

# **BALANCED FUND**

## A2 USD ISIN IE0004445015

## Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide a return, from a combination of capital growth and income, while seeking to limit losses to capital (although not guaranteed). Performance target: To outperform the `Balanced' Index (55% S&P 500 + 45% Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond) by 1.5% per annum, before the deduction of charges, over any 5 year period.

For the fund's investment policy, refer to the Additional fund information on page 3. Past performance does not predict future returns.

# Performance (%)

		Cumu	lative		Ar	nualis	ed
Returns	1 Month	3 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
A2 USD (Net)	1.99	6.63	6.63	15.63	4.40	7.61	6.63
Index	2.19	5.37	5.37	16.54	5.24	8.56	7.95
Sector	2.14	3.36	3.36	10.19	1.19	3.83	3.25
A2 USD (Gross)	_	_	_	_	_	9.64	8.67
Target	_	_	_	_	_	10.19	9.57

## **Cumulative growth - USD**

31 Mar 2014 — 31 Mar 2024



Calendar	YTD at Q1										
year		2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
A2 USD (Net)	6.63	13.61	-17.57	15.45	12.60	20.08	-0.95	16.43	3.01	-0.56	4.39
Index	5.37	16.62	-15.52	14.32	14.20	21.03	-2.12	13.29	7.84	1.25	10.23
Sector	3.36	10.30	-13.96	7.17	6.75	14.92	-6.45	11.52	4.09	-2.66	1.98

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## **Fund details**

Inception date	24 December 1998
Total net assets	7.62bn
Asset class	Asset Allocation
Domicile	Ireland
Structure	Irish Investment Company
Base currency	USD
Index	Balanced Index (55% S&P 500 / 45% BB US Agg Bond)
Morningstar sector	USD Moderate Allocation
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.

## Share class information

Inception date	24 December 1998
Distribution type	Accumulation
Currency	USD
Minimum initial investment	2,500

# Portfolio management

Jeremiah Buckley, CFA	Manager since 2015
Greg Wilensky, CFA	Manager since 2020
Michael Keough	Manager since 2019

## Ratings

Overall Morningstar Rating<sup>™</sup> As of 31/03/2024

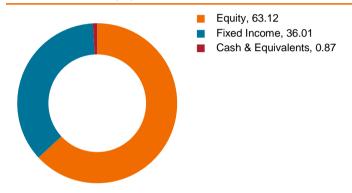


For more information, refer to page 3.

Characteristics	
Number of holdings: Equity issues	63
Debt issues	621
Weighted average maturity (years)	8.01
Annual turnover (1yr trailing)	76.14%
Duration (years)	6.51
Weighted average market cap	868.07bn
Price-to-book ratio	7.44
Price-to-earnings ratio	23.46
Yield to maturity	5.10
Yield to worst (%)	5.06

Risk statistics (3 years)	Fund	Index
Alpha	-0.84	_
Beta	1.03	_
R-squared	_	_
Standard deviation	12.63	12.16
Sharpe ratio	0.13	0.20

### Asset allocation (%)



Sector allocation (%)	Fund
Equity	63.12
Information Technology	19.74
Financials	9.16
Consumer Discretionary	9.03
Health Care	8.92
Communication Services	6.19
Industrials	4.09
Consumer Staples	3.70
Energy	1.82
Materials	0.47
Fixed Income	36.01
Investment Grade Corporate	13.10
Agency MBS	12.71
Treasuries	3.48
Non-Agency MBS	3.36
CMBS	1.61
CLO	0.69
High Yield Corporate	0.50
ABS	0.31
Bank Loans	0.15
Government Related	0.10
Cash & Equivalents	0.87

Top holdings (%)	Fund
Microsoft Corp	6.14
NVIDIA Corp	4.11
Apple Inc	2.82
Alphabet Inc	2.70
Mastercard Inc	2.44
Amazon.com Inc	2.32
Meta Platforms Inc	2.19
UnitedHealth Group Inc	1.77
Lam Research Corp	1.62
Progressive Corp	1.53
Total	27.64

References made to individual securities should not constitute or form part of any offer or solicitation to issue, securities mentioned in the report.

Credit quality of fixed income holdings (%)	Fund
Aaa	2.59
Aa	16.70
A	4.43
Baa	10.65
Ва	1.11
В	0.28
Not Rated	0.25

Bond credit quality ratings provided by Barclays and reflect the middle rating received from Moody's, Standard & Poor's and Fitch, where all three agencies have provided a rating. If only two agencies rate a security, the lowest rating is used. If only one agency rates a security, that rating is used. Ratings are measured on a scale that ranges from Aaa (highest) to D (lowest).

### Codes

ISIN	IE0004445015	
Bloomberg	JANBAA1	
Cusip	G50106346	
SEDOL	0444501	
WKN	921662	
Valoren	996166	

## Fees & charges (%)

Annual management charge (AMC)	1.00
Ongoing charge (OCF)	1.88

All ongoing charges stated are as per latest published report and accounts.

The ongoing charges includes fees payable to Distributors. Where the ongoing charges exceed the target outperformance relative to the benchmark the return is likely to be below the benchmark return, even when the Fund's outperformance target (before the deduction of charges) has been achieved.

