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Dear Valued Client,

As previously announced, Janus Capital Group Inc. (Janus), and Henderson Group plc (Henderson) have reached an agreement to merge as equals to create a leading global active asset manager. The firms are well aligned in terms of strategy and business mix and we anticipate their complementary nature will facilitate a smooth integration.

The merger gives the combined organization a greatly diversified investment strategy lineup to better address a broader range of client needs. Due to the complementary nature of the strategies managed by Janus and Henderson, there are only a small number of products that are similar between the two firms. In certain instances, we are proposing changes to mutual funds and strategies, which we believe will create the strongest investment team and product offerings available to clients around the world.

As such, we are proposing that shareholders approve Henderson Investment Management Limited (HIML) as sub-adviser to Janus Asia Equity Fund. If approved by shareholders, HIML would become sub-adviser following Janus' merger with Henderson in the second quarter of 2017, pending all requisite approvals. Henderson's team provides seasoned resources focused on Asia equities to serve the objectives of Janus Asia Equity fund.

If approved by shareholders, Andrew Gillan and Mervyn Koh, members of HIML's Asia equity team, would become Portfolio Managers of Janus Asia Equity Fund. Biographies for the Managers can be found below.

We thank you for the trust you put in Janus. You can be assured that our priority is on investment execution and delivering the highest level of service.

Best regards,

/s/ ENRIQUE CHANG

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Enrique Chang  
President, Head of Investments, Janus Capital Group

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**Andrew Gillan** joined Henderson in 2014 as Head of Asia ex-Japan Equities. Before joining Henderson, Andrew worked for Aberdeen Asset Management as an Asia & Emerging Markets equity fund manager and was lead manager of an Asian Investment Trust. Prior to his role at Aberdeen, he worked as a graduate trainee in the UK equities division at Murray Johnstone. Andrew graduated from the University of Edinburgh with a MA Joint Honours in French and European History.

**Mervyn Koh** joined Henderson in 2015 as an Associate Investment Manager. He brings with him almost a decade of industry experience, having started his career as an Associate at the Government of Singapore Investment Corporation in 2006. Mervyn joined Henderson from Franklin Templeton Investments, where he held the title of Vice President in the Emerging Markets Group and was responsible for research in the Singapore and Indonesian equity market, as well as co-managing a South East Asia fund. Prior to Franklin Templeton, Mervyn held the role of Investment Analyst at Tokio Marine Asset Management International, where he was responsible for research in the India equities market and commodity-related stocks in South East Asia and Australia. Mervyn holds a graduate diploma in financial management from the Singapore Institute of Management and a BSc in Mechanical Engineering (Hons) from the National University of Singapore. He is a CFA charterholder.

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**Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

This communication contains “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the federal securities laws, including Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These forward-looking statements may include: management plans relating to the Transaction; the expected timing of the completion of the Transaction; the ability to complete the Transaction; the ability to obtain any required regulatory, shareholder or other approvals; any statements of the plans and objectives of management for future operations, products or services, including the execution of integration plans relating to the Transaction; any statements of expectation or belief; projections related to certain financial metrics; and any statements of assumptions underlying any of the foregoing. Forward-looking statements are typically identified by words such as “believe,” “expect,” “anticipate,” “intend,” “plan,” “seek,” “target,” “outlook,” “estimate,” “forecast,” “project” and other similar words and expressions, and variations or negatives of these words. Forward-looking statements by their nature address matters that are, to different degrees, subject to numerous assumptions, known and unknown risks and uncertainties, which change over time and are beyond our control. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made and investors and security holders are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements. Janus Capital Group Inc. (“Janus Capital Group”) does not assume any duty and does not undertake to update forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise, should circumstances change, nor does Janus Capital Group intend to do so, except as otherwise required by securities and other applicable laws. Because forward-looking statements are subject to assumptions and uncertainties, actual results or future events could differ, possibly materially, from those that Janus Capital Group anticipated in its forward-looking statements and future results could differ materially from historical performance. Factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to, those included under Item 1A “Risk Factors” in Janus Capital Group’s Annual Report on Form 10-K and those disclosed in Janus Capital Group’s other periodic reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”), as well as the possibility: that expected benefits of the Transaction may not materialize in the timeframe expected or at all, or may be more costly to achieve; that the Transaction may not be timely completed, if

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at all; that prior to the completion of the Transaction or thereafter, Janus Capital Group’s businesses may not perform as expected due to transaction-related uncertainty or other factors; that the parties are unable to successfully implement integration strategies related to the Transaction; that required regulatory, shareholder or other approvals are not obtained or other customary closing conditions are not satisfied in a timely manner or at all; reputational risks and the reaction of the companies’ shareholders, customers, employees and other constituents to the Transaction; and diversion of management time on merger-related matters. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements concerning the proposed transaction or other matters attributable to Janus Capital Group or any other person acting on their behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements referenced above. For any forward-looking statements made in this communication or in any documents, Janus Capital Group claims the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

Annualized, pro forma, projected and estimated numbers are used for illustrative purposes only, are not forecasts and may not reflect actual results.

#### **Additional Information about the Transaction**

This communication is being made in respect of the proposed Transaction involving Janus Capital Group and Henderson Group plc (“Henderson Group”). This material is not a solicitation of any vote or approval of Janus Capital Group’s or Henderson Group’s shareholders and is not a substitute for the proxy statement or any other documents which Janus Capital Group and Henderson Group may send to their respective shareholders in connection with the proposed Transaction. This communication shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities.

In connection with the proposed Transaction, Henderson Group intends to file a registration statement containing a proxy statement of Janus Capital Group and other documents regarding the proposed Transaction with the SEC. **Before making any voting or investment decision, the respective investors and shareholders of Janus Capital Group and Henderson Group are urged to carefully read the entire registration statement of Henderson Group, including the proxy statement of Janus Capital Group, when it becomes available and any other relevant documents filed by either company with the SEC, as well as any amendments or supplements to those documents, because they will contain important information about Janus Capital Group, Henderson Group and the proposed Transaction.** Investors and security holders are also urged to carefully review and consider each of Janus Capital Group’s public filings with the SEC, including but not limited to its Annual Reports on Form 10-K, its proxy statements, its Current Reports on Form 8-K and its Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q. When available, copies of the proxy statement will be mailed to the shareholders of Janus Capital Group. When available, copies of the proxy statement also may be obtained free of charge at the SEC’s web site at <http://www.sec.gov>, or by directing a request to Janus Capital Group Inc. 151 Detroit Street, Denver, Colorado 80206.

#### **Participants in the Solicitation**

Janus Capital Group, Henderson Group and certain of their respective directors and executive officers, under the SEC’s rules, may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies of Janus Capital Group’s shareholders in connection with the proposed Transaction. Information about the directors and executive officers of Janus Capital Group and their ownership of Janus Capital Group common stock is set forth in Janus Capital Group’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, which was filed with the SEC on February 24, 2016. Additional information regarding the interests of those participants and other persons who may be deemed participants in the solicitation of proxies of Janus Capital Group’s shareholders in connection with the proposed Transaction may be obtained by reading

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the proxy statement regarding the proposed Transaction when it becomes available. Once available, free copies of the proxy statement may be obtained as described in the preceding paragraph.

**No Offer or Solicitation**

This communication shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. No offer of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and otherwise in accordance with applicable law.

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