

# Janus Henderson VIT Flexible Bond Portfolio (formerly named Janus Aspen Flexible Bond Portfolio)

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Janus Aspen Series

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Portfolio management perspective
- Investment strategy behind your portfolio
- Portfolio performance, characteristics and holdings

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## PORTFOLIO SNAPSHOT

This dynamic core bond portfolio leverages a bottom-up, fundamentally driven investment process designed to generate risk-adjusted outperformance and capital preservation. Throughout its history, the portfolio has utilized an active and flexible approach to manage across a variety of market and rate cycles.



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## PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW

During the 12-month period ended December 31, 2017, Janus Henderson VIT Flexible Bond Portfolio's Institutional Shares and Service Shares returned 3.62% and 3.35%, respectively, compared with 3.54% for the Portfolio's benchmark, the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index.

## INVESTMENT ENVIRONMENT

The period began with optimism that the Trump administration's pro-growth fiscal platform would spur economic expansion and corporate credit started the year off strong. Washington's general lack of reform progress and escalating tensions between the U.S. and North Korea brought on brief hesitation, but positive earnings data, strengthening fundamentals and an upward trajectory in global growth ultimately helped corporate credit continue gaining ground. Late in the period, the passage of tax reform and optimism around its potential to provide tailwinds for the U.S. economy helped investment-grade corporate credit spreads reach post-crisis tight, concluding another year of strong returns. Spreads on high-yield corporate credit also tightened.

The Federal Reserve (Fed) raised its benchmark rate three times throughout the year and began normalizing its balance sheet late in the period. Investors' view that the Fed's measured pace to monetary policy normalization would continue was reinforced by the nomination of Jerome Powell for the next Fed chairman. The Treasury curve flattened over the year. Fed-driven volatility pushed shorter-dated yields higher, the 10-year note ended 2017 near where it began, and the yield on the 30-year bond fell amid investors' reach for yield. The 10-year Treasury note yield closed December at 2.41%, compared with 2.44% one year ago.

## PERFORMANCE DISCUSSION

For the year ending December 31, 2017, the Fund's Institutional shares outperformed the Bloomberg Barclays

U.S. Aggregate Bond Index while the Fund's Service Shares underperformed the benchmark.

We spent the year emphasizing corporate issuers in traditionally defensive sectors, issuers with higher-quality business models, consistent free cash flow and management teams committed to sound balance sheets. We have been particularly concerned with the general complacency prevalent across markets, wary that any shift in sentiment would likely come with increased volatility. We are also mindful of how far spreads have tightened amid the extended innings of the credit cycle. While we are more constructive on both the economic outlook and corporate earnings growth in 2018, it is difficult to say how much optimism markets are already pricing in. Further, we anticipate spread tightening will be limited in the months ahead and carry (a measure of excess income) the primary driver of returns. As such, we continue to emphasize managing idiosyncratic risk and maintaining a diversified portfolio.

We reduced exposure to sectors we believe are exhibiting poor fundamentals, including independent energy and retailers. We increased our allocations to banking and aerospace and defense issuers. Our corporate credit allocation, including bank loans, ended December at 51%, compared with 47% one year ago. Our exposure to U.S. Treasury securities remains near the low end of our historical range. While we anticipate the Fed's path to both rate and balance sheet normalization to remain gradual, moderately higher yields are likely. In light of our cautious stance on rates, we lowered duration in the latter half of the period, ending December at 91% of the benchmark.

Our positioning in Treasury securities was the leading contributor to relative outperformance. We remain biased to the 30-year bond to help balance our corporate credit exposure. This positioning aided performance as long-term yields rallied. With yields rising across the front end

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of the Treasury curve, our significant underweight allocation to Treasuries further supported results.

Our corporate credit allocation was also accretive. As spreads tightened, our overweight allocation to investment-grade corporates contributed positively to relative outperformance. Our emphasis on owning securities in the lowest tier of investment-grade ratings was particularly beneficial, as “riskier” assets generally performed well during the period. For similar reasons, our out-of-index allocation to high yield was another leading contributor. Our focus on securities that can provide greater spread carry than the index supported results in both investment grade and high yield. However, our limited exposure to the duration of longer-dated corporate credit held back performance, while many benchmark constituents benefited from the decline in long-term rates.

At the credit sector level, banking and brokerage, asset managers and exchanges were among the largest relative contributors. Financials generally performed well throughout the period, benefiting from improved fundamentals, rising interest rates – which help pad net interest income – and the prospect of a more relaxed regulatory environment under the Trump administration. Security selection and our overweight allocations in both sectors aided relative results. At the individual issuer level, Neuberger Berman contributed positively to performance. The asset manager benefited from increased liquidity after the company issued a bond early in 2017. Although we continue to like the company's conservative management team and its commitment to reducing leverage, our target valuation was realized and we trimmed our position.

Financial services company Raymond James was another leading corporate credit contributor. Raymond James received credit ratings upgrades by both Standard & Poor's and Moody's over the period, creating positive investor sentiment. Further, the company continues to demonstrate its ability to attract advisors and assets and to strengthen its business for the long term. We like the stability of the company's business model and appreciate the management team's conservative approach to the balance sheet.

Electric utilities led relative sector detractors; our limited exposure to longer-dated securities held back results. We shifted our positioning in independent energy to end the period underweight, which was a factor in that sector detracting from relative performance. Energy-related

issuers generally benefited from climbing oil prices in the latter half of the year.

Broadcom was the leading corporate credit detractor on a relative basis. Our overweight position weighed on results as the semiconductor company made an unexpected bid for Qualcomm late in the period. Spreads widened under the assumption that much of the acquisition would be financed with debt. We believe the diversification will ultimately be positive for Broadcom. We also appreciate management's commitment to investment-grade ratings and the company's track record of rapid deleveraging after prior acquisitions.

At the asset class level, our out-of-index allocation to bank loans failed to keep pace with corporate bonds and weighed on relative results. Also detracting was our exposure to U.S. mortgage-backed securities, which lagged the performance of index constituents. Negligible exposure to government-related debt also held back performance. Government-related securities include government agency debt as well as debt issued by state-owned firms, including many emerging market issuers. Emerging markets generally performed well amid investors' risk-on appetite during the period.

### OUTLOOK

We anticipate growth will remain firm and inflation subdued in 2018. The Fed will likely raise interest rates two to three times as a result. We expect range-bound but moderately higher Treasury yields and a flatter curve. The front end of the curve should rise as the Fed hikes, while a cautious Fed, investors' demand for yield and growth without inflation should push long-term yields lower. However, we are mindful that a more aggressive than expected tightening path could result in policy error, an inverted Treasury curve and dramatic disruption in the rate market. We intend to maintain duration modestly below that of the benchmark, but we will continue in our tactical approach to yield curve positioning with a focus on capital preservation.

While both the economic and corporate earnings outlooks remain constructive and supported by tax reform, we expect a lower return environment for corporate credit in 2018 compared with the previous two calendar years. Spread tightening will be moderate, in our view, and carry will be the primary driver of returns. Given rich valuations and the asymmetric risk profile of credit investing, security avoidance will be critical. We remain committed to managing idiosyncratic risk in the Fund and seeking higher-quality business models with consistent free cash

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flow and management teams committed to sound balance sheets. These issuers should offer steady carry and minimize downside risk in various market environments.

As we balance a constructive fundamental outlook with the current valuation environment, we remain opportunistic, seeking to identify and capitalize on spread movements that create the potential for attractive returns. In particular, we expect U.S. tax reform and disruptive industry trends – such as the Amazon effect – to be potential generators of opportunities. As always, our goal is to participate in spread tightening while keeping capital preservation and strong risk-adjusted returns at the forefront.

Thank you for your investment in the Janus Henderson VIT Flexible Bond Portfolio.

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## Portfolio At A Glance

### December 31, 2017

#### Fund Profile

	Without Reimbursement	With Reimbursement
<b>30-day Current Yield*</b>		
Institutional Shares	2.25%	2.25%
Service Shares	1.99%	1.99%
<b>Weighted Average Maturity</b>		7.6 Years
<b>Average Effective Duration**</b>		5.4 Years

\* Yield will fluctuate.

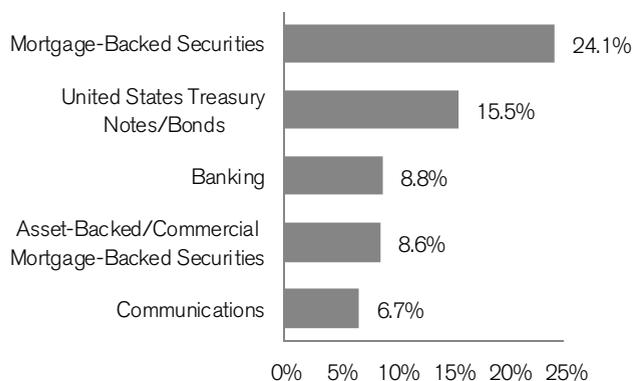
\*\* A theoretical measure of price volatility.

#### Ratings† Summary - (% of Total Investments)

AAA	1.1%
AA	40.8%
A	7.9%
BBB	37.1%
BB	7.7%
B	1.9%
Not Rated	3.1%
Other	0.4%

† Credit ratings provided by Standard & Poor's (S&P), an independent credit rating agency. Credit ratings range from AAA (highest) to D (lowest) based on S&P's measures. Further information on S&P's rating methodology may be found at [www.standardandpoors.com](http://www.standardandpoors.com). Other rating agencies may rate the same securities differently. Ratings are relative and subjective and are not absolute standards of quality. Credit quality does not remove market risk and is subject to change. "Not Rated" securities are not rated by S&P, but may be rated by other rating agencies and do not necessarily indicate low quality. "Other" includes cash equivalents, equity securities, and certain derivative instruments.

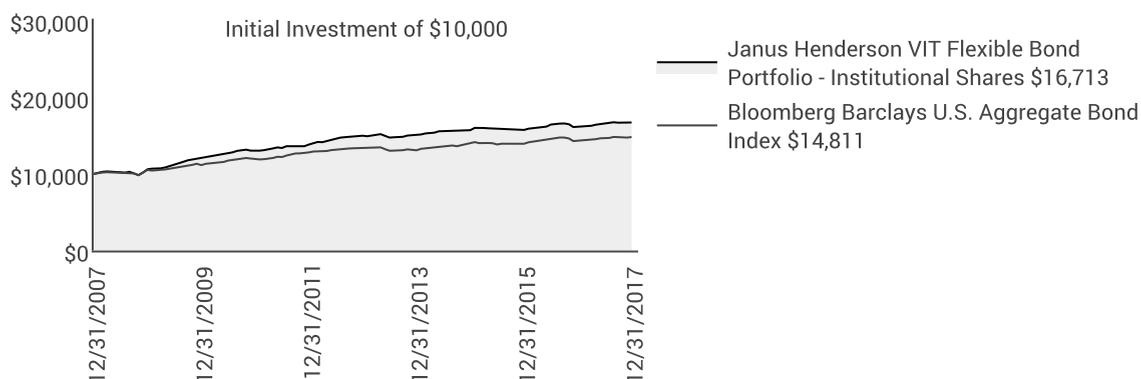
#### Significant Areas of Investment - (% of Net Assets)



#### Asset Allocation - (% of Net Assets)

Corporate Bonds	46.9%
Mortgage-Backed Securities	24.1%
United States Treasury Notes/Bonds	15.5%
Asset-Backed/Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities	8.6%
Investment Companies	6.5%
Bank Loans and Mezzanine Loans	3.9%
Other	(5.5)%
	100.0%

# Janus Henderson VIT Flexible Bond Portfolio (unaudited) Performance



Average Annual Total Return - for the periods ended December 31, 2017	Expense Ratios - per the May 1, 2017 prospectuses			
	One Year	Five Year	Ten Year	Since Inception*
Institutional Shares	3.62%	2.20%	5.27%	6.34%
Service Shares	3.35%	1.96%	5.01%	6.11%
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	3.54%	2.10%	4.01%	5.22%
Morningstar Quartile - Institutional Shares	3rd	2nd	1st	1st
Morningstar Ranking - based on total returns for Intermediate-Term Bond Funds	554/1,025	385/919	57/807	7/378
	Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses			
	0.60%			
	0.84%			

Returns quoted are past performance and do not guarantee future results; current performance may be lower or higher. Investment returns and principal value will vary; there may be a gain or loss when shares are sold. For the most recent month-end performance call 800.668.0434 or visit [janushenderson.com/VITperformance](http://janushenderson.com/VITperformance).

Performance may be affected by risks that include those associated with non-diversification, portfolio turnover, short sales, potential conflicts of interest, foreign and emerging markets, initial public offerings (IPOs), high-yield and high-risk securities, undervalued, overlooked and smaller capitalization companies, real estate related securities including Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs), derivatives, and commodity-linked investments. Each product has different risks. Please see the prospectus for more information about risks, holdings and other details.

The Portfolio will normally invest at least 80% of its net assets, measured at the time of purchase, in the type of securities described by its name.

Returns shown do not represent actual returns since they do not include insurance charges. Returns shown would have been lower had they included insurance charges.

Returns include reinvestment of all dividends and distributions and do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Portfolio distributions or redemptions of Portfolio shares. The returns do not include adjustments in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles required at the period end for financial reporting purposes.

See Financial Highlights for actual expense ratios during the reporting period.

Performance for Service Shares prior to December 31, 1999 reflects the performance of Institutional Shares, adjusted to reflect the expenses of Service Shares.

Ranking is for the share class shown only; other classes may have different performance characteristics. When an expense waiver is in effect, it may have a material effect on the total return, and therefore the ranking for the period.

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## **Janus Henderson VIT Flexible Bond Portfolio (unaudited) Performance**

See Notes to Schedule of Investments and Other Information for index definitions.

Index performance does not reflect the expenses of managing a portfolio as an index is unmanaged and not available for direct investment.

See "Useful Information About Your Portfolio Report."

\*The Portfolio's inception date – September 13, 1993

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## Expense Examples

As a shareholder of the Portfolio, you incur two types of costs: (1) transaction costs and (2) ongoing costs, including management fees; 12b-1 distribution and shareholder servicing fees (applicable to Service Shares only); transfer agent fees and expenses payable pursuant to the Transfer Agency Agreement; and other Portfolio expenses. This example is intended to help you understand your ongoing costs (in dollars) of investing in the Portfolio and to compare these costs with the ongoing costs of investing in other mutual funds. To do so, compare this 5% hypothetical example with the 5% hypothetical examples that appear in the shareholder reports of the other funds. The example is based upon an investment of \$1,000 invested at the beginning of the period and held for the six-months indicated, unless noted otherwise in the table and footnotes below.

### Actual Expenses

The information in the table under the heading "Actual" provides information about actual account values and actual expenses. You may use the information in these columns, together with the amount you invested, to estimate the expenses that you paid over the period. Simply divide your account value by \$1,000 (for example, an \$8,600 account value divided by \$1,000 = 8.6), then multiply the result by the number in the appropriate column for your share class under the heading entitled "Expenses Paid During Period" to estimate the expenses you paid on your account during the period.

### Hypothetical Example for Comparison Purposes

The information in the table under the heading "Hypothetical (5% return before expenses)" provides information about hypothetical account values and hypothetical expenses based upon the Portfolio's actual expense ratio and an assumed rate of return of 5% per year before expenses, which is not the Portfolio's actual return. The hypothetical account values and expenses may not be used to estimate the actual ending account balance or expenses you paid for the period. You may use this information to compare the ongoing costs of investing in the Portfolio and other funds. To do so, compare this 5% hypothetical example with the 5% hypothetical examples that appear in the shareholder reports of the other funds. Additionally, for an analysis of the fees associated with an investment in either share class or other similar funds, please visit [www.finra.org/fundanalyzer](http://www.finra.org/fundanalyzer).

Please note that the expenses shown in the table are meant to highlight your ongoing costs only and do not reflect any transaction costs, such as any charges at the separate account level or contract level. These fees are fully described in the Portfolio's prospectuses. Therefore, the hypothetical examples are useful in comparing ongoing costs only, and will not help you determine the relative total costs of owning different funds. In addition, if these transaction costs were included, your costs would have been higher.

	Actual			Hypothetical (5% return before expenses)			Net Annualized Expense Ratio (7/1/17 - 12/31/17)
	Beginning Account Value (7/1/17)	Ending Account Value (12/31/17)	Expenses Paid During Period (7/1/17 - 12/31/17)†	Beginning Account Value (7/1/17)	Ending Account Value (12/31/17)	Expenses Paid During Period (7/1/17 - 12/31/17)†	
Institutional Shares	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$3.02	\$1,000.00	\$1,022.18	\$3.06	0.60%
Service Shares	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$4.28	\$1,000.00	\$1,020.92	\$4.33	0.85%

† Expenses Paid During Period are equal to the Net Annualized Expense Ratio multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by 184/365 (to reflect the one-half year period). Expenses in the examples include the effect of applicable fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements, if any. Had such waivers and/or reimbursements not been in effect, your expenses would have been higher. Please refer to the Notes to Financial Statements or the Portfolio's prospectuses for more information regarding waivers and/or reimbursements.

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## Schedule of Investments

### December 31, 2017

	Shares or Principal Amounts	Value
Asset-Backed/Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities – 8.6%		
AmeriCredit Automobile Receivables 2016-1, 3.5900%, 2/8/22	\$1,259,000	\$1,279,228
AmeriCredit Automobile Receivables Trust 2015-2, 3.0000%, 6/8/21	870,000	878,646
AmeriCredit Automobile Receivables Trust 2016-2, 3.6500%, 5/9/22	851,000	865,661
Applebee's Funding LLC / IHOP Funding LLC, 4.2770%, 9/5/44 (144A)	2,726,168	2,652,219
BAMLL Commercial Mortgage Securities Trust 2013-WBRK, 3.5343%, 3/10/37 (144A) <sup>†</sup>	1,145,000	1,163,500
BAMLL Commercial Mortgage Securities Trust 2014-FL1, ICE LIBOR USD 1 Month + 4.0000%, 5.4770%, 12/15/31 (144A)	130,000	126,528
BAMLL Commercial Mortgage Securities Trust 2014-FL1, ICE LIBOR USD 1 Month + 5.5000%, 6.9770%, 12/15/31 (144A)	517,188	491,768
BBCMS Trust 2015-SRCH, 4.1970%, 8/10/35 (144A)	1,338,000	1,442,787
BXP Trust 2017-GM, 3.3790%, 6/13/39 (144A)	644,000	657,483
Caesars Palace Las Vegas Trust 2017-VICI, 4.1384%, 10/15/34 (144A)	984,000	1,010,589
Caesars Palace Las Vegas Trust 2017-VICI, 4.3540%, 10/15/34 (144A) <sup>‡</sup>	1,239,000	1,202,999
Caesars Palace Las Vegas Trust 2017-VICI, 4.3540%, 10/15/34 (144A) <sup>‡</sup>	906,000	924,416
CGMS Commercial Mortgage Trust 2017-MDDR, ICE LIBOR USD 1 Month + 1.7500%, 3.2270%, 7/15/30 (144A)	550,000	550,231
CGMS Commercial Mortgage Trust 2017-MDDR, ICE LIBOR USD 1 Month + 2.5000%, 3.9770%, 7/15/30 (144A)	379,000	379,156
CKE Restaurant Holdings Inc, 4.4740%, 3/20/43 (144A)	1,727,285	1,730,661
Coinstar Funding LLC Series 2017-1, 5.2160%, 4/25/47 (144A)	501,480	520,683
DB Master Finance LLC, 3.6290%, 11/20/47 (144A)	516,000	519,364
DB Master Finance LLC, 4.0300%, 11/20/47 (144A)	608,000	621,133
Domino's Pizza Master Issuer LLC, 3.4840%, 10/25/45 (144A)	2,274,365	2,282,280
Domino's Pizza Master Issuer LLC, 3.0820%, 7/25/47 (144A)	292,268	289,058
Domino's Pizza Master Issuer LLC, 4.1180%, 7/25/47 (144A)	1,478,295	1,510,344
Fannie Mae Connecticut Avenue Securities, ICE LIBOR USD 1 Month + 3.0000%, 4.5521%, 7/25/24	1,652,566	1,766,437
Fannie Mae Connecticut Avenue Securities, ICE LIBOR USD 1 Month + 4.9000%, 6.4521%, 11/25/24	914,108	1,045,885
Fannie Mae Connecticut Avenue Securities, ICE LIBOR USD 1 Month + 4.0000%, 5.5521%, 5/25/25	360,233	391,398
Freddie Mac Structured Agency Credit Risk Debt Notes, ICE LIBOR USD 1 Month + 4.5000%, 6.0521%, 2/25/24	2,111,000	2,465,970
Freddie Mac Structured Agency Credit Risk Debt Notes, ICE LIBOR USD 1 Month + 3.6000%, 5.1521%, 4/25/24	1,615,525	1,802,242
FREMF 2010 K-SCT Mortgage Trust, 2.0000%, 1/25/20 (144A) <sup>§</sup>	1,280,755	1,203,249
GS Mortgage Securities Corp II, 3.5911%, 9/10/37 (144A) <sup>†</sup>	841,000	856,450
GS Mortgage Securities Trust 2014-GSFL, ICE LIBOR USD 1 Month + 5.9500%, 7.4270%, 7/15/31 (144A)	633,000	634,808
GSCCRE Commercial Mortgage Trust 2015-HULA, ICE LIBOR USD 1 Month + 4.4000%, 5.8770%, 8/15/32 (144A)	1,079,000	1,082,387
Houston Galleria Mall Trust 2015-HGLR, 3.0866%, 3/5/37 (144A)	465,000	460,303
Jimmy Johns Funding LLC, 4.8460%, 7/30/47 (144A)	1,083,285	1,085,181
JP Morgan Chase Commercial Mortgage Securities Trust 2010-C2, 5.6616%, 11/15/43 (144A) <sup>†</sup>	607,000	608,563
JP Morgan Chase Commercial Mortgage Securities Trust 2015-UES, 3.6210%, 9/5/32 (144A) <sup>†</sup>	768,000	765,996
JP Morgan Chase Commercial Mortgage Securities Trust 2016-WIKI, 3.5537%, 10/5/31 (144A)	261,000	262,476
JP Morgan Chase Commercial Mortgage Securities Trust 2016-WIKI, 4.0090%, 10/5/31 (144A) <sup>†</sup>	400,000	401,835
LB-UBS Commercial Mortgage Trust 2006-C1, 5.2760%, 2/15/41 <sup>‡</sup>	1,143	1,144
LB-UBS Commercial Mortgage Trust 2008-C1, 6.3193%, 4/15/41 <sup>‡</sup>	744,000	739,278
loanDepot Station Place Agency Securitization Trust 2017-1, ICE LIBOR USD 1 Month + 0.8000%, 2.3521%, 11/25/50 (144A) <sup>§</sup>	1,657,000	1,657,000
loanDepot Station Place Agency Securitization Trust 2017-1, ICE LIBOR USD 1 Month + 1.0000%, 2.5521%, 11/25/50 (144A) <sup>§</sup>	414,000	414,000
MAD Mortgage Trust 2017-330M, 3.2944%, 8/15/34 (144A) <sup>†</sup>	486,000	488,881
MSSG Trust 2017-237P, 3.3970%, 9/13/39 (144A)	1,092,000	1,105,604

