

## **Prospectus Supplement**

## John Hancock Funds II (the Trust) Emerging Markets Fund (the fund)

### Supplement dated March 28, 2024 to the current Summary Prospectus, as may be supplemented (the Summary Prospectus)

Effective on or about May 29, 2024 (the "Effective Date"), the following information supplements and supersedes any information to the contrary relating to the fund contained in the current Summary Prospectus.

At a meeting held on March 25-28, 2024, the Board of Trustees of the Trust (the Board) approved changes to the fund's subadvisory arrangements such that Boston Partners Global Investors, Inc. (Boston Partners) will be the sole subadvisor to the fund. Accordingly, as of the Effective Date, all references to Dimensional Fund Advisors LP and its portfolio managers as part of the fund's portfolio management team will be removed from the Summary Prospectus. In addition, at the same meeting, the Board also approved a reduction in the fund's management fee schedule as of the Effective Date.

In connection with the Board actions described above, as of the Effective Date, the Summary Prospectus will be further hereby amended as follows:

1. The fund's name will be changed to Disciplined Value Emerging Markets Equity Fund, and all references to Emerging Markets Fund will be changed to reflect the fund's new name.

2. The "Annual fund operating expenses" table and the "Expense Example" table under "Fees and expenses" in the Summary Prospectus will be amended and restated as follows:

#### Annual fund operating expenses (%) (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your

investment)	A	С	1	R6
Management fee	0.76	0.76	0.76	0.76
Distribution and service (Rule 12b-1) fees	0.30	1.00	0.00	0.00
Other expenses	0.49	0.49	0.49	0.39
Total annual fund operating expenses	1.55	2.25	1.25	1.15
Contractual expense reimbursement	-0.26 <sup>1</sup>	-0.26 <sup>1</sup>	-0.26 <sup>1</sup>	-0.27 <sup>1</sup>
Total annual fund operating expenses after expense reimbursements	1.29	1.99	0.99	0.88

The advisor contractually agrees to reduce its management fee or, if necessary, make payment to the fund in an amount equal to the amount by which expenses of the 1 fund exceed 0.87% of average daily net assets of the fund. For purposes of this agreement, "expenses of the fund" means all fund expenses, excluding (a) taxes; (b) brokerage commissions; (c) interest expense; (d) litigation and indemnification expenses and other extraordinary expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of the fund's business; (e) class-specific expenses, (f) borrowing costs, (g) prime brokerage fees, (h) acquired fund fees and expenses paid indirectly; and (i) short dividend expense. The agreement expires on December 31, 2025, unless renewed by mutual agreement of the fund and the advisor based upon a determination that this is appropriate under the circumstances at that time. The advisor also contractually agrees to waive a portion of its management fee and/or reimburse expenses for the fund and certain other John Hancock funds according to an asset level breakpoint schedule that is based on the aggregate net assets of all the funds participating in the waiver or reimbursement, including the fund (the participating portfolios). This waiver equals, on an annualized basis, 0.0100% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$75 billion but is less than or equal to \$125 billion; 0.0125% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$125 billion but is less than or equal to \$150 billion; 0.0150% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$150 billion but is less than or equal to \$175 billion; 0.0175% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$175 billion but is less than or equal to \$200 billion; 0.0200% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$200 billion but is less than or equal to \$225 billion; and 0.0225% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$225 billion. The amount of the reimbursement is calculated daily and allocated among all the participating portfolios in proportion to the daily net assets of each participating portfolio. During its most recent fiscal year, the fund's reimbursement amounted to 0.01% of the fund's average daily net assets. This agreement expires on July 31, 2025, unless renewed by mutual agreement of the fund and the advisor based upon a determination that this is appropriate under the circumstances at that time.

