# **Quarterly Report for**

# **Global Smaller Companies Fund**

# 30 November 2024





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#### MANAGER'S REPORT

Dear Unitholders,

We are pleased to present you the Manager's report and the unaudited quarterly accounts of Global Smaller Companies Fund ("Fund") for the financial period from 1 September 2024 to 30 November 2024.

## Salient Information of the Fund

Name	Global Smaller Companies Fund ("Fund")
Name	Global Smaller Companies Fund (Fund )
Catawawd	Whelesels (Feeder Fund) (Onewith
Category/ Type	Wholesale (Feeder Fund) / Growth
Name of Target Fund	Janus Henderson Horizon Fund - Global Smaller Companies Fund
Fund Objective	The Fund seeks to provide long-term capital growth.
	Note: Any material change to the investment objective of the Fund would require Unit Holder's approval.
Duration	The Fund was established on 10 January 2022 and shall exist for as long as it appears to the Manager and the Trustee that it is in the interests of the unitholders for it to continue. In some circumstances, the unitholders can resolve at a meeting to terminate the Fund.
Performance Benchmark	MSCI World Small Cap Index (Available at www.aminvest.com)
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Income Distribution Policy	Given the Fund's inve pay any distribution. D							
-	RM and RM-Hedged Classes							
		Distribution, if any, can be in the form of cash (by telegraphic transfer) or units (by						
	reinvestment into units of the respective Classes).							
	Other Classes except for RM and RM-Hedged Classes							
	Distribution, if any, to b	Distribution, if any, to be reinvested into units of the respective Classes.						
	Notes: Income distribu	ition amount (if a	anv) for each o	f the Classes o	could be different			
	and is subject to the so only, if income distrib	ole discretion of	the Manager. Fo	or RM and RM <sup>,</sup>	-Hedged Classes			
	reinvested.							
Breakdown of Unit Holdings by Size	For the financial peric 5,045,433 units, for F stood at 7,416 units.							
	Size of holding	As at 30 Nov	ember 2024	As at 31 Au	ugust 2024			
		No of	Number of	No of	Number of			
	5.000	units held	unitholders	units held	unitholder			
	5,000 and below	-	-	-	-			
	5,001-10,000	7,244	1	-	-			
	10,001-50,000	-	-	-	-			
	50,001-500,000	-	-	-	-			
	500,001 and above	5,038,189	2	708,472	1			
	RM-Hedged Class							
	Size of holding	As at 30 Nov	ember 2024	As at 31 Au	ugust 2024			
	J	No of	Number of	No of	Number of			
		units held	unitholders	units held	unitholders			
	5,000 and below	-	-	-	-			
	5,001-10,000	-	-	-	-			
	10,001-50,000	52,332	2	54,095	2			
	50,001-500,000	671,640	2	-	-			
	500,001 and above	-	-	-	-			
	<u>USD Class</u>							
	Size of holding As at 30 November 2024 As at 31 August 2024							
	-	No of	Number of	No of	Number of			
		units held	unitholder	units held	unitholder			
	5,000 and below	-	-	-	-			
	5,001-10,000	7,416	1	7,416	1			
	10,001-50,000	-	-	-	-			
	50,001-500,000	-	-	-	-			
	500,001 and above	-	-	-	-			
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#### **Fund Performance Data**