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Asset-Backed/Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities – (continued)		
MSSG Trust 2017-237P, 3.6900%, 9/13/39 (144A)	\$192,000	\$194,139
OSCAR US Funding Trust V, 2.7300%, 12/15/20 (144A)	450,000	449,166
OSCAR US Funding Trust V, 2.9900%, 12/15/23 (144A)	552,000	549,713
Santander Drive Auto Receivables Trust 2013-4, 4.6700%, 1/15/20 (144A)	1,293,000	1,295,759
Santander Drive Auto Receivables Trust 2013-A, 4.7100%, 1/15/21 (144A)	866,000	871,875
Santander Drive Auto Receivables Trust 2015-1, 3.2400%, 4/15/21	892,000	901,311
Santander Drive Auto Receivables Trust 2015-4, 3.5300%, 8/16/21	1,477,000	1,502,430
Shops at Crystals Trust 2016-CSTL, 3.1255%, 7/5/36 (144A)	820,000	805,592
Starwood Retail Property Trust 2014-STAR, ICE LIBOR USD 1 Month + 3.2500%, 4.7270%, 11/15/27 (144A)	1,350,000	1,277,422
Starwood Retail Property Trust 2014-STAR, ICE LIBOR USD 1 Month + 4.1500%, 5.6270%, 11/15/27 (144A)	662,000	610,232
Station Place Securitization Trust 2017-3, ICE LIBOR USD 1 Month + 1.0000%, 2.2942%, 7/24/18 (144A) <sup>§</sup>	1,899,000	1,899,315
Taco Bell Funding LLC, 3.8320%, 5/25/46 (144A)	1,653,075	1,675,507
Wachovia Bank Commercial Mortgage Trust Series 2007-C30, 5.4130%, 12/15/43 <sup>†</sup>	764,790	780,116
Wachovia Bank Commercial Mortgage Trust Series 2007-C31, 5.6600%, 4/15/47 <sup>‡</sup>	1,191,092	1,209,304
Wachovia Bank Commercial Mortgage Trust Series 2007-C34, 6.0841%, 5/15/46 <sup>‡</sup>	543,127	556,940
Wendys Funding LLC 2015-1, 3.3710%, 6/15/45 (144A)	2,753,618	2,760,997
Wendys Funding LLC 2018-1, 3.5730%, 3/15/48 (144A)	477,000	476,851
Wendys Funding LLC 2018-1, 3.8840%, 3/15/48 (144A)	678,000	678,477
Worldwide Plaza Trust 2017-WWP, 3.5263%, 11/10/36 (144A)	748,000	767,980
<b>Total Asset-Backed/Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities (cost \$59,644,822)</b>		<b>59,600,947</b>
Bank Loans and Mezzanine Loans – 3.9%		
Banking – 0%		
Vantiv LLC, ICE LIBOR USD + 2.0000%, 3.4770%, 8/9/24	286,000	287,310
Vantiv LLC, ICE LIBOR USD + 2.0000%, 0%, 3/31/25	80,000	80,334
		367,644
Basic Industry – 0.5%		
Axalta Coating Systems US Holdings Inc, ICE LIBOR USD + 2.0000%, 3.6934%, 6/1/24	3,427,060	3,437,924
Capital Goods – 0.4%		
Reynolds Group Holdings Inc, ICE LIBOR USD + 2.7500%, 4.0998%, 2/5/23	2,525,865	2,536,347
Communications – 0.9%		
Mission Broadcasting Inc, ICE LIBOR USD + 2.5000%, 3.8607%, 1/17/24	154,242	154,572
Nexstar Broadcasting Inc, ICE LIBOR USD + 2.5000%, 3.8607%, 1/17/24	1,221,421	1,224,034
Nielsen Finance LLC, ICE LIBOR USD + 2.0000%, 3.4319%, 10/4/23	1,843,944	1,850,859
Sinclair Television Group Inc, ICE LIBOR USD + 2.5000%, 0%, 12/12/24 <sup>(a)</sup>	1,418,000	1,415,348
Zayo Group LLC, ICE LIBOR USD + 2.0000%, 3.5521%, 1/19/21	140,935	141,237
Zayo Group LLC, ICE LIBOR USD + 2.2500%, 3.8021%, 1/19/24	1,298,372	1,302,332
		6,088,382
Consumer Cyclical – 1.6%		
Aramark Services Inc, ICE LIBOR USD + 2.0000%, 3.5690%, 3/28/24	1,458,183	1,465,926
Golden Nugget Inc/NV, ICE LIBOR USD + 3.2500%, 4.7699%, 10/4/23	1,926,110	1,939,361
Hilton Worldwide Finance LLC, ICE LIBOR USD + 2.0000%, 3.5521%, 10/25/23	4,195,702	4,215,087
KFC Holding Co, ICE LIBOR USD + 2.0000%, 3.4908%, 6/16/23	3,878,466	3,898,672
		11,519,046
Consumer Non-Cyclical – 0.2%		
Post Holdings Inc, ICE LIBOR USD + 2.2500%, 3.8200%, 5/24/24	394,020	395,218
Quintiles IMS Inc, ICE LIBOR USD + 2.0000%, 3.6934%, 3/7/24	769,751	772,499
		1,167,717
Technology – 0.3%		
CommScope Inc, ICE LIBOR USD + 2.5000%, 3.3833%, 12/29/22	1,944,163	1,953,067
<b>Total Bank Loans and Mezzanine Loans (cost \$27,075,601)</b>		<b>27,070,127</b>
Corporate Bonds – 46.9%		
Asset-Backed Securities – 0.3%		
American Tower Trust #1, 1.5510%, 3/15/18 (144A)	1,927,000	1,924,386

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Corporate Bonds – (continued)		
Banking – 8.8%		
Ally Financial Inc, 3.2500%, 11/5/18	\$877,000	\$879,192
Ally Financial Inc, 8.0000%, 12/31/18	464,000	486,040
Bank of America Corp, 2.5030%, 10/21/22†	3,476,000	3,438,547
Bank of America Corp, ICE LIBOR USD 3 Month + 1.0900%, 3.0930%, 10/1/25	832,000	829,901
Bank of America Corp, 4.1830%, 11/25/27	1,728,000	1,804,000
Bank of America Corp, ICE LIBOR USD 3 Month + 1.8140%, 4.2440%, 4/24/38	1,750,000	1,896,514
Bank of New York Mellon Corp, 2.4500%, 8/17/26	275,000	261,104
Bank of New York Mellon Corp, 3.2500%, 5/16/27	2,184,000	2,206,860
Capital One Financial Corp, 3.3000%, 10/30/24	2,641,000	2,630,835
Citigroup Inc, ICE LIBOR USD 3 Month + 1.4300%, 2.9106%, 9/1/23	1,955,000	2,012,326
Citigroup Inc, 3.2000%, 10/21/26	1,125,000	1,115,898
Citigroup Inc, ICE LIBOR USD 3 Month + 1.5630%, 3.8870%, 1/10/28†	2,824,000	2,922,255
Citizens Bank NA/Providence RI, 2.6500%, 5/26/22	699,000	692,520
Citizens Financial Group Inc, 3.7500%, 7/1/24	542,000	541,535
Citizens Financial Group Inc, 4.3500%, 8/1/25	377,000	392,043
Citizens Financial Group Inc, 4.3000%, 12/3/25	2,030,000	2,128,712
Discover Financial Services, 3.9500%, 11/6/24	1,364,000	1,393,011
Discover Financial Services, 3.7500%, 3/4/25	325,000	327,073
First Republic Bank/CA, 4.6250%, 2/13/47	693,000	740,471
Goldman Sachs Capital I, 6.3450%, 2/15/34	2,301,000	2,894,260
Goldman Sachs Group Inc, ICE LIBOR USD 3 Month + 1.2010%, 3.2720%, 9/29/25	2,151,000	2,141,842
Goldman Sachs Group Inc, 3.7500%, 2/25/26	574,000	588,829
Goldman Sachs Group Inc, 3.5000%, 11/16/26	2,876,000	2,892,108
JPMorgan Chase & Co, 2.2950%, 8/15/21	2,091,000	2,072,056
JPMorgan Chase & Co, 3.3750%, 5/1/23	2,863,000	2,909,698
JPMorgan Chase & Co, 3.8750%, 9/10/24	705,000	735,243
JPMorgan Chase & Co, ICE LIBOR USD 3 Month + 1.3370%, 3.7820%, 2/1/28	2,429,000	2,516,342
Morgan Stanley, ICE LIBOR USD 3 Month + 1.3400%, 3.5910%, 7/22/28†	3,137,000	3,164,936
Santander UK PLC, 5.0000%, 11/7/23 (144A)	2,141,000	2,287,785
SVB Financial Group, 5.3750%, 9/15/20	1,351,000	1,443,814
Synchrony Financial, 4.5000%, 7/23/25	1,906,000	1,991,323
Synchrony Financial, 3.7000%, 8/4/26	1,937,000	1,909,218
UBS AG, USD SWAP SEMI 30/360 5YR + 3.7650%, 4.7500%, 5/22/23	1,157,000	1,164,935
US Bancorp, 2.3750%, 7/22/26	1,964,000	1,848,631
Wells Fargo & Co, 3.0000%, 4/22/26	598,000	586,540
Wells Fargo & Co, 4.1000%, 6/3/26	1,778,000	1,863,962
Wells Fargo & Co, 4.3000%, 7/22/27	1,579,000	1,680,842
		61,391,201
Basic Industry – 2.2%		
CF Industries Inc, 4.5000%, 12/1/26 (144A)	1,418,000	1,477,742
Freeport-McMoRan Inc, 3.1000%, 3/15/20	502,000	498,863
Georgia-Pacific LLC, 3.1630%, 11/15/21 (144A)	2,599,000	2,645,072
Georgia-Pacific LLC, 3.6000%, 3/1/25 (144A)	1,040,000	1,068,593
Reliance Steel & Aluminum Co, 4.5000%, 4/15/23	1,383,000	1,457,610
Sherwin-Williams Co, 2.7500%, 6/1/22	516,000	513,932
Sherwin-Williams Co, 3.1250%, 6/1/24	589,000	592,120
Sherwin-Williams Co, 3.4500%, 6/1/27	1,673,000	1,699,272
Sherwin-Williams Co, 4.5000%, 6/1/47	433,000	472,979
Steel Dynamics Inc, 4.1250%, 9/15/25 (144A)	1,382,000	1,392,365
Steel Dynamics Inc, 5.0000%, 12/15/26	617,000	652,478
Teck Resources Ltd, 4.5000%, 1/15/21	545,000	562,004
Teck Resources Ltd, 4.7500%, 1/15/22	787,000	821,471
Teck Resources Ltd, 8.5000%, 6/1/24 (144A)	1,300,000	1,469,000
		15,323,501
Brokerage – 2.0%		
Cboe Global Markets Inc, 3.6500%, 1/12/27	1,771,000	1,823,581
Charles Schwab Corp, 3.0000%, 3/10/25	942,000	938,657
Charles Schwab Corp, 3.2000%, 1/25/28	1,003,000	1,004,266

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Brokerage – (continued)		
E*TRADE Financial Corp, 2.9500%, 8/24/22	\$1,655,000	\$1,640,813
E*TRADE Financial Corp, 3.8000%, 8/24/27	1,440,000	1,434,889
Lazard Group LLC, 4.2500%, 11/14/20	976,000	1,016,507
Neuberger Berman Group LLC / Neuberger Berman Finance Corp, 4.8750%, 4/15/45 (144A)	368,000	374,944
Raymond James Financial Inc, 5.6250%, 4/1/24	805,000	912,466
Raymond James Financial Inc, 3.6250%, 9/15/26	940,000	944,153
Raymond James Financial Inc, 4.9500%, 7/15/46	1,543,000	1,742,890
TD Ameritrade Holding Corp, 2.9500%, 4/1/22	942,000	953,170
TD Ameritrade Holding Corp, 3.6250%, 4/1/25	1,004,000	1,039,150
		13,825,486
Capital Goods – 2.7%		
Arconic Inc, 5.1250%, 10/1/24	1,983,000	2,116,521
Ardagh Packaging Finance PLC / Ardagh Holdings USA Inc, 4.2500%, 9/15/22 (144A)	253,000	257,428
Ball Corp, 4.3750%, 12/15/20	902,000	933,570
CNH Industrial Capital LLC, 3.6250%, 4/15/18	1,663,000	1,671,614
CRH America Finance Inc, 3.4000%, 5/9/27 (144A)	339,000	338,824
Eagle Materials Inc, 4.5000%, 8/1/26	124,000	129,270
Huntington Ingalls Industries Inc, 5.0000%, 11/15/25 (144A)	374,000	400,180
Martin Marietta Materials Inc, 4.2500%, 7/2/24	766,000	805,569
Northrop Grumman Corp, 2.5500%, 10/15/22	1,880,000	1,866,349
Northrop Grumman Corp, 2.9300%, 1/15/25	1,618,000	1,607,999
Northrop Grumman Corp, 3.2500%, 1/15/28	1,959,000	1,961,248
Northrop Grumman Corp, 4.0300%, 10/15/47	1,269,000	1,324,953
Owens Corning, 4.2000%, 12/1/24	814,000	852,616
Owens Corning, 3.4000%, 8/15/26	414,000	406,246
Rockwell Collins Inc, 3.2000%, 3/15/24	778,000	783,802
Rockwell Collins Inc, 3.5000%, 3/15/27	1,330,000	1,353,794
Vulcan Materials Co, 7.5000%, 6/15/21	569,000	658,394
Vulcan Materials Co, 4.5000%, 4/1/25	1,619,000	1,724,833
		19,193,210
Communications – 5.8%		
American Tower Corp, 3.3000%, 2/15/21	1,425,000	1,451,001
American Tower Corp, 3.4500%, 9/15/21	149,000	152,275
American Tower Corp, 3.5000%, 1/31/23	264,000	269,902
American Tower Corp, 4.4000%, 2/15/26	936,000	984,043
American Tower Corp, 3.3750%, 10/15/26	1,711,000	1,680,565
AT&T Inc, 3.4000%, 8/14/24	1,154,000	1,159,670
AT&T Inc, 4.2500%, 3/1/27	648,000	660,403
AT&T Inc, 3.9000%, 8/14/27	957,000	963,118
AT&T Inc, 4.1000%, 2/15/28 (144A)	1,557,000	1,561,688
AT&T Inc, 5.2500%, 3/1/37	503,000	531,629
AT&T Inc, 5.1500%, 2/14/50	713,000	716,557
AT&T Inc, 5.3000%, 8/14/58	1,476,000	1,479,476
CCO Holdings LLC / CCO Holdings Capital Corp, 5.2500%, 3/15/21	1,311,000	1,333,123
CCO Holdings LLC / CCO Holdings Capital Corp, 5.1250%, 5/1/27 (144A)	531,000	523,035
CCO Holdings LLC / CCO Holdings Capital Corp, 5.0000%, 2/1/28 (144A)	2,317,000	2,253,282
Charter Communications Operating LLC / Charter Communications Operating Capital, 4.9080%, 7/23/25	1,848,000	1,964,322
Charter Communications Operating LLC / Charter Communications Operating Capital, 3.7500%, 2/15/28	509,000	487,206
Charter Communications Operating LLC / Charter Communications Operating Capital, 4.2000%, 3/15/28	1,074,000	1,063,089
Charter Communications Operating LLC / Charter Communications Operating Capital, 5.3750%, 5/1/47	554,000	567,577
Comcast Corp, 2.3500%, 1/15/27	1,165,000	1,099,897
Comcast Corp, 3.3000%, 2/1/27	789,000	804,714
Comcast Corp, 3.4000%, 7/15/46	193,000	182,427

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Communications – (continued)		
Cox Communications Inc, 3.1500%, 8/15/24 (144A)	\$1,219,000	\$1,200,303
Cox Communications Inc, 3.3500%, 9/15/26 (144A)	1,893,000	1,849,416
Cox Communications Inc, 3.5000%, 8/15/27 (144A)	1,106,000	1,090,580
Crown Castle International Corp, 5.2500%, 1/15/23	1,178,000	1,289,670
Crown Castle International Corp, 3.2000%, 9/1/24	1,101,000	1,089,336
Crown Castle International Corp, 3.6500%, 9/1/27	1,968,000	1,962,598
Lamar Media Corp, 5.0000%, 5/1/23	739,000	761,170
NBCUniversal Media LLC, 4.4500%, 1/15/43	367,000	400,132
Time Warner Inc, 3.6000%, 7/15/25	1,062,000	1,064,127
UBM PLC, 5.7500%, 11/3/20 (144A)	1,526,000	1,584,281
Verizon Communications Inc, 2.6250%, 8/15/26†	3,796,000	3,574,410
Verizon Communications Inc, 4.1250%, 3/16/27	878,000	915,244
Verizon Communications Inc, 4.1250%, 8/15/46	1,306,000	1,205,401
Verizon Communications Inc, 4.8620%, 8/21/46	654,000	680,628
		40,556,295
Consumer Cyclical – 4.5%		
1011778 BC ULC / New Red Finance Inc, 4.6250%, 1/15/22 (144A)	1,841,000	1,884,724
1011778 BC ULC / New Red Finance Inc, 4.2500%, 5/15/24 (144A)	1,667,000	1,662,832
Amazon.com Inc, 2.8000%, 8/22/24 (144A)	811,000	808,349
Amazon.com Inc, 3.1500%, 8/22/27 (144A)	2,559,000	2,562,096
Amazon.com Inc, 4.0500%, 8/22/47 (144A)	961,000	1,034,677
CVS Health Corp, 2.8000%, 7/20/20	1,163,000	1,167,770
CVS Health Corp, 4.7500%, 12/1/22	717,000	767,901
DR Horton Inc, 3.7500%, 3/1/19	992,000	1,005,273
DR Horton Inc, 4.0000%, 2/15/20	238,000	244,803
General Motors Co, 4.8750%, 10/2/23	979,000	1,059,285
General Motors Co, 4.2000%, 10/1/27	1,168,000	1,208,487
General Motors Financial Co Inc, 3.1000%, 1/15/19	153,000	153,818
General Motors Financial Co Inc, 3.9500%, 4/13/24	1,783,000	1,835,201
IHO Verwaltungs GmbH, 4.1250%, 9/15/21 (144A)	376,000	382,580
IHO Verwaltungs GmbH, 4.5000%, 9/15/23 (144A)	242,000	246,690
IHS Markit Ltd, 5.0000%, 11/1/22 (144A)	888,000	962,770
IHS Markit Ltd, 4.7500%, 2/15/25 (144A)	1,078,000	1,137,290
IHS Markit Ltd, 4.0000%, 3/1/26 (144A)	1,841,000	1,838,699
McDonald's Corp, 3.5000%, 3/1/27	2,729,000	2,805,785
McDonald's Corp, 4.8750%, 12/9/45	931,000	1,077,557
MDC Holdings Inc, 5.5000%, 1/15/24	1,106,000	1,166,830
MGM Growth Properties Operating Partnership LP / MGP Finance Co-Issuer Inc, 5.6250%, 5/1/24	805,000	857,325
Priceline Group Inc, 3.6000%, 6/1/26	2,619,000	2,629,538
Tapestry Inc, 3.0000%, 7/15/22	546,000	544,001
Tapestry Inc, 4.1250%, 7/15/27	546,000	549,998
Toll Brothers Finance Corp, 4.0000%, 12/31/18	485,000	492,881
Toll Brothers Finance Corp, 5.8750%, 2/15/22	395,000	430,550
Toll Brothers Finance Corp, 4.3750%, 4/15/23	270,000	280,125
ZF North America Capital Inc, 4.5000%, 4/29/22 (144A)	272,000	285,600
		31,083,435
Consumer Non-Cyclical – 5.5%		
Abbott Laboratories, 3.8750%, 9/15/25	236,000	244,042
Abbott Laboratories, 3.7500%, 11/30/26	439,000	450,672
Anheuser-Busch InBev Finance Inc, 2.6500%, 2/1/21	499,000	501,460
Anheuser-Busch InBev Finance Inc, 3.3000%, 2/1/23	2,825,000	2,890,404
Becton Dickinson and Co, 2.8940%, 6/6/22	858,000	852,525
Becton Dickinson and Co, 3.3630%, 6/6/24	1,907,000	1,911,919
Becton Dickinson and Co, 3.7000%, 6/6/27	1,329,000	1,338,866
Celgene Corp, 2.7500%, 2/15/23	1,063,000	1,054,073
Constellation Brands Inc, 4.7500%, 12/1/25	206,000	226,267
Constellation Brands, Inc., 4.2500%, 5/1/23	1,833,000	1,938,774
Danone SA, 2.0770%, 11/2/21 (144A)	2,057,000	2,011,934

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Consumer Non-Cyclical – (continued)		
Danone SA, 2.5890%, 11/2/23 (144A)	\$957,000	\$933,120
Express Scripts Holding Co, 3.5000%, 6/15/24	693,000	698,987
Express Scripts Holding Co, 3.4000%, 3/1/27	780,000	765,205
HCA Inc, 3.7500%, 3/15/19	712,000	718,230
HCA Inc, 5.0000%, 3/15/24	1,102,000	1,146,080
HCA Inc, 5.2500%, 6/15/26	909,000	963,540
HCA Inc, 4.5000%, 2/15/27	1,064,000	1,069,320
Life Technologies Corp, 6.0000%, 3/1/20	1,195,000	1,278,918
LifePoint Health Inc, 5.5000%, 12/1/21	105,000	107,100
McCormick & Co Inc/MD, 3.1500%, 8/15/24	1,534,000	1,541,787
McCormick & Co Inc/MD, 3.4000%, 8/15/27	1,152,000	1,166,744
Molson Coors Brewing Co, 3.0000%, 7/15/26	2,486,000	2,432,580
Newell Brands Inc, 5.0000%, 11/15/23	829,000	874,920
Post Holdings Inc, 5.7500%, 3/1/27 (144A)	729,000	741,758
Post Holdings Inc, 5.6250%, 1/15/28 (144A)	354,000	355,328
Reckitt Benckiser Treasury Services PLC, 2.7500%, 6/26/24 (144A)	998,000	976,153
Shire Acquisitions Investments Ireland DAC, 2.4000%, 9/23/21	1,202,000	1,182,954
Shire Acquisitions Investments Ireland DAC, 3.2000%, 9/23/26	1,218,000	1,190,573
Sysco Corp, 2.5000%, 7/15/21	374,000	372,950
Sysco Corp, 3.3000%, 7/15/26	930,000	935,585
Sysco Corp, 3.2500%, 7/15/27	621,000	618,725
Universal Health Services Inc, 4.7500%, 8/1/22 (144A)	1,316,000	1,340,675
Wm Wrigley Jr Co, 2.4000%, 10/21/18 (144A)	2,016,000	2,021,633
Wm Wrigley Jr Co, 3.3750%, 10/21/20 (144A)	1,221,000	1,250,379
		38,104,180
Electric – 1.9%		
Dominion Energy Inc, 2.0000%, 8/15/21	216,000	211,052
Dominion Energy Inc, 2.8500%, 8/15/26	303,000	292,538
Duke Energy Corp, 1.8000%, 9/1/21	581,000	565,051
Duke Energy Corp, 2.4000%, 8/15/22	718,000	705,336
Duke Energy Corp, 2.6500%, 9/1/26	1,559,000	1,493,363
Duke Energy Corp, 3.1500%, 8/15/27	1,078,000	1,069,883
NextEra Energy Operating Partners LP, 4.2500%, 9/15/24 (144A)	247,000	251,323
NextEra Energy Operating Partners LP, 4.5000%, 9/15/27 (144A)	455,000	452,725
PPL Capital Funding Inc, 3.1000%, 5/15/26	1,799,000	1,760,273
PPL WEM Ltd / Western Power Distribution Ltd, 5.3750%, 5/1/21 (144A)	1,328,000	1,423,132
Southern Co, 2.3500%, 7/1/21	1,961,000	1,949,166
Southern Co, 2.9500%, 7/1/23	1,220,000	1,220,409
Southern Co, 3.2500%, 7/1/26	1,606,000	1,574,615
		12,968,866
Energy – 3.3%		
Andeavor Logistics LP / Tesoro Logistics Finance Corp, 5.2500%, 1/15/25	516,000	542,677
Canadian Natural Resources Ltd, 5.9000%, 2/1/18	593,000	595,056
Canadian Natural Resources Ltd, 2.9500%, 1/15/23	572,000	569,358
Cenovus Energy Inc, 5.7000%, 10/15/19	37,000	38,917
Columbia Pipeline Group Inc, 4.5000%, 6/1/25	633,000	673,829
ConocoPhillips Co, 4.9500%, 3/15/26	1,507,000	1,710,142
Enbridge Energy Partners LP, 5.8750%, 10/15/25	891,000	1,008,939
Energy Transfer Equity LP, 4.2500%, 3/15/23	896,000	889,280
Energy Transfer Equity LP, 5.8750%, 1/15/24	959,000	1,009,347
Energy Transfer LP, 4.1500%, 10/1/20	737,000	761,010
Kinder Morgan Energy Partners LP, 5.0000%, 10/1/21	688,000	733,236
Kinder Morgan Energy Partners LP, 3.9500%, 9/1/22	795,000	820,358
Kinder Morgan Inc/DE, 6.5000%, 9/15/20	79,000	86,376
Motiva Enterprises LLC, 5.7500%, 1/15/20 (144A)	634,000	669,539
NGPL PipeCo LLC, 4.3750%, 8/15/22 (144A)	211,000	214,561
NGPL PipeCo LLC, 4.8750%, 8/15/27 (144A)	538,000	558,175
NuStar Logistics LP, 5.6250%, 4/28/27	1,366,000	1,389,905
Oceaneering International Inc, 4.6500%, 11/15/24	822,000	799,569

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Energy – (continued)		
Phillips 66 Partners LP, 3.6050%, 2/15/25	\$906,000	\$912,593
Phillips 66 Partners LP, 3.7500%, 3/1/28	366,000	366,054
Phillips 66 Partners LP, 4.6800%, 2/15/45	325,000	333,534
Plains All American Pipeline LP / PAA Finance Corp, 4.6500%, 10/15/25	404,000	416,222
Plains All American Pipeline LP / PAA Finance Corp, 4.5000%, 12/15/26	391,000	396,252
Regency Energy Partners LP / Regency Energy Finance Corp, 5.8750%, 3/1/22	1,071,000	1,170,751
Sabine Pass Liquefaction LLC, 5.0000%, 3/15/27	1,758,000	1,885,977
TC PipeLines LP, 3.9000%, 5/25/27	1,192,000	1,197,619
Williams Cos Inc, 3.7000%, 1/15/23	482,000	479,590
Williams Partners LP, 3.7500%, 6/15/27	1,950,000	1,953,498
Williams Partners LP / ACPM Finance Corp, 4.8750%, 3/15/24	747,000	780,615
		22,962,979
Finance Companies – 0.6%		
Park Aerospace Holdings Ltd, 5.2500%, 8/15/22 (144A)	1,242,000	1,234,237
Park Aerospace Holdings Ltd, 5.5000%, 2/15/24 (144A)	1,521,000	1,509,592
Quicken Loans Inc, 5.2500%, 1/15/28 (144A)	1,715,000	1,693,048
		4,436,877
Financial Institutions – 1.2%		
Jones Lang LaSalle Inc, 4.4000%, 11/15/22	2,070,000	2,180,596
Kennedy-Wilson Inc, 5.8750%, 4/1/24	2,948,000	3,043,810
LeasePlan Corp NV, 2.5000%, 5/16/18 (144A)†	3,557,000	3,557,407
		8,781,813
Industrial – 0.1%		
Cintas Corp No 2, 4.3000%, 6/1/21	558,000	588,277
Insurance – 1.0%		
Aetna Inc, 2.8000%, 6/15/23	759,000	746,879
Centene Corp, 4.7500%, 5/15/22	110,000	114,125
Centene Corp, 6.1250%, 2/15/24	324,000	342,630
Centene Corp, 4.7500%, 1/15/25	454,000	461,945
UnitedHealth Group Inc, 2.3750%, 10/15/22	670,000	663,430
UnitedHealth Group Inc, 3.7500%, 7/15/25	1,083,000	1,141,233
UnitedHealth Group Inc, 3.1000%, 3/15/26	415,000	417,956
UnitedHealth Group Inc, 3.4500%, 1/15/27	274,000	283,362
UnitedHealth Group Inc, 3.3750%, 4/15/27	139,000	142,795
UnitedHealth Group Inc, 2.9500%, 10/15/27	1,295,000	1,290,821
WellCare Health Plans Inc, 5.2500%, 4/1/25	1,285,000	1,355,675
		6,960,851
Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) – 1.2%		
Alexandria Real Estate Equities Inc, 2.7500%, 1/15/20	415,000	416,727
Alexandria Real Estate Equities Inc, 4.6000%, 4/1/22	2,108,000	2,238,193
Alexandria Real Estate Equities Inc, 4.5000%, 7/30/29	950,000	1,006,707
Digital Realty Trust LP, 3.7000%, 8/15/27	645,000	649,502
Senior Housing Properties Trust, 6.7500%, 4/15/20	431,000	457,732
Senior Housing Properties Trust, 6.7500%, 12/15/21	504,000	557,659
SL Green Realty Corp, 5.0000%, 8/15/18	929,000	940,379
SL Green Realty Corp, 7.7500%, 3/15/20	1,654,000	1,819,787
		8,086,686
Technology – 5.6%		
Broadcom Corp / Broadcom Cayman Finance Ltd, 3.6250%, 1/15/24 (144A)	1,265,000	1,257,639
Broadcom Corp / Broadcom Cayman Finance Ltd, 3.8750%, 1/15/27 (144A)†	4,614,000	4,539,129
Cadence Design Systems Inc, 4.3750%, 10/15/24	2,614,000	2,772,672
Equifax Inc, 2.3000%, 6/1/21	441,000	430,419
Equifax Inc, 3.3000%, 12/15/22	1,355,000	1,346,018
Fidelity National Information Services Inc, 3.6250%, 10/15/20	479,000	492,125
Fidelity National Information Services Inc, 4.5000%, 10/15/22	568,000	607,926
First Data Corp, 7.0000%, 12/1/23 (144A)	1,661,000	1,756,507
Iron Mountain Inc, 4.8750%, 9/15/27 (144A)	1,933,000	1,933,000
Iron Mountain Inc, 5.2500%, 3/15/28 (144A)	1,528,000	1,520,360
NXP BV / NXP Funding LLC, 4.1250%, 6/15/20 (144A)	580,000	593,937

