



# ANNUAL SHORT REPORT

For the year ended  
30 June 2017

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**Henderson Index Linked Bond Fund**

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## Short Report

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### Investment Fund Manager

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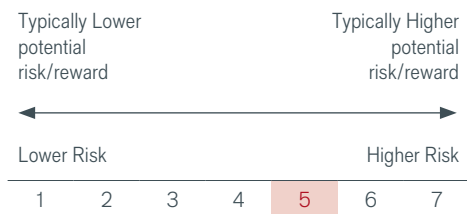
### Investment objective and policy

To provide a return by investing primarily in United Kingdom Government issued index linked securities. The fund may invest in other transferable securities, money market instruments, derivatives and forward transactions, deposits and units in collective investment schemes.

### Risk and reward profile

The fund currently has 8 types of share class in issue; A income, I accumulation, I income, A income gross, D accumulation gross, I accumulation gross, I income gross and Z accumulation gross.

Each share class has the same risk and reward profile which is as follows:



The Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator (SRRI) 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 SRRI level. The SRRI 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.

**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.

**Credit risk** The value of a bond or money market security may fall if the financial health of the issuer weakens, or the market believes it may weaken. This risk is greater the lower the credit quality of the bond.

**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.

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

**Interest rate risk** 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.

**Leverage risk** Leverage arises from entering into contracts or derivatives whose terms have the effect of magnifying an outcome, meaning profits and losses from investment can be greater.

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

There have been no changes to the risk rating in the year.

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

## **Investment review**

Government bond markets performed poorly during the year. Central banks stepped away from their ultra-accommodative monetary policy stances as expectations over future growth and inflation prospects improved. The election of Donald Trump as president of the United States led to a further boost to growth and inflation forecasts, and rate hikes from the Federal Reserve (Fed) led to substantial pressure on the US Treasury market. In the UK, the economy proved to be more resilient than expected following the vote on whether or not to leave the European Union (EU), and the Bank of England's (BoE's) Monetary Policy Committee moved to a more neutral stance. The European Central Bank (ECB) announced in December its intention to reduce the size of its quantitative easing (QE) programme (central bank liquidity measures). Further improvement in the economy led to speculation about the eventual tapering of asset purchases by the ECB, which put upwards pressure on European government bond yields at the end of the year.

The gilt market initially performed well during the summer months, as the BoE cut rates and restarted its QE programme. As sterling weakened, inflation expectations rose and led to lower expectations of further easing in November, particularly in light of the initial resilience of the economy. This led to gilt yields rising sharply during the fourth quarter, although index-linked gilts significantly outperformed due to a sharp increase in inflation expectations.

The fund outperformed its benchmark over the year. We continued to look for relative value opportunities within the UK government bond market where possible, while also using derivatives to express views across developed rates and currency markets, as outlined below.

The fund profited by positioning for US Treasuries to outperform UK gilts on several occasions during the year, as the yield spread was trading around its historic wides.

Taking relative value opportunities in the US market also proved profitable. We entered the year positioned for the 20-year/30-year sector to outperform the 10-year/20-year sector of the US swaps curve. The trade performed exceptionally well after the US election and was closed for a profit. Following the US election, we positioned for five-year Treasury yields to rise relative to two-year yields in the US. As the market moved to price in a tighter monetary policy outlook, we closed the trade for a profit. As we entered 2017, we structurally positioned for the seven-year sector to outperform the two-year and 12-year sectors.

In Europe, we profited by positioning for intermediate swap rates to decline relative to long-dated swap rates. As the European recovery gained momentum and the prospects for ECB tightening seemed less distant, we closed the existing position and began to position for 10-year yields to decline relative to five-year yields.

Our inflation strategies proved profitable, as we twice positioned for a decline in long-dated real yields, as well as declines in 10-year European and UK inflation expectations.

Currency strategies detracted during the year. Although the fund profited by positioning for a weaker Japanese yen versus the US dollar, this was offset by small losses on several other positions, most notably positions which looked for a strengthening in the Swedish krona and sterling.

We believe that government bond markets are likely to remain volatile. Although political risks have diminished, a removal of monetary policy stimulus could prove disruptive, though muted levels of inflation may stop government bond yields from rising significantly.