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## Expense Example

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. Please see below a hypothetical example showing the expenses of a \$10,000 investment for the time periods indicated and then, except as shown below, assuming you sell all of your shares at the end of those periods. The example assumes a 5% average annual return and that fund expenses will not change over the periods. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions, your costs would be:

Shares Sold						Shares Not Sold
Expenses (\$)		Α	С	I	R6	С
1 year	6	625	302	101	90	202
3 years	(	941	678	371	339	678
5 years	1,2	279	1,181	661	607	1,181
10 years	2,2	232	2,388	1,488	1,373	2,388

3. The "Principal investment strategies" portion of the Summary Prospectus will be revised and restated in its entirety as follows:

The fund will pursue its objective through a value oriented, research-driven strategy of investing in equity securities and financial instruments with equity like characteristics designed to provide exposure to emerging markets. Securities are selected by the adviser using its "three circles" approach which combines a quantitative screening with a fundamental bottom-up selection process. This investment strategy is grounded in the following principles: (1) low valuation stocks outperform high valuation stocks; (2) companies with strong fundamentals outperform companies with weak fundamentals; and (3) stocks with positive business momentum outperform stocks with negative business momentum. The adviser examines various factors in determining the value characteristics of issuers, including price-to-book value ratios and price-to-earnings ratios. These value characteristics are examined in the context of the issuer's operating and financial fundamentals, such as return-on-equity and earnings growth and cash flow.

The fund intends, under normal circumstances, to invest at least 80% of its net assets (including borrowings for investment purposes) in the equity securities of emerging market issuers, related derivative instruments and other equity investments that are tied economically to emerging market countries. The adviser considers an emerging market country to include any country that is: 1) generally recognized to be an emerging market country by the international financial community, including the World Bank; 2) classified by the United Nations as a developing country; or 3) included in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index. Due to the unique relationship between China and its separately administered regions, the Adviser includes Hong Kong and Macau as emerging markets.

In managing the fund's portfolio, the adviser will seek to identify mispriced publicly traded equity securities of emerging market companies and purchase securities that the adviser believes will outperform, emphasizing low valuation, positive business momentum and high quality. The fund generally invests in the equity securities of issuers the manager believes are undervalued. The manager applies a bottom-up stock selection process using a combination of fundamental and quantitative analysis.

The equity securities in which the fund will invest, which may include equity securities of non-U.S. issuers that are traded in the markets of the United States, include equity securities issued by large-, mid- and small- or micro-cap companies, as well as exchange-traded and over-the-counter common and preferred stocks, warrants, options, rights, convertible securities, sponsored and unsponsored depositary receipts and shares, trust certificates, limited partnership interests, shares of other investment companies (including exchanged-traded funds (ETFs)), real estate investment trusts (REITs) and equity participations.

The fund may invest up to 20% of its net assets in high yield debt obligations (commonly known as junk bonds), such as bonds and debentures, used by corporations and other business organizations (e.g., trusts or limited liability companies). Such high yield debt obligations are not considered to be investment grade. Junk bonds are rated BB or lower by S&P Global, or have a comparable rating by another nationally recognized statistical rating organization (or, if unrated are determined by the adviser to be of comparable quality at the time of investment). The fund may invest in securities of the lowest rating category, including securities in default. The fund will primarily invest in fixed income instruments, including high yield debt obligations, when the fund believes that such instruments offer a better risk/reward profile than comparable equity opportunities.

In general, the fund's investments will be spread over a number of industries and, as a matter of policy, the Fund is limited to investing less than 25% of its total assets in any one industry, except that the fund may invest in exchange traded funds to the extent permitted by the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (1940 Act), and applicable SEC orders.

The fund may participate as a purchaser in initial public offerings of securities (IPOs). An IPO is a company's first offering of stock to the public.

The fund may invest up to 15% of its net assets in illiquid investments, including investments that are illiquid by virtue of the absence of a readily available market or legal or contractual restrictions on resale.

The fund may also seek to increase its income by lending portfolio securities.

The fund will invest in derivatives, including put and call options, futures, contracts for differences, forward contracts and swaps, in lieu of investing directly in a security, currency or instrument, for hedging and non-hedging purposes. The fund's investments in derivative instruments may be leveraged and result in losses exceeding the amounts invested.

4. The following risks will be added to the fund's "Principal risks" in the Summary Prospectus:

**Exchange-traded funds (ETFs) risk.** The risks of owning shares of an ETF include the risks of owning the underlying securities the ETF holds. Lack of liquidity in an ETF could result in the ETF being more volatile than its underlying securities. An ETF's shares could trade at a significant premium or discount to its net asset value (NAV). A fund bears ETF fees and expenses indirectly.

