Janus Henderson INVESTORS

HORIZON PAN EUROPEAN PROPERTY EQUITIES FUND

At a glance

Performance*
The Fund returned 22.16%, the Index returned 21.48% and the Sector returned 19.61%.

Contributors/detractors
Intervest Offices & Warehouses was the standout contributor following a bid for the business. Cellnex, Helical and Empiric showed positive performance but lagged the strong sector rally.

Outlook
Increasing confidence about peak interest rates could prove a key moment for the sector. Shares are trading at historically wide discounts to asset values, representing a potentially compelling opportunity.

Portfolio management



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Investment environment

- Property equities enjoyed their best quarter since the Global Financial Crisis, delivering a 21.5% return and materially outperforming wider equities. Geopolitical tensions were once again back in focus as Hamas' attack on Israel instigated further conflict and threatened a broader escalation in the region. The market narrative swiftly turned positive however, as several falling inflation prints suggested an economic 'soft landing' was increasingly likely. Investors subsequently increased bets on the end of the rate-hiking cycle following more dovish tones from central banks and the US Federal Reserve (Fed) surprised the market by signalling 75 basis points (bps) of rate cuts in 2024. Declining bond yields proved a substantial tailwind for the sector with higher leveraged names in the Nordics and Germany outperforming.
- Within real estate, the third quarter earnings season highlighted generally growing rental income streams, benefiting from the impact of indexation, which is helping to mitigate the impact of rising funding costs. With transaction evidence remaining low, UK valuers continued to be more aggressive with further value declines in office and retail assets, but stability in logistics, student, storage and rental residential values.
- The mismatch between public and private real estate values was once again highlighted by a cash offer for Belgian logistics and office owner Intervest from private equity. The offer price represented a substantial 52% premium to the undisturbed share price, but still a small discount to the net asset value (NAV). We also saw several well supported equity raises from REITs across Europe, most notably in logistics, student accommodation, and storage, to fund accretive investment in development pipelines and new acquisitions.

Portfolio review

Belgian firm Intervest Offices & Warehouses was the standout contributor following a bid for the business. Logistics exposure in Montea, Catena and Argan also delivered notable alpha. Swedish names Balder and Castellum also benefited from shifting sentiment towards the sector. By contrast, tower owner Cellnex, office landlord Helical and student accommodation provider Empiric detracted from performance, lagging the strong rally in the sector.

We had an active quarter in the portfolio, looking to take advantage of several front-footed equity raises in higher conviction sectors. Here, we grew the fund's position in logistics-focused Montea, storage provider Big Yellow and added new holdings in health care provider Cofinimmo, European storage owner Shurgard, logistic landlord WDP, and Sirius Real Estate in the UK. We also added French listed retail landlord Klepierre given the attractive income and cash flow metrics.

We used Belgian listed logistics/office specialist Intervest Offices as a source of funding, following a cash bid for the company. We also trimmed various outperformers, most

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notably in Sweden, and further reduced the fund's office exposure with valuations looking fuller. We also sold our remaining position in UK residential landlord Grainger.

Manager outlook

While real estate markets will continue to face headwinds from a slowing economy and more restrictive financial conditions, increasing confidence that we have reached peak rates in Europe is likely to prove a key moment for the listed property sector. While the direct property market will need more time to reflect higher rates in published asset values, in the listed market we can start to look forward. Typically, REITs start to recover around six to nine months before direct values stabilise. We feel we are now in this phase.

Even after a recovery, European property shares are 35% below peak levels and are trading at still wide discounts to realistic bottom-of-the-cycle asset values. While further balance sheet strengthening will be required in some cases, we expect this to be manageable for most. In a lower growth environment, we think the importance of management, asset and balance sheet quality will matter more and we continue to expect divergence across different property types, driven by the themes of changing demographics, digitisation, sustainability and the convenience lifestyle. It therefore remains important, in our view, to be selective.

Performance (%)

Returns	Cumulative				Annualised		
	1 Month	3 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
A2 EUR (Net)	9.32	22.16	19.43	19.43	-1.60	4.42	7.46
Index	10.54	21.48	16.34	16.34	-4.38	0.06	3.79
Sector	9.42	19.61	15.19	15.19	-3.53	0.85	4.39

Calendar year	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
A2 EUR (Net)	19.43	-37.37	27.38	-3.93	35.60	-5.62	19.77	-7.86	22.13	30.09
Index	16.34	-36.57	18.49	-10.74	28.52	-8.40	12.55	-5.29	18.14	25.35
Sector	15.19	-34.25	18.54	-9.60	28.51	-7.60	13.42	-4.37	18.95	23.62

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Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide capital growth over the long term. Performance target: To outperform the FTSE EPRA Nareit Developed Europe Capped Index, after 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 1998
Total net assets	504.07m
Asset class	Property Equities
Domicile	Luxembourg
Structure	SICAV
Base currency	EUR
Index	FTSE EPRA Nareit Developed Europe Capped Index
Morningstar sector	Property - Indirect Europe
SFDR category	Article 8

In accordance with the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation, the Fund is classified as Article 8 and promotes, among other characteristics, environmental and/or social characteristics, and invests in companies with good governance practices.

Additional fund information

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Investment policy

The Fund invests at least 75% of its assets in a concentrated portfolio of shares (equities) and equity-related securities of real estate investment trusts (REITs) and companies, which invest in property, in the EEA or the UK if not part of the EEA. Securities will derive the main part of their revenue from owning, developing and managing real estate. The Fund may also invest in other assets including 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 FTSE EPRA Nareit Developed Europe Capped Index, which is broadly representative of the securities 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 to identify European listed property companies and real estate investment trusts (REITs) that can deliver the highest total return over the long-term. The investment process follows a high conviction, 'bottom-up' (fundamental company-level) research approach aiming to identify the best risk-adjusted value from across the capitalisation spectrum.

Fund specific risks

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