## Performance summary

	30 Jun 16- 30 Jun 17	30 Jun 15- 30 Jun 16	30 Jun 14- 30 Jun 15	30 Jun 13- 30 Jun 14	30 Jun 12- 30 Jun 13
	%	%	%	%	%
Henderson Index Linked Bond Fund	7.6	14.6	12.9	1.6	3.2
FTSE Index Linked (Over 5 Years) Index	7.1	17.0	15.8	4.3	2.7

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

31 December, 30 June

### Payment dates

30 November, Last day of February, 31 May, 31 August

### Ongoing charge figure

	2017 %	2016 %
Class A	0.91	0.91
Class A gross	0.81	0.81
Class D	0.29	0.29
Class I	0.54	0.54
Class Z	0.04	0.04

The annualised ongoing charge figure (OCF) of the fund is 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 30 June 2017

	Class A income			Class I income		
	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	424.16	366.51	322.99	436.23	375.80	329.05
Return before operating charges*	30.26	60.94	47.60	31.48	62.79	48.74
Operating charges	(4.15)	(3.29)	(4.08)	(2.54)	(2.09)	(1.99)
Return after operating charges*	26.11	57.65	43.52	28.94	60.70	46.75
Distributions on income shares	-	-	-	-	(0.27)	-
Closing net asset value per share	450.27	424.16	366.51	465.17	436.23	375.80
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	0.01	0.01	-	0.01	0.01
<b>Performance</b>						
Return after charges	6.16%	15.73%	13.47%	6.63%	16.15%	14.21%
<b>Other information</b>						
Closing net asset value (£000s)	13,769	15,070	40,506	62,656	51,976	24,542
Closing number of shares	3,057,838	3,552,976	11,051,839	13,469,458	11,914,841	6,530,676
Operating charges	0.91%	0.91%	1.15%	0.54%	0.54%	0.54%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Prices</b>						
Highest share price (pence)	488.90	422.40	389.20	504.70	434.70	398.00
Lowest share price (pence)	418.20	358.00	320.90	430.40	367.20	326.90

## Comparative tables (continued)

	Class I accumulation		
	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	502.78	432.82	378.95
Return before operating charges*	36.30	72.45	56.15
Operating charges	(2.93)	(2.41)	(2.28)
Return after operating charges*	33.37	70.04	53.87
Distributions on accumulation shares	-	(0.39)	-
Retained distributions on accumulation shares <sup>^</sup>	-	0.31	-
Closing net asset value per share	536.15	502.78	432.82
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	0.01	0.02
<b>Performance</b>			
Return after charges	6.64%	16.18%	14.22%
<b>Other information</b>			
Closing net asset value (£000s)	21,211	15,311	8,949
Closing number of shares	3,956,259	3,045,261	2,067,524
Operating charges	0.54%	0.54%	0.54%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Prices</b>			
Highest share price (pence)	581.70	501.00	458.40
Lowest share price (pence)	496.10	422.90	376.50

<sup>^</sup>Retained distribution prior to 6 April 2017 are net of 20% income tax.

**Comparative tables (continued)**

	Class A income gross			Class I income gross		
	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	429.01	370.26	326.04	437.96	377.35	330.42
Return before operating charges*	30.84	61.75	48.00	31.56	63.02	48.91
Operating charges	(3.75)	(3.00)	(3.78)	(2.55)	(2.10)	(1.98)
Return after operating charges*	27.09	58.75	44.22	29.01	60.92	46.93
Distributions on income shares	-	-	-	-	(0.31)	-
Closing net asset value per share	456.10	429.01	370.26	466.97	437.96	377.35
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	0.01	0.01	-	0.01	0.01
<b>Performance</b>						
Return after charges	6.31%	15.87%	13.56%	6.62%	16.14%	14.20%
<b>Other information</b>						
Closing net asset value (£000s)	3,401	1,381	1,499	10,463	5,078	3,163
Closing number of shares	745,709	321,916	404,759	2,240,706	1,159,567	838,175
Operating charges	0.81%	0.81%	1.06%	0.54%	0.54%	0.54%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Prices</b>						
Highest share price (pence)	495.10	427.40	393.00	506.60	436.40	399.70
Lowest share price (pence)	423.10	361.70	323.00	432.10	368.70	328.20