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Corporate Bonds – (continued)		
Technology – (continued)		
NXP BV / NXP Funding LLC, 4.1250%, 6/1/21 (144A)	\$431,000	\$439,620
NXP BV / NXP Funding LLC, 3.8750%, 9/1/22 (144A)	1,695,000	1,714,069
NXP BV / NXP Funding LLC, 4.6250%, 6/1/23 (144A)	1,012,000	1,058,552
Total System Services Inc, 3.8000%, 4/1/21	909,000	931,609
Total System Services Inc, 4.8000%, 4/1/26	2,608,000	2,820,886
Trimble Inc, 4.7500%, 12/1/24 <sup>†</sup>	3,225,000	3,479,777
TSMC Global Ltd, 1.6250%, 4/3/18 (144A) <sup>†</sup>	4,532,000	4,523,937
Verisk Analytics Inc, 4.8750%, 1/15/19	851,000	871,360
Verisk Analytics Inc, 5.8000%, 5/1/21	2,433,000	2,647,153
Verisk Analytics Inc, 4.1250%, 9/12/22	1,060,000	1,106,481
Verisk Analytics Inc, 5.5000%, 6/15/45	1,094,000	1,273,555
VMware Inc, 3.9000%, 8/21/27	692,000	698,361
		38,815,092
Transportation – 0.2%		
FedEx Corp, 3.9000%, 2/1/35	148,000	150,247
FedEx Corp, 4.4000%, 1/15/47	64,000	68,227
Penske Truck Leasing Co Lp / PTL Finance Corp, 3.3750%, 3/15/18 (144A)	1,106,000	1,109,283
		1,327,757
<b>Total Corporate Bonds (cost \$321,575,024)</b>		<b>326,330,892</b>
Mortgage-Backed Securities – 24.1%		
Fannie Mae Pool:		
6.0000%, 10/1/35	371,803	421,418
6.0000%, 12/1/35	310,349	352,466
6.0000%, 2/1/37	154,751	177,946
6.0000%, 10/1/38	321,559	362,526
5.5000%, 12/1/39	570,079	628,748
5.5000%, 3/1/40	485,353	542,446
5.5000%, 4/1/40	861,854	948,198
5.5000%, 2/1/41	293,690	328,257
5.0000%, 5/1/41	217,491	234,826
5.5000%, 5/1/41	311,066	342,833
5.5000%, 6/1/41	673,700	751,740
5.5000%, 6/1/41	275,422	303,298
5.5000%, 7/1/41	1,092,336	1,202,887
5.0000%, 10/1/41	235,538	254,280
5.5000%, 12/1/41	532,781	587,539
5.5000%, 2/1/42	2,740,401	3,017,513
4.5000%, 11/1/42	353,625	381,635
3.5000%, 2/1/43	2,272,003	2,342,915
3.5000%, 2/1/43	408,346	421,111
3.5000%, 3/1/43	1,248,591	1,287,613
5.5000%, 10/1/43	602,865	674,009
3.5000%, 4/1/44	783,641	811,673
5.5000%, 5/1/44	598,199	658,740
5.0000%, 7/1/44	989,253	1,086,237
4.5000%, 10/1/44	741,919	804,742
3.5000%, 2/1/45	2,093,123	2,158,752
4.5000%, 3/1/45	1,233,018	1,337,572
4.5000%, 6/1/45	676,914	724,700
4.5000%, 9/1/45	3,019,613	3,275,728
3.0000%, 10/1/45	371,796	372,075
3.0000%, 10/1/45	236,478	236,646
3.5000%, 12/1/45	695,657	720,451
3.0000%, 1/1/46	48,238	48,275
3.5000%, 1/1/46	2,050,673	2,123,761
3.5000%, 1/1/46	1,769,645	1,832,718
3.0000%, 3/1/46	1,601,303	1,602,436
3.0000%, 3/1/46	1,077,212	1,077,975
4.0000%, 5/31/46	24,123,000	25,239,895

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Mortgage-Backed Securities – (continued)		
Fannie Mae Pool – (continued)		
3.5000%, 7/1/46	\$1,328,134	\$1,372,771
3.5000%, 7/1/46	1,304,815	1,349,797
4.5000%, 7/1/46	824,702	889,316
4.0000%, 8/1/46	86,506	91,566
4.0000%, 8/1/46	73,380	77,672
4.0000%, 8/1/46	56,071	59,350
4.0000%, 10/1/46	355,881	376,394
3.0000%, 11/1/46	765,643	766,185
3.0000%, 11/1/46	300,251	301,051
3.0000%, 11/1/46	282,313	283,067
4.5000%, 11/1/46	299,983	324,248
3.5000%, 12/1/46	101,811	104,913
3.5000%, 12/1/46	35,410	36,489
3.5000%, 1/1/47	407,329	419,741
3.5000%, 1/1/47	74,910	77,193
3.5000%, 1/1/47	39,415	40,616
3.0000%, 2/1/47	2,057,309	2,070,063
4.5000%, 2/1/47	1,243,703	1,341,528
4.0000%, 3/1/47	114,422	121,073
4.0000%, 3/1/47	30,704	32,485
4.0000%, 3/1/47	30,365	32,121
4.0000%, 4/1/47	150,435	158,901
4.0000%, 4/1/47	118,792	125,686
4.0000%, 4/1/47	106,501	112,494
4.0000%, 5/1/47	6,496,987	6,870,988
4.0000%, 5/1/47	386,203	404,356
4.0000%, 5/1/47	164,593	173,855
4.0000%, 5/1/47	124,428	131,649
4.0000%, 5/1/47	97,619	103,284
4.0000%, 5/1/47	40,030	42,381
4.5000%, 5/1/47	205,408	222,380
4.5000%, 5/1/47	169,552	182,944
4.5000%, 5/1/47	166,270	179,159
4.5000%, 5/1/47	125,508	135,928
4.5000%, 5/1/47	116,417	125,442
4.5000%, 5/1/47	102,237	110,629
4.5000%, 5/1/47	57,654	62,301
4.5000%, 5/1/47	41,227	44,655
4.5000%, 5/1/47	37,133	40,178
3.0000%, 5/31/47	894,000	892,957
3.5000%, 5/31/47	13,990,000	14,348,975
3.5000%, 6/1/47	81,257	83,754
4.0000%, 6/1/47	476,849	503,684
4.0000%, 6/1/47	250,838	263,175
4.0000%, 6/1/47	228,811	241,984
4.0000%, 6/1/47	223,095	236,041
4.0000%, 6/1/47	213,535	224,367
4.0000%, 6/1/47	175,934	186,403
4.0000%, 6/1/47	104,948	110,110
4.0000%, 6/1/47	100,185	105,113
4.0000%, 6/1/47	79,729	84,443
4.0000%, 6/1/47	65,757	69,447
4.0000%, 6/1/47	48,018	50,286
4.0000%, 6/1/47	29,955	31,826
4.5000%, 6/1/47	741,352	798,824
4.5000%, 6/1/47	72,095	78,090
3.5000%, 7/1/47	154,664	159,503
3.5000%, 7/1/47	93,543	96,514
3.5000%, 7/1/47	70,902	73,305

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Mortgage-Backed Securities – (continued)		
Fannie Mae Pool – (continued)		
3.5000%, 7/1/47	\$44,637	\$46,184
3.5000%, 7/1/47	43,238	44,657
4.0000%, 7/1/47	1,850,240	1,957,875
4.0000%, 7/1/47	466,885	493,159
4.0000%, 7/1/47	350,034	369,732
4.0000%, 7/1/47	327,507	346,362
4.0000%, 7/1/47	179,978	190,060
4.0000%, 7/1/47	178,926	189,436
4.0000%, 7/1/47	142,505	150,931
4.0000%, 7/1/47	96,995	102,691
4.0000%, 7/1/47	86,090	90,325
4.0000%, 7/1/47	85,190	90,194
4.0000%, 7/1/47	55,224	58,025
4.0000%, 7/1/47	50,621	53,333
4.5000%, 7/1/47	527,249	568,122
4.5000%, 7/1/47	470,467	506,939
4.5000%, 7/1/47	463,519	499,455
3.5000%, 8/1/47	575,240	591,259
3.5000%, 8/1/47	364,146	375,402
3.5000%, 8/1/47	333,187	343,772
3.5000%, 8/1/47	80,456	82,977
3.5000%, 8/1/47	35,839	36,977
4.0000%, 8/1/47	959,542	1,004,909
4.0000%, 8/1/47	788,696	825,986
4.0000%, 8/1/47	783,350	827,433
4.0000%, 8/1/47	701,667	741,154
4.0000%, 8/1/47	464,311	490,440
4.0000%, 8/1/47	346,479	366,531
4.0000%, 8/1/47	325,989	342,526
4.0000%, 8/1/47	200,812	211,517
4.0000%, 8/1/47	146,733	155,409
4.0000%, 8/1/47	82,500	86,405
4.5000%, 8/1/47	653,183	703,823
4.5000%, 8/1/47	160,563	173,011
3.5000%, 9/1/47	1,828,368	1,879,377
3.5000%, 9/1/47	287,593	297,358
4.0000%, 9/1/47	802,052	847,189
4.0000%, 9/1/47	514,193	543,130
4.0000%, 9/1/47	83,530	88,231
4.0000%, 9/1/47	24,925	26,382
4.5000%, 9/1/47	3,105,971	3,308,459
4.5000%, 9/1/47	548,990	591,554
4.5000%, 9/1/47	410,405	442,222
4.5000%, 9/1/47	372,852	401,759
3.5000%, 10/1/47	2,472,080	2,541,113
3.5000%, 10/1/47	711,053	730,909
3.5000%, 10/1/47	59,828	61,769
3.5000%, 10/1/47	52,834	54,628
3.5000%, 10/1/47	42,876	44,279
3.5000%, 10/1/47	24,928	25,834
4.0000%, 10/1/47	407,731	428,523
4.0000%, 10/1/47	353,514	373,408
4.0000%, 10/1/47	339,996	359,129
4.0000%, 10/1/47	227,497	240,300
4.0000%, 10/1/47	186,457	197,409
4.0000%, 10/1/47	96,739	102,421
4.5000%, 10/1/47	94,464	101,788
4.5000%, 10/1/47	43,336	46,696
3.0000%, 11/1/47	627,026	627,470

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Mortgage-Backed Securities – (continued)		
Fannie Mae Pool – (continued)		
3.5000%, 11/1/47	\$212,751	\$220,172
3.5000%, 11/1/47	132,513	137,140
4.0000%, 11/1/47	511,172	537,103
4.0000%, 11/1/47	157,888	166,967
4.0000%, 11/1/47	82,480	87,376
4.5000%, 11/1/47	464,846	500,884
3.0000%, 12/1/47	272,000	272,193
3.0000%, 12/1/47	132,000	132,093
3.5000%, 12/1/47	434,000	448,403
3.5000%, 12/1/47	90,000	92,987
3.5000%, 5/1/56	549,417	565,382
		128,349,278
Freddie Mac Gold Pool:		
5.5000%, 10/1/36	267,820	299,625
6.0000%, 4/1/40	261,381	300,882
5.5000%, 8/1/41	828,431	938,235
5.5000%, 8/1/41	780,428	873,803
5.0000%, 3/1/42	687,867	754,601
3.5000%, 2/1/44	877,041	904,002
4.5000%, 5/1/44	665,973	716,917
3.0000%, 1/1/45	818,264	819,629
4.0000%, 2/1/46	574,384	608,876
3.5000%, 7/1/46	2,592,146	2,686,116
3.0000%, 10/1/46	2,410,180	2,415,603
3.0000%, 12/1/46	4,322,474	4,332,208
4.0000%, 6/1/47	1,833,357	1,938,266
4.0000%, 8/1/47	1,574,968	1,649,215
3.5000%, 9/1/47	2,047,824	2,113,214
3.5000%, 9/1/47	1,275,373	1,312,303
3.5000%, 9/1/47	731,224	752,397
3.5000%, 9/1/47	626,078	644,208
3.5000%, 9/1/47	564,024	583,124
4.0000%, 9/1/47	659,343	689,818
3.5000%, 10/1/47	1,653,431	1,701,309
3.5000%, 10/1/47	1,103,779	1,135,740
3.5000%, 12/1/47	2,402,685	2,483,308
		30,653,399
Ginnie Mae I Pool:		
4.5000%, 9/15/40	431,620	461,092
4.5000%, 5/15/41	395,151	418,115
4.0000%, 1/15/45	2,485,633	2,610,788
4.5000%, 8/15/46	2,808,984	3,025,116
4.0000%, 7/15/47	1,491,181	1,564,461
4.0000%, 8/15/47	300,282	315,062
		8,394,634
Ginnie Mae II Pool:		
4.0000%, 8/20/47	227,046	238,481
4.0000%, 8/20/47	56,691	59,546
4.0000%, 8/20/47	44,134	46,357
		344,384
<b>Total Mortgage-Backed Securities (cost \$168,982,921)</b>		<b>167,741,695</b>
United States Treasury Notes/Bonds – 15.5%		
1.3750%, 9/30/19	13,184,000	13,068,865
1.5000%, 10/31/19	4,785,000	4,751,528
1.7500%, 11/30/19 <sup>†</sup>	22,185,000	22,126,878
1.6250%, 10/15/20	148,000	146,674
1.7500%, 11/15/20	5,727,000	5,693,631
1.7500%, 6/30/22	552,000	541,962

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United States Treasury Notes/Bonds – (continued)		
1.8750%, 7/31/22	\$878,000	\$866,006
1.6250%, 8/31/22 <sup>†</sup>	7,326,000	7,144,031
1.8750%, 9/30/22	1,356,000	1,336,185
2.0000%, 11/30/22	978,000	968,961
2.1250%, 2/29/24	3,981,000	3,940,792
2.1250%, 9/30/24	504,000	497,542
2.0000%, 11/15/26	719,000	695,623
2.2500%, 2/15/27 <sup>†</sup>	4,301,000	4,243,274
2.2500%, 8/15/27 <sup>†</sup>	5,514,000	5,434,743
2.2500%, 11/15/27	10,049,000	9,904,092
3.6250%, 2/15/44	2,284,000	2,666,939
2.2500%, 8/15/46	279,000	251,386
3.0000%, 2/15/47	2,829,000	2,971,927
3.0000%, 5/15/47	3,222,000	3,383,772
2.7500%, 8/15/47	13,941,000	13,944,502
2.7500%, 11/15/47	3,461,000	3,462,782
<b>Total United States Treasury Notes/Bonds (cost \$107,445,834)</b>		<b>108,042,095</b>
Investment Companies – 6.5%		
Money Markets – 6.5%		
Janus Cash Liquidity Fund LLC, 1.2731% <sup>ann</sup> (cost \$45,272,152)	45,272,152	45,272,152
<b>Total Investments (total cost \$729,996,354) – 105.5%</b>		<b>734,057,908</b>
<b>Liabilities, net of Cash, Receivables and Other Assets – (5.5)%</b>		<b>(38,564,080)</b>
<b>Net Assets – 100%</b>		<b>\$695,493,828</b>

**Summary of Investments by Country - (Long Positions) (unaudited)**

<i>Country</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>% of Investment Securities</i>
United States	\$696,538,869	94.9%
Canada	7,603,362	1.0
Netherlands	7,363,585	1.0
United Kingdom	6,271,351	0.8
Taiwan	4,523,937	0.6
Belgium	3,391,864	0.5
Ireland	3,340,081	0.5
France	2,945,054	0.4
Switzerland	1,164,935	0.2
Germany	914,870	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$734,057,908</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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#### Schedules of Affiliated Investments – (% of Net Assets)

	<i>Dividend Income<sup>(1)</sup></i>	<i>Realized Gain/(Loss)<sup>(1)</sup></i>	<i>Change in Unrealized Appreciation/ Depreciation<sup>(1)</sup></i>	<i>Value at 12/31/17</i>
Investment Companies – 6.5%				
Investments Purchased with Cash Collateral from Securities Lending – 0%				
Janus Cash Collateral Fund LLC, 1.2573% <sup>oo</sup>	\$ 7,809 <sup>A</sup>	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Money Markets – 6.5%				
Janus Cash Liquidity Fund LLC, 1.2731% <sup>oo</sup>	159,809	—	—	45,272,152
<b>Total Affiliated Investments – 6.5%</b>	<b>\$ 167,618</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 45,272,152</b>

(1) For securities that were affiliated for a portion of the year ended December 31, 2017, this column reflects amounts for the entire year ended December 31, 2017 and not just the period in which the security was affiliated.

	<i>Share Balance at 12/31/16</i>	<i>Purchases</i>	<i>Sales</i>	<i>Share Balance at 12/31/17</i>
Investment Companies – 6.5%				
Investments Purchased with Cash Collateral from Securities Lending – 0%				
Janus Cash Collateral Fund LLC, 1.2573% <sup>oo</sup>	—	10,132,500	(10,132,500)	—
Money Markets – 6.5%				
Janus Cash Liquidity Fund LLC, 1.2731% <sup>oo</sup>	8,443,000	477,212,432	(440,383,280)	45,272,152

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Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index is a broad-based measure of the investment grade, US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market.
ICE	Intercontinental Exchange
LIBOR	London Interbank Offered Rate
LLC	Limited Liability Company
LP	Limited Partnership
PLC	Public Limited Company
ULC	Unlimited Liability Company

144A Securities sold under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, are subject to legal and/or contractual restrictions on resale and may not be publicly sold without registration under the 1933 Act. Unless otherwise noted, these securities have been determined to be liquid under guidelines established by the Board of Trustees. The total value of 144A securities as of the year ended December 31, 2017 is \$121,560,920, which represents 17.5% of net assets.

(a) All or a portion of this position has not settled, or is not funded. Upon settlement or funding date, interest rates for unsettled or unfunded amounts will be determined. Interest and dividends will not be accrued until time of settlement or funding.

† A portion of this security has been segregated to cover margin or segregation requirements on open futures contracts, forward currency contracts, options contracts, short sales, swap agreements, and/or securities with extended settlement dates, the value of which, as of December 31, 2017, is \$50,649,462.

‡ Variable or floating rate security, the interest rate of which adjusts periodically based on changes in current interest rates and prepayments on the underlying pool of assets. The interest rate shown is the current rate as of December 31, 2017.

°° Rate shown is the 7-day yield as of December 31, 2017.

£ The Portfolio may invest in certain securities that are considered affiliated companies. As defined by the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, an affiliated company is one in which the Portfolio owns 5% or more of the outstanding voting securities, or a company which is under common ownership or control.

Δ Net of income paid to the securities lending agent and rebates paid to the borrowing counterparties.

§ Schedule of Restricted and Illiquid Securities (as of December 31, 2017)

	<i>Acquisition Date</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Value as a % of Net Assets</i>
FREMF 2010 K-SCT Mortgage Trust, 2.0000%, 1/25/20	4/29/13	\$ 1,213,917	\$ 1,203,249	0.2%
loanDepot Station Place Agency Securitization Trust 2017-1,				
ICE LIBOR USD 1 Month + 0.8000%, 2.3521%, 11/25/50	11/29/17	1,657,000	1,657,000	0.2
loanDepot Station Place Agency Securitization Trust 2017-1,				
ICE LIBOR USD 1 Month + 1.0000%, 2.5521%, 11/25/50	11/29/17	414,000	414,000	0.0
Station Place Securitization Trust 2017-3, ICE LIBOR USD 1				
Month + 1.0000%, 2.2942%, 7/24/18	8/11/17	1,899,000	1,899,315	0.3
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 5,183,917</b>	<b>\$ 5,173,564</b>	<b>0.7%</b>

The Portfolio has registration rights for certain restricted securities held as of December 31, 2017. The issuer incurs all registration costs.

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The following is a summary of the inputs that were used to value the Portfolio's investments in securities and other financial instruments as of December 31, 2017. See Notes to Financial Statements for more information.

#### Valuation Inputs Summary

	<i>Level 1 - Quotes Prices</i>	<i>Level 2 - Other Significant Observable Inputs</i>	<i>Level 3 - Significant Unobservable Inputs</i>
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Investments in Securities:</b>			
<i>Asset-Backed/Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities</i>	\$ -	\$ 59,600,947	\$ -
<i>Bank Loans and Mezzanine Loans</i>	-	27,070,127	-
<i>Corporate Bonds</i>	-	326,330,892	-
<i>Mortgage-Backed Securities</i>	-	167,741,695	-
<i>United States Treasury Notes/Bonds</i>	-	108,042,095	-
<i>Investment Companies</i>	-	45,272,152	-
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 734,057,908</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

# Janus Henderson VIT Flexible Bond Portfolio

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities

### December 31, 2017

Assets:	
Unaffiliated investments, at value <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 688,785,756
Affiliated investments, at value <sup>(2)</sup>	45,272,152
Cash	1,170,390
Non-interested Trustees' deferred compensation	13,295
Receivables:	
Interest	4,724,563
Investments sold	2,936,534
Portfolio shares sold	2,118,975
Dividends from affiliates	46,592
Other assets	14,146
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>745,082,403</b>
Liabilities:	
Payables:	
Investments purchased	45,902,609
Portfolio shares repurchased	2,378,066
Advisory fees	300,598
12b-1 Distribution and shareholder servicing fees	87,924
Professional fees	37,464
Transfer agent fees and expenses	32,436
Non-interested Trustees' deferred compensation fees	13,295
Custodian fees	5,782
Non-interested Trustees' fees and expenses	5,291
Portfolio administration fees	4,754
Accrued expenses and other payables	820,356
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>49,588,575</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 695,493,828</b>
Net Assets Consist of:	
Capital (par value and paid-in surplus)	\$ 697,464,344
Undistributed net investment income/(loss)	3,349,745
Undistributed net realized gain/(loss) from investments	(9,381,812)
Unrealized net appreciation/(depreciation) of investments and non-interested Trustees' deferred compensation	4,061,551
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 695,493,828</b>
Net Assets - Institutional Shares	\$ 292,250,695
Shares Outstanding, \$0.01 Par Value (unlimited shares authorized)	24,998,862
<b>Net Asset Value Per Share</b>	<b>\$ 11.69</b>
Net Assets - Service Shares	\$ 403,243,133
Shares Outstanding, \$0.01 Par Value (unlimited shares authorized)	31,675,685
<b>Net Asset Value Per Share</b>	<b>\$ 12.73</b>

(1) Includes cost of \$684,724,202.

(2) Includes cost of \$45,272,152.

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**Janus Henderson VIT Flexible Bond Portfolio**  
**Statement of Operations**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2017**

Investment Income:		
Interest	\$	21,850,214
Dividends		272,007
Dividends from affiliates		159,809
Affiliated securities lending income, net		7,809
Other income		221,696
<b>Total Investment Income</b>		<b>22,511,535</b>
Expenses:		
Advisory fees		3,538,776
12b-1 Distribution and shareholder servicing fees:		
Service Shares		1,003,628
Transfer agent administrative fees and expenses:		
Institutional Shares		159,230
Service Shares		200,726
Other transfer agent fees and expenses:		
Institutional Shares		11,389
Service Shares		8,474
Shareholder reports expense		114,515
Portfolio administration fees		61,725
Professional fees		48,569
Custodian fees		30,942
Registration fees		25,974
Non-interested Trustees' fees and expenses		18,717
Other expenses		141,177
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>5,363,842</b>
<b>Net Investment Income/(Loss)</b>		<b>17,147,693</b>
Net Realized Gain/(Loss) on Investments:		
Investments		1,927,983
<b>Total Net Realized Gain/(Loss) on Investments</b>		<b>1,927,983</b>
Change in Unrealized Net Appreciation/Depreciation:		
Investments and non-interested Trustees' deferred compensation		5,918,589
<b>Total Change in Unrealized Net Appreciation/Depreciation</b>		<b>5,918,589</b>
<b>Net Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets Resulting from Operations</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>24,994,265</b>

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### Statements of Changes in Net Assets

	<i>Year ended</i> <i>December 31, 2017</i>	<i>Year ended</i> <i>December 31, 2016</i>
Operations:		
Net investment income/(loss)	\$ 17,147,693	\$ 16,009,760
Net realized gain/(loss) on investments	1,927,983	(2,191,223)
Change in unrealized net appreciation/depreciation	5,918,589	1,556,768
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	24,994,265	15,375,305
Dividends and Distributions to Shareholders:		
Dividends from Net Investment Income		
Institutional Shares	(9,202,522)	(9,771,475)
Service Shares	(10,135,006)	(9,601,454)
Net Decrease from Dividends and Distributions to Shareholders	(19,337,528)	(19,372,929)
Capital Share Transactions:		
Institutional Shares	(45,488,748)	(19,540,667)
Service Shares	(1,068,449)	100,490,572
Net Increase/(Decrease) from Capital Share Transactions	(46,557,197)	80,949,905
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets	(40,900,460)	76,952,281
Net Assets:		
Beginning of period	736,394,288	659,442,007
End of period	\$ 695,493,828	\$ 736,394,288
Undistributed Net Investment Income/(Loss)	\$ 3,349,745	\$ 2,913,562

See Notes to Financial Statements.

