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JOHN HANCOCK PREFERRED INCOME FUNDS, PREMIUM DIVIDEND FUND AND TAX-ADVANTAGED DIVIDEND INCOME FUND PORTFOLIO MANAGEMEMENT UPDATE

BOSTON, MA (February 15, 2017)—John Hancock Advisers, LLC today announced an update to the portfolio management teams for the following John Hancock closed end funds: Preferred Income Fund (NYSE: HPI), Preferred Income II Fund (NYSE: HPF) Preferred Income III Fund (NYSE: HPS), Premium Dividend Fund (NYSE: PDT) and Tax—Advantaged Dividend Income Fund (NYSE: HTD) (collectively, the "Funds"). The Funds are advised by John Hancock Advisers, LLC and sub-advised by John Hancock Asset Management, a division of Manulife Asset Management (US) LLC (the "Subadvisor").

Effective today, Brad Lutz, CFA, joins Greg Phelps and Joseph Bozoyan, CFA, on the portfolio management team of the Funds.

Brad Lutz is a managing director, portfolio manager and senior investment analyst for the Subadvisor. Prior to joining the firm, he held analyst positions at Declaration Management & Research, Summit Investment Partners and Pacholder Associates, Inc. He has more than 24 years of experience in the investment management industry, a B.S. from Miami University and holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.

Additionally, today, Greg Phelps announced his intention to retire on August 31, 2017. Over the coming months he will continue to work closely with the investment team to ensure a smooth transition of management responsibility. Upon Mr. Phelps' retirement, Mr. Bozoyan and Mr. Lutz will remain as portfolio managers of the Funds.

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 a 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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