

# CASH FUND – INSTITUTIONAL

## As at February 2022

### Fund objective

The Fund seeks to achieve a total return after fees that exceed the total return of the Benchmark, over rolling annual periods.

### Investment approach

The Fund is an actively managed portfolio of high quality short term securities that seek to provide investors with low risk exposure to secure cash investments and returns that closely track the prevailing level of short-term interest rates. The manager seeks to add value using a combination of interest rate and yield enhancement strategies.

### Benchmark

Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index

### Risk profile

Very Low

### Suggested timeframe

1 year

### Inception date

31 July 2008

### Fund size

\$637.4 million

### Minimum investment

\$100,000

### Management cost (%)

0.10 p.a.

### Buy/sell spread (%)

0.00/0.00

### Distribution frequency (if any)

Monthly

### ARSN code

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### APIR code

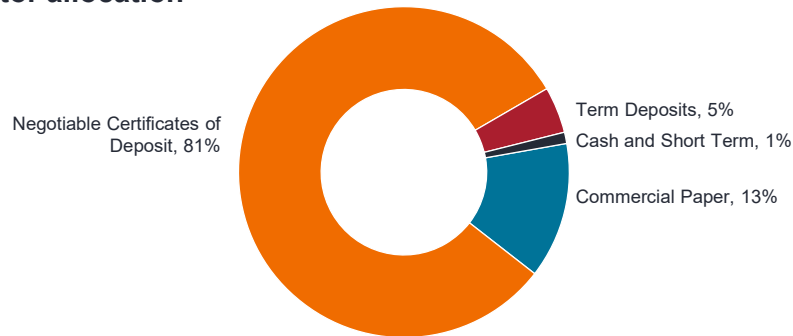
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Performance	1 month (%)	3 months (%)	6 months (%)	1 year (%)	3 years (% p.a.)	5 years (% p.a.)	10 years (% p.a.)	Since inception (% p.a.)
Fund (gross)	0.02	0.05	0.08	0.14	0.66	1.25	2.14	2.91
Fund (net)	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.51	1.08	1.94	2.70
Benchmark	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.51	1.05	1.87	2.61
Excess return*	0.00	0.02	0.01	-0.01	0.00	0.03	0.07	0.09

\*Excess return is measured against net performance.

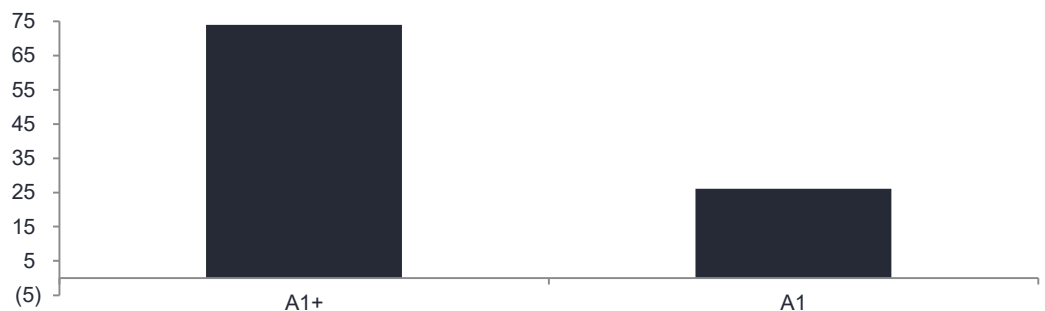
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## Sector allocation



Rounding accounts for small +/- from 100%.

## Credit rating distribution (%)



## Portfolio characteristics

Estimated Weighted Average Yield to Maturity (EWAYTM) <sup>1</sup>	0.15
Benchmark EWAYTM	0.05
Running yield	0.15
Weighted Average Credit Quality	AAA

<sup>1</sup>Estimated Weighted Average Yield to Maturity is a measure of the average annual yield of all securities in the Fund.

Modified duration	Years
Fund	0.21
Benchmark	0.12
Active Position	0.09

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### Fund performance

Money market yields ended the month relatively flat despite experiencing some intra-month volatility as markets reacted to rising geopolitical tensions in Europe on top of rising inflation concerns. Markets continued to discount an aggressive tightening cycle, with cash futures pricing a 1.0% cash rate by December and 2.0% cash rate by mid-2023. Short-term money market rates were relatively steady, with three-month bank bills ending the month 0.5 basis points (bps) higher at 8bps, while six-month bank bills ended unchanged at 25bps.

The Janus Henderson Cash Fund – Institutional (Fund) returned 0.02% (gross) and 0.01% (net), inline with the Bloomberg AusBond Bank Bill Index (Benchmark) for the month. Given the low three-month bank bill swap rate (BBSW3M), the key drivers of return continue to be the Fund's allocation to major bank term deposits, notice period accounts and securities issued by regional banks at margins over bank bill swap rates.

Rising short-term money market yields over the past few months are providing the opportunity to access higher yields than what has typically been available over the past year or so. This rise in yields was driven by an increase in demand from Australian banks for wholesale funding as credit growth remains relatively strong. We continue to take advantage of this situation by extending the average maturity of the Fund's investments.

### Market review

- Volatility returned as markets tried to discount the impact of Russia's invasion of the Ukraine on the global growth and inflation outlook and on central bank tightening timelines
- Partial demand indicators point to a strong rebound in economic growth over the December quarter. While employment growth surprised on the upside in January and the unemployment rate remained at 4.2%, the key news was the 8.8% Omicron-induced fall in hours worked.
- The three-year Australian government bond yield rose to as high as 1.74% as inflation fears peaked before easing back late in the month as sanctions on Russia ratcheted up.

### Market outlook

- Whilst the journey in bond markets need to be navigated as policy normalises, we are gradually approaching healthy levels of bond yields which should benefit investors in terms of future performance. Very importantly, the asset class now has sufficient yield to play that defensive role against risk assets in the next downturn.
- The breakout of the latest war brings with it seismic shifts in the global power balance and relevance of rules-based systems along with more 'mundane' supply-side shocks and the negative impact of sanctions on global growth.
- We suspect that faced with this additional uncertainty, the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) will leave monetary settings 'on hold' until later in the year before commencing 'lift-off' in November. Once the tightening cycle commences, we look for a fairly rapid transition from accommodative to more neutral settings, with the cash rate projected to reach 1.75% by H1 2024.

For in-depth economic analysis and the Australian Fixed Interest Team's outlook, visit [go.janushenderson.com/Viewpoint-Mar22](https://go.janushenderson.com/Viewpoint-Mar22).

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**Investment strategy**

The following is a summary of the key strategies in the Fund:

**Interest rates:**

**Overweight duration** – The gradual rise in money market yields is creating opportunities for the Fund to extend its duration. With the market continuing to bring forward the first RBA cash rate hike and an aggressive hiking cycle, we will seek to be nimble and actively add duration in order to take advantage of the higher yields on offer.

**Sector allocation:**

**Non-major banks** – Non-major banks pay a premium above major banks to compete for funding. The Fund has allocated a prudent proportion to this sector in order for investors to enjoy slightly higher yields.

**Commercial Paper** – We favour a selective allocation to high quality commercial paper as the available yield premium is relatively attractive versus other money market instruments.

**Term Deposit** – We are observing signs of competitive tensions emerging in institutional term deposits as margins have started to increase. We will continue to monitor the situation and add to exposure once attractive margins are being offered.

**Important information**

A Product Disclosure Statement and Additional Information Guide for the Fund dated 30 September 2021 is available at [www.janushenderson.com/australia](http://www.janushenderson.com/australia).

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