# Janus Henderson VIT Flexible Bond Portfolio

## Financial Highlights

### Institutional Shares

For a share outstanding during each year ended December 31	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	\$11.62	\$11.67	\$11.98	\$11.82	\$12.59
Income/(Loss) from Investment Operations:					
Net investment income/(loss)	0.30 <sup>(1)</sup>	0.28 <sup>(1)</sup>	0.28 <sup>(1)</sup>	0.33 <sup>(1)</sup>	0.38
Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss)	0.12	0.01 <sup>(2)</sup>	(0.25)	0.25	(0.40)
Total from Investment Operations	0.42	0.29	0.03	0.58	(0.02)
Less Dividends and Distributions:					
Dividends (from net investment income)	(0.35)	(0.34)	(0.28)	(0.42)	(0.30)
Distributions (from capital gains)	—	—	(0.06)	—	(0.45)
Total Dividends and Distributions	(0.35)	(0.34)	(0.34)	(0.42)	(0.75)
Net Asset Value, End of Period	\$11.69	\$11.62	\$11.67	\$11.98	\$11.82
Total Return*	3.62%	2.46%	0.22%	4.94%	(0.06)%
Net Assets, End of Period (in thousands)	\$292,251	\$335,208	\$355,569	\$363,977	\$344,028
Average Net Assets for the Period (in thousands)	\$319,492	\$350,120	\$347,338	\$345,064	\$360,706
Ratios to Average Net Assets**:					
Ratio of Gross Expenses	0.60%	0.58%	0.57%	0.59%	0.56%
Ratio of Net Expenses (After Waivers and Expense Offsets)	0.60%	0.58%	0.57%	0.58%	0.55%
Ratio of Net Investment Income/(Loss)	2.51%	2.31%	2.33%	2.74%	2.35%
Portfolio Turnover Rate	130% <sup>(3)</sup>	112%	111%	144%	138%

### Service Shares

For a share outstanding during each year ended December 31	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	\$12.63	\$12.66	\$12.98	\$12.78	\$13.56
Income/(Loss) from Investment Operations:					
Net investment income/(loss)	0.29 <sup>(1)</sup>	0.27 <sup>(1)</sup>	0.27 <sup>(1)</sup>	0.32 <sup>(1)</sup>	0.38
Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss)	0.13	0.01 <sup>(2)</sup>	(0.27)	0.28	(0.44)
Total from Investment Operations	0.42	0.28	—	0.60	(0.06)
Less Dividends and Distributions:					
Dividends (from net investment income)	(0.32)	(0.31)	(0.26)	(0.40)	(0.27)
Distributions (from capital gains)	—	—	(0.06)	—	(0.45)
Total Dividends and Distributions	(0.32)	(0.31)	(0.32)	(0.40)	(0.72)
Net Asset Value, End of Period	\$12.73	\$12.63	\$12.66	\$12.98	\$12.78
Total Return*	3.35%	2.22%	(0.06)%	4.69%	(0.32)%
Net Assets, End of Period (in thousands)	\$403,243	\$401,186	\$303,873	\$207,850	\$117,539
Average Net Assets for the Period (in thousands)	\$402,544	\$383,710	\$250,537	\$146,672	\$124,401
Ratios to Average Net Assets**:					
Ratio of Gross Expenses	0.85%	0.83%	0.82%	0.85%	0.81%
Ratio of Net Expenses (After Waivers and Expense Offsets)	0.85%	0.83%	0.82%	0.84%	0.80%
Ratio of Net Investment Income/(Loss)	2.27%	2.06%	2.09%	2.49%	2.10%
Portfolio Turnover Rate	130% <sup>(3)</sup>	112%	111%	144%	138%

\* Total return not annualized for periods of less than one full year.

\*\* Annualized for periods of less than one full year.

(1) Per share amounts are calculated based on average shares outstanding during the year or period.

(2) This amount does not agree with the change in the aggregate gains and losses in the Portfolio's securities for the year or period due to the timing of sales and repurchases of the Portfolio's shares in relation to fluctuating market values for the Portfolio's securities.

(3) Portfolio Turnover Rate excludes TBA (to be announced) purchase and sales commitments.

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### 1. Organization and Significant Accounting Policies

Janus Henderson VIT Flexible Bond Portfolio (formerly named Janus Aspen Flexible Bond Portfolio) (the "Portfolio") is a series of Janus Aspen Series (the "Trust"), which is organized as a Delaware statutory trust and is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), as an open-end management investment company, and therefore has applied the specialized accounting and reporting guidance in Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 946. The Trust offers 12 portfolios, each of which offers multiple share classes, with differing investment objectives and policies. The Portfolio seeks to obtain maximum total return, consistent with preservation of capital. The Portfolio is classified as diversified, as defined in the 1940 Act.

The Portfolio currently offers two classes of shares: Institutional Shares and Service Shares. Each class represents an interest in the same portfolio of investments. Institutional Shares are offered only in connection with investment in and payments under variable insurance contracts as well as certain qualified retirement plans. Service Shares are offered only in connection with investment in and payments under variable insurance contracts as well as certain qualified retirement plans that require a fee from Portfolio assets to procure distribution and administrative services to contract owners and plan participants.

Shareholders, including other portfolios, participating insurance companies, as well as accounts, may from time to time own (beneficially or of record) a significant percentage of the Portfolio's Shares and can be considered to "control" the Portfolio when that ownership exceeds 25% of the Portfolio's assets (and which may differ from control as determined in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America).

The following accounting policies have been followed by the Portfolio and are in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Investment Valuation

Securities held by the Portfolio are valued in accordance with policies and procedures established by and under the supervision of the Trustees (the "Valuation Procedures"). Equity securities traded on a domestic securities exchange are generally valued at the closing prices on the primary market or exchange on which they trade. If such price is lacking for the trading period immediately preceding the time of determination, such securities are valued at their current bid price. Equity securities that are traded on a foreign exchange are generally valued at the closing prices on such markets. In the event that there is no current trading volume on a particular security in such foreign exchange, the bid price from the primary exchange is generally used to value the security. Securities that are traded on the over-the-counter ("OTC") markets are generally valued at their closing or latest bid prices as available. Foreign securities and currencies are converted to U.S. dollars using the applicable exchange rate in effect at the close of the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"). The Portfolio will determine the market value of individual securities held by it by using prices provided by one or more approved professional pricing services or, as needed, by obtaining market quotations from independent broker-dealers. Most debt securities are valued in accordance with the evaluated bid price supplied by the pricing service that is intended to reflect market value. The evaluated bid price supplied by the pricing service is an evaluation that may consider factors such as security prices, yields, maturities and ratings. Certain short-term securities maturing within 60 days or less may be evaluated and valued on an amortized cost basis provided that the amortized cost determined approximates market value. Securities for which market quotations or evaluated prices are not readily available or deemed unreliable are valued at fair value determined in good faith under the Valuation Procedures. Circumstances in which fair value pricing may be utilized include, but are not limited to: (i) a significant event that may affect the securities of a single issuer, such as a merger, bankruptcy, or significant issuer-specific development; (ii) an event that may affect an entire market, such as a natural disaster or significant governmental action; (iii) a nonsignificant event such as a market closing early or not opening, or a security trading halt; and (iv) pricing of a nonvalued security and a restricted or nonpublic security. Special valuation considerations may apply with respect to "odd-lot" fixed-income transactions which, due to their small size, may receive evaluated prices by pricing services which reflect a large block trade and not what actually could be obtained for the odd-lot position. The Portfolio uses systematic fair valuation models provided by independent third parties to value international equity securities in order to adjust for stale pricing, which may occur between the close of certain foreign exchanges and the close of the NYSE.

#### Valuation Inputs Summary

FASB ASC 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures ("ASC 820"), defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and expands disclosure requirements regarding fair value measurements. This standard

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emphasizes that fair value is a market-based measurement that should be determined based on the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability and establishes a hierarchy that prioritizes inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. These inputs are summarized into three broad levels:

Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets the Portfolio has the ability to access for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 – Observable inputs other than unadjusted quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly. These inputs may include quoted prices for the identical instrument on an inactive market, prices for similar instruments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, yield curves, default rates and similar data.

Assets or liabilities categorized as Level 2 in the hierarchy generally include: debt securities fair valued in accordance with the evaluated bid or ask prices supplied by a pricing service; securities traded on OTC markets and listed securities for which no sales are reported that are fair valued at the latest bid price (or yield equivalent thereof) obtained from one or more dealers transacting in a market for such securities or by a pricing service approved by the Portfolio's Trustees; certain short-term debt securities with maturities of 60 days or less that are fair valued at amortized cost; and equity securities of foreign issuers whose fair value is determined by using systematic fair valuation models provided by independent third parties in order to adjust for stale pricing which may occur between the close of certain foreign exchanges and the close of the NYSE. Other securities that may be categorized as Level 2 in the hierarchy include, but are not limited to, preferred stocks, bank loans, swaps, investments in unregistered investment companies, options, and forward contracts.

Level 3 – Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability to the extent that relevant observable inputs are not available, representing the Portfolio's own assumptions about the assumptions that a market participant would use in valuing the asset or liability, and that would be based on the best information available.

There have been no significant changes in valuation techniques used in valuing any such positions held by the Portfolio since the beginning of the fiscal year.

The inputs or methodology used for fair valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. The summary of inputs used as of December 31, 2017 to fair value the Portfolio's investments in securities and other financial instruments is included in the "Valuation Inputs Summary" in the Notes to Schedule of Investments and Other Information.

There were no transfers between Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy during the year. The Portfolio recognizes transfers between the levels as of the beginning of the fiscal year.

### Investment Transactions and Investment Income

Investment transactions are accounted for as of the date purchased or sold (trade date). Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Certain dividends from foreign securities will be recorded as soon as the Portfolio is informed of the dividend, if such information is obtained subsequent to the ex-dividend date. Dividends from foreign securities may be subject to withholding taxes in foreign jurisdictions. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis and includes amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts. Gains and losses are determined on the identified cost basis, which is the same basis used for federal income tax purposes. Income, as well as gains and losses, both realized and unrealized, are allocated daily to each class of shares based upon the ratio of net assets represented by each class as a percentage of total net assets.

### Expenses

The Portfolio bears expenses incurred specifically on its behalf. Each class of shares bears a portion of general expenses, which are allocated daily to each class of shares based upon the ratio of net assets represented by each class as a percentage of total net assets. Expenses directly attributable to a specific class of shares are charged against the operations of such class.

### Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of income and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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### Indemnifications

In the normal course of business, the Portfolio may enter into contracts that contain provisions for indemnification of other parties against certain potential liabilities. The Portfolio's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown, and would involve future claims that may be made against the Portfolio that have not yet occurred. Currently, the risk of material loss from such claims is considered remote.

### Dividends and Distributions

The Portfolio may make semiannual distributions of substantially all of its investment income and an annual distribution of its net realized capital gains (if any).

The Portfolio may make certain investments in real estate investment trusts ("REITs") which pay dividends to their shareholders based upon funds available from operations. It is quite common for these dividends to exceed the REITs' taxable earnings and profits, resulting in the excess portion of such dividends being designated as a return of capital. If the Portfolio distributes such amounts, such distributions could constitute a return of capital to shareholders for federal income tax purposes.

### Federal Income Taxes

The Portfolio intends to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company and distribute all of its taxable income in accordance with the requirements of Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code. Management has analyzed the Portfolio's tax positions taken for all open federal income tax years, generally a three-year period, and has concluded that no provision for federal income tax is required in the Portfolio's financial statements. The Portfolio is not aware of any tax positions for which it is reasonably possible that the total amounts of unrecognized tax benefits will significantly change in the next twelve months.

On December 22, 2017, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act was signed into law. Currently, Management does not believe the bill will have a material impact on the Fund's intention to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company, which is generally not subject to U.S. federal income tax.

## 2. Other Investments and Strategies

### Additional Investment Risk

The Portfolio may be invested in lower-rated debt securities that have a higher risk of default or loss of value since these securities may be sensitive to economic changes, political changes, or adverse developments specific to the issuer.

The financial crisis in both the U.S. and global economies over the past several years has resulted, and may continue to result, in a significant decline in the value and liquidity of many securities of issuers worldwide in the equity and fixed-income/credit markets. In response to the crisis, the United States and certain foreign governments, along with the U.S. Federal Reserve and certain foreign central banks, took steps to support the financial markets. The withdrawal of this support, a failure of measures put in place to respond to the crisis, or investor perception that such efforts were not sufficient could each negatively affect financial markets generally, and the value and liquidity of specific securities. In addition, policy and legislative changes in the United States and in other countries continue to impact many aspects of financial regulation. The effect of these changes on the markets, and the practical implications for market participants, including the Portfolio, may not be fully known for some time. As a result, it may also be unusually difficult to identify both investment risks and opportunities, which could limit or preclude the Portfolio's ability to achieve its investment objective. Therefore, it is important to understand that the value of your investment may fall, sometimes sharply, and you could lose money.

The enactment of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the "Dodd-Frank Act") of 2010 provided for widespread regulation of financial institutions, consumer financial products and services, broker-dealers, OTC derivatives, investment advisers, credit rating agencies, and mortgage lending, which expanded federal oversight in the financial sector, including the investment management industry. Many provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act remain pending and will be implemented through future rulemaking. Therefore, the ultimate impact of the Dodd-Frank Act and the regulations under the Dodd-Frank Act on the Portfolio and the investment management industry as a whole, is not yet certain.

A number of countries in the European Union ("EU") have experienced, and may continue to experience, severe economic and financial difficulties. In particular, many EU nations are susceptible to economic risks associated with high levels of debt, notably due to investments in sovereign debt of countries such as Greece, Italy, Spain, Portugal, and

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Ireland. Many non-governmental issuers, and even certain governments, have defaulted on, or been forced to restructure, their debts. Many other issuers have faced difficulties obtaining credit or refinancing existing obligations. Financial institutions have in many cases required government or central bank support, have needed to raise capital, and/or have been impaired in their ability to extend credit. As a result, financial markets in the EU experienced extreme volatility and declines in asset values and liquidity. Responses to these financial problems by European governments, central banks, and others, including austerity measures and reforms, may not work, may result in social unrest, and may limit future growth and economic recovery or have other unintended consequences. Further defaults or restructurings by governments and others of their debt could have additional adverse effects on economies, financial markets, and asset valuations around the world. Greece, Ireland, and Portugal have already received one or more "bailouts" from other Eurozone member states, and it is unclear how much additional funding they will require or if additional Eurozone member states will require bailouts in the future. The risk of investing in securities in the European markets may also be heightened due to the referendum in which the United Kingdom voted to exit the EU (known as "Brexit"). There is considerable uncertainty about how Brexit will be conducted, how negotiations of necessary treaties and trade agreements will proceed, or how financial markets will react. In addition, one or more other countries may also abandon the euro and/or withdraw from the EU, placing its currency and banking system in jeopardy.

Certain areas of the world have historically been prone to and economically sensitive to environmental events such as, but not limited to, hurricanes, earthquakes, typhoons, flooding, tidal waves, tsunamis, erupting volcanoes, wildfires or droughts, tornadoes, mudslides, or other weather-related phenomena. Such disasters, and the resulting physical or economic damage, could have a severe and negative impact on the Portfolio's investment portfolio and, in the longer term, could impair the ability of issuers in which the Portfolio invests to conduct their businesses as they would under normal conditions. Adverse weather conditions may also have a particularly significant negative effect on issuers in the agricultural sector and on insurance companies that insure against the impact of natural disasters.

### Counterparties

Portfolio transactions involving a counterparty are subject to the risk that the counterparty or a third party will not fulfill its obligation to the Portfolio ("counterparty risk"). Counterparty risk may arise because of the counterparty's financial condition (i.e., financial difficulties, bankruptcy, or insolvency), market activities and developments, or other reasons, whether foreseen or not. A counterparty's inability to fulfill its obligation may result in significant financial loss to the Portfolio. The Portfolio may be unable to recover its investment from the counterparty or may obtain a limited recovery, and/or recovery may be delayed. The extent of the Portfolio's exposure to counterparty risk with respect to financial assets and liabilities approximates its carrying value. See the "Offsetting Assets and Liabilities" section of this Note for further details.

The Portfolio may be exposed to counterparty risk through participation in various programs, including, but not limited to, lending its securities to third parties, cash sweep arrangements whereby the Portfolio's cash balance is invested in one or more types of cash management vehicles, as well as investments in, but not limited to, repurchase agreements, debt securities, and derivatives, including various types of swaps, futures and options. The Portfolio intends to enter into financial transactions with counterparties that Janus Capital Management LLC ("Janus Capital") believes to be creditworthy at the time of the transaction. There is always the risk that Janus Capital's analysis of a counterparty's creditworthiness is incorrect or may change due to market conditions. To the extent that the Portfolio focuses its transactions with a limited number of counterparties, it will have greater exposure to the risks associated with one or more counterparties.

### Loans

The Portfolio may invest in various commercial loans, including bank loans, bridge loans, debtor-in-possession ("DIP") loans, mezzanine loans, and other fixed and floating rate loans. These loans may be acquired through loan participations and assignments or on a when-issued basis. Commercial loans will comprise no more than 20% of the Portfolio's total assets. Below are descriptions of the types of loans held by the Portfolio as of December 31, 2017.

- **Bank Loans** - Bank loans are obligations of companies or other entities entered into in connection with recapitalizations, acquisitions, and refinancings. The Portfolio's investments in bank loans are generally acquired as a participation interest in, or assignment of, loans originated by a lender or other financial institution. These investments may include institutionally-traded floating and fixed-rate debt securities.
- **Floating Rate Loans** - Floating rate loans are debt securities that have floating interest rates, that adjust periodically, and are tied to a benchmark lending rate, such as London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR"). In

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other cases, the lending rate could be tied to the prime rate offered by one or more major U.S. banks or the rate paid on large certificates of deposit traded in the secondary markets. If the benchmark lending rate changes, the rate payable to lenders under the loan will change at the next scheduled adjustment date specified in the loan agreement. Floating rate loans are typically issued to companies (“borrowers”) in connection with recapitalizations, acquisitions, and refinancings. Floating rate loan investments are generally below investment grade. Senior floating rate loans are secured by specific collateral of a borrower and are senior in the borrower’s capital structure. The senior position in the borrower’s capital structure generally gives holders of senior loans a claim on certain of the borrower’s assets that is senior to subordinated debt and preferred and common stock in the case of a borrower’s default. Floating rate loan investments may involve foreign borrowers, and investments may be denominated in foreign currencies. Floating rate loans often involve borrowers whose financial condition is troubled or uncertain and companies that are highly leveraged. The Portfolio may invest in obligations of borrowers who are in bankruptcy proceedings. While the Portfolio generally expects to invest in fully funded term loans, certain of the loans in which the Portfolio may invest include revolving loans, bridge loans, and delayed draw term loans.

Purchasers of floating rate loans may pay and/or receive certain fees. The Portfolio may receive fees such as covenant waiver fees or prepayment penalty fees. The Portfolio may pay fees such as facility fees. Such fees may affect the Portfolio’s return.

- **Mezzanine Loans** - Mezzanine loans are secured by the stock of the company that owns the assets. Mezzanine loans are a hybrid of debt and equity financing that is typically used to fund the expansion of existing companies. A mezzanine loan is composed of debt capital that gives the lender the right to convert to an ownership or equity interest in the company if the loan is not paid back in time and in full. Mezzanine loans typically are the most subordinated debt obligation in an issuer’s capital structure.

### **Mortgage- and Asset-Backed Securities**

Mortgage- and asset-backed securities represent interests in “pools” of commercial or residential mortgages or other assets, including consumer loans or receivables. The Portfolio may purchase fixed or variable rate commercial or residential mortgage-backed securities issued by the Government National Mortgage Association (“Ginnie Mae”), the Federal National Mortgage Association (“Fannie Mae”), the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (“Freddie Mac”), or other governmental or government-related entities. Ginnie Mae’s guarantees are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, which means that the U.S. Government guarantees that the interest and principal will be paid when due. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac securities are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government. In September 2008, the Federal Housing Finance Agency (“FHFA”), an agency of the U.S. Government, placed Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac under conservatorship. Since that time, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac have received capital support through U.S. Treasury preferred stock purchases, and Treasury and Federal Reserve purchases of their mortgage-backed securities. The FHFA and the U.S. Treasury have imposed strict limits on the size of these entities’ mortgage portfolios. The FHFA has the power to cancel any contract entered into by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac prior to FHFA’s appointment as conservator or receiver, including the guarantee obligations of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

The Portfolio may also purchase other mortgage- and asset-backed securities through single- and multi-seller conduits, collateralized debt obligations, structured investment vehicles, and other similar securities. Asset-backed securities may be backed by various consumer obligations, including automobile loans, equipment leases, credit card receivables, or other collateral. In the event the underlying loans are not paid, the securities’ issuer could be forced to sell the assets and recognize losses on such assets, which could impact your return. Unlike traditional debt instruments, payments on these securities include both interest and a partial payment of principal. Mortgage and asset-backed securities are subject to both extension risk, where borrowers pay off their debt obligations more slowly in times of rising interest rates, and prepayment risk, where borrowers pay off their debt obligations sooner than expected in times of declining interest rates. These risks may reduce the Portfolio’s returns. In addition, investments in mortgage- and asset backed securities, including those comprised of subprime mortgages, may be subject to a higher degree of credit risk, valuation risk, and liquidity risk than various other types of fixed-income securities. Additionally, although mortgage-backed securities are generally supported by some form of government or private guarantee and/or insurance, there is no assurance that guarantors or insurers will meet their obligations.

### **Real Estate Investing**

The Portfolio may invest in equity and debt securities of real estate-related companies. Such companies may include those in the real estate industry or real estate-related industries. These securities may include common stocks,

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corporate bonds, preferred stocks, and other equity securities, including, but not limited to, mortgage-backed securities, real estate-backed securities, securities of REITs and similar REIT-like entities. A REIT is a trust that invests in real estate-related projects, such as properties, mortgage loans, and construction loans. REITs are generally categorized as equity, mortgage, or hybrid REITs. A REIT may be listed on an exchange or traded OTC.

### Restricted Security Transactions

Restricted securities held by the Portfolio may not be sold except in exempt transactions or in a public offering registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The risk of investing in such securities is generally greater than the risk of investing in the securities of widely held, publicly traded companies. Lack of a secondary market and resale restrictions may result in the inability of the Portfolio to sell a security at a fair price and may substantially delay the sale of the security. In addition, these securities may exhibit greater price volatility than securities for which secondary markets exist.

### Securities Lending

Under procedures adopted by the Trustees, the Portfolio may seek to earn additional income by lending securities to certain qualified broker-dealers and institutions. Deutsche Bank AG acts as securities lending agent and a limited purpose custodian or subcustodian to receive and disburse cash balances and cash collateral, hold short-term investments, hold collateral, and perform other custodian functions in accordance with the Agency Securities Lending and Repurchase Agreement. The Portfolio may lend portfolio securities in an amount equal to up to 1/3 of its total assets as determined at the time of the loan origination. There is the risk of delay in recovering a loaned security or the risk of loss in collateral rights if the borrower fails financially. In addition, Janus Capital makes efforts to balance the benefits and risks from granting such loans. All loans will be continuously secured by collateral which may consist of cash, U.S. Government securities, domestic and foreign short-term debt instruments, letters of credit, time deposits, repurchase agreements, money market mutual funds or other money market accounts, or such other collateral as permitted by the SEC. If the Portfolio is unable to recover a security on loan, the Portfolio may use the collateral to purchase replacement securities in the market. There is a risk that the value of the collateral could decrease below the cost of the replacement security by the time the replacement investment is made, resulting in a loss to the Portfolio.

Upon receipt of cash collateral, Janus Capital may invest it in affiliated or non-affiliated cash management vehicles, whether registered or unregistered entities, as permitted by the 1940 Act and rules promulgated thereunder. Janus Capital currently intends to invest the cash collateral in a cash management vehicle for which Janus Capital serves as investment adviser, Janus Cash Collateral Fund LLC. An investment in Janus Cash Collateral Fund LLC is generally subject to the same risks that shareholders experience when investing in similarly structured vehicles, such as the potential for significant fluctuations in assets as a result of the purchase and redemption activity of the securities lending program, a decline in the value of the collateral, and possible liquidity issues. Such risks may delay the return of the cash collateral and cause the Portfolio to violate its agreement to return the cash collateral to a borrower in a timely manner. As adviser to the Portfolio and Janus Cash Collateral Fund LLC, Janus Capital has an inherent conflict of interest as a result of its fiduciary duties to both the Portfolio and Janus Cash Collateral Fund LLC. Additionally, Janus Capital receives an investment advisory fee of 0.05% for managing Janus Cash Collateral Fund LLC, but it may not receive a fee for managing certain other affiliated cash management vehicles in which the Portfolio may invest, and therefore may have an incentive to allocate preferred investment opportunities to investment vehicles for which it is receiving a fee.

The value of the collateral must be at least 102% of the market value of the loaned securities that are denominated in U.S. dollars and 105% of the market value of the loaned securities that are not denominated in U.S. dollars. Loaned securities and related collateral are marked-to-market each business day based upon the market value of the loaned securities at the close of business, employing the most recent available pricing information. Collateral levels are then adjusted based on this mark-to-market evaluation.

