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## **Fund Managers Names**

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## **Investment environment**

Global bonds returns were negative in August, with corporates, global sovereigns and US Treasuries all generating negative returns. The yield on the 10-year Treasury rose as Federal Reserve (Fed) Chairman Jay Powell reiterated in his Jackson Hole speech that while further rate increases would be "data driven", the central bank retains an upward bias. US economic data showed some tentative signs of slowing as the ISM Manufacturing reading was lower than consensus estimates and the Bureau of Labor Statistics revised non-farm payroll jobs growth for June and July downwards. Annualised July inflation of 3.2% came in slightly lower than consensus.

Data from the euro area was mixed. While unemployment hit a record low, the region's composite purchasing managers' index (PMI) fell to its lowest post-COVID-19 level. Global investment grade and high yield credit spreads ended the month higher as investors began to factor in the potential for higher sustained interest rates against weaker economic growth.

## Portfolio review

The fund underperformed its benchmark, the FTSE 3-month US Treasury Bill Index.

We seek to generate consistent returns by focusing on higher-quality, shorter-dated credits that tend to offer attractive income generation - or carry - as they near maturity. The primary positive contributor during the month was the carry on securities. Rising rates detracted from portfolio performance during the month.

Given continued interest rate volatility, we deployed securities with the aim of dampening the impact of future rate swings. These generated modestly positive returns during the month.

With the Fed likely nearing the end of its rate-hiking cycle and other central banks possibly not far behind in the face of a slowing economy, we maintained portfolio duration within a neutral range, finishing the period at 0.84 years. By keeping duration within the current range, we are able to capture a higher level of yield while remaining conservatively positioned should declines in consumer prices unexpectedly stall.

# Manager outlook

The path of inflation, interest rates and the economy will continue to play a significant role in the bond market until greater visibility into these forces emerges. However, after several years, a fixed income allocation once again has the potential to offer diversification against swings in riskier asset classes as well as levels of income generation that investors feared had been consigned to the annals of history.

Consensus has coalesced around the global economy slowing in 2023. With several leading indicators - namely an inverted US Treasuries yield curve - already signalling weakness, many have suggested that the Fed may stick to its tendency of transitioning to rate cuts in relatively short order. We do not think that will be the case, especially given the Fed's incremental rate hike in July. Many of the quicker pivots occurred during the 1970s and early 1980s, when the central bank prematurely turned dovish. This only allowed inflation to become more imbedded, setting the stage for policy having to ultimately become even more restrictive.

With the end of this tightening cycle likely on the horizon, bond investors can begin thinking about shifting toward an opportunistic stance within the global market. Bond investors now have the ability to not only capture levels of income that were unavailable only a year ago, but also position themselves to participate in the capital appreciation that can diversify against riskier assets in times of stress. Indeed, this is how US bonds performed during the volatile stretch caused by banking sector tumult. Lastly, bond investors should recognise that the days of chasing yield are over. A higher cost of capital has put many companies that are dependent upon cheap financing on the back foot. Tightening credit standards will only exacerbate this trend. We are especially cautious of lower-quality companies and those exposed to a high degree of economic cyclicality.

Source: Janus Henderson Investors, as at 31 August 2023



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## Fund information (Investment policy is on the next page)

IndexFTSE 3-Month US Treasury Bill IndexMorningstar sectorEAA OE Global Flexible Bond - USD

Objective The Fund aims to provide positive, consistent returns (although not guaranteed) above those

that would be earned on cash deposits over time.

Performance target

To outperform the FTSE 3-Month US Treasury Bill Index by at least 2% per annum, before the

deduction of charges, over any 5 year period.

#### Performance in (USD)

Performance %	A2 (Net)	Index	Sector	A2 (Gross)	Target (Gross)
1 month	0.4	0.5	-0.1	-	-
YTD	2.8	3.3	3.1	-	-
1 year	3.4	4.4	3.1	-	-
3 years (annualised)	0.5	1.6	-0.9	-	-
5 years (annualised)	1.3	1.7	1.6	2.3	3.7
Since inception 04 May 2016 (annualised)	1.3	1.4	2.1	2.4	3.5

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Calendar year returns %	A2 (Net)	Index	Sector
2023 to 30 Jun 2023	1.8	2.4	2.2
2022	-1.0	1.5	-8.6
2021	-0.8	0.0	0.1
2020	2.0	0.6	5.6
2019	3.9	2.3	9.5
2018	0.8	1.9	-1.5
2017	1.7	0.8	5.3
2016 from 04 May 2016	0.2	0.2	2.7
2015	-	-	
2014	-	-	-
2013	-	-	-

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Investment into the fund will acquire units/shares of the fund itself and not the underlying assets owned by the fund.

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.

Fund charges will impact the value of your investment. In particular, the ongoing charges applicable to each fund will dilute investment performance, particularly over time. For further explanation of charges please visit our Fund Charges page at http://www.janushenderson.com.

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From 16 March 2023 the Fund changed its investment strategy.

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## What are the risks specific to this fund?

- 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.
- The Fund could lose money if a counterparty with which the Fund trades becomes 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.
- An issuer of a bond (or money market instrument) may become unable or unwilling to pay interest or repay capital to the Fund. If this happens or the market perceives this may happen, the value of the bond will fall.
- When interest rates rise (or fall), the prices of different securities will be affected differently. In particular, bond values generally fall when interest rates rise (or are expected to rise). This risk is typically greater the longer the maturity of a bond investment.
- The Fund invests in high yield (non-investment grade) bonds and while these generally offer higher rates of interest than investment grade bonds, they are more speculative and more sensitive to adverse changes in market conditions.
- Callable debt securities, such as some asset-backed or mortgage-backed securities (ABS/MBS), give issuers the right to repay capital before the
  maturity date or to extend the maturity. Issuers may exercise these rights when favourable to them and as a result the value of the fund may be
  impacted.
- The Fund may use derivatives to help achieve its investment objective. This can result in leverage (higher levels of debt), which can magnify an investment outcome. Gains or losses to the Fund may therefore be greater than the cost of the derivative. Derivatives also introduce 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. mitigated by taking an offsetting position in a related security), the value of your investment may be impacted by changes in exchange rates.
- Securities within the Fund 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.

## General risks

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- Tax assumptions and reliefs depend upon an investor's particular circumstances and may be subject to change.

## Investment policy

The Fund invests at least 80% of its assets in a global portfolio of bonds of any quality, including high yield (non-investment grade) bonds and asset-backed and mortgage-backed securities, issued by governments or companies. The Fund may invest directly or via derivatives (complex financial instruments).

The Fund may also invest in other assets including bonds of other types from any issuer, preference shares, cash and money market instruments.

In certain market conditions, the Fund may invest more than 35% of its assets in government bonds issued by any one body. The Fund will not invest more than 15% of its assets in high yield (non-investment grade) bonds and will never invest in bonds rated lower than B- or B3 (credit agency ratings), or if unrated deemed to be of a comparable quality by the investment manager.

The investment manager may use derivatives (complex financial instruments), including total return swaps, with the aim of making investment gains in line with the Fund's objective, to reduce risk or to manage the Fund more efficiently.

The Fund is actively managed with reference to the FTSE 3-Month US Treasury Bill Index as this forms the basis of the Fund's performance target. The investment manager has a high degree of freedom to choose individual investments for the Fund.



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