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**JOHN HANCOCK CLOSED-END FUNDS  
DECLARE MONTHLY DISTRIBUTIONS**

**BOSTON, MA (March 1, 2011)** – The five John Hancock closed-end funds listed below declared their monthly distributions today as follows:

Declaration Date: March 1, 2011  
Ex Date: March 9, 2011  
Record Date: March 11, 2011  
Payment Date: March 31, 2011

Ticker	Fund Name	Amount	Change From Previous Month	Market Price as of 2/28/2011	Annualized Current Distribution Rate at Market
HPI	Preferred Income Fund	\$0.1240	-	\$18.82	7.91%
HPF	Preferred Income Fund II	\$0.1240	-	\$18.71	7.95%
HPS	Preferred Income Fund III	\$0.1122	-	\$16.46	8.18%
PDT	Premium Dividend Fund (previously known as Patriot Premium Dividend Fund II)	\$0.0755	-	\$11.62	7.80%
HTD	Tax-Advantaged Dividend Income Fund	\$0.0910	-	\$15.61	7.00%

A portion of a Fund's current distribution may include sources other than net investment income, including a return of capital. Investors should understand that a return of capital is not a distribution from income or gains of a Fund. As required under the Investment Company Act of 1940, a notice with the estimated components of the distribution will be mailed to shareholders at the time of payment if it does not consist solely of net investment income. At this time, one or more of the Funds anticipates that the notice accompanying the current distribution will include an estimate of return of capital. Such notice will also be posted to the Funds' website at [www.jhfunds.com](http://www.jhfunds.com). The notice should not be used to prepare tax returns as the estimates indicated in the notice may differ from the ultimate federal income tax characterization of distributions. After the end of each calendar year, investors will be sent a Form 1099-DIV informing them how to report distributions received during that year for federal income tax purposes.

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The Boston-based mutual fund business unit of John Hancock Financial, John Hancock Funds, manages more than \$65.9 billion in open-end funds, closed-end funds, private accounts, retirement plans and related party assets for individual and institutional investors at December 31, 2010.

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