Janus Henderson INVESTORS

SUSTAINABLE FUTURE TECHNOLOGIES FUND

At a glance

Performance*
The Fund returned −4.30%, the Index returned 1.60% and the Peer Group returned 2.95%.

Contributors/detractors
Contributors included resource-efficient software, and cloud and networking holdings, supported by improving artificial intelligence (AI) monetisation. Detractors included semiconductor and physical infrastructure stocks amid the sharp early-quarter reversal.

Outlook
We believe AI beneficiaries delivering resource-efficient, responsible and durable growth may outperform. Our thematic framework is positioned across infrastructure, security, productivity, healthcare, transport and digital inclusion themes.

Portfolio management


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Investment environment

- Global technology equities were volatile during the third quarter, following an exceptionally strong first half of the year.
- Early in the period, investors reduced exposure to some of the strongest-performing artificial intelligence (AI) beneficiaries, prompting a sharp correction across semiconductors, memory and other physical infrastructure holdings. Crowded positioning, profit-taking and the use of leveraged investment products amplified the reversal, despite limited evidence of deterioration in underlying demand.
- The macroeconomic background remained challenging. The continuing conflict in the Middle East kept geopolitical risk elevated and pushed oil prices higher, renewing concerns around inflation and interest rates. Government bond yields rose sharply, with the 10-year US Treasury yield reaching its highest level since 2007, creating an additional headwind for growth-oriented and rate-sensitive technology companies. Investors also continued to scrutinise the funding requirements, margin implications and near-term free cash flow impact of elevated AI-related capital expenditure (capex). This weighed on holdings in our Low Carbon Infrastructure and Clean Energy Technology themes.
- Investor sentiment improved later in the quarter as corporate results and spending commitments reinforced confidence in the scale and duration of the AI investment cycle. Hyperscaler updates showed accelerating cloud growth and improving monetisation, while NVIDIA's guidance (forecasts) indicated that demand for AI compute continued to exceed supply. New use cases and productivity benefits continued to emerge, and the successful launch of new agentic AI products suggested that agentic AI is now here, broadening AI adoption from infrastructure into consumer and enterprise applications.
- Performance across technology was highly differentiated. Credible monetisation of responsible AI, resource-efficient data, cloud and networking stocks outperformed, as reflected in our Resource & Productivity Optimisation, Data Security, Smart Cities and Digital Democratisation themes. Low Carbon Infrastructure performance remained mixed. Stocks in AI compute leaders performed well due to clarity around demand, while select semiconductor equipment holdings were weighed down by Chinese

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export control risk and a shift towards pure play AI stocks.

Portfolio review

The fund's dual mandate is to deliver long-term capital growth while contributing to the development of what we see as a sustainable global economy. As such, portfolio construction remains benchmark agnostic and focused on identifying companies whose technologies can deliver positive environmental and social outcomes alongside attractive long-term earnings growth potential.

Microsoft was the fund's largest contributor following results that reinforced confidence in the returns from its low-carbon, resource-efficient and responsible AI investment. Azure growth accelerated and paid Microsoft 365 Copilot adoption increased materially, indicating that AI is supporting growth beyond the infrastructure layer, without an increase in capex expectations.

NVIDIA was the second-largest contributor, as strong results reinforced confidence in the scale and duration of energy-efficient AI infrastructure demand, and in AI potentially unlocking sustainable outcomes from advances in healthcare to productivity. The company guided to growth well ahead of market expectations, with demand still constrained by supply. Greater disclosure on its infrastructure financing and improved visibility over memory supply and pricing eased concerns around the funding of the AI investment cycle, while the agreed acquisition of Hugging Face and a record increase in its share repurchase authorisation sustained share price momentum.

Shares in Snowflake also performed well, as software companies with clear AI monetisation opportunities and differentiated data platforms were rewarded. As enterprises adopt AI applications, the safe, transparent and resource-efficient data infrastructure needed to support those workloads is becoming more important.

On the negative side, Flex, Sandisk and Infineon Technologies detracted during the sharp early-quarter reversal across semiconductor and AI infrastructure holdings. After strong prior performance, Flex was affected as investors shifted away from responsible AI build-out beneficiaries, despite continued demand for ESG operational leaders in cloud, power and optical infrastructure.