The cash collateral invested by Janus Capital is disclosed in the Schedule of Investments (if applicable). Income earned from the investment of the cash collateral, net of rebates paid to, or fees paid by, borrowers and less the fees paid to the lending agent are included as "Affiliated securities lending income, net" on the Statement of Operations. There were no securities on loan as of December 31, 2017.

### Sovereign Debt

The Portfolio may invest in U.S. and non-U.S. government debt securities ("sovereign debt"). Some investments in sovereign debt, such as U.S. sovereign debt, are considered low risk. However, investments in sovereign debt, especially

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the debt of less developed countries, can involve a high degree of risk, including the risk that the governmental entity that controls the repayment of sovereign debt may not be willing or able to repay the principal and/or to pay the interest on its sovereign debt in a timely manner. A sovereign debtor's willingness or ability to satisfy its debt obligation may be affected by various factors including, but not limited to, its cash flow situation, the extent of its foreign currency reserves, the availability of foreign exchange when a payment is due, the relative size of its debt position in relation to its economy as a whole, the sovereign debtor's policy toward international lenders, and local political constraints to which the governmental entity may be subject. Sovereign debtors may also be dependent on expected disbursements from foreign governments, multilateral agencies, and other entities. The failure of a sovereign debtor to implement economic reforms, achieve specified levels of economic performance, or repay principal or interest when due may result in the cancellation of third party commitments to lend funds to the sovereign debtor, which may further impair such debtor's ability or willingness to timely service its debts. The Portfolio may be requested to participate in the rescheduling of such sovereign debt and to extend further loans to governmental entities, which may adversely affect the Portfolio's holdings. In the event of default, there may be limited or no legal remedies for collecting sovereign debt and there may be no bankruptcy proceedings through which the Portfolio may collect all or part of the sovereign debt that a governmental entity has not repaid. In addition, to the extent the Portfolio invests in non-U.S. sovereign debt, it may be subject to currency risk.

### TBA Commitments

A Portfolio may enter into "to be announced" or "TBA" commitments. TBAs are forward agreements for the purchase or sale of securities, including mortgage-backed securities, for a fixed price, with payment and delivery on an agreed upon future settlement date. The specific securities to be delivered are not identified at the trade date. However, delivered securities must meet specified terms, including issuer, rate, and mortgage terms. Although the particular TBA securities must meet industry-accepted "good delivery" standards, there can be no assurance that a security purchased on forward commitment basis will ultimately be issued or delivered by the counterparty. During the settlement period, the Portfolio will still bear the risk of any decline in the value of the security to be delivered. Because TBA commitments do not require the purchase and sale of identical securities, the characteristics of the security delivered to the Portfolio may be less favorable than the security delivered to the dealer. If the counterparty to a transaction fails to deliver the security, the Portfolio could suffer a loss.

### When-Issued and Delayed Delivery Securities

The Portfolio may purchase or sell securities on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis. When-issued and delayed delivery securities in which the Portfolio may invest include U.S. Treasury Securities, municipal bonds, bank loans, and other similar instruments. The price of the underlying securities and date when the securities will be delivered and paid for are fixed at the time the transaction is negotiated. Losses may arise due to changes in the market value of the securities or from the inability of counterparties to meet the terms of the contract. In connection with such purchases, the Portfolio may hold liquid assets as collateral with the Portfolio's custodian sufficient to cover the purchase price.

### 3. Investment Advisory Agreements and Other Transactions with Affiliates

The Portfolio pays Janus Capital an investment advisory fee which is calculated daily and paid monthly. The following table reflects the Portfolio's contractual investment advisory fee rate (expressed as an annual rate).

<i>Average Daily Net Assets of the Portfolio</i>	<i>Contractual Investment Advisory Fee (%)</i>
First \$300 Million	0.55
Over \$300 Million	0.45

Janus Capital has contractually agreed to waive the advisory fee payable by the Portfolio or reimburse expenses in an amount equal to the amount, if any, that the Portfolio's normal operating expenses, including the investment advisory fee, but excluding the 12b-1 distribution and shareholder servicing fees (applicable to Service Shares), transfer agent fees and expenses payable pursuant to the Transfer Agency Agreement, brokerage commissions, interest, dividends, taxes, acquired fund fees and expenses, and extraordinary expenses, exceed the annual rate of 0.57% of the Portfolio's average daily net assets. Janus Capital has agreed to continue the waivers until at least May 1, 2018. If applicable, amounts waived and/or reimbursed to the Portfolio by Janus Capital are disclosed as "Excess Expense Reimbursement and Waivers" on the Statement of Operations.

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Janus Services LLC (“Janus Services”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Janus Capital, is the Portfolio's transfer agent. Janus Services receives an administrative services fee at an annual rate of 0.05% of the average daily net assets of the Portfolio for arranging for the provision by participating insurance companies and qualified plan service providers of administrative services, including recordkeeping, subaccounting, order processing, or other shareholder services provided on behalf of contract holders or plan participants investing in the Portfolio. Other shareholder services may include the provision of order confirmations, periodic account statements, forwarding prospectuses, shareholder reports, and other materials to existing investors, and answering inquiries regarding accounts. Janus Services expects to use this entire fee to compensate insurance companies and qualified plan service providers for providing these services to their customers who invest in the Portfolio. Any unused portion will be reimbursed to the applicable share class at least annually.

In addition, Janus Services provides or arranges for the provision of certain other internal administrative, recordkeeping, and shareholder relations services for the Portfolio. Janus Services is not compensated for these internal services related to the shares, except for out-of-pocket costs. These amounts are disclosed as “Other transfer agent fees and expenses” on the Statement of Operations.

Under a distribution and shareholder servicing plan (the “Plan”) adopted in accordance with Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act, the Service Shares may pay the Trust's distributor, Janus Distributors LLC (“Janus Distributors”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Janus Capital, a fee for the sale and distribution and/or shareholder servicing of the Service Shares at an annual rate of up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets of the Service Shares. Under the terms of the Plan, the Trust is authorized to make payments to Janus Distributors for remittance to insurance companies and qualified plan service providers as compensation for distribution and/or shareholder services performed by such entities. These amounts are disclosed as “12b-1 Distribution and shareholder servicing fees” on the Statement of Operations. Payments under the Plan are not tied exclusively to actual 12b-1 distribution and servicing fees, and the payments may exceed 12b-1 distribution and servicing fees actually incurred. If any of the Portfolio's actual 12b-1 distribution and servicing fees incurred during a calendar year are less than the payments made during a calendar year, the Portfolio will be refunded the difference. Refunds, if any, are included in “12b-1 Distribution and shareholder servicing fees” in the Statement of Operations.

Janus Capital furnishes certain administration, compliance, and accounting services to the Portfolio, including providing office space for the Portfolio and providing personnel to serve as officers to the Portfolio. The Portfolio reimburses Janus Capital for certain of its costs in providing these services (to the extent Janus Capital seeks reimbursement and such costs are not otherwise waived). These costs include some or all of the salaries, fees, and expenses of Janus Capital employees and Portfolio officers, including the Portfolio's Chief Compliance Officer and compliance staff, who provide specified administration and compliance services to the Portfolio. The Portfolio pays these costs based on out-of-pocket expenses incurred by Janus Capital, and these costs are separate and apart from advisory fees and other expenses paid in connection with the investment advisory services Janus Capital provides to the Portfolio. These amounts are disclosed as “Portfolio administration fees” on the Statement of Operations. Total compensation of \$17,105 was paid to the Chief Compliance Officer and certain compliance staff by the Trust during the year ended December 31, 2017. The Portfolio's portion is reported as part of “Other expenses” on the Statement of Operations.

The Board of Trustees has adopted a deferred compensation plan (the “Deferred Plan”) for independent Trustees to elect to defer receipt of all or a portion of the annual compensation they are entitled to receive from the Portfolio. All deferred fees are credited to an account established in the name of the Trustees. The amounts credited to the account then increase or decrease, as the case may be, in accordance with the performance of one or more of the Janus Henderson funds that are selected by the Trustees. The account balance continues to fluctuate in accordance with the performance of the selected fund or funds until final payment of all amounts are credited to the account. The fluctuation of the account balance is recorded by the Portfolio as unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) and is included as of December 31, 2017 on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities in the asset, “Non-interested Trustees' deferred compensation,” and liability, “Non-interested Trustees' deferred compensation fees.” Additionally, the recorded unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) is included in “Unrealized net appreciation/(depreciation) of investments and non-interested Trustees' deferred compensation” on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Deferred compensation expenses for the year ended December 31, 2017 are included in “Non-interested Trustees' fees and expenses” on the Statement of Operations. Trustees are allowed to change their designation of mutual funds from time to time. Amounts will be deferred until distributed in accordance with the Deferred Plan. Deferred fees of \$416,450 were paid by the Trust to the Trustees under the Deferred Plan during the year ended December 31, 2017.

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Pursuant to the provisions of the 1940 Act and related rules, the Portfolio may participate in an affiliated or nonaffiliated cash sweep program. In the cash sweep program, uninvested cash balances of the Portfolio may be used to purchase shares of affiliated or nonaffiliated money market funds or cash management pooled investment vehicles. The Portfolio is eligible to participate in the cash sweep program (the "Investing Funds"). As adviser, Janus Capital has an inherent conflict of interest because of its fiduciary duties to the affiliated money market funds or cash management pooled investment vehicles and the Investing Funds. Janus Cash Liquidity Fund LLC is an affiliated unregistered cash management pooled investment vehicle that invests primarily in highly-rated short-term fixed-income securities. Janus Cash Liquidity Fund LLC currently maintains a NAV of \$1.00 per share and distributes income daily in a manner consistent with a registered product compliant with Rule 2a-7 under the 1940 Act. There are no restrictions on the Portfolio's ability to withdraw investments from Janus Cash Liquidity Fund LLC at will, and there are no unfunded capital commitments due from the Portfolio to Janus Cash Liquidity Fund LLC. The units of Janus Cash Liquidity Fund LLC are not charged any management fee, sales charge or service fee.

Any purchases and sales, realized gains/losses and recorded dividends from affiliated investments during the year ended December 31, 2017 can be found in a table located in the Schedule of Investments.

The Portfolio is permitted to purchase or sell securities ("cross-trade") between itself and other funds or accounts managed by Janus Capital in accordance with Rule 17a-7 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Rule 17a-7"), when the transaction is consistent with the investment objectives and policies of the Portfolio and in accordance with the Internal Cross Trade Procedures adopted by the Trust's Board of Trustees. These procedures have been designed to ensure that any cross-trade of securities by the Portfolio from or to another fund or account that is or could be considered an affiliate of the Portfolio under certain limited circumstances by virtue of having a common investment adviser, common Officer, or common Trustee complies with Rule 17a-7. Under these procedures, each cross-trade is effected at the current market price to save costs where allowed. During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Portfolio engaged in cross trades amounting to \$48,918,514 in purchases and \$39,832,769 in sales, resulting in a net realized loss of \$271,850. The net realized loss is included within the "Net Realized Gain/(Loss) on Investments" section of the Portfolio's Statement of Operations.

#### 4. Federal Income Tax

The tax components of capital shown in the table below represent: (1) distribution requirements the Portfolio must satisfy under the income tax regulations; (2) losses or deductions the Portfolio may be able to offset against income and gains realized in future years; and (3) unrealized appreciation or depreciation of investments for federal income tax purposes.

Other book to tax differences primarily consist of deferred compensation. The Portfolio has elected to treat gains and losses on forward foreign currency contracts as capital gains and losses, if applicable. Other foreign currency gains and losses on debt instruments are treated as ordinary income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 988 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Undistributed Ordinary Income	Undistributed Long-Term Gains	Accumulated Capital Losses	Loss Deferrals		Other Book to Tax Differences	Net Tax Appreciation/ (Depreciation)
			Late-Year Ordinary Loss	Post-October Capital Loss		
\$ 3,363,040	\$ -	\$ (8,538,547)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (13,297)	\$ 3,218,288

Accumulated capital losses noted below represent net capital loss carryovers, as of December 31, 2017, that may be available to offset future realized capital gains and thereby reduce future taxable gains distributions. The following table shows these capital loss carryovers.

*Capital Loss Carryover Schedule*  
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No Expiration		Accumulated Capital Losses
Short-Term	Long-Term	
\$(8,538,547)	\$ -	\$ (8,538,547)

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The aggregate cost of investments and the composition of unrealized appreciation and depreciation of investment securities for federal income tax purposes as of December 31, 2017 are noted below. The primary differences between book and tax appreciation or depreciation of investments are wash sale loss deferrals and investments in partnerships.

<i>Federal Tax Cost</i>	<i>Unrealized Appreciation</i>	<i>Unrealized (Depreciation)</i>	<i>Net Tax Appreciation/ (Depreciation)</i>
\$ 730,839,620	\$ 7,013,101	\$ (3,794,813)	\$ 3,218,288

Income and capital gains distributions are determined in accordance with income tax regulations that may differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These differences are due to differing treatments for items such as net short-term gains, deferral of wash sale losses, net investment losses, and capital loss carryovers. Certain permanent differences such as tax returns of capital and net investment losses noted below have been reclassified to capital.

*For the year ended December 31, 2017*

<i>Distributions</i>			
<i>From Ordinary Income</i>	<i>From Long-Term Capital Gains</i>	<i>Tax Return of Capital</i>	<i>Net Investment Loss</i>
\$ 19,337,528	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

*For the year ended December 31, 2016*

<i>Distributions</i>			
<i>From Ordinary Income</i>	<i>From Long-Term Capital Gains</i>	<i>Tax Return of Capital</i>	<i>Net Investment Loss</i>
\$ 19,372,929	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Permanent book to tax basis differences may result in reclassifications between the components of net assets. These differences have no impact on the results of operations or net assets. The following reclassifications have been made to the Portfolio:

<i>Increase/(Decrease) to Capital</i>	<i>Increase/(Decrease) to Undistributed Net Investment Income/Loss</i>	<i>Increase/(Decrease) to Undistributed Net Realized Gain/Loss</i>
\$ -	\$ 2,626,018	\$ (2,626,018)

### 5. Capital Share Transactions

	<i>Year ended December 31, 2017</i>		<i>Year ended December 31, 2016</i>	
	<i>Shares</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Shares</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<b>Institutional Shares:</b>				
Shares sold	3,453,758	\$ 40,639,685	4,343,672	\$ 51,810,237
Reinvested dividends and distributions	785,137	9,202,522	830,664	9,771,475
Shares repurchased	(8,082,750)	(95,330,955)	(6,802,949)	(81,122,379)
<b>Net Increase/(Decrease)</b>	<b>(3,843,855)</b>	<b>\$(45,488,748)</b>	<b>(1,628,613)</b>	<b>\$ (19,540,667)</b>
<b>Service Shares:</b>				
Shares sold	6,337,426	\$ 81,111,460	14,435,323	\$ 186,652,808
Reinvested dividends and distributions	794,338	10,135,006	751,582	9,601,454
Shares repurchased	(7,219,792)	(92,314,915)	(7,428,588)	(95,763,690)
<b>Net Increase/(Decrease)</b>	<b>(88,028)</b>	<b>\$ (1,068,449)</b>	<b>7,758,317</b>	<b>\$ 100,490,572</b>

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### 6. Purchases and Sales of Investment Securities

For the year ended December 31, 2017, the aggregate cost of purchases and proceeds from sales of investment securities (excluding any short-term securities, short-term options contracts, TBAs, and in-kind transactions, as applicable) was as follows:

<i>Purchases of Securities</i>	<i>Proceeds from Sales of Securities</i>	<i>Purchases of Long-Term U.S. Government Obligations</i>	<i>Proceeds from Sales of Long-Term U.S. Government Obligations</i>
\$455,481,358	\$ 497,100,154	\$ 450,636,538	\$ 438,867,629

### 7. Recent Accounting Pronouncements

The Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") adopted new rules as well as amendments to its rules to modernize the reporting and disclosure of information by registered investment companies. In addition, the SEC adopted amendments to Regulation S-X, which require standardized, enhanced disclosure about derivatives in investment company financial statements, as well as other amendments. The compliance date of the amendments to Regulation S-X was August 1, 2017. This report incorporates the amendments to Regulation S-X.

The FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2017-08, *Receivables – Nonrefundable Fees and Other Costs (Subtopic 310-20), Premium Amortization on Purchased Callable Debt Securities* ("ASU 2017-08") to amend the amortization period for certain purchased callable debt securities held at a premium. The guidance requires certain premiums on callable debt securities to be amortized to the earliest call date. The amortization period for callable debt securities purchased at a discount will not be impacted. The amendments are effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2018. Early adoption is permitted, including adoption in an interim period. Management is currently evaluating the impacts of ASU 2017-08 on the financial statements.

### 8. Merger Related Matters

On October 3, 2016, Janus Capital Group Inc. ("JCGI"), the direct parent of Janus Capital, and Henderson Group plc ("Henderson") announced that they had entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger ("Merger Agreement") relating to the strategic combination of Henderson and JCGI (the "Merger"). Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, a newly formed, direct wholly-owned subsidiary of Henderson merged with and into JCGI, with JCGI as the surviving corporation and a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of Henderson. The Merger was effective May 30, 2017.

The consummation of the Merger may have been deemed to be an "assignment" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the advisory agreement between the Portfolio and Janus Capital in effect on the date of the Merger. As a result, the consummation of the Merger may have caused the investment advisory agreement to terminate automatically in accordance with its terms.

On December 8, 2016, the Trustees approved, subject to shareholder approval, a new investment advisory agreement between the Portfolio and Janus Capital in order to permit Janus Capital to continue to provide advisory services to the Portfolio following the closing of the Merger (the "Post-Merger Advisory Agreement"). At the same meeting, the Trustees approved submitting the Post-Merger Advisory Agreement, among other proposals, to Portfolio shareholders for approval.

Special Meeting(s) of Shareholders were held on April 6, 2017, and adjourned and reconvened on April 18, 2017.

#### Approval of Advisory Agreements

On April 18, 2017, shareholders of the Portfolio approved the Post-Merger Advisory Agreement with Janus Capital. The Post-Merger Advisory Agreement took effect upon the consummation of the Merger.

### 9. Subsequent Event

Management has evaluated whether any events or transactions occurred subsequent to December 31, 2017 and through the date of issuance of the Portfolio's financial statements and determined that there were no material events or transactions that would require recognition or disclosure in the Portfolio's financial statements.

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## Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Trustees of Janus Aspen Series and Shareholders of Janus Henderson VIT Flexible Bond Portfolio:

### Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the schedule of investments, of Janus Henderson VIT Flexible Bond Portfolio (one of the portfolios constituting Janus Aspen Series, referred to hereafter as the "Portfolio") as of December 31, 2017, the related statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2017, the statements of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2017, including the related notes, and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period ended December 31, 2017 (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Portfolio as of December 31, 2017, the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2017 and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period ended December 31, 2017 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Portfolio's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Portfolio's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB") and are required to be independent with respect to the Portfolio in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits of these financial statements in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of December 31, 2017 by correspondence with the custodian, transfer agent and brokers; when replies were not received from brokers, we performed other auditing procedures. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

*PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP*

Denver, Colorado  
February 16, 2018

We have served as the auditor of one or more investment companies in Janus Henderson Funds since 1990.

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## Additional Information (unaudited)

### Proxy Voting Policies and Voting Record

A description of the policies and procedures that the Portfolio uses to determine how to vote proxies relating to its portfolio securities is available without charge: (i) upon request, by calling 1-800-525-1093; (ii) on the Portfolio's website at [janushenderson.com/proxyvoting](http://janushenderson.com/proxyvoting); and (iii) on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. Additionally, information regarding the Portfolio's proxy voting record for the most recent twelve-month period ended June 30 is also available, free of charge, through [janushenderson.com/proxyvoting](http://janushenderson.com/proxyvoting) and from the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

### Full Holdings

The Portfolio is required to disclose its complete holdings in the quarterly holdings report on Form N-Q within 60 days of the end of the first and third fiscal quarters, and in the annual report and semiannual report to Portfolio shareholders. These reports (i) are available on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>; (ii) may be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. (information on the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 1-800-SEC-0330); and (iii) are available without charge, upon request, by calling a Janus Henderson representative at 1-877-335-2687 (toll free). Portfolio holdings consisting of at least the names of the holdings are generally available on a monthly basis with a 30-day lag. Holdings are generally posted approximately two business days thereafter under Full Holdings for the Portfolio at [janushenderson.com/vit](http://janushenderson.com/vit).

## APPROVAL OF ADVISORY AGREEMENTS DURING THE PERIOD

### December 2017

The Trustees of Janus Investment Fund and Janus Aspen Series, each of whom serves as an "independent" Trustee (the "Trustees"), oversee the management of each Fund of Janus Investment Fund and each Portfolio of Janus Aspen Series (each, a "Fund" and collectively, the "Funds"), and as required by law, determine annually whether to continue the investment advisory agreement for each Fund and the subadvisory agreements for the 14 Funds that utilize subadvisers.

In connection with their most recent consideration of those agreements for each Fund, the Trustees received and reviewed information provided by Janus Capital and the respective subadvisers in response to requests of the Trustees and their independent legal counsel. They also received and reviewed information and analysis provided by, and in response to requests of, their independent fee consultant. Throughout their consideration of the agreements, the Trustees were advised by their independent legal counsel. The Trustees met with management to consider the agreements, and also met separately in executive session with their independent legal counsel and their independent fee consultant.

Additionally, in connection with their consideration of whether to continue the investment advisory agreement and subadvisory agreement for each Fund, as applicable, the Trustees also received and reviewed information in connection with the transaction to combine the respective businesses of Henderson Group plc and Janus Capital Group, Inc., the parent company of Janus Capital (the "Transaction"), announced in October 2016, which closed in the second quarter of 2017. In this regard, the Trustees reviewed information regarding the impact of the Transaction on the services to be provided by Janus Capital and each subadviser, as applicable, to the Funds under such agreements prior to the close of the Transaction as well as the services provided after the Transaction closed.

At a meeting held on December 7, 2017, based on the Trustees' evaluation of the information provided by Janus Capital, the subadvisers, and the independent fee consultant, as well as other information, the Trustees determined that the overall arrangements between each Fund and Janus Capital and each subadviser, as applicable, were fair and reasonable in light of the nature, extent and quality of the services provided by Janus Capital, its affiliates and the subadvisers, the fees charged for those services, and other matters that the Trustees considered relevant in the exercise of their business judgment. At that meeting, the Trustees unanimously approved the continuation of the investment advisory agreement for each Fund, and the subadvisory agreement for each subadvised Fund, for the period from February 1, 2018 through February 1, 2019, subject to earlier termination as provided for in each agreement.

In considering the continuation of those agreements, the Trustees reviewed and analyzed various factors that they determined were relevant, including the factors described below, none of which by itself was considered dispositive. However, the material factors and conclusions that formed the basis for the Trustees' determination to approve the continuation of the agreements are discussed separately below. Also included is a summary of the independent fee consultant's conclusions and opinions that arose during, and were included as part of, the Trustees' consideration of the

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agreements. "Management fees," as used herein, reflect actual annual advisory fees and any administration fees (excluding out of pocket costs), net of any waivers.

### ***Nature, Extent and Quality of Services***

The Trustees reviewed the nature, extent and quality of the services provided by Janus Capital and the subadvisers to the Funds, taking into account the investment objective, strategies and policies of each Fund, and the knowledge the Trustees gained from their regular meetings with management on at least a quarterly basis and their ongoing review of information related to the Funds. In addition, the Trustees reviewed the resources and key personnel of Janus Capital and each subadviser, particularly noting those employees who provide investment and risk management services to the Funds. The Trustees also considered other services provided to the Funds by Janus Capital or the subadvisers, such as managing the execution of portfolio transactions and the selection of broker-dealers for those transactions. The Trustees considered Janus Capital's role as administrator to the Funds, noting that Janus Capital does not receive a fee for its services but is reimbursed for its out-of-pocket costs. The Trustees considered the role of Janus Capital in monitoring adherence to the Funds' investment restrictions, providing support services for the Trustees and Trustee committees, and overseeing communications with shareholders and the activities of other service providers, including monitoring compliance with various policies and procedures of the Funds and with applicable securities laws and regulations.

In this regard, the independent fee consultant noted that Janus Capital provides a number of different services for the Funds and Fund shareholders, ranging from investment management services to various other servicing functions, and that, in its opinion, Janus Capital is a capable provider of those services. The independent fee consultant also provided its belief that Janus Capital has developed a number of institutional competitive advantages that should enable it to provide superior investment and service performance over the long term.

The Trustees concluded that the nature, extent and quality of the services provided by Janus Capital or the subadviser to each Fund were appropriate and consistent with the terms of the respective advisory and subadvisory agreements, and that, taking into account steps taken to address those Funds whose performance lagged that of their peers for certain periods, the Funds were likely to benefit from the continued provision of those services. They also concluded that Janus Capital and each subadviser had sufficient personnel, with the appropriate education and experience, to serve the Funds effectively and had demonstrated its ability to attract well-qualified personnel.

### ***Performance of the Funds***

The Trustees considered the performance results of each Fund over various time periods. They noted that they considered Fund performance data throughout the year, including periodic meetings with each Fund's portfolio manager(s), and also reviewed information comparing each Fund's performance with the performance of comparable funds and peer groups identified by Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. ("Broadridge"), an independent data provider, and with the Fund's benchmark index. In this regard, the independent fee consultant found that the overall Funds' performance has been strong: for the 36 months ended September 30, 2017, approximately 70% of the Funds were in the top two quartiles of performance, as reported by Morningstar, and for the 12 months ended September 30, 2017, approximately 46% of the Funds were in the top two quartiles of performance, as reported by Morningstar.

The Trustees considered the performance of each Fund, noting that performance may vary by share class, and noted the following:

### ***Alternative Funds***

- For Janus Henderson Diversified Alternatives Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the second Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the second Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017.
- For Janus Henderson International Long/Short Equity Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance, the steps Janus Capital had taken or was taking to improve performance, and the Fund's limited performance history.

