Janus Henderson INVESTORS

GLOBAL MULTI-STRATEGY FUND

At a glance

Performance*
The Fund returned −0.20%, the Index returned 0.19% and the Sector returned −0.36%.

Contributors/detractors
It was a broadly flat month for the strategy, with positive contributions from Risk Transfer, FICC RV and Protection offset by weakness in Equity Market Neutral.

Outlook
Amid seemingly stretched valuations and higher capital costs, we remain focused on diversification, low correlation and capital preservation, with selective risk-on opportunities and resilient protection.

Portfolio management



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Investment environment

- Equities fell in September against a challenging backdrop of rising oil prices, elevated bond yields and renewed inflation concerns, although continued interest in artificial intelligence (AI) supported gains in some areas.
- Equities recovered periodically as oil prices retreated and hopes emerged for diplomatic progress between the US and Iran.
- Government bonds sold off sharply as elevated energy prices fuelled fears of inflation and expectations that interest rates could stay higher for longer.
- The 10-year US Treasury yield hit its highest level since 2007 towards the end of the month, while it registered its largest monthly gain since 2022.
- The equivalent yield on Japanese government bonds reached its highest level in 30 years.
- Commodity markets, as measured by the CRY Index, were overall flat. However, this masked some volatility under the surface as WTI crude oil ended the month up 5.4% while gold fell 6.3%, for example.
- The VIX Index moved higher, ending the month at 16.34, while the Move Index rose sharply from 75.32 to 110.45.

Portfolio review

It was a flat month for the strategy, with positive contributions from Risk Transfer, FICC RV and Protection offset by Equity Market Neutral.

Within Risk Transfer, equity repo tightened while dividends were also additive for the month. In FICC RV, Commodity Alpha was positioned for the rally in the energy sector as prices rose due to severe disruptions to Middle Eastern crude oil and diesel trade flows. Within FICC RV, we initiated a new sub-strategy during the month in Cross-Asset Skew, which seeks to benefit from investor preference to avoid negatively skewed assets while favouring those with the least skew. Protection benefited from short positioning in government bond futures.

Equity Market Neutral was the main detractor over the month, with long UK exposure negatively impacted by higher gilt yields and uncertainty in the lead-up to the Budget. We believe the strategy's more defensive tilt and focus on what we see as potential artificial intelligence (AI) "losers" is appropriate positioning through what has been a noisy period for European equity markets.

Manager outlook

For millennia, the number five has been viewed as an important number - from prime number to human anatomy,

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religion and astronomy, and even in perfume with Chanel's iconic No 5. In markets, the number five has been the recent focus of anyone interested in the 10-year US Treasury yield, for breaching the 5% yield level has been muted as the threshold where risk assets would have to take notice. Afterall, when 10-year yields crashed through this level in 2007, it was one of the accelerants of the Global Financial Crisis. However, 5% yields have been breached and are firmly in the rear-view mirror, while risk assets are retesting all-time highs.

At some point we think risk assets will have to take note of the higher costs of capital, higher discount rates and future earnings potential. Against this backdrop, investors continue to question the future direction of markets amid what might be seen as stretched valuations across risk assets, while intensifying their search for diversification. Janus Henderson Multi-Strategy remains focused on maintaining its historic low correlation to traditional risk assets, preserving capital and delivering a diversified return stream through its investment strategies. We believe the outlook for our risk-on strategies remains constructive, while our risk-off Protection strategy has continued to provide an efficient source of portfolio resilience.

Performance (%)

Returns	Cumulative				Annualised			
	1 Month	3 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since inception (03/06/20)
A2 EUR (Net)	-0.20	1.28	1.70	3.32	2.04	1.42	—	1.56
Index	0.19	0.57	1.56	2.06	3.11	2.53	—	1.99
Sector	-0.36	0.54	3.78	5.36	4.49	2.44	—	3.04
A2 EUR (Gross)	—	—	—	—	3.72	3.12	—	3.31
Target	—	—	—	—	10.33	9.71	—	9.13

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)	3.32	2.39	0.42	0.94	0.09
Index	2.06	2.71	4.59	3.20	0.13
Sector	5.36	3.57	4.57	2.43	-3.46

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Note that any differences among portfolio securities currencies, share class currencies and costs to be paid or represented in currencies other than your home currency will expose you to currency risk. Costs and returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency and exchange rate fluctuations.

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 by 7% per annum, before 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	03 June 2020
Total net assets	495.98m
Asset class	Alternatives
Domicile	Luxembourg
Structure	SICAV
Base currency	EUR
Index	Euro Short Term Rate
Morningstar sector	Multistrategy EUR

Additional fund information

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Investment policy

The Fund invests in a global portfolio of assets including shares of companies, investment grade and non-investment grade bonds issued by governments and companies (including convertible bonds, contingent convertible bonds and distressed securities), currencies, and makes extensive use of derivatives (complex financial instruments), including total return swaps, to take both 'long' and 'short' positions in companies and bonds that 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 may invest up to 20% of its net assets in contingent convertible bonds. The Fund may invest up to 10% of its net assets in special purpose acquisition companies and 10% in distressed debt securities. The Fund will hold a substantial proportion of its assets in cash and money market instruments as a result of holding derivatives or for asset allocation purposes. The Fund may also take long or short exposures to other asset classes such as commodities and may hold other funds (such as collective investment schemes and exchange traded funds). Allocations across asset classes will be made at the Investment Manager's discretion and the Fund need not be invested in all asset classes at any one time. It follows an unconstrained investment approach, with no regional or sector constraints. The Fund is actively managed and makes reference to the Euro Short Term Rate, as this forms the basis of the Fund's performance target and the level above which performance fees may be charged (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 adopts a multi-strategy approach, utilising a diverse range of investment styles, techniques, assets, company sizes, time horizons and markets with the aim of providing a positive return. Long positions may be held through a combination of direct investment and/or derivative instruments, whilst the short positions are achieved entirely through derivative instruments. The use of derivatives is extensive and forms an important part of the investment strategy.

Fund specific risks

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