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JOHN HANCOCK TAX-ADVANTAGED DIVIDEND INCOME FUND DECLARES INCREASED MONTHLY DISTRIBUTION

BOSTON, MA (July 1, 2014) – John Hancock Tax-Advantaged Dividend Income Fund (NYSE: HTD) (the "Fund"), a closed-end fund advised by John Hancock Advisers, LLC, today announced an increase in its monthly distribution amount from \$0.1100 per share to \$0.1210 per share, which reflects a 10% increase.

The following dates apply to the monthly distribution declared today:

Declaration Date: July 1, 2014

Ex Date: July 9, 2014 Record Date: July 11, 2014 Payment Date: July 31, 2014

	Ticker	Fund Name	Distribution Per Share	Change From Previous Distribution	Market Price as of 6/30/2014	Annualized Current Distribution Rate at Market
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The increased distribution amount equates to an annualized distribution rate of 6.06% at the Fund's net asset value ("NAV") of \$23.97 as of June 30, 2014.

This is the second increase in the Fund's distribution amount in the past twelve months. The Fund announced in December of 2013 an increase in its distribution amount from \$0.0985 to \$0.1100, an 11.7% increase. Over the past year, the Fund has increased its holdings in preferred securities, which generally tend to have higher yields as compared to common stocks, and experienced an increase in dividends received. These factors have positively impacted the overall earnings of the Fund and allowed for an increase in its monthly distribution.

A Fund's distribution rate may be affected by numerous factors, including market conditions, fund performance and other factors. There is no guaranty that the new distribution amounts for the Funds will be maintained.

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 sent to shareholders at the time of payment if it does not consist solely of net investment income. Such notice will also

be posted to the Funds' website at www.jhinvestments.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.

Statements in this press release that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements as defined by the United States securities laws. You should exercise caution in interpreting and relying on forward-looking statements because they are subject to uncertainties and other factors which are, in some cases, beyond the Fund's control and could cause actual results to differ materially from those set forth in the forward-looking statements.

An investor should consider a Fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses carefully before investing.

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