### ***Asset Allocation Funds***

- For Janus Henderson Global Allocation Fund – Conservative, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the second Broadridge

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quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance, the steps Janus Capital had taken or was taking to improve performance, and that the performance trend was improving.

- For Janus Henderson Global Allocation Fund – Growth, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the second Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance, the steps Janus Capital had taken or was taking to improve performance, and that the performance trend was improving.
- For Janus Henderson Global Allocation Fund – Moderate, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the third Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance and the steps Janus Capital had taken or was taking to improve performance.

### **Fixed-Income Funds**

- For Janus Henderson Flexible Bond Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance and the steps Janus Capital had taken or was taking to improve performance.
- For Janus Henderson Global Bond Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the third Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance and the steps Janus Capital had taken or was taking to improve performance.
- For Janus Henderson Global Unconstrained Bond Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the third Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance and the steps Janus Capital had taken or was taking to improve performance.
- For Janus Henderson High-Yield Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the second Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the third Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017.
- For Janus Henderson Multi-Sector Income Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the first Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the second Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017.
- For Janus Henderson Real Return Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the first Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the first Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017.
- For Janus Henderson Short-Term Bond Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the third Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the third Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance and the steps Janus Capital had taken or was taking to improve performance.
- For Janus Henderson Strategic Income Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the first Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the second Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017.

### **Global and International Equity Funds**

- For Janus Henderson Asia Equity Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the first Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the first Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017.

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- For Janus Henderson Emerging Markets Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the first Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the third Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017.
- For Janus Henderson European Focus Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance and the steps Janus Capital had taken or was taking to improve performance.
- For Janus Henderson Global Equity Income Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the third Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the second Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance, the steps Janus Capital had taken or was taking to improve performance, and that the performance trend was improving.
- For Janus Henderson Global Life Sciences Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the second Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the second Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017.
- For Janus Henderson Global Real Estate Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the second Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the first Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017.
- For Janus Henderson Global Research Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the third Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the second Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance, while also noting that the Fund has a performance fee structure that results in lower management fees during periods of underperformance, the steps Janus Capital had taken or was taking to improve performance, and that the performance trend was improving.
- For Janus Henderson Global Select Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the third Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the first Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance, the steps Janus Capital had taken or was taking to improve performance, and that the performance trend was improving.
- For Janus Henderson Global Technology Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the third Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the third Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance and the steps Janus Capital had taken or was taking to improve performance.
- For Janus Henderson Global Value Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the third Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance, while also noting that the Fund has a performance fee structure that results in lower management fees during periods of underperformance, and the steps Janus Capital and Perkins had taken or were taking to improve performance.
- For Janus Henderson International Opportunities Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the second Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017.
- For Janus Henderson International Small Cap Fund, the Trustees noted that, due to limited performance for the Fund, performance history was not a material factor.
- For Janus Henderson International Value Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the third Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance and the steps Janus Capital and Perkins had taken or were taking to improve performance.
- For Janus Henderson Overseas Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the first Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance, while also noting that

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the Fund has a performance fee structure that results in lower management fees during periods of underperformance, the steps Janus Capital had taken or was taking to improve performance, and that the performance trend was improving.

### **Money Market Funds**

- For Janus Henderson Government Money Market Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the third Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the third Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance.
- For Janus Henderson Money Market Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the third Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the third Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance.

### **Multi-Asset Funds**

- For Janus Henderson Adaptive Global Allocation Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the second Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017.
- For Janus Henderson All Asset Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the third Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the third Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance and the steps Janus Capital had taken or was taking to improve performance.
- For Janus Henderson Dividend & Income Builder Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the second Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the second Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017.
- For Janus Henderson Value Plus Income Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the second Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the second Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017.

### **Multi-Asset U.S. Equity Funds**

- For Janus Henderson Balanced Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the first Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the first Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017.
- For Janus Henderson Contrarian Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the first Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance, while also noting that the Fund has a performance fee structure that results in lower management fees during periods of underperformance, the steps Janus Capital had taken or was taking to improve performance, and that the performance trend was improving.
- For Janus Henderson Enterprise Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the first Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the second Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017.
- For Janus Henderson Forty Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the first Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the third Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017.
- For Janus Henderson Growth and Income Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the second Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the first Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017.
- For Janus Henderson Research Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the second Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the third Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017.

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- For Janus Henderson Triton Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the first Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the third Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017.
- For Janus Henderson U.S. Growth Opportunities Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance, the steps Janus Capital had taken or was taking to improve performance, and the Fund's limited performance history.
- For Janus Henderson Venture Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the first Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017.

### Quantitative Equity Funds

- For Janus Henderson Emerging Markets Managed Volatility Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance, the steps Janus Capital and Intech had taken or were taking to improve performance, and the Fund's limited performance history.
- For Janus Henderson Global Income Managed Volatility Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the first Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the third Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017.
- For Janus Henderson International Managed Volatility Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the third Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance and the steps Janus Capital and Intech had taken or were taking to improve performance.
- For Janus Henderson U.S. Managed Volatility Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the second Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017.

### U.S. Equity Funds

- For Janus Henderson Large Cap Value Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the third Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance, while also noting that the Fund has a performance fee structure that results in lower management fees during periods of underperformance, and the steps Janus Capital and Perkins had taken or were taking to improve performance.
- For Janus Henderson Mid Cap Value Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the second Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the second Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017.
- For Janus Henderson Select Value Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the first Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the second Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017.
- For Janus Henderson Small Cap Value Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the first Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the second Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017.

### Janus Aspen Series

- For Janus Henderson Balanced Portfolio, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the first Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the first Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017.
- For Janus Henderson Enterprise Portfolio, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the first Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the second Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017.

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- For Janus Henderson Flexible Bond Portfolio, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance and the steps Janus Capital had taken or was taking to improve performance.
- For Janus Henderson Forty Portfolio, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the first Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the third Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017.
- For Janus Henderson Global Allocation Portfolio – Moderate, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the second Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance, the steps Janus Capital had taken or was taking to improve performance, and that the performance trend was improving.
- For Janus Henderson Global Research Portfolio, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the third Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the third Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance, while also noting that the Fund has a performance fee structure that results in lower management fees during periods of underperformance, and the steps Janus Capital had taken or was taking to improve performance.
- For Janus Henderson Global Technology Portfolio, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the second Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the second Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017.
- For Janus Henderson Global Unconstrained Bond Portfolio, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance, the steps Janus Capital had taken or was taking to improve performance, and the Fund's limited performance history.
- For Janus Henderson Mid Cap Value Portfolio, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the third Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the second Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance, while also noting that the Fund has a performance fee structure that results in lower management fees during periods of underperformance, the steps Janus Capital and Perkins had taken or were taking to improve performance, and that the performance trend was improving.
- For Janus Henderson Overseas Portfolio, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the first Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance, while also noting that the Fund has a performance fee structure that results in lower management fees during periods of underperformance, the steps Janus Capital had taken or was taking to improve performance, and that the performance trend was improving.
- For Janus Henderson Research Portfolio, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the second Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the third Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017.
- For Janus Henderson U.S. Low Volatility Portfolio, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the first Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017.

In consideration of each Fund's performance, the Trustees concluded that, taking into account the factors relevant to performance, as well as other considerations, including steps taken to improve performance, the Fund's performance warranted continuation of the Fund's investment advisory and subadvisory agreement(s).

### **Costs of Services Provided**

The Trustees examined information regarding the fees and expenses of each Fund in comparison to similar information for other comparable funds as provided by Broadridge, an independent data provider. They also reviewed an analysis of

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that information provided by their independent fee consultant and noted that the rate of management (investment advisory and any administration, but excluding out-of-pocket costs) fees for many of the Funds, after applicable waivers, was below the average management fee rate of the respective peer group of funds selected by an independent data provider. The Trustees also examined information regarding the subadvisory fees charged for subadvisory services, as applicable, noting that all such fees were paid by Janus Capital out of its management fees collected from such Fund.

The independent fee consultant provided its belief that the management fees charged by Janus Capital to each of the Funds under the current investment advisory and administration agreements are reasonable in relation to the services provided by Janus Capital. The independent fee consultant found: (1) the total expenses and management fees of the Funds to be reasonable relative to other mutual funds; (2) total expenses, on average, were 10% below the average total expenses of their respective Broadridge Expense Group peers and 18% below the average total expenses for their Broadridge Expense Universes; (3) management fees for the Funds, on average, were 8% below the average management fees for their Expense Groups and 9% below the average for their Expense Universes; and (4) Fund expenses at the functional level for each asset and share class category were reasonable. The Trustees also considered the total expenses for each share class of each Fund compared to the average total expenses for its Broadridge Expense Group peers and to average total expenses for its Broadridge Expense Universe.

The independent fee consultant concluded that, based on its strategic review of expenses at the complex, category and individual fund level, Fund expenses were found to be reasonable relative to both Expense Group and Expense Universe benchmarks. Further, for certain Funds, the independent fee consultant also performed a systematic "focus list" analysis of expenses in the context of the performance or service delivered to each set of investors in each share class in each selected Fund. Based on this analysis, the independent fee consultant found that the combination of service quality/performance and expenses on these individual Funds and share classes were reasonable in light of performance trends, performance histories, and existence of performance fees, breakpoints, and expense waivers on such Funds.

The Trustees considered the methodology used by Janus Capital and each subadviser in determining compensation payable to portfolio managers, the competitive environment for investment management talent, and the competitive market for mutual funds in different distribution channels.

The Trustees also reviewed management fees charged by Janus Capital and each subadviser to comparable separate account clients and to comparable non-affiliated funds subadvised by Janus Capital or by a subadviser (for which Janus Capital or the subadviser provides only or primarily portfolio management services). Although in most instances subadvisory and separate account fee rates for various investment strategies were lower than management fee rates for Funds having a similar strategy, the Trustees considered that Janus Capital noted that, under the terms of the management agreements with the Funds, Janus Capital performs significant additional services for the Funds that it does not provide to those other clients, including administration services, oversight of the Funds' other service providers, trustee support, regulatory compliance and numerous other services, and that, in serving the Funds, Janus Capital assumes many legal risks and other costs that it does not assume in servicing its other clients. Moreover, they noted that the independent fee consultant found that: (1) the management fees Janus Capital charges to the Funds are reasonable in relation to the management fees Janus Capital charges to its institutional clients and to the fees Janus Capital charges to funds subadvised by Janus Capital; (2) these institutional and subadvised accounts have different service and infrastructure needs; (3) Janus mutual fund investors enjoy reasonable fees relative to the fees charged to Janus institutional and subadvised fund investors; (4) in three of seven product categories, the Funds receive proportionally better pricing than the industry in relation to Janus institutional clients; and (5) in seven of eight strategies, Janus Capital has lower management fees than funds subadvised by Janus Capital's portfolio managers.

The Trustees considered the fees for each Fund for its fiscal year ended in 2016, and noted the following with regard to each Fund's total expenses, net of applicable fee waivers (the Fund's "total expenses"):

### **Alternative Funds**

- For Janus Henderson Diversified Alternatives Fund, the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for one share class, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses.
- For Janus Henderson International Long/Short Equity Fund, the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for one share class, overall the Fund's total expenses were

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reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses effective June 5, 2017.

### **Asset Allocation Funds**

- For Janus Henderson Global Allocation Fund – Conservative, the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for certain share classes, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses, although this limit did not apply because the Fund's total expenses were already below the applicable fee limit.
- For Janus Henderson Global Allocation Fund – Growth, the Trustees noted that the Fund's total expenses were below the peer group average for all share classes.
- For Janus Henderson Global Allocation Fund – Moderate, the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for certain share classes, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses.

### **Fixed-Income Funds**

- For Janus Henderson Flexible Bond Fund, the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for certain share classes, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses, although this limit did not apply because the Fund's total expenses were already below the applicable fee limit.
- For Janus Henderson Global Bond Fund, the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for certain share classes, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses.
- For Janus Henderson Global Unconstrained Bond Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the third Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2017 and the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2017. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance and the steps Janus Capital had taken or was taking to improve performance.
- For Janus Henderson High-Yield Fund, the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for certain share classes, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses, although this limit did not apply because the Fund's total expenses were already below the applicable fee limit.
- For Janus Henderson Multi-Sector Income Fund, the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for one share class, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses.
- For Janus Henderson Real Return Fund, the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for certain share classes, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses.
- For Janus Henderson Short-Term Bond Fund, the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for certain share classes, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to waive 11 basis points of management fees effective February 1, 2018 and also has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses.
- For Janus Henderson Strategic Income Fund, the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for one share class, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses effective June 5, 2017.

### **Global and International Equity Funds**

- For Janus Henderson Asia Equity Fund, the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for certain share classes, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses.

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- For Janus Henderson Emerging Markets Fund, the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for one share class, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses effective June 5, 2017.
- For Janus Henderson European Focus Fund, the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for one share class, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses effective June 5, 2017.
- For Janus Henderson Global Equity Income Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's total expenses were below the peer group average for all share classes.
- For Janus Henderson Global Life Sciences Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's total expenses were below the peer group average for all share classes.
- For Janus Henderson Global Real Estate Fund, the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average one share class, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses, although this limit did not apply because the Fund's total expenses were already below the applicable fee limit.
- For Janus Henderson Global Research Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's total expenses were below the peer group average for all share classes.
- For Janus Henderson Global Select Fund, the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for one share class, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses, although this limit did not apply because the Fund's total expenses were already below the applicable fee limit.
- For Janus Henderson Global Technology Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's total expenses were below the peer group average for all share classes.
- For Janus Henderson Global Value Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's total expenses were below the peer group average for all share classes.
- For Janus Henderson International Opportunities Fund, the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for certain share classes, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses effective June 5, 2017.
- For Janus Henderson International Small Cap Fund, the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for one share class, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses effective June 5, 2017.
- For Janus Henderson International Value Fund, the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for one share class, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses.
- For Janus Henderson Overseas Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's total expenses were below the peer group average for all share classes.

### **Money Market Funds**

- For Janus Henderson Government Money Market Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's total expenses were below the peer group average for both share classes. In addition, the Trustees considered that Janus Capital voluntarily waives one-half of its advisory fee and other expenses in order to maintain a positive yield.
- For Janus Henderson Money Market Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's total expenses were below the peer group average for both share classes. In addition, the Trustees considered that Janus Capital voluntarily waives one-half of its advisory fee and other expenses in order to maintain a positive yield.

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### Multi-Asset Funds

- For Janus Henderson Adaptive Global Allocation Fund, the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for one share class, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses.
- For Janus Henderson All Asset Fund, the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for one share class, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's total expenses effective June 5, 2017.
- For Janus Henderson Dividend & Income Builder Fund, the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for certain share classes, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses effective June 5, 2017.
- For Janus Henderson Value Plus Income Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's total expenses were below the peer group average for all share classes.

### Multi-Asset U.S. Equity Funds

- For Janus Henderson Balanced Fund, the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for certain share classes, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses, although this limit did not apply because the Fund's total expenses were already below the applicable fee limit.
- For Janus Henderson Contrarian Fund, the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for one share class, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses, although this limit did not apply because the Fund's total expenses were already below the applicable fee limit.
- For Janus Henderson Enterprise Fund, the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for certain share classes, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses, although this limit did not apply because the Fund's total expenses were already below the applicable fee limit.
- For Janus Henderson Forty Fund, the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for certain share classes, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses, although this limit did not apply because the Fund's total expenses were already below the applicable fee limit.
- For Janus Henderson Growth and Income Fund, the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for certain share classes, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses, although this limit did not apply because the Fund's total expenses were already below the applicable fee limit.
- For Janus Henderson Research Fund, the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses were equal to or exceeded the peer group average for certain share classes, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses effective February 1, 2017.
- For Janus Henderson Triton Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's total expenses were below the peer group average for all share classes.
- For Janus Henderson U.S. Growth Opportunities Fund, the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for one share class, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses effective June 5, 2017.
- For Janus Henderson Venture Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's total expenses were below the peer group average for all share classes.

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### Quantitative Equity Funds

- For Janus Henderson Emerging Markets Managed Volatility Fund, the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for certain share classes, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses.
- For Janus Henderson Global Income Managed Volatility Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's total expenses were below the peer group average for all share classes.
- For Janus Henderson International Managed Volatility Fund, the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for one share class, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses.
- For Janus Henderson U.S. Managed Volatility Fund, the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for one share class, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses, although this limit did not apply because the Fund's total expenses were already below the applicable fee limit.

### U.S. Equity Funds

- For Janus Henderson Large Cap Value Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's total expenses were below the peer group average for all share classes.
- For Janus Henderson Mid Cap Value Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's total expenses were below the peer group average for all share classes.
- For Janus Henderson Select Value Fund, the Trustees noted that the Fund's total expenses were below the peer group averages for all share classes.
- For Janus Henderson Small Cap Value Fund, the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for certain share classes, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses, although this limit did not apply because the Fund's total expenses were already below the applicable fee limit.

### Janus Aspen Series

- For Janus Henderson Balanced Portfolio, the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for one share class, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable.
- For Janus Henderson Enterprise Portfolio, the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for one share class, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable.
- For Janus Henderson Flexible Bond Portfolio, the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for one share class, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses, although this limit did not apply because the Fund's total expenses were already below the applicable fee limit.
- For Janus Henderson Forty Portfolio, the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for one share class, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable.
- For Janus Henderson Global Allocation Portfolio - Moderate, the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for one share class, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses.
- For Janus Henderson Global Research Portfolio, the Trustees noted that the Fund's total expenses were below the peer group average for both share classes.
- For Janus Henderson Global Technology Portfolio, the Trustees noted that the Fund's total expenses were below the peer group average for both share classes.
- For Janus Henderson Global Unconstrained Bond Portfolio, the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for one share class, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses.

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- For Janus Henderson Mid Cap Value Portfolio, the Trustees noted that the Fund's total expenses were below the peer group average for both share classes.
- For Janus Henderson Overseas Portfolio, the Trustees noted that the Fund's total expenses were below the peer group average for both share classes.
- For Janus Henderson Research Portfolio, the Trustees noted that the Fund's total expenses were below the peer group average for both share classes.
- For Janus Henderson U.S. Low Volatility Portfolio, the Trustees noted that the Fund's total expenses were below the peer group average for its sole share class.

The Trustees reviewed information on the overall profitability to Janus Capital and its affiliates of their relationship with the Funds, and considered profitability data of other fund managers. The Trustees also considered the financial information, estimated profitability and corporate structure of Janus Capital's parent company before and after the Transaction. The Trustees recognized that profitability comparisons among fund managers are difficult because of the variation in the type of comparative information that is publicly available, and the profitability of any fund manager is affected by numerous factors, including the organizational structure of the particular fund manager, the types of funds and other accounts it manages, possible other lines of business, the methodology for allocating expenses, and the fund manager's capital structure and cost of capital. The Trustees also noted that the Trustees' independent fee consultant reviewed the overall profitability of Janus Capital's parent company prior to the Transaction, and the independent fee consultant found that, while assessing the reasonableness of Fund expenses in light of such profits was dependent on comparisons with other publicly-traded mutual fund advisers, and that these comparisons were limited in accuracy by differences in complex size, business mix, institutional account orientation and other factors, after accepting these limitations, the level of profit earned by Janus Capital's parent company was reasonable. In this regard, the independent consultant concluded that the profitability of Janus Capital's parent company did not show excess nor did it show any insufficiency that could limit the ability to invest the resources needed to drive strong future investment performance on behalf of the Funds.

Additionally, the Trustees considered the estimated profitability to Janus Capital from the investment management services it provided to each Fund. The Trustees also considered such estimated profitability taking into account the impact of the Transaction on Janus Capital's expense structure on a pro forma basis. In their review, the Trustees considered whether Janus Capital and each subadviser receive adequate incentives and resources to manage the Funds effectively. In reviewing profitability, the Trustees noted that the estimated profitability for an individual Fund is necessarily a product of the allocation methodology utilized by Janus Capital to allocate its expenses as part of the estimated profitability calculation. In this regard, the Trustees noted that the independent fee consultant concluded that (1) the expense allocation methodology utilized by Janus Capital was reasonable and (2) the estimated profitability to Janus Capital from the investment management services it provided to each Fund was reasonable, including after taking into account the impact of the Transaction on Janus Capital's expense structure on a pro forma basis. The Trustees also considered that the estimated profitability for an individual Fund was influenced by a number of factors, including not only the allocation methodology selected, but also the presence of fee waivers and expense caps, and whether the Fund's investment management agreement contained breakpoints or a performance fee component. The Trustees determined, after taking into account these factors, among others, that Janus Capital's estimated profitability with respect to each Fund was not unreasonable in relation to the services provided, and that the variation in the range of such estimated profitability among the Funds was not a material factor in the Board's approval of the reasonableness of any Fund's investment management fees.

The Trustees concluded that the management fees payable by each Fund to Janus Capital and its affiliates, as well as the fees paid by Janus Capital to the subadvisers of subadvised Funds, were reasonable in relation to the nature, extent, and quality of the services provided, taking into account the fees charged by other advisers for managing comparable mutual funds with similar strategies, the fees Janus Capital and the subadvisers charge to other clients, and, as applicable, the impact of fund performance on management fees payable by the Funds. The Trustees also concluded that each Fund's total expenses were reasonable, taking into account the size of the Fund, the quality of services provided by Janus Capital and any subadviser, the investment performance of the Fund, and any expense limitations agreed to or provided by Janus Capital.

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### ***Economies of Scale***

The Trustees considered information about the potential for Janus Capital to realize economies of scale as the assets of the Funds increase. They noted their independent fee consultant's analysis of economies of scale in prior years. They also noted that, although many Funds pay advisory fees at a base fixed rate as a percentage of net assets, without any breakpoints or performance fees, their independent fee consultant concluded that 86% of these Funds' share classes have contractual management fees (gross of waivers) below their Broadridge expense group averages. They also noted that for those Funds whose expenses are being reduced by the contractual expense limitations of Janus Capital, Janus Capital is subsidizing certain of these Funds because they have not reached adequate scale. Moreover, as the assets of some of the Funds have declined in the past few years, certain Funds have benefited from having advisory fee rates that have remained constant rather than increasing as assets declined. In addition, performance fee structures have been implemented for various Funds that have caused the effective rate of advisory fees payable by such a Fund to vary depending on the investment performance of the Fund relative to its benchmark index over the measurement period; and a few Funds have fee schedules with breakpoints and reduced fee rates above certain asset levels. The Trustees also noted that the Funds share directly in economies of scale through the lower charges of third-party service providers that are based in part on the combined scale of all of the Funds. Based on all of the information they reviewed, including past research and analysis conducted by the Trustees' independent fee consultant, the Trustees concluded that the current fee structure of each Fund was reasonable and that the current rates of fees do reflect a sharing between Janus Capital and the Fund of any economies of scale that may be present at the current asset level of the Fund.

The independent fee consultant concluded that, given the limitations of various analytical approaches to economies of scale it had considered in prior years, and their conflicting results, it is difficult to analytically confirm or deny the existence of economies of scale in the Janus complex. The independent consultant concluded that (1) to the extent there were economies of scale at Janus Capital, Janus Capital's general strategy of setting fixed management fees below peers appeared to share any such economies with investors even on smaller Funds which have not yet achieved those economies and (2) by setting lower fixed fees from the start on these Funds, Janus Capital appeared to be investing to increase the likelihood that these Funds will grow to a level to achieve any scale economies that may exist. Further, the independent fee consultant provided its belief that Fund investors are well-served by the fee levels and performance fee structures in place on the Funds in light of any economies of scale that may be present at Janus Capital.

### ***Other Benefits to Janus Capital***

The Trustees also considered benefits that accrue to Janus Capital and its affiliates and subadvisers to the Funds from their relationships with the Funds. They recognized that two affiliates of Janus Capital separately serve the Funds as transfer agent and distributor, respectively, and the transfer agent receives compensation directly from the non-money market funds for services provided. The Trustees also considered Janus Capital's past and proposed use of commissions paid by the Funds on portfolio brokerage transactions to obtain proprietary and third-party research products and services benefiting the Fund and/or other clients of Janus Capital and/or Janus Capital, and/or a subadviser to a Fund. The Trustees concluded that Janus Capital's and the subadvisers' use of these types of client commission arrangements to obtain proprietary and third-party research products and services was consistent with regulatory requirements and guidelines and was likely to benefit each Fund. The Trustees also concluded that, other than the services provided by Janus Capital and its affiliates and subadvisers pursuant to the agreements and the fees to be paid by each Fund therefor, the Funds and Janus Capital and the subadvisers may potentially benefit from their relationship with each other in other ways. They concluded that Janus Capital and/or the subadvisers benefit from the receipt of research products and services acquired through commissions paid on portfolio transactions of the Funds and that the Funds benefit from Janus Capital's and/or the subadvisers' receipt of those products and services as well as research products and services acquired through commissions paid by other clients of Janus Capital and/or other clients of the subadvisers. They further concluded that the success of any Fund could attract other business to Janus Capital, the subadvisers or other Janus funds, and that the success of Janus Capital and the subadvisers could enhance Janus Capital's and the subadvisers' ability to serve the Funds.

### **January 2017**

The Trustees of Janus Investment Fund and Janus Aspen Series, each of whom serves as an "independent" Trustee (the "Trustees"), oversee the management of each Fund of Janus Investment Fund and each Portfolio of Janus Aspen Series (each, a "Fund" and collectively, the "Funds"), and as required by law, determine annually whether to continue the

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investment advisory agreement for each Fund and the subadvisory agreements for the 16 Funds that utilize subadvisers.

In connection with their most recent consideration of those agreements for each Fund, the Trustees received and reviewed information provided by Janus Capital and the respective subadvisers in response to requests of the Trustees and their independent legal counsel. They also received and reviewed information and analysis provided by, and in response to requests of, their independent fee consultant. Throughout their consideration of the agreements, the Trustees were advised by their independent legal counsel. The Trustees met with management to consider the agreements, and also met separately in executive session with their independent legal counsel and their independent fee consultant.

