



# ANNUAL SHORT REPORT

For the year ended  
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Henderson European Focus Fund

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## Short Report

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### Investment Fund Managers

John Bennett and Asim Rahman

### Investment objective and policy

The fund aims to achieve a long-term return, in excess of the long-term return that is typically achieved from European equity markets (excluding the United Kingdom), by investing in a concentrated portfolio of companies having their registered office in Europe (excluding the United Kingdom) and companies that do not have their registered office in Europe (excluding the United Kingdom) but either (i) carry out a predominant proportion of their business activity in these markets, or (ii) are holding companies which predominantly own companies with registered offices in Europe (excluding the United Kingdom).

The fund will invest in companies of any market capitalisation. The fund will invest in a portfolio of typically 30–50 holdings.

The return will be a combination of capital and income returns.

The fund may also invest at the Manager's discretion in other transferable securities, money market instruments, cash and near cash, derivative instruments and forward transactions, deposits and units in collective investment schemes (use may be made of stocklending, borrowing, cash holdings, hedging and other investment techniques permitted in applicable FCA Rules).

### Risk and reward profile

The fund currently has 2 types of share class in issue:

A accumulation and I accumulation.

The risk and reward profile of each type of share class is as follows:



The Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator (SRRRI) is calculated based on historical volatility over a rolling 5 year period, it is reviewed monthly and updated if volatility has changed materially to cause a movement in the SRRRI level. The SRRRI is an indicator and may not accurately reflect future volatility and market conditions.

The value of an investment in the fund can go up or down. When you sell your shares, they may be worth less than you paid for them. The risk/reward rating above is based on medium-term volatility. In the future, the fund's actual volatility could be higher or lower and its rated risk/reward level could change.

The share classes appear at 5 out of 7. Share classes in higher categories have shown greater and/or more frequent variations in share price in the past 5 years than those in lower categories. The lowest category does not mean risk free.

The rating does not reflect the possible effects of unusual market conditions or large unpredictable events. Under normal market conditions the following risks may apply:

**Active management risk** Active management techniques that have worked well in normal market conditions could prove ineffective or detrimental at other times.

**Concentration risk** The fund's value may fall where it has concentrated exposure to a type of security that is heavily affected by an adverse event.

**Counterparty risk** The fund could lose money if a counterparty with which it trades becomes unwilling or unable to meet its obligations to the fund.

**Derivatives risk** Derivatives use exposes the fund to risks different from, and potentially greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and may therefore result in additional loss, which could be significantly greater than the cost of the derivative.

**Equities risk** Shares 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.

**Exchange rate risk** Changes in currency exchange rates may cause the value of your investment and any income from it to rise or fall.

**Hedging risk** Measures designed to reduce the impact of certain risks may not be available or may be ineffective.

**Liquidity risk** Any security could become hard to value or to sell at a desired time and price, increasing the risk of investment losses.

The full list of the fund's risks are contained in the "Risk Factors" section of the fund's prospectus.

The risk rating for all share classes has decreased from 6 to 5 during the year.

Class I accumulation launched on 1 August 2012, as this share class does not have a 5 years history, a synthetic history has been created using the fund's relevant sector average.

The SRRl conforms to the ESMA guidelines for the calculation of the SRRl.

## Investment review

Equity markets have continued their 'wall of worry' climb over the year. The wall is amply demonstrated by the considerable political noise that continues to command the attention of the media at large, as well as the usual financial commentariat. Thus, we have seen perceived risk travel from Brexit via Donald Trump to European elections. We continue to ignore much of this.

Having entered 2017 believing that the world had shifted from a growth to a value market, we note that European equities have fared well versus their US counterparts since the presidential election. With the fall in bund yields (prices move inversely to yields), growth stocks have recently resumed their outperformance versus value, although, happily, stock dispersion has returned. In general, equities continue to be sensitive to bond yield gyrations and associated inflation expectations. Indeed, this is at the heart of the continuing tension between growth and value stocks. In the former camp, we detect that a number of mid-caps in particular look stretched.

Over the year to 31 May 2017, the fund's net asset value rose by 33.4% (Retail Class, Acc, GBP) compared with a rise of 35.8% in its benchmark index, the FTSE World Europe excluding UK.

