

Sustainable investment means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of **environmentally sustainable economic activities**. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.



Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.

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ANNEX II

Template pre-contractual disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

Product name: Janus Henderson US Short-Term Bond Fund
Legal entity identifier: YVY16SX4EED4RLPJGB80

Environmental and/or social characteristics

Does this financial product have a sustainable investment objective?	
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Yes	No
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of sustainable investments with an environmental objective: ___% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy <input type="checkbox"/> in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy 	<input type="checkbox"/> It promotes Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it does not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it will have a minimum proportion of ___% of sustainable investments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy <input type="checkbox"/> with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy <input type="checkbox"/> with a social objective
<input type="checkbox"/> It will make a minimum of sustainable investments with a social objective: ___%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It promotes E/S characteristics, but will not make any sustainable investments

- **What environmental and/or social characteristics are promoted by this financial product?**
 - Support for UNGC principles (which cover matters including human rights, labour, corruption and environmental pollution).
 - JHI leverages a proprietary ESG framework, utilising both third party data and proprietary insights, that incorporates at least 20 metrics across environmental, social, and governance factors to produce country-level

ESG ratings ranging from AAA to CCC. To encourage the adoption of better environmental and/or social practices the Fund will only invest in sovereign issuers rated B or higher.

- JHI leverages a proprietary ESG framework, utilising both third party data and proprietary insights, to produce company ratings for corporate credit issuers. To encourage the adoption of better environmental and/or social practices the Fund will only invest in corporate credit issuers falling within the top 5 of the 6 ratings produced. For further information, please see below.
- JHI leverages a proprietary ESG framework, utilising both third party data and proprietary insights, to produce agency mortgage-backed securities issuer ratings. To encourage the adoption of better environmental and/or social practices the Fund will only invest in agency mortgage-backed securities issuers falling within the top 5 of the 6 ratings produced. For further information, please see below.
- Avoidance of investments in certain activities with the potential to cause harm to human health and wellbeing by applying binding exclusions.
- Climate change mitigation.

The Fund does not use a reference benchmark to attain its environmental or social characteristics.

➤ ***What sustainability indicators are used to measure the attainment of each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

- Overall UNGC Principles Compliance Status.
- Ratings of sovereign issuers across the portfolio based on the proprietary framework.
- Ratings of corporate issuers across the portfolio based on the proprietary framework.
- Ratings of issuers of agency mortgage-backed-securities across the portfolio based on the proprietary framework.
- ESG Exclusionary screens – see “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?” below for details on the exclusions.
- Carbon - Carbon Intensity Scope 1&2- this represents the company's most recently reported or estimated Scope 1 + Scope 2 greenhouse gas emissions normalized by sales, which allows for comparison between companies of different sizes.

● ***What are the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make and how does the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?***

Not applicable.

● ***How do the sustainable investments that the financial product partially intends to make, not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?***

Not applicable.

— — — How have the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors been taken into account?

Not applicable.

— — — How are the sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

Not applicable.

The EU Taxonomy sets out a “do not significant harm” principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.

The “do no significant harm” principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.

Principal adverse impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters.



Does this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

Yes

No

<u>Principle Adverse Impact</u>	<u>How is PAI considered?</u>
GHG Emissions	Exclusionary screens
Carbon Footprint	Exclusionary screens
GHG Intensity of Investee Companies	Exclusionary screens
Exposure to companies active in fossil fuel	Exclusionary screens
Violations of UNGC and OECD	Exclusionary screens
Exposure to controversial weapons	Exclusionary screens

Please see the Fund's SFDR website disclosures at: <https://www.janushenderson.com/en-ie/advisor/eu-sfdr-us-short-term-bond-fund/> for further details on the current approach adopted and PAIs considered.

The Fund will make information available on how it has considered the PAIs in its periodic report.

