

# Janus Henderson Absolute Return Income Opportunities Fund

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## Fund Managers Names

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## Investment Environment

After having held ground early in the period, global bonds began to weaken in advance of US Federal Reserve (Fed) Chairman Jerome Powell's comments at the annual Jackson Hole conclave. With his remarks more hawkish than expected, bond prices drifted lower. Late in the period, another catalyst - this time a poorly received fiscal package by the new UK government - pushed bonds down even further. Rising policy rates exerted acute pressure on the front end of yield curves. The upward move in longer-dated yields was less pronounced as the market grew more concerned about a potentially slowing economy.

## Portfolio Review

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

We seek to provide long-term positive returns and preserve capital through various market environments by managing portfolio duration - which measures a bond price's sensitivity to changes in interest rates - credit risk and volatility.

The quarter was a tale of two halves. Early on, the market had grown more comfortable with the reality that rates would continue to rise until signs emerged that inflation was subsiding. Given the degree to which the front end of the yield curve had moved higher early in the year, the market briefly traded sideways as it assessed how much further monetary tightening would need to go. During this period, the fund's core of cash-based corporate and securitised credits generated positive returns, largely owing to these securities' higher yields generating a greater amount of income.

The bonds most acutely affected once the sell-off resumed were the shorter-dated maturities that are the focus of this strategy. This ultimately led to the fund's credit allocation generating negative returns for the period. In addition to the affect that higher rates had on these securities, the spreads between their yields and those of their risk-free benchmarks widened as investors acknowledged that policy will tighten until something breaks - likely resulting in a slowing economy.

Offsetting losses, to a degree, were positions that we deployed to hedge the risk of rising interest rates. This tactic generated positive returns during the late-period sell-off.

During the quarter, we maintained a relatively consistent level of duration after having increased this measure earlier in the year once interest rates had materially risen. By period end, portfolio duration was 1.10 years, a level we believe provides opportunity to generate income while still sufficiently cautious, given our view that monetary tightening will continue into 2023.

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## Manager Outlook

The outlook for the global economy has become more challenged. Driving our view is synchronised - albeit not coordinated - policy tightening across nearly all major economies as central banks fight to stave off the worst effects of elevated inflation. In regions where the post-pandemic recovery never fully blossomed, policymakers face the daunting scenario of stagflation. As evidenced by the bond market's reaction to the UK's government's fiscal proposal, countries that run persistent deficits are at acute risk as the cost of financing these imbalances increases.

Rising real interest rates likely harken the closing chapter of the decade-long run of financial repression where borrowers could feast on cheap and readily available debt financing. Looking forward, we believe both corporations and governments will be scrutinised more closely with respect to their ability to sufficiently cover their debt obligations. While the path to this destination is proving rocky, the end result, in our view, will likely be a more efficient capital transmission mechanism where investors will be fairly compensated for the risks they choose to bear when participating in financial markets.

When the economic history books on the early part of the 21st century are written, an undeniable conclusion - in our view - will be that over a decade's worth of quantitative easing failed to stimulate inflation and robust economic growth. Rather, it was the fiscal blowout accompanying the pandemic that finally caused prices to accelerate. But now policymakers are facing the unintended consequences of their largesse. This is especially true in regions that must continue to hike rates even as stagflation risks rise and, in the US, where the Fed's laser-focus on backward-looking labour market data is likely to result in recession at some point in the near future.

Still this year's resetting of interest rates at considerably higher levels has given bond investors the opportunity to again benefit from the characteristics that have historically been the hallmark of a fixed income allocation: steady income, diversification from riskier asset classes, and depending upon how effectively the market has priced in future upward moves in interest rates, capital preservation. We believe the first two tenets have arrived but are more circumspect on the latter as we believe that central banks have more work to do in taming inflation. We expect slowing growth and cooling inflation to be uneven, and think this should create opportunities to increase allocations to geographies where policymakers are able to hit the pause button on monetary tightening.

