaven to restructure operations and research and development (R&D) priorities, the firm remains committed to working with the FDA on Vyglxia. We have confidence in the firm's many pipeline assets, particularly its proprietary degrader technology, which is designed to treat various autoimmune and other diseases.

Manager outlook

Following a prolonged period of underperformance, biotechnology stocks made a dramatic turnaround at the end of 2025, driven by a clarified policy backdrop that allowed the continued cadence of innovation and strong commercial launches to be recognised by the markets. This was further aided by a more positive interest-rate environment and a surge of deal announcements.

The three Fed rate cuts helped fuel a surge in biotech M&A activity, making 2025 the third most active year on record. The sector saw a wave of multibillion US dollar transactions (including multiple fund holdings), and this trend is expected to continue into 2026, as cash-rich pharmaceuticals seek to offset patent expiries and rebuild their pipelines by acquiring emerging biotech firms. And while initial public offering (IPO) activity lagged prior years, it is expected to ramp up in 2026.

For the year, major innovations included approvals for a novel non-opioid pain drug, and therapies to help manage cardiomyopathy, cancer, and autoimmune diseases.

As such, we believe the outlook for the biotech sector is as attractive as ever and continue to favour small- and mid-cap biotech firms with newly launched products or exciting late-stage pipelines. These companies develop most new drugs and many continue to trade at deep discounts in our view. Indeed, 2026 looks full of data read-outs, including large opportunities across cancer and cardiovascular disease and promising new therapies for autoimmunity.

Performance (%)

Returns	Cumulative				Annualised			
	1 Month	3 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since inception (10/12/18)
A2 USD (Net)	0.28	29.88	49.37	49.37	24.99	12.25	—	19.81
Index	-1.86	17.11	33.43	33.43	11.54	4.52	—	9.01
Sector	-2.26	13.83	33.70	33.70	10.47	0.61	—	6.23
A2 USD (Gross)	—	—	—	—	—	15.62	—	23.60
Target	—	—	—	—	—	6.61	—	11.19

Calendar year	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018 from 10 Dec
A2 USD (Net)	49.37	6.06	23.28	-3.78	-5.17	61.32	34.70	-7.50
Index	33.43	-0.57	4.59	-10.12	0.02	26.42	25.11	-6.85
Sector	33.70	-4.20	5.25	-17.17	-7.68	27.50	25.36	-7.02

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Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth over the long term. Performance target: To outperform the NASDAQ Biotechnology Total Return Index by 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	10 December 2018
Total net assets	1.37bn
Asset class	Equities
Domicile	Luxembourg
Structure	SICAV
Base currency	USD
Index	NASDAQ Biotechnology Total Return Index
Morningstar sector	Sector Equity Biotechnology
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 Investment Manager looks to identify innovative biotechnology companies addressing high unmet medical needs and trading at a significant discount to their intrinsic value. The portfolio may have a bias towards development stage companies. 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, prescription models and scenario simulations attempt to more accurately predict commercial viability.

Fund specific risks

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