Janus Henderson INVESTORS

HORIZON EMERGING MARKETS EX-CHINA FUND

At a glance

Performance*
The Fund returned −3.84%, the Index returned −0.97% and the Sector returned −0.79%.

Contributors/detractors
Positions in Silergy and Accton Technology detracted from relative fund performance, while investments in Lite-On Technology and Allegro.eu contributed.

Outlook
We continue to see long-term investment opportunities in emerging market equities, supported by secular growth trends.

Portfolio management



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Doug Turnbull

Investment environment

- Emerging market equities were volatile as geopolitical tensions pushed oil prices higher, contributing to increased inflation, higher interest rates and tighter central bank policy.
- While enthusiasm for artificial intelligence (AI) remained strong, concerns about valuations and the sustainability of the recent rapid pace of AI-related capital spending weighed on some AI-related shares.
- This contributed to divergent performance between the technology-heavy markets of Taiwan, where shares outperformed, and South Korea, where stocks ended the period lower.

Portfolio review

Relative performance was hindered by the position in Silergy, a China-facing but globally relevant analog semiconductor maker. Silergy produces integrated circuits used in power management. The company has seen accelerating demand for its products from the automotive, data centre and industrial segments, while tight supply conditions have supported pricing and margins. Its shares sold off in July, along with other global semiconductor shares, as investors grew more cautious about the expected pace of AI-related capital spending. However, we continue to see potential opportunity in Silergy, particularly given expectations for resilient demand for analog semiconductors and the growing market penetration of electric vehicles (EVs) in China.

Taiwan-based Accton Technology was another relative detractor as its shares gave back some of their strong performance from earlier in the year. Accton Technology is a supplier of "white box" (or unbranded) networking equipment, which provides a cost-effective alternative to branded equipment. The company has experienced surging demand for its high-speed 400G and 800G network switches to support the deployment of AI, which has driven very strong revenue growth. We remain constructive on the outlook for AI-related capital spending, and we believe Accton could be well positioned to benefit from this spending, supported by its customer relationships and operational efficiencies.

Relative contributors included Lite-On Technology, a Taiwan-based manufacturer of semiconductor components, power management modules, server racks, and other equipment required for the data centre build-out. The company has benefited from the expansion of its cloud computing business, which now accounts for about half of its revenues. The company reported very strong financial results, supported by strong global demand for AI infrastructure and advanced data centre power products.

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From a competitive standpoint, we believe the company is gaining traction in the data centre business due to its supply chain diversification and customer partnerships.

Allegro.eu was another relative contributor. Allegro.eu owns an established online shopping platform in Poland and ecommerce websites in Europe. We continue to observe strong fundamentals for the company, supported by resilient sales growth, increased logistics investments and improved economic trends in Eastern Europe.

Manager outlook

As we look ahead, we remain constructive on the long-term outlook for the AI investment cycle, as tight supply chains across parts of Asia have continued to support pricing power for companies operating at critical points in the AI ecosystem. At the same time, we recognise that we may experience periods of volatility and market consolidation as the AI story continues to evolve. At this stage of the investment cycle, we believe the duration of spending is more important than its magnitude. Spending levels are already high, and investor concerns have increasingly centred on sustainability rather than scale. While these concerns pressured AI-related shares in the third quarter, we believe some moderation may support a more sustained investment cycle while giving companies time to address potential constraints related to financing, infrastructure, power availability, labour, and policy uncertainty. Given our conviction around the importance of this investment theme, we remain highly invested in opportunities tied to AI-related capital spending, which we believe could be a key driver of emerging market growth over time.

The remainder of the portfolio is more thematically diverse, reflecting areas where we have identified what we see as underappreciated and mispriced growth opportunities. We continue to focus on companies we believe are well positioned for long-term outperformance, including those benefiting from secular trends such as AI and increased electrification. We remain committed to regularly revisiting our investment theses, updating our models, and challenging our assumptions to help ensure that every position remains justified. This disciplined approach has helped us stay invested in successful holdings when fundamentals remain supportive, rather than exiting positions simply because share prices have risen or because stocks experience short-term volatility. Through this disciplined, patient, and fundamentals-driven approach, we aim to provide investors with strong long-term performance.

