## Form **8937**(December 2017) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

## Report of Organizational Actions Affecting Basis of Securities

► See separate instructions.

OMB No. 1545-0123

Part I Reporting I	ssuer							
1 Issuer's name					2 Issuer's employer identification number (EIN)			
John Hancock Hedged Equ					27-5412302			
3 Name of contact for additional information 4 Telephone No. of contact					5 Email address of contact			
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John Hancock Investments  6 Number and street (or P		delivered to stre	800-225-5291 eet address) of contac		https://www.jhinvestments.com/ContactUs.aspx 7 City, town, or post office, state, and ZIP code of contact			
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200 Berkeley Street					Boston, MA 02116			
8 Date of action		9 Classific	cation and description		10001011, 1101102110			
12/31/2021		Regulated	Investment Company	y (RIC) Clo	osed End Fund			
10 CUSIP number	11 Serial number	s) 1	12 Ticker symbol		13 Account number(s)			
47804L102			EQ					
					ck of form for additional questions.			
_				_	nst which shareholders' ownership is measured for			
					y & Income Fund made four			
distributions to shareholde	ers that represente	d in part non-ta	xable returns of capi	ital.				
					he hands of a U.S. taxpayer as an adjustment per			
snare or as a percenta	ige of old basis $ ightharpoonup$	ne return of cap	oital portion in each o	distributior	n reduced the shareholder's tax basis in his or her			
shares held.								
16 Describe the calculation	on of the change in h	acic and the da	to that cupports the or	alculation	such as the market values of securities and the			
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					nare amount of each non-taxable return of capital			
multiplied by the number of	or snares neid by th	<u>e snarenoider a</u>	at the time of the con	respondin	g distribution.			

## Part II Organizational Action (continued)

<b>17</b> Li:	st the	applicable Internal Revenue Code section(	(s) and subsection(s) upon t	which the tax treatment is	based ► Pursuant to				
		(c)(1), the portion of a distribution which				to			
IRC Sec	. 301	(c)(2), the portion of distribution which is	s not a dividend, shall be	applied against and redu	ice the adjusted tax basis of the st	tock.			
<b>18</b> Ca	an anv	resulting loss be recognized? ► No loss	s is recognized on the retu	urn of capital distribution	The reduction in shareholder bas	sis			
		e amount of gain or loss realized on the		arrer capital aletineation	The reduction in enal energies	5.0			
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40 D	مانام		ant the adjustment such	so the war awtable tax year	This appropriational action is				
		any other information necessary to implen th respect to the taxable year ended Dec		is the reportable tax year	This organizational action is				
reportal	bie wi	in respect to the taxable year ended bed	cember 31, 2021.						
	Unde	r penalties of perjury, I declare that I have exam	nined this return, including acc	ompanying schedules and sta	tements, and to the best of my knowled	ge and			
	belief	, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of	preparer (other than officer) is	pased on all information of whi	ich preparer has any knowledge.				
Sign									
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	Print	your name ► A signed copy is maintained		Title ►					
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John Hancock Hedged Equity & Income Fund 27-5412302

Fiscal Year ended December 31, 2021 Supplemental Attachment to Form 8937

Cusip	Ticker Symbol	Record date	Ex-Dividend Date	Payable Date	Total Distribution Per Share	Non Taxable Return of Capital Per share	Income Distribution Per Share	Long Term Capital Gain Distribution Per Share
47804L102	HEQ	3/11/2021	3/10/2021	3/31/2021	0.290000	0.134595	0.155405	0.000000
47804L102	HEQ	6/11/2021	6/10/2021	6/30/2021	0.290000	0.134595	0.155405	0.000000
47804L102	HEQ	9/13/2021	9/10/2021	9/30/2021	0.290000	0.134595	0.155405	0.000000
47804L102	HEQ	12/13/2021	12/10/2021	12/31/2021	0.290000	0.134595	0.155405	0.000000