## Comparative tables (continued)

	Class D accumulation gross			Class I accumulation gross		
	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	319.96	274.77	239.88	514.03	442.52	387.46
Return before operating charges*	23.05	46.00	35.66	37.02	73.97	57.38
Operating charges	(0.99)	(0.81)	(0.77)	(2.98)	(2.46)	(2.32)
Return after operating charges*	22.06	45.19	34.89	34.04	71.51	55.06
Distributions on accumulation shares	-	(0.57)	(0.15)	-	(0.36)	-
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	-	0.57	0.15	-	0.36	-
Closing net asset value per share	342.02	319.96	274.77	548.07	514.03	442.52
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	0.01	0.01	-	0.01	0.02
<b>Performance</b>						
Return after charges	6.89%	16.45%	14.54%	6.62%	16.16%	14.21%
<b>Other information</b>						
Closing net asset value (£000s)	31	309	1,035	95,410	190,316	165,507
Closing number of shares	8,950	96,495	376,762	17,408,180	37,024,417	37,401,169
Operating charges	0.29%	0.29%	0.29%	0.54%	0.54%	0.54%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Prices</b>						
Highest share price (pence)	370.90	318.80	290.70	594.60	512.20	468.70
Lowest share price (pence)	315.70	268.50	238.40	507.20	432.40	384.90



## Comparative tables (continued)

	Class Z accumulation gross		
	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	292.00	250.15	217.94
Return before operating charges*	21.03	41.95	32.31
Operating charges	(0.13)	(0.10)	(0.10)
Return after operating charges*	20.90	41.85	32.21
Distributions on accumulation shares	-	(0.85)	(0.48)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	-	0.85	0.48
Closing net asset value per share	312.90	292.00	250.15
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	0.01	0.01
<b>Performance</b>			
Return after charges	7.16%	16.73%	14.78%
<b>Other information</b>			
Closing net asset value (£000s)	15,408	15,783	16,885
Closing number of shares	4,924,252	5,405,032	6,749,987
Operating charges	0.04%	0.04%	0.04%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Prices</b>			
Highest share price (pence)	339.10	290.90	264.40
Lowest share price (pence)	288.20	244.50	216.50

Performance values are at close of business and may differ from 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.

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## Major holdings

as at 2017	%
UK Treasury 1.25% Index-Linked 22/11/2027	7.00
UK Treasury 1.25% Index-Linked 22/11/2055	5.97
UK Treasury 0.375% Index-Linked 22/03/2062	5.49
UK Treasury 0.125% Index-Linked 22/03/2068	5.45
UK Treasury 0.5% Index-Linked 22/03/2050	4.97
UK Treasury 0.625% Index-Linked 22/03/2040	4.91
UK Treasury 1.125% Index-Linked 22/11/2037	4.89
UK Treasury 0.75% Index-Linked 22/11/2047	4.83
UK Treasury 0.125% Index-Linked 22/03/2044	4.59
UK Treasury 0.625% Index-Linked 22/11/2042	4.33

## Asset allocation

as at 2017	%
Bonds	98.34
Derivatives	0.05
Other net assets	1.61
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>100.00</b>

## Major holdings

as at 2016	%
UK Treasury 0.125% Index-Linked 22/03/2068	6.94
UK Treasury 1.25% Index-Linked 22/11/2055	6.27
UK Treasury 0.375% Index-Linked 22/03/2062	5.70
UK Treasury 0.75% Index-Linked 22/11/2047	5.61
UK Treasury 0.125% Index-Linked 22/03/2044	5.30
UK Treasury 1.125% Index-Linked 22/11/2037	5.22
UK Treasury 2.5% Index-Linked 17/07/2024	5.14
UK Treasury 0.5% Index-Linked 22/03/2050	5.08
UK Treasury 1.25% Index-Linked 22/11/2027	4.91
UK Treasury 0.625% Index-Linked 22/03/2040	4.90

## Asset allocation

as at 2016	%
Bonds	99.85
Derivatives	(0.06)
Other net assets	0.21
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>100.00</b>

## Report and accounts

This document is a short report of the Henderson Index Linked Bond Fund for the year ended 30 June 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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