**High portfolio turnover risk.** Trading securities actively and frequently can increase transaction costs (thus lowering performance) and taxable distributions.

**Illiquid and restricted securities risk.** Illiquid and restricted securities may be difficult to value and may involve greater risks than liquid securities. Illiquidity may have an adverse impact on a particular security's market price and the fund's ability to sell the security.

Initial public offerings (IPOs) risk. IPO share prices are frequently volatile and may significantly impact fund performance.

Lower-rated and high-yield fixed-income securities risk. Lower-rated and high-yield fixed-income securities (junk bonds) are subject to greater credit quality risk, risk of default, and price volatility than higher-rated fixed-income securities, may be considered speculative, and can be difficult to resell.

**Master limited partnership (MLP) risk.** MLPs generally reflect the risks associated with their underlying assets and with pooled investment vehicles. MLPs with credit-related holdings are subject to interest-rate risk and risk of default.

**Preferred and convertible securities risk.** Preferred stock dividends are payable only if declared by the issuer's board. Preferred stock may be subject to redemption provisions. The market values of convertible securities tend to fall as interest rates rise and rise as interest rates fall. Convertible preferred stock's value can depend heavily upon the underlying common stock's value.

**Real estate investment trust (REIT) risk.** REITs, pooled investment vehicles that typically invest in real estate directly or in loans collateralized by real estate, carry risks associated with owning real estate, including the potential for a decline in value due to economic or market conditions.

**Warrants risk.** The prices of warrants may not precisely reflect the prices of their underlying securities. Warrant holders do not receive dividends or have voting or credit rights. A warrant ceases to have value if not exercised prior to its expiration date.

5. The following risks under "Principal risks" in the Summary Prospectus will be revised and restated in their entirety as follows:

**Credit and counterparty risk.** The issuer or guarantor of a fixed-income security, the counterparty to an over-the-counter derivatives contract, or a borrower of fund securities may not make timely payments or otherwise honor its obligations. A downgrade or default affecting any of the fund's securities could affect the fund's performance.

**Hedging, derivatives, and other strategic transactions risk.** Hedging, derivatives, and other strategic transactions may increase a fund's volatility and could produce disproportionate losses, potentially more than the fund's principal investment. Risks of these transactions are different from and possibly greater than risks of investing directly in securities and other traditional instruments. Under certain market conditions, derivatives could become harder to value or sell and may become subject to liquidity risk (i.e., the inability to enter into closing transactions). Derivatives and other strategic transactions that the fund intends to utilize include: foreign currency forward contracts, futures contracts, options, and swaps. Foreign currency forward contracts, futures contracts, options, and swaps generally are subject to counterparty risk. In addition, swaps may be subject to interest-rate and settlement risk, and the risk of default of the underlying reference obligation. Derivatives associated with foreign currency transactions are subject to currency risk.

6. The following disclosure will be added as the first paragraph under "A note on performance" under "Past performance":

Prior to May 29, 2024, the fund was managed by a different subadvisor pursuant to different investment strategies, and thus, the performance presented prior to this date should not be attributed to the current subadvisor. The fund's performance shown below might have differed materially had the current subadvisor managed the fund prior to May 29, 2024.

7. David Kim will be the portfolio manager of the fund. Mr. Kim will be primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the fund's portfolio.

The following will replace in its entirety the subadvisor information in the Summary Prospectus under the heading "Investment management":

**Investment Advisor** John Hancock Investment Management LLC **Subadvisor** Boston Partners Global Investors, Inc. (Boston Partners) Additionally, the following will replace in its entirety the portfolio manager information in the Summary Prospectus under the heading "Portfolio management":

**David Kim** *Portfolio Manager* Managed fund since 2024

You should read this supplement in conjunction with the Summary Prospectus and retain it for your future reference.

## Summary prospectus

# John Hancock Emerging Markets Fund

Before you invest, you may want to review the fund's prospectus, which contains more information about the fund and its risks. You can find the fund's prospectus and other information about the fund, including the Statement of Additional Information and most recent reports, online at www.jhinvestments.com/prospectuses. You can also get this information at no cost by calling 800-225-5291 (Class A and Class C) or 888-972-8696 (Class I and Class R6) or by sending an email request to info@jhinvestments.com. The fund's prospectus and Statement of Additional Information, both dated January 1, 2024, as may be supplemented, and most recent financial highlights information included in the shareholder report, dated August 31, 2023, are incorporated by reference into this summary prospectus.