Portfolio Details of portfolio composition of the Fund as at 30 November 2024, 31 August 2024 Composition and for the past three financial years/period are as follows: As at 31 May As at As at 30.11.2024 31.08.2024 2024 2022 2023 % % % % % Foreign Collective 96.18 Investment Scheme 89.90 78.62 92.80 98.63 Forward contracts 0.02 0.04 0.04 0.30 Money market deposits 7.20 and cash equivalents 10.08 21.34 1.33 3.52 100.00 Total 100.00 100.00 100.00 100.00 Note: The abovementioned percentages are calculated based on total net asset value. Performance details of the Fund for the financial periods ended 30 November 2024, Performance Details 31 August 2024 and three financial years/period ended 31 May are as follows: FPF FPE FYE FYE FPE 2024 30.11.2024 31.08.2024 2023 2022 Net asset value (USD) 869,716 117,930 52,682 21,662 941 - RM Class - RM-Hedged Class 123,574 9,001 4,333 7,444 8,613 - USD Class 5,716 532 314 359 5,938 Units in circulation - RM Class 293,510 5,492 5,045,433 708,472 143,986 28,711 - RM-Hedged Class 723,972 54,095 56,130 52,359 704 - USD Class 7,416 7,416 500 500 Net asset value per unit in USD 0.1665 0.1795 0.1714 - RM Class 0.1724 0.1504 - RM-Hedged Class 0.1707 0.1664 0.1509 0.1326 0.1645 0.8007 0.7707 - USD Class 0.7554 0.6270 0.7184 Net asset value per unit in respective currencies - RM Class (RM) 0.7654 0.7188 0.8443 0.6940 0.7500 - RM-Hedged Class (RM) 0.7579 0.7185 0.7100 0.7200 0.6118 - USD Class (USD) 0.8007 0.7707 0.7554 0.6270 0.7184 Highest net asset value per unit in respective currencies - RM Class (RM) 0.7698 0.8515 0.8486 0.7589 1.0068 - RM-Hedged Class 0.7287 0.7150 1.0007 (RM)0.7627 0.7263 - USD Class (USD) 0.8045 0.7794 0.7606 0.7245 1.0011 Lowest net asset value per unit in respective currencies - RM Class (RM) 0.6906 0.6772 0.6670 0.6177 0.7408 - RM-Hedged Class 0.6907 0.6597 0.7082 (RM)0.5616 0.5493 - USD Class (USD) 0.7414 0.7061 0.7065 0.5841 0.5520 Benchmark performance (%) - RM Class 8.27 -3.73 18.75 -0.95 -8.64 - RM-Hedged Class 8.27 -3.73 18.75 -0.95 -8.64 - USD Class 5.15 -12.34 4.92 16.38 -5.99

	FPE 30.11.2024	FPE 31.08.2024	FYE 2024	FYE 2023	FPE 2022
Total return (%) <sup>(1)</sup>					
- RM Class	6.48	-6.85	21.66	-7.47	-25.00
- RM-Hedged Class	5.47	1.21	16.05	-15.03	-28.00
- USD Class	3.88	2.04	20.48	-12.72	-28.16
- Capital growth (%)					
- RM Class	6.48	-15.60	21.66	-7.47	-25.00
- RM-Hedged Class	5.47	1.21	16.05	-15.03	-28.00
- USD Class	3.88	2.04	20.48	-12.72	-28.16
- Income distribution (	%)				
- RM Class	-	8.75	-	-	-
Gross distribution per	unit in respecti	ve currencies			
- RM Class (MYR)	-	7.3853 sen	-	-	-
Net distribution per un	it in respective	currencies			
- RM Class (MYR)	-	7.3853 sen	-	-	-
Total expense ratio					
<b>(%)</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	0.33	1.25	3.68	14.72	192.63
Portfolio turnover					
ratio (times) <sup>(3)</sup>	1.26	1.09	2.65	0.70	2.25

#### Note:

(1) Total return is the actual return of the Fund for the respective financial periods/years computed based on the net asset value per unit and net of all fees.

- (2) Total expense ratio ("TER") is calculated based on the total fees and expenses incurred by the Fund divided by the average fund size calculated on a daily basis.
- (3) Portfolio turnover ratio ("PTR") is calculated based on the average of the total acquisitions and total disposals of investment securities of the Fund divided by the average fund size calculated on a daily basis.

