

Janus Henderson US Forty Fund

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Investment environment

After a strong July, equities weakened August. The S&P 500 Index posted its first monthly decline since February, largely driven by macroeconomic developments. Markets continued to digest the potential for further interest rate hikes as economic data began to show some tentative signs of slowing. At Jackson Hole, Chairman Powell reiterated that while further rate increases would be data driven, the Federal Reserve (Fed) retains an upward bias. Additionally, Fitch Ratings, a major credit rating agency, downgraded US debt from AAA to AA+, citing US "fiscal deterioration," "growing debt burden," and an "erosion of governance." The downgrade accompanied a large issuance of Treasuries and changing views on the future of interest rates. Consensus views now expect interest rates to remain elevated for a longer period than previously anticipated. This confluence of news created volatility in the bond market, which also impacted equities.

Portfolio review

The fund (class A2 US dollar shares) returned -1.7%, while its benchmark, the Russell 1000® Growth Index, returned -0.9%.

Stock selection in the health care and communication services sectors detracted from relative results. Conversely, stock selection in the consumer discretionary sector and an underweight position in consumer staples contributed positively to relative performance.

Mastercard, a leading payment processor, was among the top contributors. The company's second quarter earnings benefited from increased post-pandemic travel and an overall rise in consumer spending. Positive sentiment surrounded the company's new initiatives in digital banking, open banking and digital identity.

Apple, the consumer electronics company, was also among the top contributors for August. The stock declined during the month, although the portfolio benefited from having a large underweight position to the stock relative to the benchmark index. The stock's decline was premised on news that the Chinese government is banning iPhones from government employee use.

Advanced Micro Devices (AMD), a multinational semiconductor company, was among the top detractors. The stock declined in part due to concerns around growing competition. Further, concern regarding a potential consumer spending slowdown weighed on AMD's stock given many of their customers are active in consumer sectors.

Charles Schwab, a financial services provider, was also among the top detractors. The stock declined sharply in August after the brokerage firm announced a cost-cutting plan that featured hefty one-time charges. Negative sentiment surrounded the firm's plan to lay off staff and reduce its office footprint.

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Manager outlook

While the Fed appears to be near the end of its monetary tightening cycle, we believe the effects of rate increases have not yet been fully felt in the broader economy. Indeed, economic growth has been surprisingly resilient despite one of the most rapid series of rate hikes in history. At the same time, inflation has moderated but remains above the Fed's target rate of 2%. Thus, the Fed has signalled that it may have to maintain its hawkish policies for longer, and we expect some level of continued macroeconomic uncertainty and market volatility.

We have seen broad economic strength, but market leadership has been exceedingly narrow, with just a handful of mega-cap, technology-focused companies dominating index returns. This has resulted in market concentration rising to historic levels. While this handful of stocks – fuelled recently by optimism around advancements in generative artificial intelligence (AI) – have substantially outperformed, much of the rest of the market has been generally flat. As part of our investment process, we seek to identify innovators and invest in long-term themes related to innovation. We have consistently had broad exposure to companies that are helping build and define modern day compute architecture. Over the last decade and beyond, these companies have gone from strength to strength with their relentless focus on innovation. We believe that the generative AI theme is the latest example. We continue to assess the potential for this theme to impact growth in the companies in which we invest, while simultaneously trimming positions where the excitement may exceed reality in the near term.

Despite the narrowness in the market, we have broadened our portfolio positioning and are comfortable with the diversification in our holdings across industries and growth rates. We think it is particularly important in an inflationary and/or slowing economic environment to remain focused on companies with strong business models in healthy, growing end markets that have the ability to thrive regardless of the economic backdrop.

Source: Janus Henderson Investors, as at 31 August 2023

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Fund information (Investment policy is on the next page)

Index	Russell 1000 Growth Index
Morningstar sector	Europe OE U.S. Large-Cap Growth Equity
Objective	The Fund aims to provide capital growth over the long term.
Performance target	To outperform the Russell 1000 Growth Index by at least 2.5% 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	-1.7	-0.9	-1.7	-	-
YTD	28.2	32.2	25.1	-	-
1 year	21.7	21.9	16.9	-	-
3 years (annualised)	2.9	8.3	4.5	-	-
5 years (annualised)	10.2	13.8	9.5	12.6	16.7
10 years (annualised)	12.3	15.6	11.8	14.7	18.5

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Calendar year returns %	A2 (Net)	Index	Sector
2023 to 30 Jun 2023	25.4	29.0	23.0
2022	-34.3	-29.1	-30.6
2021	21.3	27.6	20.9
2020	37.3	38.5	34.0
2019	34.4	36.4	32.3
2018	-0.3	-1.5	-3.8
2017	28.0	30.2	27.2
2016	-2.5	7.1	2.8
2015	5.6	5.7	2.9
2014	9.6	13.0	10.2
2013	36.2	33.5	33.4

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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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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.
- Shares/Units 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.
- If a Fund has a high exposure to a particular country or geographical region it carries a higher level of risk than a Fund which is more broadly diversified.
- This Fund may have a particularly concentrated portfolio relative to its investment universe or other funds in its sector. An adverse event impacting even a small number of holdings could create significant volatility or losses for the Fund.
- 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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- The value of an investment and the income from it can fall as well as rise and you may not get back the amount originally invested.
- 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 concentrated portfolio of shares (also known as equities) of companies, in any industry, in the United States. The Fund is focused towards larger US companies.

The Fund may also invest in other assets including companies outside the United States, cash and money market instruments.

The investment manager may use derivatives (complex financial instruments) to reduce risk, to manage the Fund more efficiently, or to generate additional capital or income for the Fund.

The Fund is actively managed with reference to the Russell 1000 Growth Index, which is broadly representative of the companies in which it may invest, as this forms the basis of the Fund's performance target. The investment manager has a high degree of freedom to exercise conviction, which may result in a high degree of bias within the portfolio. The Fund may hold companies which are not within the index.

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