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## **Investment objective**

To seek long-term capital appreciation.

## Fees and expenses

This table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy, hold, and sell shares of the fund. **You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the tables and examples below**. You may qualify for sales charge discounts on Class A shares if you and your family invest, or agree to invest in the future, at least \$50,000 in the John Hancock family of funds. Intermediaries may have different policies and procedures regarding the availability of front-end sales charge waivers or contingent deferred sales charge (CDSC) waivers (See Appendix 1 - Intermediary sales charge waivers, which includes information about specific sales charge waivers applicable to the intermediaries identified therein). More information about these and other discounts is available from your financial professional and beginning on page 24 of the prospectus under "Sales charge reductions and waivers" or page 146 of the fund's Statement of Additional Information under "Sales Charges on Class A and Class C Shares."

Shareholder fees (%) (fees paid directly from your investment)	А	С	I.	R6
Maximum front-end sales charge (load) on purchases, as a % of purchase price	5.00	None	None	None
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) as a % of purchase or sale price, whichever is less	1.00 (on certain purchases, including those of \$1 million or more)	1.00	None	None
Small account fee (for fund account balances under \$1,000) (\$)	20	20	None	None

Annual fund operating expenses (%) (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your				
investment)	Α	С	I	R6
Management fee	0.76	0.76	0.76	0.76
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		Share	es Sold	Shares Not Sold	
Expenses (\$)	А	С	I	R6	С
1 year	649	327	126	116	227
3 years	964	702	396	364	702
5 years	1,302	1,204	685	632	1,204
10 years	2,252	2,408	1,510	1,397	2,408

## Portfolio turnover

The fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the fund's performance. During its most recent fiscal year, the fund's portfolio turnover rate was 21% of the average value of its portfolio.

## **Principal investment strategies**

Under normal circumstances, the fund will invest at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in companies associated with emerging markets designated from time to time by the Investment Committee of the manager. These emerging markets (Approved Markets) may include frontier markets (emerging markets countries in an earlier stage of development). A company is associated with an emerging market if its securities meet the definition of "Approved Market Securities," as defined below.

The fund invests across all market capitalizations with an increased exposure to securities of small-cap issuers and securities the manager considers to be value securities, as described below. The fund invests its assets primarily in Approved Market equity securities listed on bona fide securities exchanges of any country or actively traded on over-the-counter markets. The fund may invest in financial services companies. The fund also may invest up to 10% of its total assets in shares of other investment companies that invest in one or more Approved Markets, although it intends to do so only where access to those markets is otherwise significantly limited.

The manager primarily considers value stocks to be those with a low price in relation to their book value. In assessing relative price, the manager may also consider additional factors, such as price-to-cash flow or price-to-earnings ratios, as well as economic conditions and developments in the issuer's industry. The manager may also consider profitability of an eligible company relative to others in making investment decisions. In assessing profitability, the manager may consider different ratios, such as that of earnings or profits from operations relative to book value or assets. The criteria the manager uses for assessing relative price and profitability are subject to change from time to time.

In determining Approved Markets, the manager may consider various factors, including, without limitation, the data, analysis, and classification of countries published or disseminated by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (commonly known as the World Bank), the International Finance Corporation, FTSE International, and MSCI. Approved Markets may not include all emerging markets classified by such entities. In determining whether to approve markets for investment, the manager may take into account, among other things, market liquidity, relative availability of investor information, government regulation, including fiscal and foreign exchange repatriation rules and the availability of other access to these markets for the fund.

The fund may also use derivatives such as futures contracts and options on futures contracts to adjust market exposure based on actual or expected cash inflows to or outflows from the fund. The fund may use derivatives for an Approved Market or other equity market (including U.S.) securities and indices. The fund may also enter into forward currency contracts to facilitate the settlement of equity purchases of foreign securities, repatriation of foreign currency balances, or currency exchange.