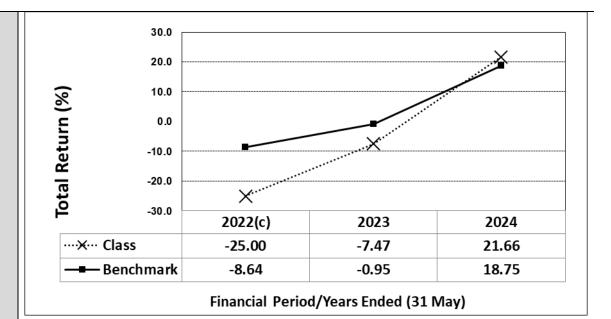
#### Average Total Return (as at 30 November 2024)

	Global Smaller Companies Fund <sup>(a)</sup> %	Benchmark <sup>(b)</sup> %
One year		
- RM Class	16.36	18.33
- RM-Hedged Class	22.56	18.33
- USD Class	23.97	24.08
Since launch (10 January 2022)		
- RM Class	-5.97	4.00
- RM-Hedged Class	-9.17	4.00
- USD Class	-7.42	1.97

#### Annual Total Return

Financial Years/Period Ended (31 May)	Global Smaller Companies Fund <sup>(a)</sup> %	Benchmark <sup>(b)</sup> %	
2024			
- RM Class	21.66	18.75	
- RM-Hedged Class	16.05	18.75	
- USD Class	20.48	16.38	

	Financial Years/Period Ended (31 May)	Global Smaller Companies Fund <sup>(a)</sup> %	Benchmark <sup>(b)</sup> %		
	2023				
	- RM Class	-7.47	-0.95		
	- RM-Hedged Class	-15.03	-0.95		
	- USD Class	-12.72	-5.99		
	2022 <sup>(c)</sup>				
	- RM Class	-25.00	-8.64		
	- RM-Hedged Class	-28.00	-8.64		
	- USD Class	-28.16	-12.34		
	<ul> <li>31 May 2022.</li> <li>The Fund performance is calculated based on the net asset value per unit of the Fund Average total return of the Fund and its benchmark for a period is computed based of the absolute return for that period annualised over one year.</li> <li>Note: Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance an that unit prices and investment returns may go down, as well as up.</li> </ul>				
Fund	RM Class				
Performance	For the financial period under review, the Fund entirely capital growth in nature. Thus, the Fund's return of 6.48% <sup>(a)</sup> has under				
	8.27% by 1.79%.				
	As compared with the financial period ended 31 August 2024, the net asset value ("NAV") per unit of the Fund increased by 6.48% from RM0.7188 to RM0.7654, while units in circulation increased by >100.00% from 708,472 units to 5,045,433 units.				
	(a) Fund return based on the published price (la	ast business day).			
	The following line chart shows comparison Global Smaller Companies Fund (RM Class period/years ended 31 May.		•		



## RM-Hedged Class

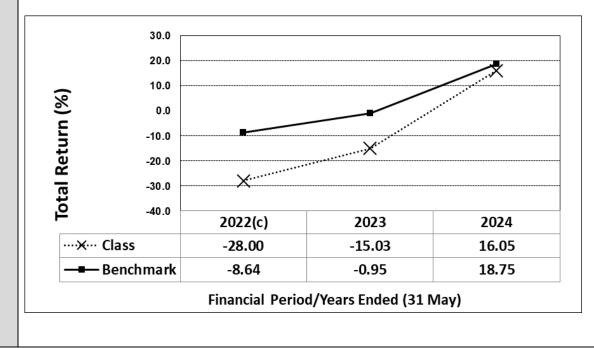
For the financial period under review, the Fund registered a return of 5.47%<sup>(a)</sup> which is entirely capital growth in nature.

Thus, the Fund's return of  $5.47\%^{(a)}$  has underperformed the benchmark's return of 8.27% by 2.80%.

As compared with the financial period ended 31 August 2024, the net asset value ("NAV") per unit of the Fund increased by 5.48% from RM0.7185 to RM0.7579, while units in circulation increased by >100.00% from 54,095 units to 723,972 units.

(a) Fund return based on the published price (last business day).

The following line chart shows comparison between the annual performances of Global Smaller Companies Fund (RM-Hedged Class) and its benchmark for the financial period/years ended 31 May.