The telecommunications and industrials sectors were the largest contributors to alpha over the year, while healthcare detracted. At a stock level, Swedish cable company Com Hem was the top contributor after strong operating results, and Kinnevik subsequently taking a material stake in the company. There were also positive contributions from industrial mid-cap names CNH Industrial, Interpump and IMA. Laggards included Autoliv, Roche and Novartis.

In investment terms, we tend to make changes in a gradual or incremental way. While not wishing to be labelled with any particular style, we first used the phrase 'tilt to value' back in 2015 when talking to investors. Our first target was a tactical move into oil stocks in the third quarter of 2015. The tilt to value accelerated significantly in the second half of 2016.

## Investment review (continued)

Since August 2016, we have increasingly positioned the fund for a better inflationary outlook and, as we moved into 2017, we believed that the most important sector was something we had not liked for the past decade – financials. We believe that we are approaching the end of a decade-long bear market for banks, as a combination of rehabilitated capital ratios and an inflection in interest rates makes the industry once again investable. This proved to be a timely move, as European financials, specifically banks, were the best performing part of the market overall during the second half of 2016. We have added positions in ABNAMRO, Danske Bank, ING, KBC, Société Générale, Svenska Handelsbanken and Unicredit.

The fund's tilt back towards so-called value was strengthened by our addition of names such as CNH Industrial, where we foresee strong potential for earnings growth, independent of the recovery in the agricultural equipment market. As part of our self help theme, we also introduced auto parts manufacturer Michelin and Indra Sistemas.

Elsewhere, we initiated a position in low cost carrier Ryanair in the belief that there will be a consolidation of the short haul European airline market, where Ryanair will be a major beneficiary in terms of value creation. Having followed the company closely for over a year, and after various meetings with management, we introduced German telecommunications carrier United Internet, having been attracted by both its valuation upside and free optionality, which we believe will play out over the next two years.

The pharmaceutical sector was the main headwind for our portfolio, with Roche and Novartis in particular having a very poor year. Since our decision in the spring of 2010 to favour this industry, it has yielded ample reward; however, the past year has seen it stall. Ahead of the US election, we

reduced our healthcare weighting. However, our analysis tells us that, despite the tougher pricing environment, those companies discovering and launching drugs that meet unmet clinical needs will secure their patents, pricing and future. Thus, since spring 2017, we have begun to increase our holdings in the healthcare sector after a period of underperformance, and we are now slightly overweight.

At a stock level, the main detractor was automotive safety systems manufacturer Autoliv, whose share price was weak due to slower recent growth in active safety. Additionally, in passive safety, it has seen pressure on near term margins following a high volume of engineering projects in order to meet strong order intake. We had reduced our holding; however, following a meeting with management in May, we added to the position, given greater confidence about the mid-term trajectory.

Adidas has proven an excellent performer, and we took the opportunity to book profit. We also took profits on Interpump, Danish listed cleaning business ISS and Swiss engineer ABB. Other disposals included cable assets Euskaltel and NOS. At the end of the reporting period, our holdings in the sector were limited to Com Hem.

Markets could see some short term consolidation after a respectable year to date performance, and as we enter the summer holiday season. There is a clear valuation gap between Europe and the US but, within Europe, growth stocks continue to command a significant premium to their value counterparts. We continue to expect that a stronger economy and corporates will feed through to inflation and benefit the value end of the market.

While Europe continues to climb its political wall of worry, we must also monitor the political and economic risks from the US and Asia, to assess whether they could derail our thesis on Europe.

## Performance summary

	31 May 16- 31 May 17 %	31 May 15- 31 May 16 %	31 May 14- 31 May 15 %	31 May 13- 31 May 14 %	31 May 12- 31 May 13 %
Henderson European Focus Fund	33.4	(6.8)	11.9	16.5	42.2
FTSE World Europe Ex UK Index	35.8	(3.7)	4.7	13.5	43.3

Source: Morningstar – bid to bid and net of fees as at 12 noon valuation point, based on performance of class A accumulation.

Benchmark values are as at close of business.

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future performance. The value of an investment and the revenue from it can fall as well as rise as a result of market and currency fluctuations and you may not get back the amount originally invested.

## Fund facts

Accounting dates	Payment dates
30 November, 31 May	31 January, 31 July

### Ongoing charge figure

	2017 %	2016 %
Class A	1.70	1.70
Class I	0.85	0.85

The annualised ongoing charge figure (OCF) of the fund, calculated as the ratio of the total ongoing charges to the average net asset value for twelve months.