To facilitate seeking broad market diversification, the manager will not use fundamental securities research techniques in selecting securities. The manager retains full discretion with respect to investing in and allocating assets among Approved Markets and issuers associated with them. The fund may focus its investments in a particular sector or sectors of the economy.

## **Approved Markets**

As of the date of this prospectus, the fund considers the following emerging-market countries to be Approved Markets for purposes of its 80% policy described above. In determining when and whether to invest in an Approved Market, the manager may consider factors such as asset growth in the fund, constraints imposed within markets authorized for investment, and other characteristics of each country's markets. Other countries may be authorized for investment in the future in addition to the countries listed below. Although the manager does not intend to purchase securities not associated with an Approved Market, the fund may acquire such securities in connection with corporate actions or other reorganizations or transactions with respect to securities that are held by the fund from time to time. Also, the fund may continue to hold investments in countries that are not currently designated as Approved Markets, but had been authorized for investment in the past, and may reinvest distributions received in connection with such existing investments in such previously Approved Markets.

## John Hancock Emerging Markets Fund

Egypt

• Greece

Hungary

- Brazil
- Chile
- Czech Republic
  - Indonesia
  - Kuwait
    - Malaysia
- Mexico
  - Peru
  - Philippines
  - Poland
- South Korea

Oatar

Saudi Arabia

• South Africa

- Taiwan
- Thailand
- Turkey
- United Arab Emirates

Colombia

· China (including

China-A shares)

## **Approved Market Securities**

"Approved Market Securities" are defined as securities that are associated with an Approved Market, and include, among others: (a) securities of companies that are organized under the laws of, or maintain their principal place of business in, an Approved Market: (b) securities for which the principal trading market is in an Approved Market; (c) securities issued or guaranteed by the government of an Approved Market country, its agencies or instrumentalities, or the central bank of such country; (d) securities denominated in an Approved Market currency issued by companies to finance operations in Approved Markets; (e) securities of companies that derive at least 50% of their revenues or profits from goods produced or sold, investments made, or services performed in Approved Markets, or have at least 50% of their assets in Approved Markets; (f) Approved Market equity securities in the form of depositary shares; (g) securities of pooled investment vehicles that invest primarily in Approved Markets securities or derivative instruments that derive their value from Approved Market securities; or (h) securities included in the fund's benchmark index. Securities of Approved Markets may include securities of companies that have characteristics and business relationships common to companies in other countries. As a result, the value of the securities of such companies may reflect economic and market forces in such other countries as well as in the Approved Markets. The manager, however, will select only those companies that, in its view, have sufficiently strong exposure to economic and market forces in Approved Markets. For example, the manager may invest in companies organized and located in the United States or other countries outside of Approved Markets, including companies having their entire production facilities outside of Approved Markets, when such companies' securities meet the definition of Approved Market securities.

## **Principal risks**

An investment in the fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. Many factors affect performance, and fund shares will fluctuate in price, meaning you could lose money. The fund's investment strategy may not produce the intended results.

The fund's main risks are listed below in alphabetical order, not in order of importance. Before investing, be sure to read the additional descriptions of these risks beginning on page 8 of the prospectus.

Credit and counterparty risk. The counterparty to an over-the-counter derivatives contract or a borrower of fund securities may not make timely payments or otherwise honor its obligations.

Currency risk. Fluctuations in exchange rates may adversely affect the U.S. dollar value of a fund's investments. Foreign currencies may decline in value, which could negatively impact performance.

Economic and market events risk. Events in the U.S. and global financial markets, including actions taken by the U.S. Federal Reserve or foreign central banks to stimulate or stabilize economic growth, may at times result in unusually high market volatility, which could negatively impact performance. Reduced liquidity in credit and fixed-income markets could adversely affect issuers worldwide. Banks and financial services companies could suffer losses if interest rates rise or economic conditions deteriorate.

Emerging-market risk. The risks of investing in foreign securities are magnified in emerging markets. Emerging-market countries may experience higher inflation, interest rates, and unemployment and greater social, economic, and political uncertainties than more developed countries.

Equity securities risk. The price of equity securities may decline due to changes in a company's financial condition or overall market conditions. Securities the manager believes are undervalued may never realize their full potential value, and in certain markets value stocks may underperform the market as a whole.