Sandisk also detracted after an exceptional run in its share price left it somewhat exposed, as crowded positioning and leveraged investment products amplified the correction in memory stocks. Results beat expectations but guidance (forecasts) suggested price growth was moderating, and the shares recovered only part of their July losses. However, demand continued to exceed supply as agentic and inference workloads increased the need for high-performance, energy- and resource-efficient memory and storage, while longer-term customer agreements improved visibility. NAND flash uses materially less power than hard disk drives, has no moving parts and generates less heat, helping reduce datacentre power use, cooling needs and physical footprint, which is especially important in areas where power is tight.

Infineon Technologies was affected by less supportive sentiment towards industrial and automotive end markets and a disappointing near-term margin outlook, reflecting temporary operational and inventory effects in its Green Industrial Power division.

Portfolio activity focused on resource-efficient, high-performance networking supporting our Smart Cities and Low Carbon Infrastructure themes. We initiated positions in Fabrinet and Credo and re-established positions in Ciena and Marvell, while selectively adding to software and data leaders such as MongoDB, where AI can enable optimisation and productivity gains. To fund these, we exited positions in Descartes and RELX due to weak sentiment towards software and areas of potential AI disruption, to fund higher-conviction ideas. We sold positions in TE Connectivity and Universal Display due to automotive and consumer weakness. We also exited Xylem as water capex and earnings momentum slowed.

Manager outlook

We continue to believe performance may favour companies that are enabling AI in a resource-efficient, responsible, scalable and economically durable manner. We also believe our investment themes are well positioned to support the development of a sustainable, responsible AI ecosystem. The themes of Low Carbon Infrastructure, Clean Energy Technology, Smart Cities and Data Security play a critical role in enabling safe, energy-efficient AI deployment, while Sustainable Transport, Resource & Productivity Optimisation, Digital Democratisation and Health Technology themes represent important application areas where AI might deliver meaningful environmental and social benefits. We believe the fund is well positioned to capture opportunities across the AI value chain, from the power infrastructure, low-carbon digital infrastructure and cybersecurity needed to support AI growth, through to healthcare innovation, smarter transport systems, resource efficiency and increasingly accessible digital services.

The emergence of increasingly capable reasoning models is accelerating the pathway towards agentic and physical AI, with potential implications ranging from autonomous systems and industrial automation to improved productivity, safety and demographic resilience. Agentic AI is increasingly being deployed, and recent agentic AI incidents highlight the need for a more holistic approach to responsible AI, which we expect may drive additional spending across all parts of the ecosystem (including Data Security) as stakeholders navigate emerging risks. We are seeing evidence of the AI investment cycle broadening beyond compute into power, connectivity, semiconductor manufacturing, data infrastructure and resource-efficient digital infrastructure, areas where the portfolio remains positioned. AI is also exposing weaknesses in wider infrastructure, from water and power to cybersecurity, and we expect it may drive spending in each of these areas, supporting our Low Carbon Infrastructure, Clean Energy Technology, Smart Cities and Data Security themes.

Progress seems unlikely to be linear. Geopolitical risks, deglobalisation pressures and macroeconomic uncertainty reinforce the importance of valuation discipline and selectivity, in our view. Periods of volatility can create

opportunities for active investment managers to reallocate capital towards companies with underestimated earnings power and strong alignment to sustainability themes. As this AI wave matures, we believe active investment management may become increasingly important as market leadership continues to evolve.

Sentiment towards software stocks has improved, and we increased the position. We remain selective, favouring what we see as potential AI winners, particularly in data infrastructure and cybersecurity within our Resource & Productivity Optimisation and Data Security themes. We remain cautious on specific areas within application software, where AI disruption and budget pressure persist.

Our focus remains on navigating the hype cycle, maintaining a disciplined approach to valuation and identifying companies that are driving, rather than experiencing, disruption. Against this backdrop, we believe the fund is well positioned to seek long-term capital growth while supporting the development of a more sustainable global economy.