The OCF is calculated in accordance with guidelines issued by the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA).

## Comparative tables for the year ended 31 May 2017

	Class A accumulation			Class I accumulation		
	2017 (pence per share)	2016 (pence per share)	2015 (pence per share)	2017 (pence per share)	2016 (pence per share)	2015 (pence per share)
<b>Change in net assets per share</b>						
Opening net asset value per share	209.76	221.50	200.81	165.05	172.83	155.25
Return before operating charges*	71.86	(8.18)	24.12	56.87	(6.39)	18.95
Operating charges	(4.10)	(3.56)	(3.43)	(1.62)	(1.39)	(1.37)
Return after operating charges*	67.76	(11.74)	20.69	55.25	(7.78)	17.58
Distributions on accumulation shares	(1.74)	(1.41)	(0.53)	(3.00)	(2.77)	(2.22)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.74	1.41	0.53	3.00	2.77	2.22
Closing net asset value per share	277.52	209.76	221.50	220.30	165.05	172.83
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.57	0.51	0.74	0.45	0.40	0.58
<b>Performance</b>						
Return after charges	32.30%	(5.30%)	10.30%	33.47%	(4.50%)	11.32%
<b>Other information</b>						
Closing net asset value (£000s)	42,290	34,610	48,851	540,789	456,077	443,442
Closing number of shares	15,238,166	16,500,230	22,055,072	245,476,802	276,320,560	256,573,613
Operating charges	1.70%	1.70%	1.70%	0.85%	0.85%	0.86%
Direct transaction costs	0.24%	0.24%	0.36%	0.24%	0.24%	0.36%
<b>Prices</b>						
Highest share price (pence)	279.60	223.90	227.90	221.90	174.70	177.50
Lowest share price (pence)	203.10	190.90	177.80	159.90	149.80	137.90

Performance values are at close of business and may not match those detailed in the performance summary.

### Operating charges

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

### Share class launches and closures

There were no share classes launched or closed in the year.

**Past performance is not a guide to future performance.**

**Major holdings**

<b>as at 2017</b>	<b>%</b>
Nestlé	4.67
Bayer	4.10
Roche Holdings	3.88
Novartis	3.43
Autoliv	3.12
SAP	2.82
Henkel KGaA Vorzug Non-Voting Preference	2.66
ING	2.65
Galp Energia	2.56
Continental	2.51

**Major holdings**

<b>as at 2016</b>	<b>%</b>
Novartis	8.71
Roche Holdings	8.51
Autoliv	5.54
Nestlé	4.07
Fresenius	2.99
Nordea Bank	2.72
Com Hem	2.70
Henkel KGaA Vorzug Non-Voting Preference	2.68
DNB	2.63
RELX	2.53

<b>Asset allocation</b>	
<b>as at 2017</b>	<b>%</b>
Germany	21.34
Sweden	12.95
Switzerland	11.98
France	9.14
Netherlands	8.67
United Kingdom	8.30
Spain	5.13
Denmark	3.53
Portugal	2.56
Italy	2.43
Belgium	2.30
Ireland	2.27
Norway	1.74
Derivatives	0.18
Other net assets	7.48
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>100.00</b>

<b>Asset allocation</b>	
<b>as at 2016</b>	<b>%</b>
Switzerland	23.98
Germany	18.51
Sweden	16.66
France	8.84
Italy	5.28
Spain	5.22
United Kingdom	4.88
Norway	3.84
Denmark	3.56
Netherlands	3.23
Portugal	3.19
Finland	1.04
Belgium	0.99
Other net assets	0.78
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Geographical classifications are based on country of risk.



## Report and accounts

This document is a short report of the Henderson European Focus Fund for the year ended 31 May 2017.

Copies of the annual and half yearly long form reports of this fund are available on our website [www.janushenderson.com](http://www.janushenderson.com) or contact Client Services on the telephone number provided.

## Other information

The information in this report is designed to enable you to make an informed judgement on the activities of the fund during the year it covers and the results of those activities at the end of the year.

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## Risk warning

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We may record telephone calls for our mutual protection and to improve customer service.

### Online valuations

You can value your Henderson European Focus Fund at any time by logging on to [www.janushenderson.com](http://www.janushenderson.com). Select 'UK Private Investor' and then access 'Valuations' from the Tools Menu. Simply select the fund you hold and enter the appropriate number of shares.

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