

# **Prospectus Supplement**

#### John Hancock Investment Trust (the Trust) John Hancock Diversified Macro Fund (the fund)

#### Supplement dated March 31, 2025 to the current Prospectus, as may be supplemented (the Prospectus)

Effective immediately, Thomas Feng, Ph.D. is added as a portfolio manager of the fund. Pablo E. Calderini and Kenneth G. Tropin continue to serve as portfolio managers of the fund, and together with Thomas Feng, are jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the fund's portfolio. Accordingly, the following is added to the fund's portfolio manager information in the "Fund summary" section under the heading "Portfolio management":

#### Thomas Feng, Ph.D.

*Co-Portfolio Manager, Chief Investment Officer – Quant Strategies* Managed the fund since 2025

Additionally, the following is added to the fund's portfolio manager information in the "Fund details" section under the heading "Who's who - Subadvisor":

#### Thomas Feng, Ph.D.

- Co-Portfolio Manager, Chief Investment Officer Quant Strategies
- Managed the fund since 2025
- Joined Graham Capital Management, L.P. in 2009

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# **Prospectus Supplement**

#### John Hancock Investment Trust (the Trust) John Hancock Global Thematic Opportunities Fund (the fund)

#### Supplement dated March 1, 2025 to the current Prospectus, as may be supplemented (the Prospectus)

The Board of Trustees of the Trust (the Board) approved the closing and liquidation of the fund pursuant to a Plan of Liquidation approved by the Board. The Board determined that the continuation of the fund is not in the best interests of the fund or its shareholders as a result of factors or events adversely affecting the fund's ability to conduct its business and operations in an economically viable manner. The fund no longer accepts orders to purchase shares of the fund except at the fund's sole discretion. However, discretionary fee-based advisory programs, certain retirement accounts and/or model portfolios that include the fund as an investment option as of the close of business February 24, 2025, may continue to make the fund shares available to new and existing accounts. On or about March 28, 2025 (the Liquidation Date), the fund will distribute pro rata all of its assets to its shareholders, and all outstanding shares will be redeemed and cancelled as of the close of business on the Liquidation Date.

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# **Prospectus Supplement**

#### John Hancock Investment Trust (the Trust) John Hancock Seaport Long/Short Fund

#### Supplement dated March 1, 2025 to the current Prospectus, as may be supplemented (the Prospectus)

At its meeting held on December 10-12, 2024, the Board of Trustees (the Board) of the Trust, of which John Hancock Seaport Long/Short Fund (Seaport Long/Short) is a series, voted to approve a reorganization, that is expected to be tax-free, of Seaport Long/Short into John Hancock Disciplined Value Global Long/Short, and together with Seaport Long/Short, the funds), also a series of the Trust, as described below (the Reorganization).

Under the terms of the funds' Agreement and Plan of Reorganization and Termination, Seaport Long/Short will transfer all of its assets to Disciplined Value Global Long/Short in exchange for corresponding shares of Disciplined Value Global Long/Short. Disciplined Value Global Long/Short will assume all of Seaport Long/Short's liabilities. The corresponding shares of Disciplined Value Global Long/Short will then be distributed to Seaport Long/Short's shareholders, and Seaport Long/Short will be terminated. The Reorganization is expected to occur as of the close of business on or about April 4, 2025 (the Closing Date). Further information regarding the Reorganization is contained in an information statement and prospectus, which became available February 21, 2025.

Seaport Long/Short will remain open to purchases and redemptions from existing shareholders until the Closing Date. Seaport Long/Short no longer accepts orders from new investors to purchase shares of Seaport Long/Short. However, discretionary fee-based advisory programs, certain retirement accounts and/or model portfolios that include Seaport Long/Short as an investment option as of the close of business January 13, 2025, may continue to make Seaport Long/Short shares available to new and existing accounts.

Prior to the Reorganization, any dividends paid will be paid in accordance with the current dividend option of an account; accounts in which the dividend reinvestment option has been chosen will receive any dividends in the form of additional shares of Seaport Long/Short.

To satisfy an Internal Revenue Service requirement, Seaport Long/Short hereby designates the maximum amount of the net long-term gains earned, if any, as a capital gain dividend, with respect to Seaport Long/Short's final taxable year. Please refer to Form 1099-DIV for tax reporting purposes.

The foregoing is not an offer to sell, nor a solicitation of an offer to buy, any shares in connection with the Reorganization, nor is it a solicitation of any proxy. For important information regarding Seaport Long/Short or Disciplined Value Global Long/Short, or to receive a free copy of the information statement/prospectus relating to the merger, once it is available, please call the funds' toll-free telephone number: 800-225-5291 (Class A and Class C), 888-972-8696 (Class I and Class R6), or 800-344-1029 (Class NAV). The information statement/prospectus contains important information about fund objectives, strategies, fees, expenses, risks, and the Board's considerations in approving the Reorganization. The information statement/prospectus also will be available for free on the SEC's website (www.sec.gov). Please read the information statement/prospectus carefully before making any decision to invest in any shares in connection with the Reorganization.