▪ **What investment strategy does this financial product follow?**

The Fund's investment objective is to seek as high a level of current income as is consistent with preservation of capital. It pursues its objective by investing at least 80% of its net asset value in short-and intermediate-term Debt Securities of US Issuers. Although it has no pre-established quality standards this Fund will invest at least 70% of its net asset value in investment grade Debt Securities. It is expected that this Fund's dollar-weighted average portfolio effective maturity will not exceed three years. Although it is anticipated that the Fund will invest Primarily in securities of U.S. Issuers, the Fund may invest up to 25% of its net asset value in the securities of non-US issuers.

The Fund is Actively Managed with reference to the Bloomberg 1-3 Year US Government/Credit Index, which is broadly representative of the companies in which it may invest.

The Sub-Investment Adviser's forward-looking fundamental credit research seeks to identify future winners and losers to express their high-conviction views. A bottom-up, fundamentally driven investment process focused on companies committed to transforming and improving their balance sheets, free cash flow generation, quality of management and security valuations drive security selection. This approach rests on a belief that some companies have inherent strengths, have better prospects than their peer groups and should therefore outperform even in challenging industrial and economic circumstances. A dynamic top down framework enables the Sub-Investment Adviser to assess the stage of credit cycle, identify opportunities and take an appropriate amount of risk.

Investors should read this section in conjunction with the Fund's investment strategy (as set out in the supplement for the Fund under the heading "Investment Objective and Policies").

The binding elements of the investment strategy described below that are implemented as screens are coded into the compliance module of an order management system utilising third-party data provider(s) on an ongoing basis. The exclusionary screens are implemented on both a pre and post trade basis enabling any proposed transactions in an excluded security to be blocked and to identify any changes to the status of holdings when third-party data is periodically updated.

➤ ***What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?***

The Sub-Investment Adviser will:

- Apply screens so that the Fund does not invest in issuers that are in breach of the UNGC Principles (which cover matters including human rights, labour, corruption, and environmental pollution).
- JHI leverages a proprietary ESG framework, utilising both third party data and proprietary insights, that incorporates at least 20 metrics across environmental, social, and governance factors to produce country-level ESG ratings ranging from AAA to CCC. To encourage the adoption of better environmental and/or social practices the Fund will only invest in sovereign issuers rated B or higher.
- Leverage a proprietary ESG framework, utilising both third party data and proprietary insights, to categorise corporate credit issuers against six ratings from "Category 1" (the highest) to "Category 6" (the lowest). To encourage the adoption of better environmental and/or social practices the Fund will only



The investment strategy guides investment decisions based on factors such as investment objectives and risk tolerance.

invest in the top 5 of 6 category ratings, i.e. it will not invest in "Category 6" (the lowest) rated issuers as such issuers have been evaluated as having insufficient management of sustainability risks. The category ratings reflect the Sub-Investment Adviser's view of the most relevant level of ESG risk for most companies within the sector and can help inform portfolio construction in terms of exposure to a certain sector.

- Leverage a proprietary ESG framework, utilising both third party data and proprietary insights, to categorise issuers of agency mortgage backed securities against six ratings from "Category 1" (the highest) to "Category 6" (the lowest). To encourage the adoption of better environmental and/or social practices the Fund will only invest in the top 5 of 6 category ratings, i.e. it will not invest in "Category 6" (the lowest) rated issuers as such issuers have been evaluated as having insufficient management of sustainability risks. The category ratings reflect the Sub-Investment Adviser's view of the most relevant level of ESG risk for most companies within the sector and can help inform portfolio construction in terms of exposure to a certain sector.
- Apply screens to exclude investment in issuers if they derive more than 10% of their revenue from tobacco, or adult entertainment.
- Apply screens to exclude investment in issuers if they derive more than 10% of their revenues from oil sands extraction, arctic oil and gas, thermal coal extraction.

The Fund also applies the Firmwide Exclusions Policy, which includes controversial weapons, as detailed under the Prospectus section entitled "Investment Restrictions" in the Prospectus.

