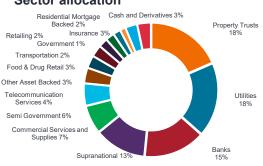


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Performance	1 month (%)	3 months (%)	6 months (%)	1 year (%)	3 years (% p.a.)	5 years (% p.a.)	10 years (% p.a.)	Since inception (% p.a.)
Fund (gross)	0.67	1.60	4.07	6.84	-	-	-	6.05
Fund (net)	0.62	1.47	3.81	6.31	-	-	-	5.52
Benchmark	0.37	0.91	2.86	4.76	-	-	-	4.07
Excess return*	0.30	0.69	1.21	2.08	-	-	-	1.98

<sup>\*</sup>In line with the fund objective, the excess return is measured against gross performance. Gross return is gross of management costs and sell spread. Past performance is not a reliable indication of future results.

## Sector allocation



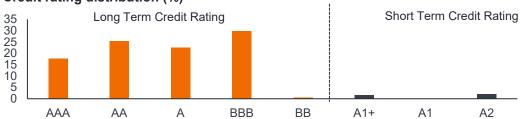
## Investments breakdown



84%

Rounding accounts for small +/- from 100%.

### Credit rating distribution (%)



Portfolio Characteristics	Fund	Benchmark	
Estimated Weighted Average Yield to Maturity (EWAYTM) <sup>1</sup>	4.51	3.63	
Running yield	4.50	3.11	
Weighted average credit quality	AA-	AA+	
Number of securities (on a look through basis)	115	551	
Modified duration	2.40	2.33	
Active duration position	0.	0.07	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Estimated Weighted Average Yield to Maturity is a measure of the average annual yield of all securities in the Fund (Grossed up for franking credits, where applicable). Benchmark duration is as at month end and therefore does not include

#### Top holdings

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APPF Commercial Finance Pty Ltd 3.6% Sustainability-Linked 11/11/2031 AUD	)
Bank Australia Ltd FRN 22/02/2027 AUD	
Commonwealth Bank Of Australia Subordinated FRN BASEL III T2	
Contact Energy Ltd 6.398% GREEN 21/11/2030 AUD REGS	
DWPF Finance Pty Ltd 2.6% 04/08/2032 AUD	
ETSA Utilities Finance Pty Ltd 5.634% GREEN 03/12/2032 AUD REGS	
La Trobe University 5.311% 08/08/30 AUD	
NBN CO LTD 4.2% 14/04/2027 AUD REGS	
University Of Tasmania 3.97% 24/03/2032 AUD	
WOOLWORTHS GROUP LTD 2 75% 15/11/2031 AUD	

<sup>^</sup> For more information and most up to date buy/sell spread information visit www.janushenderson.com/en-au/investor/buy-sell-spreads.

#### **Fund objective**

The Fund seeks to achieve a total return before fees that exceeds the total return of the Benchmark by 0.75% p.a. over rolling three year periods.

#### Sustainability objective

The Fund seeks to invest in credit securities which the Manager expects currently or will in the future contribute positively towards eight 'People' and/or 'Planet' themes.

#### Investment approach

The Manager utilises a proprietary 'Holistic' framework combining qualitative ESG assessments with third-party ESG measures and metrics to assess issuers; a process then complemented by active stewardship and engagement activities.

#### **Benchmark**

Bloomberg AusBond Composite 0-5 Yr Index

#### Risk profile

Medium

#### Suggested timeframe 3 years

#### Active ETF inception date 14 March 2023

**Underlying fund** 

inception date 7 February 2023

Active ETF size \$2.6 million

**Underlying Fund size** \$96.5 million

Management cost (%) 0.50 p.a.

Buy/sell spread (%) 0.06/0.10^

Base currency **AUD** 

**Distribution frequency** (if any) Monthly

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#### **Fund Performance**

The Janus Henderson Sustainable Credit Active ETF (Fund) returned 0.62% (net) and 0.67% (gross), outperforming the Bloomberg AusBond Composite 0-5Yr Index (Benchmark) in July, which returned 0.30% on the month. The Fund continues its outperformance, beating the Benchmark over the longer term including by 2.08% (net) over the year, and 1.98% (net) since inception per annum.

The Fund delivered healthy returns and outperformance for August as strong income generation was complimented by capital gains from credit spread compression. Excess returns versus the Benchmark were generated via income advantage complimented by positive selection across credit, in particular office REITs, Universities, and Electric utilities. Interest rate duration was retained neutral versus the Benchmark as market pricing for RBA easing remains fairly priced.

Primary supply accelerated and was well absorbed by significantly oversubscribed books. We used the increase in supply to continue to transition and diversify the Portfolio's credit selection. We selectively participated in bank senior from Svenska Handelsbanken, and CBA and OCBC Green three-year senior notes, as well as five-year notes from New York Life.

The Sustainable Credit Fund has a dual mandate; a sustainability objective and a performance objective. Each company within the portfolio has gone through our credit approval process, which includes negative screens, credit analysis and a sustainability assessment using our proprietary holistic ESG framework. In conjunction with normal portfolio construction practices, securities are chosen for their alignment with sustainable themes as well as their return potential for investors. These themes include 'Planet' (decarbonisation, circular economy, sustainable buildings, biodiversity) and 'People' (equality and alleviating poverty, inclusion and social diversity, aid disability support, affordable housing).