**Financial services sector risk.** Financial services companies can be significantly affected by economic, market, and business developments. borrowing costs, interest-rate fluctuations, competition, and government regulation, among other factors.

Foreign securities risk. Less information may be publicly available regarding foreign issuers, including foreign government issuers. Foreign securities may be subject to foreign taxes and may be more volatile than U.S. securities. Currency fluctuations and political and economic developments may adversely impact the value of foreign securities. The risks of investing in foreign securities are magnified in emerging markets. If applicable, depositary receipts are subject to most of the risks associated with investing in foreign securities directly because the value of a depositary receipt is dependent upon the market price of the underlying foreign equity security. Depositary receipts are also subject to liquidity risk.

Frontier-market risk. Frontier-market countries generally have smaller economies and less-developed capital markets and political systems than traditional emerging-market countries, which magnifies emerging-market risks.

Greater China risk. Investments in the Greater China region may be subject to less developed trading markets, acute political risks such as possible negative repercussions resulting from China's relationship with Taiwan or Hong Kong, and restrictions on monetary repatriation or other adverse government actions. For example, a government may restrict investment in companies or industries considered important to national interests, or intervene in the financial markets, such as by imposing trading restrictions, or banning or curtailing short selling. A small number of companies and industries may generally represent a relatively large portion of the Greater China market as a whole.

Hedging, derivatives, and other strategic transactions risk. Hedging, derivatives, and other strategic transactions may increase a fund's volatility and could produce disproportionate losses, potentially more than the fund's principal investment. Risks of these transactions are different from and possibly greater than risks of investing directly in securities and other traditional instruments. Under certain market conditions, derivatives could become harder to value or sell and may become subject to liquidity risk (i.e., the inability to enter into closing transactions). Derivatives and other strategic transactions that the fund intends to utilize include: foreign currency forward contracts, futures contracts, options on futures contracts, and options.

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Foreign currency forward contracts, futures contracts, and options generally are subject to counterparty risk. Derivatives associated with foreign currency transactions are subject to currency risk.

**Investment company securities risk.** Fund shareholders indirectly bear their proportionate share of the expenses of any investment company in which the fund invests. The total return on such investments will be reduced by the operating expenses and fees of such other investment companies, including advisory fees.

**Large company risk.** Larger companies may grow more slowly than smaller companies or be slower to respond to business developments. Large-capitalization securities may underperform the market as a whole.

**Liquidity risk.** The extent (if at all) to which a security may be sold or a derivative position closed without negatively impacting its market value may be impaired by reduced market activity or participation, legal restrictions, or other economic and market impediments.

**Operational and cybersecurity risk.** Cybersecurity breaches may allow an unauthorized party to gain access to fund assets, customer data, or proprietary information, or cause a fund or its service providers to suffer data corruption or lose operational functionality. Similar incidents affecting issuers of a fund's securities may negatively impact performance. Operational risk may arise from human error, error by third parties, communication errors, or technology failures, among other causes.

**Quantitative modeling risk.** Quantitative models may not accurately predict future market movements or characteristics, which may negatively impact performance. Models also may perform differently than expected due to implementation problems, technological malfunction, or programming or data inaccuracies, among other possible issues.

**Sector risk.** When a fund focuses its investments in certain sectors of the economy, its performance may be driven largely by sector performance and could fluctuate more widely than if the fund were invested more evenly across sectors.

**Small and mid-sized company risk.** Small and mid-sized companies are generally less established and may be more volatile than larger companies. Small and/or mid-capitalization securities may underperform the market as a whole.

Value investment style risk. Value securities, as a category, may underperform other segments of the market or the market as a whole and following a value-oriented investment strategy may cause the fund, at times, to underperform equity funds that employ a different investment style.

## Past performance

The following information illustrates the variability of the fund's returns and provides some indication of the risks of investing in the fund by showing changes in the fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the fund's average annual returns compared with a broad-based market index. Past performance (before and after taxes) does not indicate future results. All figures assume dividend reinvestment. Performance information is updated daily, monthly, and quarterly and may be obtained at our website, jhinvestments.com, or by calling 800-225-5291 (Class A and Class C), Monday to Thursday, 8:00 A.M.—7:00 P.M., and Friday, 8:00 A.M.—6:00 P.M., Eastern time, or 888-972-8696 (Class I and Class R6) between 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Eastern time, on most business days.