Additionally, in connection with their consideration of whether to continue the investment advisory agreement and subadvisory agreement for each Fund, as applicable, the Trustees also received and reviewed information in connection with the proposed transaction to combine the respective businesses of Henderson Group plc and Janus Capital Group, Inc., the parent company of Janus Capital (the "Transaction"), announced in October 2016, which Janus Capital advised the Trustees was expected to close in the second quarter of 2017. In this regard, the Trustees reviewed information regarding the impact of the Transaction on the services to be provided by Janus Capital and each subadviser, as applicable, to the Funds under such agreements both prior to the close of the Transaction, and afterwards, if the Transaction were not to close. If the Transaction closes, all such agreements would be replaced by new investment advisory agreements and subadvisory agreements, as applicable, for each Fund, assuming requisite Fund shareholder approvals have been obtained.

At a meeting held on January 26, 2017, based on the Trustees' evaluation of the information provided by Janus Capital, the subadvisers, and the independent fee consultant, as well as other information, the Trustees determined that the overall arrangements between each Fund and Janus Capital and each subadviser, as applicable, were fair and reasonable in light of the nature, extent and quality of the services provided by Janus Capital, its affiliates and the subadvisers, the fees charged for those services, and other matters that the Trustees considered relevant in the exercise of their business judgment. At that meeting, the Trustees unanimously approved the continuation of the investment advisory agreement for each Fund, and the subadvisory agreement for each subadvised Fund, for the period from February 1, 2017 through February 1, 2018, subject to earlier termination as provided for in each agreement.

In considering the continuation of those agreements, the Trustees reviewed and analyzed various factors that they determined were relevant, including the factors described below, none of which by itself was considered dispositive. However, the material factors and conclusions that formed the basis for the Trustees' determination to approve the continuation of the agreements are discussed separately below. Also included is a summary of the independent fee consultant's conclusions and opinions that arose during, and were included as part of, the Trustees' consideration of the agreements. "Management fees," as used herein, reflect actual annual advisory fees and any administration fees (excluding out of pocket costs), net of any waivers.

#### ***Nature, Extent and Quality of Services***

The Trustees reviewed the nature, extent and quality of the services provided by Janus Capital and the subadvisers to the Funds, taking into account the investment objective, strategies and policies of each Fund, and the knowledge the Trustees gained from their regular meetings with management on at least a quarterly basis and their ongoing review of information related to the Funds. In addition, the Trustees reviewed the resources and key personnel of Janus Capital and each subadviser, particularly noting those employees who provide investment and risk management services to the Funds. The Trustees also considered other services provided to the Funds by Janus Capital or the subadvisers, such as managing the execution of portfolio transactions and the selection of broker-dealers for those transactions. The Trustees considered Janus Capital's role as administrator to the Funds, noting that Janus Capital does not receive a fee for its services but is reimbursed for its out-of-pocket costs. The Trustees considered the role of Janus Capital in monitoring adherence to the Funds' investment restrictions, providing support services for the Trustees and Trustee committees, and overseeing communications with shareholders and the activities of other service providers, including monitoring compliance with various policies and procedures of the Funds and with applicable securities laws and regulations.

In this regard, the independent fee consultant noted that Janus Capital provides a number of different services for the Funds and Fund shareholders, ranging from investment management services to various other servicing functions, and that, in its opinion, Janus Capital is a capable provider of those services. The independent fee consultant also provided

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its belief that Janus Capital has developed a number of institutional competitive advantages that should enable it to provide superior investment and service performance over the long term.

The Trustees concluded that the nature, extent and quality of the services provided by Janus Capital or the subadviser to each Fund were appropriate and consistent with the terms of the respective advisory and subadvisory agreements, and that, taking into account steps taken to address those Funds whose performance lagged that of their peers for certain periods, the Funds were likely to benefit from the continued provision of those services. They also concluded that Janus Capital and each subadviser had sufficient personnel, with the appropriate education and experience, to serve the Funds effectively and had demonstrated its ability to attract well-qualified personnel.

### ***Performance of the Funds***

The Trustees considered the performance results of each Fund over various time periods. They noted that they considered Fund performance data throughout the year, including periodic meetings with each Fund's portfolio manager(s), and also reviewed information comparing each Fund's performance with the performance of comparable funds and peer groups identified by Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. ("Broadridge"), an independent data provider, and with the Fund's benchmark index. In this regard, the independent fee consultant found that the overall Funds' performance has been strong: for the 36 months ended September 30, 2016, approximately 76% of the Funds were in the top two Broadridge quartiles of performance, and for the 12 months ended September 30, 2016, approximately 47% of the Funds were in the top two Broadridge quartiles of performance.

The Trustees considered the performance of each Fund, noting that performance may vary by share class, and noted the following:

### ***Fixed-Income Funds and Money Market Funds***

- For Janus Henderson Flexible Bond Fund (formerly, Janus Flexible Bond Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the second Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the third Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016.
- For Janus Henderson Global Bond Fund (formerly, Janus Global Bond Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the second Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the third Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016.
- For Janus Henderson Global Unconstrained Bond Fund (formerly, Janus Global Unconstrained Bond Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the first Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016.
- For Janus Henderson High-Yield Fund (formerly, Janus High-Yield Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the second Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the second Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016.
- For Janus Henderson Multi-Sector Income Fund (formerly, Janus Multi-Sector Income Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the first Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016.
- For Janus Henderson Real Return Fund (formerly, Janus Real Return Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the first Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the first Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016.
- For Janus Henderson Short-Term Bond Fund (formerly, Janus Short-Term Bond Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the second Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the third Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016.
- For Janus Henderson Government Money Market Fund (formerly, Janus Government Money Market Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the third Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the third Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance.
- For Janus Henderson Money Market Fund (formerly, Janus Money Market Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the

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bottom Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance.

### Asset Allocation Funds

- For Janus Henderson Global Allocation Fund – Conservative (formerly, Janus Global Allocation Fund – Conservative), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the second Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016.
- For Janus Henderson Global Allocation Fund – Growth (formerly, Janus Global Allocation Fund – Growth), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance and the steps Janus Capital had taken or was taking to improve performance.
- For Janus Henderson Global Allocation Fund – Moderate (formerly, Janus Global Allocation Fund – Moderate), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the third Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance and the steps Janus Capital had taken or was taking to improve performance.

### Alternative Fund

- For Janus Henderson Diversified Alternatives Fund (formerly, Janus Diversified Alternatives Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the third Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the third Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance and the steps Janus Capital had taken or was taking to improve performance.

### Value Funds

- For Janus Henderson International Value Fund (formerly, Perkins International Value Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the second Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the first Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016.
- For Janus Henderson Global Value Fund (formerly, Perkins Global Value Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the second Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the first Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016.
- For Janus Henderson Large Cap Value Fund (formerly, Perkins Large Cap Value Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the third Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the first Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance, noting that the Fund has a performance fee structure that results in lower management fees during periods of underperformance, the steps Janus Capital and Perkins had taken or were taking to improve performance, and that the performance trend was improving.
- For Janus Henderson Mid Cap Value Fund (formerly, Perkins Mid Cap Value Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the first Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance, noting that the Fund has a performance fee structure that results in lower management fees during periods of underperformance, the steps Janus Capital and Perkins had taken or were taking to improve performance, and that the performance trend was improving.
- For Janus Henderson Select Value Fund (formerly, Perkins Select Value Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the second Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the first Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016.
- For Janus Henderson Small Cap Value Fund (formerly, Perkins Small Cap Value Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the first Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the first Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016.

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- For Janus Henderson Value Plus Income Fund (formerly, Perkins Value Plus Income Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the second Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the second Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016.

### **Mathematical Funds**

- For Janus Henderson Emerging Markets Managed Volatility Fund (formerly, Intech Emerging Markets Managed Volatility Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the second Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016.
- For Janus Henderson Global Income Managed Volatility Fund (formerly, Intech Global Income Managed Volatility Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the first Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the first Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016.
- For Janus Henderson International Managed Volatility Fund (formerly, Intech International Managed Volatility Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the first Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the first Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016.
- For Janus Henderson U.S. Managed Volatility Fund (formerly, Intech U.S. Managed Volatility Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the first Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the first Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016.

### **Growth and Core Funds**

- For Janus Henderson Balanced Fund (formerly, Janus Balanced Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the first Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the third Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016.
- For Janus Henderson Contrarian Fund (formerly, Janus Contrarian Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance, noting that the Fund has a performance fee structure that results in lower management fees during periods of underperformance, and the steps Janus Capital had taken or was taking to improve performance.
- For Janus Henderson Enterprise Fund (formerly, Janus Enterprise Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the first Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the first Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016.
- For Janus Henderson Forty Fund (formerly, Janus Forty Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the first Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the first Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016.
- For Janus Henderson Growth and Income Fund (formerly, Janus Growth and Income Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the second Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and in the second Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016.
- For Janus Henderson Research Fund (formerly, Janus Research Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the first Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the second Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016.
- For Janus Henderson Triton Fund (formerly, Janus Triton Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the first Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the first Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016.
- For Janus Henderson Venture Fund (formerly, Janus Venture Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the first Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the second Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016.

### **Global and International Funds**

- For Janus Henderson Adaptive Global Allocation Fund (formerly, Janus Adaptive Global Allocation Fund), the Trustees noted that, due to limited performance for the Fund, performance history was not a material factor.

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- For Janus Henderson Asia Equity Fund (formerly, Janus Asia Equity Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the third Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance, noting that the Fund has a performance fee structure that results in lower management fees during periods of underperformance, and the steps Janus Capital had taken or was taking to improve performance.
- For Janus Henderson Global Life Sciences Fund (formerly, Janus Global Life Sciences Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the first Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016.
- For Janus Henderson Global Real Estate Fund (formerly, Janus Global Real Estate Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the third Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance, noting that the Fund has a performance fee structure that results in lower management fees during periods of underperformance, and the steps Janus Capital had taken or was taking to improve performance.
- For Janus Henderson Global Research Fund (formerly, Janus Global Research Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the third Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance, noting that the Fund has a performance fee structure that results in lower management fees during periods of underperformance, and the steps Janus Capital had taken or was taking to improve performance.
- For Janus Henderson Global Select Fund (formerly, Janus Global Select Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance and the steps Janus Capital had taken or was taking to improve performance.
- For Janus Henderson Global Technology Fund (formerly, Janus Global Technology Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the third Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the first Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance, the steps Janus Capital had taken or was taking to improve performance, and that the performance trend was improving.
- For Janus Henderson Overseas Fund (formerly, Janus Overseas Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance, noting that the Fund has a performance fee structure that results in lower management fees during periods of underperformance, and the steps Janus Capital had taken or was taking to improve performance.

### **Janus Aspen Series**

- For Janus Henderson Balanced Portfolio (formerly, Janus Aspen Balanced Portfolio), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the first Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the third Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016.
- For Janus Henderson Enterprise Portfolio (formerly, Janus Aspen Enterprise Portfolio), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the first Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the first Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016.
- For Janus Henderson Flexible Bond Portfolio (formerly, Janus Aspen Flexible Bond Portfolio), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the second Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016.
- For Janus Henderson Forty Portfolio (formerly, Janus Aspen Forty Portfolio), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the first Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the first Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016.

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- For Janus Henderson Global Allocation Portfolio – Moderate (formerly, Janus Aspen Global Allocation Portfolio – Moderate), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance and the steps Janus Capital had taken or was taking to improve performance.
- For Janus Henderson Global Research Portfolio (formerly, Janus Aspen Global Research Portfolio), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the third Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance, noting that the Fund has a performance fee structure that results in lower management fees during periods of underperformance, and the steps Janus Capital had taken or was taking to improve performance.
- For Janus Henderson Global Technology Portfolio (formerly, Janus Aspen Global Technology Portfolio), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the third Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the second Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance and the steps Janus Capital had taken or was taking to improve performance.
- For Janus Henderson Global Unconstrained Bond Portfolio (formerly, Janus Aspen Global Unconstrained Bond Portfolio), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the second Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016.
- For Janus Henderson U.S. Low Volatility Portfolio (formerly, Janus Aspen Intech U.S. Low Volatility Portfolio), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the first Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the first Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016.
- For Janus Henderson Research Portfolio (formerly, Janus Aspen Janus Portfolio), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the first Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the second Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016.
- For Janus Henderson Overseas Portfolio (formerly, Janus Aspen Overseas Portfolio), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance, noting that the Fund has a performance fee structure that results in lower management fees during periods of underperformance, and the steps Janus Capital had taken or was taking to improve performance.
- For Janus Henderson Mid Cap Value Portfolio (formerly, Janus Aspen Perkins Mid Cap Value Portfolio), the Trustees noted that the Fund's performance was in the bottom Broadridge quartile for the 36 months ended May 31, 2016 and the first Broadridge quartile for the 12 months ended May 31, 2016. The Trustees noted the reasons for the Fund's underperformance, noting that the Fund has a performance fee structure that results in lower management fees during periods of underperformance, the steps Janus Capital and Perkins had taken or were taking to improve performance, and that the performance trend was improving.

In consideration of each Fund's performance, the Trustees concluded that, taking into account the factors relevant to performance, as well as other considerations, including steps taken to improve performance, the Fund's performance warranted continuation of the Fund's investment advisory and subadvisory agreement(s).

### **Costs of Services Provided**

The Trustees examined information regarding the fees and expenses of each Fund in comparison to similar information for other comparable funds as provided by Broadridge, an independent data provider. They also reviewed an analysis of that information provided by their independent fee consultant and noted that the rate of management (investment advisory and any administration, but excluding out-of-pocket costs) fees for many of the Funds, after applicable waivers, was below the average management fee rate of the respective peer group of funds selected by an independent data provider. The Trustees also examined information regarding the subadvisory fees charged for subadvisory services, as applicable, noting that all such fees were paid by Janus Capital out of its management fees collected from such Fund.

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The independent fee consultant provided its belief that the management fees charged by Janus Capital to each of the Funds under the current investment advisory and administration agreements are reasonable in relation to the services provided by Janus Capital. The independent fee consultant found: (1) the total expenses and management fees of the Funds to be reasonable relative to other mutual funds; (2) total expenses, on average, were 12% below the average total expenses of their respective Broadridge Expense Group peers and 20% below the average total expenses for their Broadridge Expense Universes; (3) management fees for the Funds, on average, were 11% below the average management fees for their Expense Groups and 13% below the average for their Expense Universes; and (4) Fund expenses at the functional level for each asset and share class category were reasonable. The Trustees also considered the total expenses for each share class of each Fund compared to the average total expenses for its Broadridge Expense Group peers and to average total expenses for its Broadridge Expense Universe.

The independent fee consultant concluded that, based on its strategic review of expenses at the complex, category and individual fund level, Fund expenses were found to be reasonable relative to both Expense Group and Expense Universe benchmarks. Further, for certain Funds, the independent fee consultant also performed a systematic “focus list” analysis of expenses in the context of the performance or service delivered to each set of investors in each share class in each selected Fund. Based on this analysis, the independent fee consultant found that the combination of service quality/performance and expenses on these individual Funds and share classes were reasonable in light of performance trends, performance histories, and existence of performance fees, breakpoints, and expense waivers on such Funds.

The Trustees considered the methodology used by Janus Capital and each subadviser in determining compensation payable to portfolio managers, the competitive environment for investment management talent, and the competitive market for mutual funds in different distribution channels.

The Trustees also reviewed management fees charged by Janus Capital and each subadviser to comparable separate account clients and to comparable non-affiliated funds subadvised by Janus Capital or by a subadviser (for which Janus Capital or the subadviser provides only or primarily portfolio management services). Although in most instances subadvisory and separate account fee rates for various investment strategies were lower than management fee rates for Funds having a similar strategy, the Trustees considered that Janus Capital noted that, under the terms of the management agreements with the Funds, Janus Capital performs significant additional services for the Funds that it does not provide to those other clients, including administration services, oversight of the Funds' other service providers, trustee support, regulatory compliance and numerous other services, and that, in serving the Funds, Janus Capital assumes many legal risks and other costs that it does not assume in servicing its other clients. Moreover, they noted that the independent fee consultant found that: (1) the management fees Janus Capital charges to the Funds are reasonable in relation to the management fees Janus Capital charges to its institutional and subadvised accounts; (2) these institutional and subadvised accounts have different service and infrastructure needs; (3) Janus mutual fund investors enjoy reasonable fees relative to the fees charged to Janus institutional and subadvised fund investors; and (4) in the majority of cases, the Funds receive proportionally better pricing than the industry in relation to Janus institutional and subadvised accounts.

The Trustees considered the fees for each Fund for its fiscal year ended in 2015, and noted the following with regard to each Fund's total expenses, net of applicable fee waivers (the Fund's “total expenses”):

### **Fixed-Income Funds and Money Market Funds**

- For Janus Henderson Flexible Bond Fund (formerly, Janus Flexible Bond Fund), the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for certain share classes, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses, although this limit did not apply because the Fund's total expenses were already below the applicable fee limit.
- For Janus Henderson Global Bond Fund (formerly, Janus Global Bond Fund), the Trustees noted that although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for certain share classes, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses.
- For Janus Henderson Global Unconstrained Bond Fund (formerly, Janus Global Unconstrained Bond Fund), the Trustees noted that although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for certain share

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classes, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses.

- For Janus Henderson High-Yield Fund (formerly, Janus High-Yield Fund), the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for certain share classes, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses, although this limit did not apply because the Fund's total expenses were already below the applicable fee limit.
- For Janus Henderson Multi-Sector Income Fund (formerly, Janus Multi-Sector Income Fund), the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for one share class, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses.
- For Janus Henderson Real Return Fund (formerly, Janus Real Return Fund), the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses were equal to or exceeded the peer group average for all share classes, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses.
- For Janus Henderson Short-Term Bond Fund (formerly, Janus Short-Term Bond Fund), the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for certain share classes, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses.
- For Janus Henderson Government Money Market Fund (formerly, Janus Government Money Market Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for both share classes. The Trustees considered that management fees for this Fund are higher than the peer group average due to the Fund's management fee including other costs, such as custody and transfer agent services, while many funds in the peer group pay these expenses separately from their management fee. In addition, the Trustees considered that Janus Capital voluntarily waives one-half of its advisory fee and other expenses in order to maintain a positive yield.
- For Janus Henderson Money Market Fund (formerly, Janus Money Market Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's total expenses were below the peer group average for both share classes. In addition, the Trustees considered that Janus Capital voluntarily waives one-half of its advisory fee and other expenses in order to maintain a positive yield.

### **Asset Allocation Funds**

- For Janus Henderson Global Allocation Fund – Conservative (formerly, Janus Global Allocation Fund – Conservative), the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group median for one share class, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses, although this limit did not apply because the Fund's total expenses were already below the applicable fee limit.
- For Janus Henderson Global Allocation Fund – Growth (formerly, Janus Global Allocation Fund – Growth), the Trustees noted that the Fund's total expenses were below the peer group average for all share classes.
- For Janus Henderson Global Allocation Fund – Moderate (formerly, Janus Global Allocation Fund – Moderate), the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for one share class, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses.

### **Alternative Fund**

- For Janus Henderson Diversified Alternatives Fund (formerly, Janus Diversified Alternatives Fund), the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for certain share classes, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses.

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### Value Funds

- For Janus Henderson International Value Fund (formerly, Perkins International Value Fund), the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for one share class, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses.
- For Janus Henderson Global Value Fund (formerly, Perkins Global Value Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's total expenses were below the peer group average for all share classes.
- For Janus Henderson Large Cap Value Fund (formerly, Perkins Large Cap Value Fund), the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for one share class, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses.
- For Janus Henderson Mid Cap Value Fund (formerly, Perkins Mid Cap Value Fund), the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for one share class, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses, although this limit did not apply because the Fund's total expenses were already below the applicable fee limit.
- For Janus Henderson Select Value Fund (formerly, Perkins Select Value Fund), the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for one share class, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses.
- For Janus Henderson Small Cap Value Fund (formerly, Perkins Small Cap Value Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's total expenses were below the peer group average for all share classes.
- For Janus Henderson Value Plus Income Fund (formerly, Perkins Value Plus Income Fund), the Trustees noted that although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for one share class, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses.

### Mathematical Funds

- For Janus Henderson Emerging Markets Managed Volatility Fund (formerly, Intech Emerging Markets Managed Volatility Fund), the Trustees noted that although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for one share class, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses.
- For Janus Henderson Global Income Managed Volatility Fund (formerly, Intech Global Income Managed Volatility Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's total expenses were below the peer group average for all share classes.
- For Janus Henderson International Managed Volatility Fund (formerly, Intech International Managed Volatility Fund), the Trustees noted that although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for one share class, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses.
- For Janus Henderson U.S. Managed Volatility Fund (formerly, Intech U.S. Managed Volatility Fund), the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for one share class, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses, although this limit did not apply because the Fund's total expenses were already below the applicable fee limit.

### Growth and Core Funds

- For Janus Henderson Balanced Fund (formerly, Janus Balanced Fund), the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for one share class, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's

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expenses, although this limit did not apply because the Fund's total expenses were already below the applicable fee limit.

- For Janus Henderson Contrarian Fund (formerly, Janus Contrarian Fund), the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for certain share classes, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses, although this limit did not apply because the Fund's total expenses were already below the applicable fee limit.
- For Janus Henderson Enterprise Fund (formerly, Janus Enterprise Fund), the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for one share class, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses, although this limit did not apply because the Fund's total expenses were already below the applicable fee limit.
- For Janus Henderson Forty Fund (formerly, Janus Forty Fund), the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for certain share classes, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses, although this limit did not apply because the Fund's total expenses were already below the applicable fee limit.
- For Janus Henderson Growth and Income Fund (formerly, Janus Growth and Income Fund), the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for certain share classes, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses, although this limit did not apply because the Fund's total expenses were already below the applicable fee limit.
- For Janus Henderson Research Fund (formerly, Janus Research Fund), the Trustees noted that although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for certain share classes, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable.
- For Janus Henderson Triton Fund (formerly, Janus Triton Fund), the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for one share class, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses, although this limit did not apply because the Fund's total expenses were already below the applicable fee limit.
- For Janus Henderson Venture Fund (formerly, Janus Venture Fund), the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for one share class, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses, although this limit did not apply because the Fund's total expenses were already below the applicable fee limit.

### **Global and International Funds**

- For Janus Henderson Adaptive Global Allocation Fund (formerly, Janus Adaptive Global Allocation Fund), the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group median for certain share classes, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses.
- For Janus Henderson Asia Equity Fund (formerly, Janus Asia Equity Fund), the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for one share class, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses.
- For Janus Henderson Global Life Sciences Fund (formerly, Janus Global Life Sciences Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's total expenses were below the peer group average for all share classes.
- For Janus Henderson Global Real Estate Fund (formerly, Janus Global Real Estate Fund), the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for certain share classes, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to

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limit the Fund's expenses, although this limit did not apply because the Fund's total expenses were already below the applicable fee limit.

- For Janus Henderson Global Research Fund (formerly, Janus Global Research Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's total expenses were below the peer group average for all share classes.
- For Janus Henderson Global Select Fund (formerly, Janus Global Select Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's total expenses were below the peer group average for all share classes.
- For Janus Henderson Global Technology Fund (formerly, Janus Global Technology Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's total expenses were below the peer group average for all share classes.
- For Janus Henderson Overseas Fund (formerly, Janus Overseas Fund), the Trustees noted that the Fund's total expenses were below the peer group average for all share classes.

### Janus Aspen Series

- For Janus Henderson Balanced Portfolio (formerly, Janus Aspen Balanced Portfolio), the Trustees noted that the Fund's total expenses were below the peer group average for both share classes.
- For Janus Henderson Enterprise Portfolio (formerly, Janus Aspen Enterprise Portfolio), the Trustees noted that the Fund's total expenses were below the peer group average for both share classes.
- For Janus Henderson Flexible Bond Portfolio (formerly, Janus Aspen Flexible Bond Portfolio), the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for both share classes, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses.
- For Janus Henderson Forty Portfolio (formerly, Janus Aspen Forty Portfolio), the Trustees noted that the Fund's total expenses were below the peer group average for both share classes.
- For Janus Henderson Global Allocation Portfolio – Moderate (formerly, Janus Aspen Global Allocation Portfolio – Moderate), the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for both share classes, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses.
- For Janus Henderson Global Research Portfolio (formerly, Janus Aspen Global Research Portfolio), the Trustees noted that the Fund's total expenses were below the peer group average for both share classes.
- For Janus Henderson Global Technology Portfolio (formerly, Janus Aspen Global Technology Portfolio), the Trustees noted that the Fund's total expenses were below the peer group average for both share classes.
- For Janus Henderson Global Unconstrained Bond Portfolio (formerly, Janus Aspen Global Unconstrained Bond Portfolio), the Trustees noted that, although the Fund's total expenses exceeded the peer group average for both share classes, overall the Fund's total expenses were reasonable. The Trustees also noted that Janus Capital has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's expenses.
- For Janus Henderson U.S. Low Volatility Portfolio (formerly, Janus Aspen Intech U.S. Low Volatility Portfolio), the Trustees noted that the Fund's total expenses were below the peer group average for its sole share class.
- For Janus Henderson Research Portfolio (formerly, Janus Aspen Janus Portfolio), the Trustees noted that the Fund's total expenses were below the peer group mean for both share classes.
- For Janus Henderson Overseas Portfolio (formerly, Janus Aspen Overseas Portfolio), the Trustees noted that the Fund's total expenses were below the peer group average for both share classes.
- For Janus Henderson Mid Cap Value Portfolio (formerly, Janus Aspen Perkins Mid Cap Value Portfolio), the Trustees noted that the Fund's total expenses were below the peer group average for both share classes.

The Trustees reviewed information on the profitability to Janus Capital and its affiliates of their relationships with each Fund, as well as an explanation of the methodology utilized by Janus Capital when allocating various expenses of Janus Capital and its affiliates with respect to contractual relationships with the Funds and other clients. The Trustees also reviewed the financial statements and corporate structure of Janus Capital's parent company. In their review, the

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Trustees considered whether Janus Capital and each subadviser receive adequate incentives and resources to manage the Funds effectively. The Trustees recognized that profitability comparisons among fund managers are difficult because very little comparative information is publicly available, and the profitability of any fund manager is affected by numerous factors, including the organizational structure of the particular fund manager, the types of funds and other accounts it manages, possible other lines of business, the methodology for allocating expenses, and the fund manager's capital structure and cost of capital. However, taking into account those factors and the analysis provided by the Trustees' independent fee consultant, and based on the information available, the Trustees concluded that Janus Capital's profitability with respect to each Fund in relation to the services rendered was reasonable.

