

NEW YEAR COIN 2021

# JANUS



Face value	€ 5
Date of Issue	2 December 2020
Design	H. Andexlinger/ H. Wähner
Diameter	28.5 mm

Quality	Special Uncirculated
Mintage	50.000
Alloy	Silver Ag 925
Fine Weight	1/4 oz (7.78 g)
Total Weight	8.41 g
Edge	Plain



Recommended initial  
issue price: € 18.60 (incl. 20% VAT)  
Blister pack featuring information in German and English

Quality	Uncirculated
Mintage	200.000
Alloy	Copper Cu 999
Total Weight	8.90 g
Edge	Milled



Price: € 5 (Tax free)

We all need a bit of luck to help us deal with the current challenges. For the Ancient Romans, the god Janus held the key to good luck. They would pay homage to *Janus* on New Year's Day by giving each other coins upon which his two faces were minted: his old one looking back to the past, his young one optimistically looking forward to the future. Those two faces feature on the New Year Coin 2021. It is the young one that we need to take inspiration from if we are to overcome the exceptional circumstances of the past year. They have been a severe test, but we are better off facing them with youthful optimism. In this sense, this New Year Coin can help us find the key to a bright future. Out with the old, in with the new!

The month of January gets its name from *Janus*. Before every undertaking the Ancient Romans would pray for his blessing. Among other things, he was the god of doors and gates and a conciliator between the past and the present. *Janus* also ruled over the daybreak. An opulent temple was dedicated to him in Ancient Rome, the doors of which symbolised that peace was over when they were opened at the start of each new war, enabling Romans to enter and plead for victory.

## COIN MOTIF

The doors of the temple of *Janus* can be seen in the background of the coin's reverse, above them a clock face with a starry sky and the sun at one end. The centre foreground is dominated by an ornate key bearing the year 2021 on its bow. The two faces of Janus, one old and bearded, the other much younger, look in opposite directions on either side of it. The obverse of the nine-sided coin shows the coats of arms of the nine provinces of Austria arranged in a circle.



Price: € 30 (Tax free)  
6 x Copper, Uncirculated

## A SACKFUL OF LUCK

### 5-Euro New Year Copper Coin Set

This lucky little sack contains six face-value New Year Coins in copper celebrating the New Year's Concert, the Blue Danube, the Austrian National Library, the Vienna State Opera, the Musikverein and the Roman god, Janus.

With this gift you can now wish your loved ones good luck six times at New Year, not just the once.

The little sack contains six different 5-Euro New Year Coins in copper, including the latest one – Janus. The six coins have a joint face value of 30 Euro, but how much is this gift really worth? Only you and the lucky person you give it to can answer that.

## OVERVIEW OF OTHER AVAILABLE NEW YEAR COINS IN SILVER



Lust for Life



150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Vienna's Musikverein

2019

2020

Silver Ag 925, SU