

September 25, 2018

**John Hancock Strategic Growth Fund—income and capital gains distribution**

Dear shareholder:

As we communicated previously, we recently proposed, and your fund's Trustees agreed, that shareholders would benefit from a reassignment of the fund's management from John Hancock Asset Management to Wellington Management Company, effective September 28, 2018. The new portfolio manager for the fund will be John A. Boselli, CFA. Related to this transition, on November 12, 2018, John Hancock Strategic Growth Fund will be renamed John Hancock U.S. Quality Growth Fund. This name change will reflect the alignment of the fund's investment strategy with John's investment approach, which is to emphasize companies with above-average growth, high-quality free cash flow generation, attractive valuations, improving fundamentals, and strong capital returns to shareholders.

As a result of the portfolio manager change to Wellington, a significant amount of assets were transitioned, resulting in the realization of capital gains.

John Hancock Strategic Growth Fund	Short-term gains per share* (\$)	Short-term gains as share price* (%)	Long-term gains per share* (\$)	Long-term gains as share price* (%)	Income distribution per share range* (\$)	Income distribution of share price* (%)	Record date	Ex-date	Payable date
	0.80– 1.10	3.93%– 5.41%	2.80– 3.20	13.76%– 15.72%	N/A	N/A	9/24/18	9/25/18	9/26/18

\* Estimate, as of 9/25/18.

We expect an additional, significantly smaller distribution of capital gains in December as part of the normal annual distribution.

If you have any questions or need other assistance, please contact your financial advisor or call John Hancock Investments at 800-225-5291, Monday through Thursday between 8:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M., or Friday between 8:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M., Eastern time.

Thank you.