The Fund invests in a diversified and sustainable allocation of securities with at least 80% exposure to securities deemed 'Sustainable' and/or 'Impact' in our assessment, and has between 75-85% allocated to investment grade credit.

For further insights from our team, please view the following articles:

- · Affordable Housing How investors can help to solve it
- Sustainable buildings Beyond solar panels and water tanks
- Promoting decarbonization, the Aussie way
- Diversity and inclusion. Beyond gender

### **Market Review**

Despite significant global events, market reactions remained subdued, reflecting careful scrutiny of changes within the US Federal Reserve and labour statistics leadership. Globally, economic challenges persist, with US tariff-related inflation and weakening labour markets, while Australia navigates successfully, maintaining stable economic indicators and cautious policy measures.

Strong corporate earnings supported a global risk rally, in some cases breaking all-time highs. The Australian iTraxx Index ended 1bp tighter at 67bps, while Australian fixed and floating credit indices returned +0.60% and +0.46% respectively with stronger spread tightening in physical credit. We saw some of the largest investor appetites in Australian credit market history during August. CBA priced new senior notes, for which they received over \$13 billion of demand, the largest ever AUD primary book. They issued \$5 billion, one of the largest primary deals in AUD credit history.

This was followed shortly by two inaugural AUD BBB Rated deals from Republic of Indonesia and Electricite de France (EDF). Both saw heavy demand attracting \$8billion of interest respectively. Noteworthy was investor demand for longer 10- and 20-year maturities. In the past six weeks we have seen two AUD 20 years issued, which historically had been negligible.



Head of Australian Fixed Interest Jay Sivapalan



Portfolio Manager Shan Kwee



#### **Market Outlook**

There has been little change in market pricing over the month, with a low in the cash rate priced at 3.02% in July 2026.

Our base case for the RBA to ease a further 75bps to 2.85%. Our low case reflects a weaker economic outcome and the RBA easing by a total of 250bps. We allocate a modest weight to the low case. We hold a small, long duration position to take advantage of some of the lift in yields, while we remain vigilant through the volatility to take advantage of two-way mispricing.

Our decision to hold significant levels of credit protection coming into 2025 allowed us to be especially nimble during market dislocations earlier in the year. In recognition of the complex and uncertain investment environment, our credit strategy remains skewed towards high-quality, investment grade issuers operating in defensive sectors, with resilient business models, solid earnings power and conservative balance sheets. Conversely, we are avoiding economically-sensitive, lower credit quality and leveraged corporate and consumer sectors where default stress remains elevated. Credit spreads and all-in yields particularly in low/no default-risk Australian Investment Grade credit remain reasonably attractive versus global credit. We maintain our constructive view that high quality Australian credit will remain resilient through a range of macro-economic environments, and are well-invested across client portfolios. Notwithstanding, given its reasonable pricing, we have prudently elected to rebuild material levels of credit protection to protect against downside tail risks while also maintaining ample capacity to take advantage of likely periods of elevated volatility in the future.

For in-depth economic analysis and the Australian Fixed Interest Team's outlook, visit <a href="https://go.janushenderson.com/Viewpoint-Sep25">https://go.janushenderson.com/Viewpoint-Sep25</a>

### **ESG Commentary**

While not a green bond, it was of interest to see EDF, a European nuclear generator, come to the Australian market and set records for an AUD primary bookbuild. They issued \$1 billion in bonds across two maturities, with outsized demand. While nuclear was hotly contested during our recent election campaign, it appears that these concerns don't extend to many Australian investment portfolios given the nuclear reactors are in Europe. It should be noted that nuclear energy does form part of the European taxonomy for sustainable investments.



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# Sustainable Credit Fund

As at June Quarter 2025 Labelled bonds# structure breakdown	Fund
Sustainability-linked	7%
Sustainability	8%
Social	8%
Green	41%

<sup>#</sup>Labelled bonds include use of proceeds bonds such as green, social and sustainability bonds which fund projects with specific and dedicated environmental and/or social benefits and sustainability-linked bonds that do not finance particular projects but rather have their coupons linked to the issuers reaching predetermined sustainability performance targets and key performance indicators. Percentages may not add up to 100% as the breakdown only considers labelled bond investments in the fund

Source: Janus Henderson Investors



AUM Coverage of 80.28%. The Coverage refers to the data that is available from MSCI ESG analytics. They do not provide ESG data for all investable companies. Source: Janus Henderson Investors

	Theme	Measure	Fund	Coverage
PLANET	Decarbonisation	% of issuers with a net zero target by 2050	86%	100%
	Circular economy	% of companies with programs for recycling, re-using and composting	92%	55%
	Sustainable buildings	% of companies who have obtained green building certificates	50%	55%
	Biodiversity	% of companies with a policy on biodiversity in place	81%	100%
PEOPLE	Inclusion & social diversity	% of companies with a minimum of 35% of women in senior positions*	81%	100%
		% of companies with a minimum of 35% of women on the board*	60%	100%
	Affordable housing	Number of dwellings developed to provide more affordable housing projects*	4,900	
		Number of Australians who were assisted in the purchasing or building of a home*	61,000	
	Disability support & services	Of those assisted in the purchasing of new homes, % of households with a disability supported*	30%	
	Social equality & poverty	% of companies that support charitable program, direct contributions to community and have affirmative action policies in place	50%	55%

Source: Janus Henderson Investors



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