Performance (%)

Returns	Cumulative				Annualised			
	1 Month	3 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since inception (03/08/21)
I Acc (Net)	2.49	-4.30	40.31	43.64	30.61	16.53	—	16.30
Index	0.96	1.60	14.79	18.76	24.59	16.47	—	15.93
Peer Group	4.79	2.95	32.94	34.81	28.52	14.87	—	14.50

12 month rolling	Sep 2025-Sep 2026	Sep 2024-Sep 2025	Sep 2023-Sep 2024	Sep 2022-Sep 2023	Sep 2021-Sep 2022
I Acc (Net)	43.64	23.23	25.88	14.54	-15.80
Index	18.76	20.39	35.30	24.65	-11.12
Peer Group	34.81	26.57	24.43	19.29	-21.04

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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.

Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in technology-related companies that contribute to the development of a sustainable global economy. The Investment Manager has identified eight sustainable technology themes that help to create a sustainable global economy and reflect technology as the science of solving problems – addressing current global challenges such as population growth, poverty and inequality, ageing population, resource constraints and climate change. The Investment Manager will invest in companies whose products and/or services are aligned with the sustainability themes.

For the fund's investment policy, refer to the Additional fund information on page 5.
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Fund details

Inception date	03 August 2021
Total net assets	44.43m
Asset class	Equities
Domicile	United Kingdom
Structure	OEIC
Base currency	GBP
Index	MSCI ACWI Index
Peer group	IA Technology and Technology Innovations
SDR Label	Sustainability Focus

Sustainable Disclosure Requirements Label: Sustainability Focus funds invests mainly in assets that focus on sustainability for people or the planet.

For benchmark/usage description, refer to Additional fund information on page 5.

Additional fund information

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The MSCI ACWI (All Country World Index) is a measure of the performance of large and medium sized companies from developed and emerging stock markets around the world. It provides a useful comparison against which the Fund's performance can be assessed over time.
The Investment Association (IA) groups funds with similar geographic and/or investment remit into sectors. The Fund's ranking within the sector (as calculated by a number of data providers) can be a useful performance comparison against other funds with similar aims.

Investment policy

The Fund invests at least 90% of its assets in shares (also known as equities) of technology-related companies, of any size, in any industry and in any country, provided that such companies are not excluded by virtue of the applicable exclusions and meet the Fund's sustainability standard. Whether a company provides sustainable products and/or services, and therefore whether it is a sustainable company for this Fund, will be determined by a robust evidence-based standard, which requires the majority of its current revenues (at least 50%) to be aligned to one or more of the sustainability themes. The Fund may also invest in other assets including: (a) companies that derive at least 50% of prospective revenues from products and services that contribute to positive environmental or social change; (b) Collective Investment Schemes (including those managed by Janus Henderson); and (c) cash. The Investment Manager may use derivatives (complex financial instruments) to reduce risk or to manage the Fund more efficiently. The strategy of the Fund is designed to be benchmark agnostic and focuses on absolute returns, however, the MSCI ACWI Index is selected as a benchmark to help clients measure relative performance. The benchmark does not constrain the Investment Manager; the Fund is actively managed, and the Investment Manager has discretion to choose investments that are not benchmark constituents and to maintain different weightings compared to the benchmark. The benchmark does not define the investment universe and is used for the measurement of relative performance only, against a wide definition of the global equity market. As an additional means of assessing the performance of the Fund, the IA Technology and Technology Innovations sector average, which is based on a peer group of broadly similar funds, may also provide a useful comparator.

Investment strategy

The Fund pursues its objectives by investing in sustainable companies which meet the Investment Manager's definition of sustainable and which have attractive financial prospects based on detailed analysis of financial statements and forecasted cash flows. Examples of themes the Investment Manager has identified include clean energy technology, sustainable transport, low carbon infrastructure, digital democratisation, healthcare technology, smart cities, data security and resource productivity and optimisation. The Investment Manager looks to navigate the hype cycle (different stages in the development of a technology from conception to widespread adoption) around technology adoption by assessing the company's fundamental business model and by focusing on companies with high quality management following good governance practices and sustainable barriers to entry, driving longer term unappreciated earnings growth. More product-specific information, including our investment principles, can be found in the Document Library of the website at www.janushenderson.com. Further information as to how Janus Henderson approaches ESG, including Janus Henderson's "ESG Investment Policy", can be found at www.janushenderson.com/esg-governance.

Fund specific risks

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