## USD Class

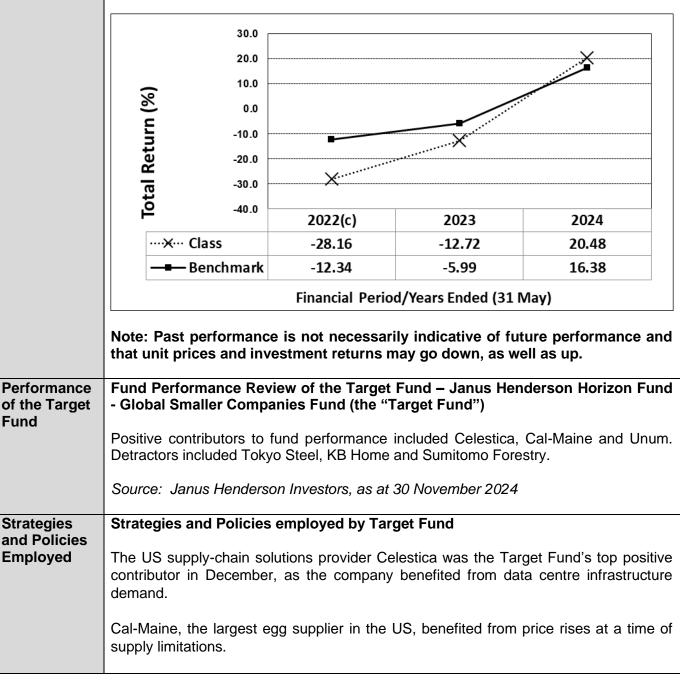
For the financial period under review, the Fund registered a return of 3.88%<sup>(a)</sup> which is entirely capital growth in nature.

Thus, the Fund's return of  $3.88\%^{(a)}$  has underperformed the benchmark's return of 5.15% by 1.27%.

As compared with the financial period ended 31 August 2024, the net asset value ("NAV") per unit of the Fund increased by 3.89% from USD0.7707 to USD0.8007, while units in circulation remain unchanged at 7,416 units.

(a) Fund return based on the published price (last business day).

The following line chart shows comparison between the annual performances of Global Smaller Companies Fund (USD Class) and its benchmark for the financial period/years ended 31 May.



The US insurance company Unum Group, which specialises in disability, accident and life insurance, also performed well during the quarter. The company released good results and there has been a positive market response to its share buyback programme.

Tokyo Steel detracted from fund performance during the quarter. The company's share price fell as it cut its full-year outlook due to delays in the Japanese construction market as well as the impact of China's steel exports.

KB Home (general homebuilder) and Sumitomo Forestry (forestry and housing) were both affected by the Fed's projections that it will not cut interest rates by as much as previously anticipated in 2025, with both companies relying on the US home-building market for a large proportion of their business. The Target Fund's underweight position to the real estate sector acts as a hedge to our housebuilder exposure, which we expect to limit the Target Fund's interest rate risk.

Trading activity over the quarter was largely limited to reweights across the portfolio. However, towards the end of the period, we exited several of the smaller positions in the Target Fund. We exited Yangzijiang Shipbuilders, as the company exhibited a strong return over 2024. We also exited Danieli, as we felt the capital from its sale would be better used on other opportunities. We also closed the holding in AGL Energy.

We introduced several positions towards the end of the period. We opened a position in the Japanese manufacturer and distributor of electronic components Kaga Electronics. Kaga Electronics offers electronics manufacturing services (EMS), a process that involves designing, manufacturing, testing, distributing and providing return and repair services. In each of the last three financial years, the company's return on invested capital metric has improved, which influenced our decision to purchase a position.

We also opened a position in the Australian manufacturer Ansell. Ansell is a global provider of personal protective equipment (PPE). Following the Covid-19 pandemic, the company went through a painful period of destocking, which now appears to be at an end. The company has also purchased the PPE business of Kimberley Clarke, increasing its exposure to the higher-margin scientific segment of the market. Finally, the current management team is executing its restructuring programme, which is estimated to result in savings of around \$50 million.