The Sub-Investment Adviser may include positions in the Fund that, based on third-party data or screens, appear to fail the above criteria, where the Sub-Investment Adviser believes that the third-party data is insufficient or inaccurate.

For the purposes of the AMF doctrine, the extra-financial analysis or rating is higher than:

- a. 90% for equities issued by large capitalisation companies whose registered office is located in "developed" countries, debt securities and money market instruments with an investment grade credit rating, sovereign debt issued by developed countries;
- b. 75% for equities issued by large capitalisations whose registered office is located in "emerging" countries, equities issued by small and medium capitalisations, debt securities and money market instruments with a high yield credit rating and sovereign debt issued by "emerging" countries.

Investors should note that a specific index is not designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether the Fund is aligned with the environmental characteristics promoted. The Investment Adviser uses specific screens to help achieve some of the promoted characteristics.

- ***What is the committed minimum rate to reduce the scope of the investments considered prior to the application of that investment strategy***

There is no committed minimum rate.

- ***What is the policy to assess good governance practices of the investee companies?***

The companies in which investments are made are assessed by the Sub-Investment Adviser to follow good governance practices.

The good governance practices of investee companies are assessed prior to making an investment and periodically thereafter in accordance with the Sustainability Risk Policy ("Policy").

The Policy sets minimum standards against which investee companies will be assessed and monitored by the Sub-Investment Adviser prior to making an investment and on an ongoing basis. Such standards may include, but are not limited to: sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance. The Policy can be found at www.janushenderson.com/esg-governance.

Good governance practices include sound management structures, employee relations, remuneration of staff and tax compliance.

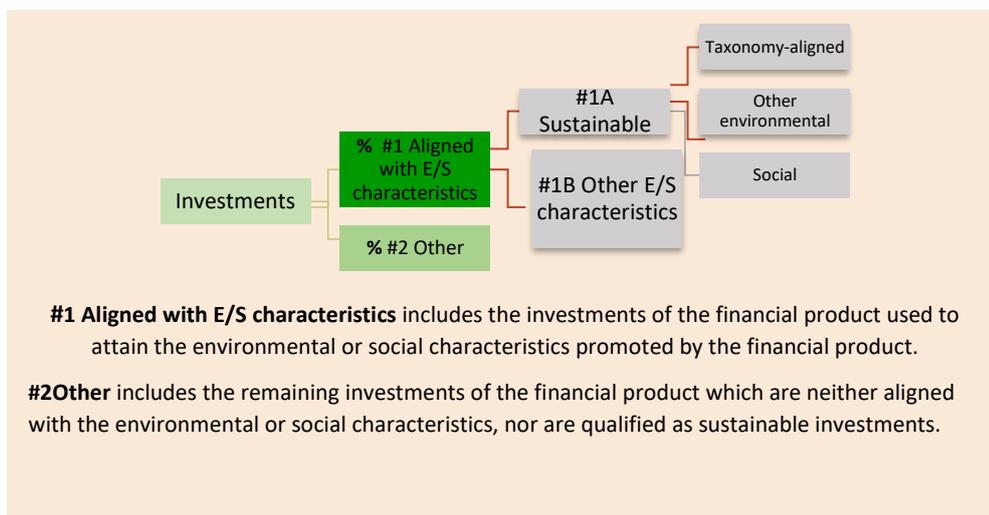
In addition, the Sub-Investment Adviser is a signatory to the UN Principles for Responsible Investment (UNPRI). As a signatory, the good governance practices of investee companies are also assessed by having regard to the UNPRI principles prior to making an investment and periodically thereafter.

What is the asset allocation planned for this financial product?

A minimum of 80% of the investments of the financial product are used to meet the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the Fund.

The remaining investments are used for hedging or relate to cash held as ancillary liquidity. Other assets, which are not used to meet the environmental or social characteristics, may include cash or cash equivalents, derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management, or derivatives for investment purposes other than those used to gain exposure to direct issuers and securitised assets other than agency mortgage backed securities.