## A note on performance

Class NAV and Class C shares commenced operations on May 1, 2007 and June 27, 2014, respectively. Returns shown prior to a class's commencement date are those of Class NAV shares, except that they include any sales charges. Returns for Class C shares would have been substantially similar to returns of Class NAV shares because each share class is invested in the same portfolio of securities and returns would differ only to the extent that expenses of the classes are different. To the extent expenses of a class would have been higher than expenses of Class NAV shares for the periods shown, performance would have been lower.

Please note that after-tax returns (shown for Class A shares only) reflect the highest individual federal marginal income-tax rate in effect as of the date provided and do not reflect any state or local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns may be different. After-tax returns are not relevant to shares held in an IRA, 401(k), or other tax-advantaged investment plan. After-tax returns for other share classes would vary.

Calendar year total returns (%)—Class A (sales charges are not reflected in the bar chart and returns would have been lower if they were)

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
-3.40	-1.95	-15.19	10.73	34.89	-15.85	14.34	11.56	3.15	-16.88
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			0.0.0	0.00	5.00%				
	tal return throu	gh:	Q3 2	023	5.29%				
ear-to-date to					00.000				
ear-to-date to est quarter:			Q4 2	020	20.66%				

Average annual total returns (%)—as of 12/31/2022	1 year	5 year	10 year
Class A (before tax)	-21.05	-2.66	0.48
after tax on distributions	-21.22	-2.83	0.34

Average annual total returns (%)—as of 12/31/2022	1 year	5 year	10 year
after tax on distributions, with sale	-12.05	-1.76	0.58
Class C	-18.31	-2.32	0.46
Class I	-16.64	-1.35	1.31
Class R6	-16.50	-1.23	1.41
MSCI Emerging Markets Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes, except foreign withholding taxes on dividends)	-20.09	-1.40	1.44

## **Investment management**

**Investment advisor** John Hancock Investment Management LLC **Subadvisor** Dimensional Fund Advisors LP

## Portfolio management

The following individuals are jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the fund's portfolio.

#### Will B. Collins-Dean, CFA

Senior Portfolio Manager and Vice President Managed the fund since 2019 Jed S. Fogdall Global Head of Portfolio Management, Senior Portfolio Manager and Vice President Managed the fund since 2010

## Mary T. Phillips, CFA

Deputy Head of Portfolio Management, North America, Senior Portfolio Manager and Vice President Managed the fund since 2017

## Purchase and sale of fund shares

The minimum initial investment requirement for Class A and Class C shares is \$1,000 (\$250 for group investments), except that there is no minimum for certain group retirement plans, certain fee-based or wrap accounts, or certain other eligible investment product platforms. The minimum initial investment requirement for Class I shares is \$250,000, except that the fund may waive the minimum for any category of investors at the fund's sole discretion. The minimum initial investment requirement for Class R6 shares is \$1 million, except that there is no minimum for: qualified and nonqualified plan investors; certain eligible qualifying investment product platforms; Trustees, employees of the advisor or its affiliates, employees of the subadvisor, members of the fund's portfolio management team and the spouses and children (under age 21) of the aforementioned. There are no subsequent minimum investment requirements.

Class A, Class C, Class I, and Class R6 shares may be redeemed on any business day by mail: John Hancock Signature Services, Inc., P.O. Box 219909, Kansas City, MO 64121-9909; or for most account types through our website: jhinvestments.com; or by telephone: 800-225-5291 (Class A and Class C); 888-972-8696 (Class I and Class R6).

## Taxes

The fund's distributions are taxable, and will be taxed as ordinary income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-deferred arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Withdrawals from such tax-deferred arrangements may be subject to tax at a later date.

## Payments to broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries

If you purchase the fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank, registered investment advisor, financial planner, or retirement plan administrator), the fund and its related companies may pay the broker-dealer or other intermediary for the sale of fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the fund over another investment. These payments are not applicable to Class R6 shares. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

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