We also opened a position in Hera, the Italian utility company. Hera's business model is exposed to the circular economy thanks to its consolidated position in the waste and water segments. In our view, the company's steady cash flows and its above-sectoraverage growth targets added to its appeal.

Source: Janus Henderson Investors, as at 30 November 2024

#### Strategies and Policies of the Fund

For the financial period under review, the Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing a minimum of 85% of the Fund's NAV in the Janus Henderson Horizon Fund - Global Smaller Companies Fund ("Target Fund"). This implies that the Fund has a passive strategy.

Portfolio Structure	The table below is the asset allocation of August 2024.	the Fund as a	t 30 November	2024 and 31
		As at 30.11.2024 %	As at 31.08.2024 %	Changes %
	Foreign Collective Investment Scheme	89.90	78.62	11.28
	Forward contracts	0.02	0.04	-0.02
	Money market deposits and cash			
	equivalents	10.08	21.34	-11.26
	Total	100.00	100.00	
	For the financial period under review, the foreign Collective Investment Scheme, 0.1 10.08% in money market deposits and case	02% in forward sh equivalents.	contracts and	the remaining
Cross Trades	There were no cross trades undertaken du	uring the financi	al period under	review.
Distribution/ Unit Splits	There is no income distribution and unit review.	split declared f	or the financial	period under
State of Affairs	There has been neither significant changes to the state of affairs of the Fund nor any circumstances that materially affect any interests of the unitholders during the financial period under review.			
Rebates and Soft Commission	During the period, the management company did not receive soft commissions by virtue of transactions conducted for the Fund.			
Market Review	The global small-cap equity market rose in but fell in US dollar terms due to the streng		•	ng the quarter
	In the US, November was the strongest r the presidential election sparked a US ra policies would underpin continued US ecc a global trade war meant that markets month.	Illy, with investo momic growth.	ors hoping that However, his th	his economic reats to ignite
	December was weak for global equity m Federal Reserve (Fed) and a sharp rise in The Fed cut interest rates by 25 basis poir	n US Treasury	yields weighed	on sentiment.
	The European Central Bank (ECB) con priority and reduced its deposit rate by 25 in the eurozone showed signs of moving confidence in the region that a recession h	bps to 3.00% in closer to the E0	n December, as CB's 2% target.	core inflation
	However, European political uncertainty at Germany faces a general election in Fe confidence motion, and French President minister after his previously appointed confidence vote.	bruary after C Macron appoint	hancellor Olaf ed Francois Ba	Scholz lost a lyrou as prime
	In Asia, Chinese equities recovered som moved from 'prudent' to 'moderately loose Yoon Suk Yeol declared martial law. Th	' monetary poli	cy. In South Ko	rea, President

	remains uncertain.
	Source: Janus Henderson Investors, as at 30 November 2024
Market Outlook	Overall, we are optimistic about the outlook for global small-cap companies. With interest rates falling in several regions, we believe prospects for a recovery in GDP growth look reasonable. Additionally, if inflation continues to fall and the reshoring trend continues, we believe conditions should become supportive of the operational returns of smaller companies.
	With current valuation levels at historic lows relative to large-cap companies, any improvement in the operational performance of small-cap companies should be well received by the market. Source: Janus Henderson Investors, as at 30 November 2024

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17 January 2025

# Global Smaller Companies Fund

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2024

	30.11.2024 (unaudited) USD	31.05.2024 (audited) USD
ASSETS		
Investment Derivative assets Amount due from Manager Amount due from broker Cash at banks TOTAL ASSETS	898,274 183 57,993 45,000 83,077 1,084,527	53,402 - - - 7,364 60,766
LIABILITIES		
Derivative liability Amount due to Manager Amount due to Trustee Sundry payables and accruals TOTAL LIABILITIES (EXCLUDING NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS)	3 82,603 40 2,653 85,299	3 51 2 3,163 3,219
NET ASSET VALUE ("NAV") OF THE FUND ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS	999,228	57,547
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS OF THE FUND COMPRISE:		
Unit holders' contribution Retained earnings	961,932 37,296 999,228	50,811 6,736 57,547
NET ASSET VALUE - RM Class - RM-Hedged Class - USD Class	869,716 123,574 5,938 999,228	52,682 4,333 532 57,547
UNITS IN CIRCULATION – RM Class – RM-Hedged Class – USD Class	5,045,433 723,972 7,416	293,510 28,711 704

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2024 (CONT'D.)

