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**JOHN HANCOCK INVESTORS TRUST
ADOPTS SHARE REPURCHASE PLAN**

BOSTON, MA (December 10, 2015) – John Hancock Investors Trust (NYSE: JHI) (the “Fund”), a closed-end fund managed by John Hancock Advisers, LLC, announced today that its Board of Trustees, as part of its ongoing evaluation of options to enhance shareholder value and potentially decrease the discount between the market price and the net asset value (“NAV”) of the Fund’s common shares, has approved a share repurchase plan.

Under the share repurchase plan, the Fund may purchase, in the open market, up to 10% of its outstanding common shares between December 11, 2015 and December 31, 2016 (based on common shares outstanding as of November 30, 2015).

The share repurchase plan allows the repurchase of common shares in the open market at a discount to NAV. The plan could allow the Fund to realize incremental accretion to its NAV to the benefit of existing shareholders. It could also have the benefit of providing additional liquidity in the trading of common shares.

There is no assurance that the Fund will purchase shares at any specific discount levels or in any specific amounts. The Fund’s repurchase activity will be disclosed in its shareholder report for the relevant fiscal period. There is no assurance that the market price of the Fund’s shares, either absolutely or relative to NAV, will increase as a result of any share repurchases, or that the share repurchase plan will enhance shareholder value over the long-term.

The Fund has a shelf offering program, which permits it to offer new common shares for sale in the market at or above NAV (exclusive of distribution commissions and discounts). The Fund may issue shares under the shelf offering program only when its shares are trading at a premium to NAV. Accordingly, the shelf offering program and the share repurchase plan will be active at different times depending on the trading price of shares relative to NAV.

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.

About John Hancock Investments

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