Janus Henderson INVESTORS

HORIZON BIOTECHNOLOGY FUND

At a glance

Performance*
The Fund returned 0.51%, the Index returned 2.88% and the Sector returned −0.35%.

Contributors/detractors
Travere Therapeutics and Bicara Therapeutics were among the main detractors for the month, while BridgeBio Pharma and AstraZeneca were among the contributors.

Outlook
We believe the outlook for the biotech sector remains attractive, and we continue to favour small- and mid-cap biotech stocks with newly launched products or promising late-stage pipelines.

Portfolio management


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Investment environment

- An investor shift away from what we viewed as more speculative investments during October pushed small-cap biotechnology stocks lower, while larger-cap biotechs rose.
- The US Department of Health and Human Services released draft guidance to help advance personalised gene therapies for rare genetic diseases. Patient-specific therapy variants that meet established safety and efficacy parameters may be added to an existing biologics license application without requiring new clinical trials, which could potentially accelerate timelines for companies developing personalised gene-editing and rare-disease therapies.
- Drug approvals in October were highlighted by the approval of bepirovirsen, the first antisense therapy to demonstrate functional cure rates above those achieved with the current standard of care for chronic hepatitis B. Additionally, the first once-monthly subcutaneous injectable version of olanzapine for schizophrenia was approved, with the potential for improved compliance.
- Biopharma dealmaking remained active in October, with Alcon agreeing to acquire Neurotech Pharmaceuticals, adding its cell therapy platform and the only US Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved treatment for MacTel (Macular Telangiectasia Type 2), a rare, progressive retinal disease. Viatris announced a $1.65 billion acquisition of Pacira BioSciences to strengthen its non-opioid pain portfolio, while Japan-based Shionogi announced a $2 billion all-cash acquisition of IntraBio centred on the commercialisation of its treatment for rare neurodegenerative disorders.
- Initial public offering (IPO) activity picked up in October, highlighting renewed investor interest in innovative biotech platforms. This included Lycia Therapeutics, which develops protein-degrading therapies, and City Therapeutics, which also went public to support the development of its RNAi therapy targeting Factor XI for thrombosis prevention. Other notable offerings included Iambic Therapeutics, focused on accelerating its AI-driven oncology pipeline; TREX Bio, which is leveraging its platform to discover therapies that modulate regulatory T cells involved in inflammation; and Retension Pharmaceuticals, which is developing treatments for uncontrolled hypertension.

Portfolio review

Shares of Travere Pharmaceuticals fell even as the company presented new biomarker data at ASN Kidney Week suggesting that the firm's treatment, Filspari, may

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modify the underlying disease biology of IgA Nephropathy (IgAN) beyond its established effects on reducing blood pressure and proteinuria. While investors are closely tracking the launch of Filspari in its second indication, focal segmental glomerulosclerosis (FSGS), debate continues around the durability of Filspari's market share in IgAN as new therapies advance into the market. However, we believe the therapy is likely to remain a core component of the standard of care in IgAN and we see potential for significant growth ahead in FSGS. As a result, we viewed the recent share price weakness as a long-term opportunity.

Bicara Therapeutics, a company developing a treatment to improve tumour penetration in head and neck cancer, detracted. Its share price fell after a competing therapy reported positive phase 3 results, including improved overall survival in the same indication. We remain constructive on Bicara's prospects to offer benefits in this condition as the company releases pivotal data in the coming year.

BridgeBio Pharma was among the top contributors after reporting third-quarter revenue of $353 million, driven by US Attruby sales that exceeded consensus expectations. Attruby, which treats transthyretin amyloid cardiomyopathy (ATTR-CM), is expected by management to reach approximately $4 billion in peak annual sales. We also believe the market may be anticipating three new pipeline launches for Bridge over the coming year.

AstraZeneca also contributed, helped by a strong third-quarter earnings report alongside positive clinical data in oncology. Robust growth in the firm's core franchises, particularly from lung cancer therapy Tagrisso and immunotherapy, drove accelerated revenue growth. During the month, late-stage trial data for sonesitatug vedotin in advanced gastric cancer showed a 53% reduction in the risk of death among third-line and later patients, highlighting the strength of AstraZeneca's pipeline.

Manager outlook

Market performance in biotechnology diverged again in October, with many fundamentally strong biotechnology stocks lagging. However, underlying industry fundamentals remained constructive, in our view. Capital-raising activity was active, reflecting continued investor appetite for differentiated innovation despite higher interest rates and broader market volatility. Strategic partnership and licensing activity also continued as large pharmaceutical companies seek external innovation to strengthen pipelines ahead of significant patent expirations.

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 will be rewarded over the long term. As always, our investment process emphasises finding the next wave of medical breakthroughs with the potential to change the practice of medicine.

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)	0.51	-2.98	10.75	22.36	31.23	14.26	—	19.08
Index	2.88	13.56	28.81	37.17	26.52	8.81	—	11.54
Sector	-0.35	4.75	15.13	20.88	21.59	3.84	—	7.46
A2 USD (Gross)	—	—	—	—	—	17.99	—	23.19
Target	—	—	—	—	—	10.99	—	13.77

Calendar year	YTD at Q3 2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018 from 10 Dec
A2 USD (Net)	10.19	49.37	6.06	23.28	-3.78	-5.17	61.32	34.70	-7.50
Index	25.20	33.43	-0.57	4.59	-10.12	0.02	26.42	25.11	-6.85
Sector	15.54	33.69	-4.20	5.25	-17.17	-7.68	27.50	25.36	-7.02

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

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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	2.20bn
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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