Performance (%)

Returns	Cumulative				Annualised			
	1 Month	3 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since inception (31/07/85)
A2 USD (Net)	-2.26	-3.84	29.19	39.93	24.37	7.45	7.85	9.47
Index	-0.05	-0.97	37.18	51.19	29.87	12.30	11.01	8.74
Sector	-1.26	-0.79	24.82	29.58	22.80	8.36	8.96	9.70

12 month rolling	Sep 2025-Sep 2026	Sep 2024-Sep 2025	Sep 2023-Sep 2024	Sep 2022-Sep 2023	Sep 2021-Sep 2022
A2 USD (Net)	39.93	11.55	23.26	6.52	-30.10
Index	51.19	12.02	29.35	11.60	-26.95
Sector	29.58	13.72	25.69	9.43	-26.27

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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 MSCI EM ex-China 10/40 Index by at least 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	01 July 1985
Total net assets	18.66m
Asset class	Equities
Domicile	Luxembourg
Structure	SICAV
Base currency	USD
Index	MSCI EM ex-China 10/40 Index
Morningstar sector	Asia-Pacific ex-Japan Equity

Additional fund information

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Investment policy

The Fund invests at least 80% of its assets in a concentrated portfolio of shares (equities) and equity-related securities of companies having their registered office in emerging markets and or companies that do not have their registered office in emerging markets but either (i) carry out a predominant proportion of their business activity in these markets, or (ii) are holding companies which predominantly own companies with registered offices in emerging markets. In this context, the term "emerging markets" means countries included in the MSCI EM ex-China 10/40 Index or those which are referred to by the World Bank as developing countries or those countries which are, in the Investment Manager's opinion, developing countries. The companies can be of any size, in any industry. The Fund may also invest in other assets including companies outside emerging markets, investment grade government bonds, cash and money market instruments. The Investment Manager may use derivatives (complex financial instruments) to reduce risk or to manage the Fund more efficiently. The Fund is actively managed with reference to the MSCI EM ex-China 10/40 Index, which is broadly representative of the companies in which it may invest, as this forms the basis of the Fund's performance target and the level above which performance fees may be charged (if applicable). The Investment Manager has discretion to choose investments for the Fund with weightings different to the index or not in the index, but at times the Fund may hold investments similar to the index.

Investment strategy

The Investment Manager seeks consistent risk-adjusted returns (an expression of an investment's return through how much risk is involved in producing that return) by looking to identify the most attractive opportunities within countries in emerging markets. The portfolio attempts to capture price inefficiencies (benefit from differences between the price that the fund can buy or sell company shares, compared to the Investment Manager's opinion of their true value), across companies of all sizes, by combining fundamental company research, market and economic analysis, and corporate governance and quantitative input. Where the fund invests in sectors dominated by state-owned entities, companies within the sectors may be excluded if they are assessed by the investment manager as having poor corporate governance

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. Shares of small and mid-size companies can be more volatile than shares of larger companies, and at times it may be difficult to value or to sell shares at desired times and prices, increasing the risk of losses. Emerging markets expose investors to higher volatility and greater risk of loss than developed markets; they are susceptible to adverse political and economic events, and may be less well regulated with less robust custody and settlement procedures. High exposure to a particular country or geographical region carries a higher level of risk than a more broadly diversified portfolio. When a portfolio is concentrated (has a significant portion of its assets invested in a limited number of holdings), an adverse event impacting even a small number of holdings could create significant volatility or losses. Derivatives may be used with the aim of reducing risk or managing the portfolio more efficiently. However, this introduces other risks, in particular, that a derivative counterparty may not meet its contractual obligations. 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. 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. 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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