Source: Janus Henderson Investors, as at 30 September 2022

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

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| Index              | FTSE 3-Month US Treasury Bill Index   |
| Morningstar sector | Europe OE Alt - Long/Short Debt   |
| Objective          | The Fund aims to provide a return, from a combination of income and capital growth, while seeking to limit losses to capital (although not guaranteed). |
| Performance target | To outperform the FTSE 3-Month US Treasury Bill Index by at least 3% per annum, before the deduction of charges, over any 5 year period.                |

## Performance in (USD)

| Performance %                            | A2 (Net) | Index | A2 (Gross) | Target (Gross) |
|--|----------|-------|------------|----------------|
| 1 month                                  | -0.8     | 0.2   | -          | -              |
| YTD                                      | -3.4     | 0.6   | -          | -              |
| 1 year                                   | -4.0     | 0.6   | -          | -              |
| 3 years (annualised)                     | -0.4     | 0.6   | -          | -              |
| 5 years (annualised)                     | -0.5     | 1.1   | 0.9        | 4.2            |
| 10 years (annualised)                    | -        | -     | -          | -              |
| Since inception 29 Sep 2014 (annualised) | 0.1      | 0.8   | 1.8        | 3.8            |

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| Discrete year performance % | A2 (Net) | Index | Sector | A2 (Gross) | Target (Gross) |
|-----------------------------|----------|-------|--------|------------|----------------|
| 30 Sep 2021 to 30 Sep 2022  | -4.0     | 0.6   | -      | -3.0       | 3.7            |
| 30 Sep 2020 to 30 Sep 2021  | 0.6      | 0.1   | -      | 1.6        | 3.1            |
| 30 Sep 2019 to 30 Sep 2020  | 2.5      | 1.0   | -      | 3.7        | 4.1            |
| 30 Sep 2018 to 30 Sep 2019  | 2.3      | 2.4   | 2.8    | 4.2        | 5.4            |
| 30 Sep 2017 to 30 Sep 2018  | -3.6     | 1.6   | -2.2   | -1.6       | 4.6            |

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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>.

Source for target returns (where applicable) – Janus Henderson. Please note the performance target is to be achieved over a specific annualised time period. Refer to the performance target wording within the objective. Availability of share classes shown may be limited by law in certain jurisdictions. Performance records are detailed on the specific KIID, fees and charges may vary and further information can be found in the fund's prospectus and KIID which must be reviewed before investing. Please consult your local sales representative if you have any further queries.

As of 18 February 2020, the benchmark changed from 3 Month Libor to FTSE 3-Month US Treasury Bill Index. Bond credit quality ratings provided by S&P. Effective 1st March 2019, the Janus Henderson Global Unconstrained Bond Fund has been renamed to the Janus Henderson Absolute Return Income Opportunities Fund. Effective 15 June 2021, Daniel Siluk and Dylan Bourke also manage the fund.

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## What are the risks specific to this fund?

- 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. High yielding (non-investment grade) bonds are more speculative and more sensitive to adverse changes in market conditions.
- When the Fund, or a hedged share/unit class, seeks to mitigate exchange rate movements of a currency relative to the base currency, the hedging strategy itself may create a positive or negative impact to 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.
- In addition to income, this share class may distribute realised and unrealised capital gains and original capital invested. Fees, charges and expenses are also deducted from capital. Both factors may result in capital erosion and reduced potential for capital growth. Investors should also note that distributions of this nature may be treated (and taxable) as income depending on local tax legislation.
- The Fund invests in Asset-Backed Securities (ABS) and other forms of securitised investments, which may be subject to greater credit/default, liquidity, interest rate and prepayment and extension risks, compared to other investments such as government or corporate issued bonds and this may negatively impact the realised return on investment in the securities.
- 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. This risk is generally greater the longer the maturity of a bond investment.
- 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.
- Emerging markets expose the Fund 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.
- The Fund may use derivatives towards the aim of achieving its investment objective. This can result in 'leverage', which can magnify an investment outcome and gains or losses to the Fund may 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'), 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.
- Some or all of the ongoing charges may be taken from capital, which may erode capital or reduce potential for capital growth.
- The Fund involves a high level of buying and selling activity and as such will incur a higher level of transaction costs than a fund that trades less frequently. These transaction costs are in addition to the Fund's Ongoing Charges.

## 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 and unrated bonds, issued by companies or governments, asset-backed and mortgage backed securities.

The Fund may also invest in other assets including 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 investment manager makes extensive use of 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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