	30.11.2024 (unaudited)	31.05.2024 (audited)
NAV PER UNIT IN USD		
- RM Class	0.1724	0.1795
<ul> <li>RM-Hedged Class</li> </ul>	0.1707	0.1509
- USD Class	0.8007	0.7554
NAV PER UNIT IN RESPECTIVE CURRENCIES - RM Class (RM) - RM-Hedged Class (RM)	0.7654 0.7579	0.8443
– USD Class (USD)	0.8007	0.7554

# STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (Unaudited) FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2024 TO 30 NOVEMBER 2024

	01.09.2024 to 30.11.2024 USD	01.09.2023 to 30.11.2023 USD
INVESTMENT INCOME/(LOSS)		
Interest income Net gain/(loss) from investment: - Financial assets at fair value through profit or	189	32
loss ("FVTPL")	46,259	(3,637)
Other net realised losses on foreign currency exchange	(4,375)	(14)
Other net unrealised gain on foreign currency exchange	7	-
	42,080	(3,619)
EXPENDITURE		
Manager's fee	(1,528)	(132)
Trustee's fee	(73)	(7)
Audit fee	(398)	(404)
Tax agent's fee	(202)	(205)
Other expenses	(260)	(232)
	(2,461)	(980)
Net income/(loss) before taxation Taxation	39,619	(4,599)
Net income/(loss) after taxation, representing total comprehensive income/(loss) for the financial period	39,619	(4,599)
Total comprehensive income/(loss) comprises the following:		
Realised income/(loss)	12,373	(2,476)
Unrealised gain/(loss)	27,246	(2,123)
	39,619	(4,599)
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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIT HOLDERS FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2024 TO 30 NOVEMBER 2024

	Unit holders'	(Accumulated losses)/ Retained	
	contribution USD	earnings USD	Total USD
At 1 September 2024 Total comprehensive income for	134,970	(2,323)	132,647
the financial period Creation of units	-	39,619	39,619
– RM Class	1,462,654	-	1,462,654
<ul> <li>RM-Hedged Class</li> <li>Cancellation of units</li> </ul>	140,002	-	140,002
– RM Class	(749,385)	-	(749,385)
<ul> <li>RM-Hedged Class</li> </ul>	(26,309)	-	(26,309)
Balance at 30 November 2024	961,932	37,296	999,228
At 1 September 2023 Total comprehensive loss for	124,849	(6,703)	118,146
the financial period Creation of units	-	(4,599)	(4,599)
– RM Class	1,051	-	1,051
<ul> <li>RM-Hedged Class</li> <li>Cancellation of units</li> </ul>	1,046	-	1,046
- RM Class	(56,919)	-	(56,919)
Balance at 30 November 2023	70,027	(11,302)	58,725

### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2024 TO 30 NOVEMBER 2024

	01.09.2024 to 30.11.2024 USD	01.09.2023 to 30.11.2023 USD
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING AND INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from sale of investment Purchases of investment Net settlement of derivative instruments Interest received Manager's fee paid Trustee's fee paid Payments for other expenses Net cash (used in)/generated from operating and investing activities	505,624 (1,298,000) (1,854) 189 (713) (37) (263) (795,054)	52,986 - (238) 32 (167) (9) (1,818) 50,786
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from creation of units Payments for cancellation of units Net cash generated from/(used in) financing activities	1,562,035 (699,430) 862,605	2,097 (56,919) (54,822)
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	67,551 15,526 83,077	(4,036) <u>11,935</u> 7,899
Cash and cash equivalents comprise: Cash at banks	83,077	7,899

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