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 www.janushenderson.com.

Under some circumstances initial charges may apply. Please refer to the Prospectus for more details.

## Additional fund information

Tax assumptions and reliefs depend upon an investor's particular circumstances and may be subject to change. Please note the performance target is to be achieved over a specific annualised time period. Refer to the performance target wording within the objective. Please note: due to rounding the figures in the holdings breakdowns may not add up to 100%. This is an Irish Investment Company regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland. 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. To obtain our prospectus and any additional information please visit our website on: www.janushenderson.com. A short-term trading fee may be applied upon exiting the fund as per the prospectus. Ongoing charge represents the ongoing costs to the fund, which includes the AMC and other charges for services such as keeping a register of investors, calculating the price of the fund's units or shares and keeping the fund's assets safe. Investment into the fund will acquire units/shares of the fund itself and not the underlying assets owned by the fund. The ongoing charge is calculated using the PRIIP methodology. The PRIIP methodology differs to the UCITS ongoing charge methodology, as the PRIIP methodology captures additional recurring charges, including but not limited to: Interest paid on borrowing (e.g. bank interest); Any fees incurred in relation to stock-lending activity (i.e. the fee paid to the lending agent); Any costs associated with holding closed-ended vehicles. Cash balances and exposures are based on settled and unsettled trades as at the reporting date.

### Investment policy

The Fund invests 35%-65% of its assets in shares (equities), and 35%-65% of its assets in fixed income (debt) securities and loans. At least 80% of its assets are invested in US Companies and US Issuers. The aggregate amount of the Fund which may be invested in securities traded on the developing markets is 10%. Of the 35%-65% portion of the Fund's assets that are invested in fixed income (debt) securities and loans, up to 35% of that portion of the assets may be rated below investment grade. The Fund may also invest in other assets including companies and bonds outside the US, cash and money market instruments. The Sub-Investment Adviser 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 `Balanced´ Index (55% S&P 500 + 45% Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond), which is broadly representative of the companies and bonds in which it may invest, as this forms the basis of the Fund's performance target. The Sub-Investment Adviser has a high degree of freedom to choose individual investments for the Fund.

## Investment strategy

The Sub-Investment Adviser follows an actively-managed approach which blends mainly US equities and bonds, with the ability to position defensively when market volatility is anticipated. The Fund has the flexibility to migrate between 35% and 65% exposure to equities, depending on where the managers are finding the best opportunities in each asset class, as well as their assessment of broader economic conditions. The equity side of the portfolio seeks long-term growth, while the fixed income portion seeks to provide ballast as required.

### Fund specific risks

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. 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. 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. 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. 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 (or are expected to rise). This risk is typically greater the longer the maturity of a bond investment. The Fund invests in high yield (non-investment grade) bonds and while these generally offer higher rates of interest than investment grade bonds, they are more speculative and more sensitive to adverse changes in market conditions. 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. 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. 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.

#### Source for fund ratings/awards

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## Glossary

#### Reta

Beta measures how a fund or security moves in relationship to the overall market. A market has a beta of 1. If the fund/security's beta is more than 1, it moves more than the market, while a beta lower than 1 means it moves to a lesser extent than the market. A negative beta could mean the fund/security moves in the opposite direction to the market.

#### Duration

How far a fixed income security or portfolio is sensitive to a change in interest rates, measured in terms of the weighted average of all the security/portfolio's remaining cash flows (both coupons and principal). It is expressed as a number of years. The larger the figure, the more sensitive it is to a movement in interest rates. 'Going short duration' refers to reducing the average duration of a portfolio. Alternatively, 'going long duration' refers to extending a portfolio's average duration.

#### Price-to-book (P/B) ratio

A financial ratio used to value a company's shares. It is calculated by dividing a company's market value (share price) by the book value of its equity (value of the company's assets on its balance sheet). A P/B value <1 can indicate a potentially undervalued company or a declining business. The higher the P/B ratio, the higher the premium the market is willing to pay for the company above the book (balance sheet) value of its assets.

#### Price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio

A popular ratio used to value a company's shares, compared to other stocks, or a benchmark index. It is calculated by dividing the current share price by its earnings per share.

#### Sharpe ratio

This measures a portfolio's risk-adjusted performance. A high Sharpe ratio indicates a better risk-adjusted return. The ratio is designed to measure how far a portfolio's return can be attributed to fund manager skill as opposed to excessive risk taking.

#### Standard deviation

A statistic that measures the variation or dispersion of a set of values/data. A low standard deviation shows the values tend to be close to the mean while a high standard deviation indicates the values are more spread out. In terms of valuing investments, standard deviation can provide a gauge of the historical volatility of an investment.

#### **WAM (Weighted Average Maturity)**

The average time remaining until the maturity of assets in a portfolio.

#### Weighted average market cap

The average market capitalisation of a holding, weighted by the size of that position in a portfolio or index.

#### Yield to worst

If a bond has special features, such as a call (ie, the issuer can call the bond back at a date specified in advance), the yield to worst is the lowest yield the bond can achieve provided the issuer does not default.

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