The independent fee consultant found that, while assessing the reasonableness of expenses in light of Janus Capital's profits is dependent on comparisons with other publicly-traded mutual fund advisers, and that these comparisons are limited in accuracy by differences in complex size, business mix, institutional account orientation, and other factors, after accepting these limitations, the level of profit earned by Janus Capital from managing the Funds is reasonable.

The Trustees concluded that the management fees payable by each Fund to Janus Capital and its affiliates, as well as the fees paid by Janus Capital to the subadvisers of subadvised Funds, were reasonable in relation to the nature, extent, and quality of the services provided, taking into account the fees charged by other advisers for managing comparable mutual funds with similar strategies, the fees Janus Capital and the subadvisers charge to other clients, and, as applicable, the impact of fund performance on management fees payable by the Funds. The Trustees also concluded that each Fund's total expenses were reasonable, taking into account the size of the Fund, the quality of services provided by Janus Capital and any subadviser, the investment performance of the Fund, and any expense limitations agreed to or provided by Janus Capital.

### ***Economies of Scale***

The Trustees considered information about the potential for Janus Capital to realize economies of scale as the assets of the Funds increase. They noted their independent fee consultant's analysis of economies of scale in prior years. They also noted that, although many Funds pay advisory fees at a base fixed rate as a percentage of net assets, without any breakpoints, their independent fee consultant concluded that 91% of these Funds have contractual management fees (gross of waivers) below their Broadridge expense group averages and, overall, 83% of the Funds are below their respective expense group averages for contractual management fees. They also noted that for those Funds whose expenses are being reduced by the contractual expense limitations of Janus Capital, Janus Capital is subsidizing the Funds because they have not reached adequate scale. Moreover, as the assets of some of the Funds have declined in the past few years, certain Funds have benefited from having advisory fee rates that have remained constant rather than increasing as assets declined. In addition, performance fee structures have been implemented for various Funds that have caused the effective rate of advisory fees payable by such a Fund to vary depending on the investment performance of the Fund relative to its benchmark index over the measurement period; and a few Funds have fee schedules with breakpoints and reduced fee rates above certain asset levels. The Trustees also noted that the Funds share directly in economies of scale through the lower charges of third-party service providers that are based in part on the combined scale of all of the Funds. Based on all of the information they reviewed, including past research and analysis conducted by the Trustees' independent fee consultant, the Trustees concluded that the current fee structure of each Fund was reasonable and that the current rates of fees do reflect a sharing between Janus Capital and the Fund of any economies of scale that may be present at the current asset level of the Fund.

The independent fee consultant concluded that, given the limitations of various analytical approaches to economies of scale considered in prior years, and their conflicting results, its analyses could not confirm or deny the existence of economies of scale in the Janus complex. Further, the independent fee consultant provided its belief that Fund investors are well-served by the fee levels and performance fee structures in place on the Funds in light of any economies of scale that may be present at Janus Capital.

### ***Other Benefits to Janus Capital***

The Trustees also considered benefits that accrue to Janus Capital and its affiliates and subadvisers to the Funds from their relationships with the Funds. They recognized that two affiliates of Janus Capital separately serve the Funds as transfer agent and distributor, respectively, and the transfer agent receives compensation directly from the non-money market funds for services provided. The Trustees also considered Janus Capital's past and proposed use of commissions paid by the Funds on portfolio brokerage transactions to obtain proprietary and third-party research products and services benefiting the Fund and/or other clients of Janus Capital and/or Janus Capital, and/or a

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subadviser to a Fund. The Trustees concluded that Janus Capital's and the subadvisers' use of these types of client commission arrangements to obtain proprietary and third-party research products and services was consistent with regulatory requirements and guidelines and was likely to benefit each Fund. The Trustees also concluded that, other than the services provided by Janus Capital and its affiliates and subadvisers pursuant to the agreements and the fees to be paid by each Fund therefor, the Funds and Janus Capital and the subadvisers may potentially benefit from their relationship with each other in other ways. They concluded that Janus Capital and/or the subadvisers benefits from the receipt of research products and services acquired through commissions paid on portfolio transactions of the Funds and that the Funds benefit from Janus Capital's and/or the subadvisers' receipt of those products and services as well as research products and services acquired through commissions paid by other clients of Janus Capital and/or other clients of the subadvisers. They further concluded that the success of any Fund could attract other business to Janus Capital, the subadvisers or other Janus funds, and that the success of Janus Capital and the subadvisers could enhance Janus Capital's and the subadvisers' ability to serve the Funds.

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## Useful Information About Your Portfolio Report (unaudited)

### Management Commentary

The Management Commentary in this report includes valuable insight as well as statistical information to help you understand how your Portfolio's performance and characteristics stack up against those of comparable indices.

If the Portfolio invests in foreign securities, this report may include information about country exposure. Country exposure is based primarily on the country of risk. A company may be allocated to a country based on other factors such as location of the company's principal office, the location of the principal trading market for the company's securities, or the country where a majority of the company's revenues are derived.

Please keep in mind that the opinions expressed in the Management Commentary are just that: opinions. They are a reflection based on best judgment at the time this report was compiled, which was December 31, 2017. As the investing environment changes, so could opinions. These views are unique and are not necessarily shared by fellow employees or by Janus Henderson in general.

### Performance Overviews

Performance overview graphs compare the performance of a hypothetical \$10,000 investment in the Portfolio with one or more widely used market indices. When comparing the performance of the Portfolio with an index, keep in mind that market indices are not available for investment and do not reflect deduction of expenses.

Average annual total returns are quoted for a Portfolio with more than one year of performance history. Average annual total return is calculated by taking the growth or decline in value of an investment over a period of time, including reinvestment of dividends and distributions, then calculating the annual compounded percentage rate that would have produced the same result had the rate of growth been constant throughout the period. Average annual total return does not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Portfolio distributions or redemptions of Portfolio shares.

Cumulative total returns are quoted for a Portfolio with less than one year of performance history. Cumulative total return is the growth or decline in value of an investment over time, independent of the period of time involved. Cumulative total return does not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Portfolio distributions or redemptions of Portfolio shares.

Pursuant to federal securities rules, expense ratios shown in the performance chart reflect subsidized (if applicable) and unsubsidized ratios. The total annual fund operating expenses ratio is gross of any fee waivers, reflecting the Portfolio's unsubsidized expense ratio. The net annual fund operating expenses ratio (if applicable) includes contractual waivers of Janus Capital and reflects the Portfolio's subsidized expense ratio. Ratios may be higher or lower than those shown in the "Financial Highlights" in this report.

### Schedule of Investments

Following the performance overview section is the Portfolio's Schedule of Investments. This schedule reports the types of securities held in the Portfolio on the last day of the reporting period. Securities are usually listed by type (common stock, corporate bonds, U.S. Government obligations, etc.) and by industry classification (banking, communications, insurance, etc.). Holdings are subject to change without notice.

The value of each security is quoted as of the last day of the reporting period. The value of securities denominated in foreign currencies is converted into U.S. dollars.

If the Portfolio invests in foreign securities, it will also provide a summary of investments by country. This summary reports the Portfolio exposure to different countries by providing the percentage of securities invested in each country. The country of each security represents the country of risk. The Portfolio's Schedule of Investments relies upon the industry group and country classifications published by Barclays and/or MSCI Inc.

Tables listing details of individual forward currency contracts, futures, written options, swaptions, and swaps follow the Portfolio's Schedule of Investments (if applicable).

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities

This statement is often referred to as the "balance sheet." It lists the assets and liabilities of the Portfolio on the last day of the reporting period.

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The Portfolio's assets are calculated by adding the value of the securities owned, the receivable for securities sold but not yet settled, the receivable for dividends declared but not yet received on securities owned, and the receivable for Portfolio shares sold to investors but not yet settled. The Portfolio's liabilities include payables for securities purchased but not yet settled, Portfolio shares redeemed but not yet paid, and expenses owed but not yet paid. Additionally, there may be other assets and liabilities such as unrealized gain or loss on forward currency contracts.

The section entitled "Net Assets Consist of" breaks down the components of the Portfolio's net assets. Because the Portfolio must distribute substantially all earnings, you will notice that a significant portion of net assets is shareholder capital.

The last section of this statement reports the net asset value ("NAV") per share on the last day of the reporting period. The NAV is calculated by dividing the Portfolio's net assets for each share class (assets minus liabilities) by the number of shares outstanding.

#### **Statement of Operations**

This statement details the Portfolio's income, expenses, realized gains and losses on securities and currency transactions, and changes in unrealized appreciation or depreciation of Portfolio holdings.

The first section in this statement, entitled "Investment Income," reports the dividends earned from securities and interest earned from interest-bearing securities in the Portfolio.

The next section reports the expenses incurred by the Portfolio, including the advisory fee paid to the investment adviser, transfer agent fees and expenses, and printing and postage for mailing statements, financial reports and prospectuses. Expense offsets and expense reimbursements, if any, are also shown.

The last section lists the amounts of realized gains or losses from investment and foreign currency transactions, and changes in unrealized appreciation or depreciation of investments and foreign currency-denominated assets and liabilities. The Portfolio will realize a gain (or loss) when it sells its position in a particular security. A change in unrealized gain (or loss) refers to the change in net appreciation or depreciation of the Portfolio during the reporting period. "Net Realized and Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investments" is affected both by changes in the market value of Portfolio holdings and by gains (or losses) realized during the reporting period.

#### **Statements of Changes in Net Assets**

These statements report the increase or decrease in the Portfolio's net assets during the reporting period. Changes in the Portfolio's net assets are attributable to investment operations, dividends and distributions to investors, and capital share transactions. This is important to investors because it shows exactly what caused the Portfolio's net asset size to change during the period.

The first section summarizes the information from the Statement of Operations regarding changes in net assets due to the Portfolio's investment operations. The Portfolio's net assets may also change as a result of dividend and capital gains distributions to investors. If investors receive their dividends and/or distributions in cash, money is taken out of the Portfolio to pay the dividend and/or distribution. If investors reinvest their dividends and/or distributions, the Portfolio's net assets will not be affected. If you compare the Portfolio's "Net Decrease from Dividends and Distributions" to "Reinvested Dividends and Distributions," you will notice that dividends and distributions have little effect on the Portfolio's net assets. This is because the majority of the Portfolio's investors reinvest their dividends and/or distributions.

The reinvestment of dividends and distributions is included under "Capital Share Transactions." "Capital Shares" refers to the money investors contribute to the Portfolio through purchases or withdrawals via redemptions. The Portfolio's net assets will increase and decrease in value as investors purchase and redeem shares from the Portfolio.

#### **Financial Highlights**

This schedule provides a per-share breakdown of the components that affect the Portfolio's NAV for current and past reporting periods as well as total return, asset size, ratios, and portfolio turnover rate.

The first line in the table reflects the NAV per share at the beginning of the reporting period. The next line reports the net investment income/(loss) per share. Following is the per share total of net gains/(losses), realized and unrealized. Per share dividends and distributions to investors are then subtracted to arrive at the NAV per share at the end of the

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period. The next line reflects the total return for the period. Also included are ratios of expenses and net investment income to average net assets.

The Portfolio's expenses may be reduced through expense offsets and expense reimbursements. The ratios shown reflect expenses before and after any such offsets and reimbursements.

The ratio of net investment income/(loss) summarizes the income earned less expenses, divided by the average net assets of the Portfolio during the reporting period. Do not confuse this ratio with the Portfolio's yield. The net investment income ratio is not a true measure of the Portfolio's yield because it does not take into account the dividends distributed to the Portfolio's investors.

The next figure is the portfolio turnover rate, which measures the buying and selling activity in the Portfolio. Portfolio turnover is affected by market conditions, changes in the asset size of the Portfolio, fluctuating volume of shareholder purchase and redemption orders, the nature of the Portfolio's investments, and the investment style and/or outlook of the portfolio manager(s) and/or investment personnel. A 100% rate implies that an amount equal to the value of the entire portfolio was replaced once during the fiscal year; a 50% rate means that an amount equal to the value of half the portfolio is traded in a year; and a 200% rate means that an amount equal to the value of the entire portfolio is traded every six months.

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## Shareholder Meeting (unaudited)

Special meetings of shareholders were held on April 6, 2017 and adjourned and reconvened on April 18, 2017 (together, the "meeting"). At the meeting, the following matters were voted on and approved by shareholders. Each vote reported represents one dollar of net asset value held on the record date for the meeting. The results of the meeting are noted below.

### Proposals

1. For all Portfolios, to approve a new investment advisory agreement between the Trust, on behalf of the Portfolio, and Janus Capital Management LLC.

Record Date Votes (\$)	Number of Votes (\$)				Total
	Affirmative	Against	Abstain	BNV	
736,301,557.196	567,562,568.942	15,243,633.532	31,189,299.238	(0.002)	613,995,501.711

Percentage of Total Outstanding Votes (%)					Percentage Voted (%)				
Affirmative	Against	Abstain	BNV	Total	Affirmative	Against	Abstain	BNV	Total
77.083	2.070	4.236	0.000	83.389	92.438	2.483	5.080	0.000	100.000

4. To elect an additional Trustee to the Board of Trustees of the Trust. - Diane L. Wallace.

Record Date Votes (\$)	Number of Votes (\$)				Total
	Affirmative	Against	Abstain	BNV	
7,198,647,378.476	6,547,141,899.530	651,505,478.946	0.000	0.000	7,198,647,378.476

Percentage of Total Outstanding Votes (%)					Percentage Voted (%)				
Affirmative	Against	Abstain	BNV	Total	Affirmative	Against	Abstain	BNV	Total
80.347	7.995	0.000	0.000	88.342	90.950	9.050	0.000	0.000	100.000

Alan A. Brown, William D. Cvengros, Raudline Etienne, William F. McCalpin, Gary A. Poliner, James T. Rothe, William D. Stewart and Linda S. Wolf continue to serve as Trustees following the meeting.

5. For all Portfolios, except Global Unconstrained Bond Portfolio, to approve a proposal that would authorize the Adviser to enter into and materially amend sub-advisory agreements in the future with wholly-owned subadvisers and unaffiliated sub-advisers, with the approval of the Board of Trustees of the Trust, but without obtaining additional shareholder approval.

Record Date Votes (\$)	Number of Votes (\$)				Total
	Affirmative	Against	Abstain	BNV	
736,301,557.196	515,651,189.489	44,585,039.536	53,759,272.698	(0.012)	613,995,501.711

Percentage of Total Outstanding Votes (%)					Percentage Voted (%)				
Affirmative	Against	Abstain	BNV	Total	Affirmative	Against	Abstain	BNV	Total
70.033	6.055	7.301	0.000	83.389	83.983	7.261	8.756	0.000	100.000

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### **Trustees and Officers (unaudited)**

The Portfolio's Statement of Additional Information includes additional information about the Trustees and officers and is available, without charge, by calling 1-877-335-2687.

The following are the Trustees and officers of the Trust, together with a brief description of their principal occupations during the last five years (principal occupations for certain Trustees may include periods over five years).

Each Trustee has served in that capacity since he or she was originally elected or appointed. The Trustees do not serve a specified term of office. Each Trustee will hold office until the termination of the Trust or his or her earlier death, resignation, retirement, incapacity, or removal. Under the Portfolio's Governance Procedures and Guidelines, the policy is for Trustees to retire no later than the end of the calendar year in which the Trustee turns 75. The Trustees review the Portfolio's Governance Procedures and Guidelines from time to time and may make changes they deem appropriate. The Portfolio's Nominating and Governance Committee will consider nominees for the position of Trustee recommended by shareholders. Shareholders may submit the name of a candidate for consideration by the Committee by submitting their recommendations to the Trust's Secretary. Each Trustee is currently a Trustee of one other registered investment company advised by Janus Capital: Janus Investment Fund. Collectively, these two registered investment companies consist of 58 series or funds.

The Trust's officers are elected annually by the Trustees for a one-year term. Certain officers also serve as officers of Janus Investment Fund. Certain officers of the Portfolio may also be officers and/or directors of Janus Capital. Except as otherwise disclosed, Portfolio officers receive no compensation from the Portfolio, except for the Portfolio's Chief Compliance Officer, as authorized by the Trustees.

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## Trustees and Officers (unaudited)

### TRUSTEES

Name, Address, and Age	Positions Held with the Trust	Length of Time Served	Principal Occupations During the Past Five Years	Number of Portfolios/Funds in Fund Complex Overseen by Trustee	Other Directorships Held by Trustee During the Past Five Years
<b>Independent Trustees</b>					
William F. McCalpin 151 Detroit Street Denver, CO 80206 DOB: 1957	Chairman  Trustee	1/08-Present  6/02-Present	Managing Partner, Impact Investments, Athena Capital Advisors LLC (independent registered investment advisor) (since 2016) and Managing Director, Holos Consulting LLC (provides consulting services to foundations and other nonprofit organizations). Formerly, Chief Executive Officer, Imprint Capital (impact investment firm) (2013-2015) and Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of The Rockefeller Brothers Fund (a private family foundation) (1998-2006).	63	Director of Mutual Fund Directors Forum (a non-profit organization serving independent directors of U.S. mutual funds), Chairman of the Board and Trustee of The Investment Fund for Foundations Investment Program (TIP) (consisting of 2 funds), and Director of the F.B. Heron Foundation (a private grantmaking foundation).

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<b>Independent Trustees</b>					
Alan A. Brown 151 Detroit Street Denver, CO 80206 DOB: 1962	Trustee	1/13-Present	Executive Vice President, Institutional Markets, of Black Creek Group (private equity real estate investment management firm) (since 2012). Formerly, Executive Vice President and Co-Head, Global Private Client Group (2007-2010), Executive Vice President, Mutual Funds (2005-2007), and Chief Marketing Officer (2001-2005) of Nuveen Investments, Inc. (asset management).	63	Director of WTTW (PBS affiliate) (since 2003). Formerly, Director of MotiveQuest LLC (strategic social market research company) (2003-2016); Director of Nuveen Global Investors LLC (2007-2011); Director of Communities in Schools (2004-2010); and Director of Mutual Fund Education Alliance (until 2010).

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### Independent Trustees

William D. Cvengros 151 Detroit Street Denver, CO 80206 DOB: 1948	Trustee	1/11-Present	Managing Member and Chief Executive Officer of SJC Capital, LLC (a personal investment company and consulting firm) (since 2002). Formerly, Venture Partner for The Edgewater Funds (a middle market private equity firm) (2002-2004); Chief Executive Officer and President of PIMCO Advisors Holdings L.P. (a publicly traded investment management firm) (1994-2000); and Chief Investment Officer of Pacific Life Insurance Company (a mutual life insurance and annuity company) (1987-1994).	63	Advisory Board Member, Innovate Partners Emerging Growth and Equity Fund I (early stage venture capital fund) (since 2014) and Managing Trustee of National Retirement Partners Liquidating Trust (since 2013). Formerly, Chairman, National Retirement Partners, Inc. (formerly a network of advisors to 401(k) plans) (2005-2013); Director of Prospect Acquisition Corp. (a special purpose acquisition corporation) (2007-2009); Director of RemedyTemp, Inc. (temporary help services company) (1996-2006); and Trustee of PIMCO Funds Multi-Manager Series (1990-2000) and Pacific Life Variable Life & Annuity Trusts (1987-1994).
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### Independent Trustees

Raudline Etienne 151 Detroit Street Denver, CO 80206 DOB: 1965	Trustee	6/16-Present	Founder, Daraja Capital (advisory and investment firm) (since 2016), and Senior Advisor, Albright Stonebridge Group LLC (global strategy firm) (since 2016). Formerly, Senior Vice President (2011-2015), Albright Stonebridge Group LLC; and Deputy Comptroller and Chief Investment Officer, New York State Common Retirement Fund (public pension fund) (2008-2011).	63	Director of Brightwood Capital Advisors, LLC (since 2014).
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### Independent Trustees

Gary A. Poliner 151 Detroit Street Denver, CO 80206 DOB: 1953	Trustee	6/16-Present	Retired. Formerly, President (2010-2013) of Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company.	63	Director of MGIC Investment Corporation (private mortgage insurance) (since 2013) and West Bend Mutual Insurance Company (property/casualty insurance) (since 2013). Formerly, Trustee of Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company (2010-2013); Chairman and Director of Northwestern Mutual Series Fund, Inc. (2010-2012); and Director of Frank Russell Company (global asset management firm) (2008-2013).
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<b>Independent Trustees</b>					
James T. Rothe 151 Detroit Street Denver, CO 80206 DOB: 1943	Trustee	1/97-Present	Co-founder and Managing Director of Roaring Fork Capital SBIC, L.P. (SBA SBIC fund focusing on private investment in public equity firms), and Professor Emeritus of Business of the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, CO (since 2004). Formerly, Professor of Business of the University of Colorado (2002-2004), and Distinguished Visiting Professor of Business (2001-2002) of Thunderbird (American Graduate School of International Management), Glendale, AZ.	63	Formerly, Director of Red Robin Gourmet Burgers, Inc. (RRGB) (2004-2014).
William D. Stewart 151 Detroit Street Denver, CO 80206 DOB: 1944	Trustee	9/93-Present	Retired. Formerly, President and founder of HPS Products and Corporate Vice President of MKS Instruments, Boulder, CO (a provider of advanced process control systems for the semiconductor industry) (1976-2012).	63	None

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### Independent Trustees

Diane L. Wallace 151 Detroit Street Denver, CO 80206 DOB: 1947	Trustee	6/17-Present	Retired.		Formerly, Independent Trustee, Henderson Global Funds (13 portfolios) (2015-2017); Independent Trustee, State Farm Associates' Funds Trust, State Farm Mutual Fund Trust, and State Farm Variable Product Trust (28 portfolios) 2013-2017; Chief Operating Officer, Senior Vice President-Operations, and Chief Financial Officer for Driehaus Capital Management, LLC; and Treasurer for Driehaus Mutual Funds.
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<b>Independent Trustees</b>					
Linda S. Wolf 151 Detroit Street Denver, CO 80206 DOB: 1947	Trustee	12/05- Present	Retired. Formerly, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Leo Burnett (Worldwide) (advertising agency) (2001-2005).	63	Director of Chicago Community Trust (Regional Community Foundation), Chicago Council on Global Affairs, InnerWorkings (U.S. provider of print procurement solutions to corporate clients), Lurie Children's Hospital (Chicago, IL), Shirley Ryan Ability Lab and Wrapports, LLC (digital communications company). Formerly, Director of Walmart (until 2017), Director of Chicago Convention & Tourism Bureau (until 2014) and The Field Museum of Natural History (Chicago, IL) (until 2014).

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### OFFICERS

Name, Address, and Age	Positions Held with the Trust	Term of Office* and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupations During the Past Five Years
Michael Keough 151 Detroit Street Denver, CO 80206 DOB: 1978	Executive Vice President and Co-Portfolio Manager Janus Henderson Flexible Bond Portfolio	12/15-Present	Portfolio Manager for other Janus Henderson accounts and Analyst for Janus Capital.
Mayur Saigal 151 Detroit Street Denver, CO 80206 DOB: 1975	Executive Vice President and Co-Portfolio Manager Janus Henderson Flexible Bond Portfolio	12/15-Present	Portfolio Manager for other Janus Henderson accounts and Analyst for Janus Capital.
Darrell Watters 151 Detroit Street Denver, CO 80206 DOB: 1963	Executive Vice President and Co-Portfolio Manager Janus Henderson Flexible Bond Portfolio	5/07-Present	Vice President of Janus Capital and Portfolio Manager for other Janus Henderson accounts.

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Name, Address, and Age	Positions Held with the Trust	Term of Office* and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupations During the Past Five Years
Bruce L. Koepfgen 151 Detroit Street Denver, CO 80206 DOB: 1952	President and Chief Executive Officer	7/14-Present	Head of North America at Janus Henderson Investors and Janus Capital Management LLC (since 2017); Executive Vice President and Director of Janus International Holding LLC (since 2011); Executive Vice President of Janus Distributors LLC (since 2011); Vice President and Director of Intech Investment Management LLC (since 2011); Executive Vice President and Director of Perkins Investment Management LLC (since 2011); and Executive Vice President and Director of Janus Management Holdings Corporation (since 2011). Formerly, President of Janus Capital Group Inc. and Janus Capital Management LLC (2013-2017); Executive Vice President of Janus Services LLC (2011-2015), Janus Capital Group Inc. and Janus Capital Management LLC (2011-2013); and Chief Financial Officer of Janus Capital Group Inc., Janus Capital Management LLC, Janus Distributors LLC, Janus Management Holdings Corporation, and Janus Services LLC (2011-2013).

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Susan K. Wold 151 Detroit Street Denver, CO 80206 DOB: 1960	Vice President, Chief Compliance Officer, and Anti-Money Laundering Officer	9/17-Present	Senior Vice President and Head of Compliance, North America for Janus Henderson (since September 2017); Formerly, Vice President, Head of Global Corporate Compliance, and Chief Compliance Officer for Janus Capital Management LLC (May 2017-September 2017); Vice President, Compliance at Janus Capital Group Inc. and Janus Capital Management LLC (2005-2017).
Jesper Nergaard 151 Detroit Street Denver, CO 80206 DOB: 1962	Chief Financial Officer  Vice President, Treasurer, and Principal Accounting Officer	3/05-Present  2/05-Present	Vice President of Janus Capital and Janus Services LLC.
Kathryn L. Santoro 151 Detroit Street Denver, CO 80206 DOB: 1974	Vice President, Chief Legal Counsel, and Secretary	12/16-Present	Vice President of Janus Capital and Janus Services LLC (since 2016). Formerly, Vice President and Associate Counsel of Curian Capital, LLC and Curian Clearing LLC (2013-2016); and General Counsel and Secretary (2011-2012) and Vice President (2009-2012) of Old Mutual Capital, Inc.

\* Officers are elected at least annually by the Trustees for a one-year term and may also be elected from time to time by the Trustees for an interim period.

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