Asset allocation describes the share of investments in specific assets.



● **How does the use of derivatives attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

To the extent permitted by the investment objective and policy, the Fund may use derivatives to gain exposure to issuers that remain in the investment universe following the application of the exclusionary criteria described in our response to the question, “What are the binding elements of the investment strategy used to select the investments to attain each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by this financial product?”.



To what minimum extent are sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

The proportion of investments in the Fund which are aligned with the Taxonomy is expected to be 0%. Although the EU Taxonomy provides an ambitious framework to determine the environmental sustainability of economic activities, the EU Taxonomy does not comprehensively cover all industries and sectors, or all environmental objectives. The Sub-Investment Adviser uses its own methodology to determine whether investments selected for the Fund are promoting environmental characteristics in accordance with the SFDR rules.

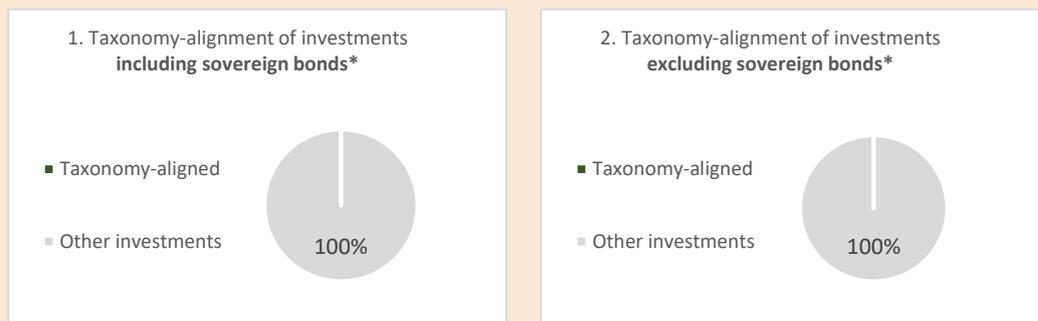
are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that **do not take into account the criteria** for environmentally sustainable economic activities under the EU Taxonomy.



Does the financial product invest in fossil gas and / or nuclear energy related activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy?

- Yes:
 - In fossil gas
 - In nuclear energy
- No

The two graphs below show in green the minimum percentage of investments that are aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the Taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.*



* For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

● **What is the minimum share of investments in transitional and enabling activities?**

Not applicable.



What is the minimum share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective that are not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Not applicable.



What is the minimum share of socially sustainable investments?

Not applicable.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- **turnover** reflecting the share of revenue from green activities of investee companies
- **capital expenditure** (CapEx) showing the green investments made by investee companies, e.g. for a transition to a green economy.
- **operational expenditure** (OpEx) reflecting green operational activities of investee companies.

Enabling activities directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an environmental objective.

Transitional activities are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels

Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.



What Investments are included under “#2 Other”, what is their purpose and are there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

Other assets, which are not used to meet the environmental or social characteristics, may include cash or cash equivalents, derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management, or derivatives for investment purposes other than those used to gain exposure to direct issuers and securitised assets other than agency mortgage backed securities. No minimum environmental or social safeguards are applied to such investments.



Is a specific index designated as a reference benchmark to determine whether this financial product is aligned with the environmental and/or social characteristics that it promotes?

Not applicable.

- **How is the reference benchmark continuously aligned with each of the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product?**

Not applicable.

- **How is the alignment of the investment strategy with the methodology of the index ensured on a continuous basis?**

Not applicable.

- **How does the designated index differ from a relevant broad market index?**

Not applicable.

- **Where can the methodology used for the calculation of the designated index be found?**

Not applicable.

Where can I find more product specific information online?

More product-specific information can be found at <https://www.janushenderson.com/en-ie/advisor/eu-sfdr-us-short-term-bond-fund/>.

Further information as to how Janus Henderson approach ESG, including Janus Henderson’s “ESG Investment Policy”, can be found at www.janushenderson.com/esg-governance.