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# John Hancock Investment Trust and John Hancock Investment Trust II

Class NAV

March 1, 2025

	Ticker
John Hancock Investment Trust	
John Hancock Disciplined Value International Fund	JDIVX
John Hancock Diversified Macro Fund	—
John Hancock Emerging Markets Equity Fund	_
John Hancock ESG Large Cap Core Fund	_
John Hancock Fundamental Large Cap Core Fund	JLCNX
John Hancock Global Environmental Opportunities Fund	_
John Hancock Global Thematic Opportunities Fund	JTKNX
John Hancock Infrastructure Fund	_
John Hancock International Dynamic Growth Fund	_
John Hancock Seaport Long/Short Fund	_
John Hancock Small Cap Core Fund	_
John Hancock Investment Trust II	
John Hancock Financial Industries Fund	_

As with all mutual funds, the Securities and Exchange Commission and Commodity Futures Trading Commission have not approved or disapproved these securities or passed upon the adequacy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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# John Hancock Disciplined Value International Fund

### **Investment objective**

To seek long-term capital growth.

#### **Fees and expenses**

This table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy, hold, and sell shares of the fund. You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the tables and examples below.

Shareholder fees (%) (fees paid directly from your investment)	NAV
Maximum front-end sales charge (load)	None
Maximum deferred sales charge (load)	None
Annual fund operating expenses (%) (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)	NAV
Annual fund operating expenses (%) (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment) Management fee	<b>NAV</b> 0.68 <sup>1</sup>

Total annual fund operating expenses

Contractual expense reimbursement

Total annual fund operating expenses after expense reimbursements

1 "Management fee" has been restated to reflect the contractual management fee schedule effective December 12, 2024.

2 The advisor contractually agrees to waive a portion of its management fee and/or reimburse expenses for the fund and certain other John Hancock funds according to an asset level breakpoint schedule that is based on the aggregate net assets of all the funds participating in the waiver or reimbursement, including the fund (the participating portfolios). This waiver equals, on an annualized basis, 0.0100% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$75 billion but is less than or equal to \$125 billion; 0.0125% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$125 billion but is less than or equal to \$150 billion; 0.0150% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$150 billion but is less than or equal to \$150 billion; 0.0175% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$150 billion but is less than or equal to \$125 billion; 0.0175% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$150 billion but is less than or equal to \$200 billion; 0.0200% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$200 billion but is less than or equal to \$225 billion; 0.0200% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios. The amount of the reimbursement is calculated daily and allocated among all the participating portfolios in proportion to the daily net assets of each participating portfolio. During its most recent fiscal year, the fund and the advisor based upon a determination that this is appropriate under the circumstances at that time.

0.75

 $-0.01^{2}$ 

0.74

#### **Expense example**

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. Please see below a hypothetical example showing the expenses of a \$10,000 investment for the time periods indicated and then assuming you sell all of your shares at the end of those periods. The example assumes a 5% average annual return and that fund expenses will not change over the periods. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions, your costs would be:

Expenses (\$)	NAV
1 year	76
3 years	239
5 years	416
5 years 10 years	929

#### Portfolio turnover

The fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the fund's performance. During its most recent fiscal year, the fund's portfolio turnover rate was 91% of the average value of its portfolio.

#### **Principal investment strategies**

The fund pursues its investment objective by investing, under normal circumstances, at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in a portfolio of equity and equity-related securities issued by non-U.S. companies of any capitalization size. The fund may invest in all types of equity and equity-related securities, including, without limitation, exchange-traded and over-the-counter common and preferred stocks, warrants,

options, rights, convertible securities, sponsored and unsponsored depositary receipts and shares, trust certificates, participatory notes, limited partnership interests, shares of other investment companies (including exchange-traded funds (ETFs)), real estate investment trusts (REITs), and equity participations. Equity participations are loans that give the lender a portion of equity ownership in a property, in addition to principal and interest payments. A convertible security is a bond, debenture, note, preferred stock, or other security that may be converted into or exchanged for a prescribed amount of common stock of the same or a different issuer within a particular period of time at a specified price or formula.

The fund defines non-U.S. companies as companies: (i) that are organized under the laws of a foreign country; (ii) whose principal trading market is in a foreign country; or (iii) that have a majority of their assets, or that derive a significant portion of their revenue or profits, from businesses, investments, or sales outside of the United States. The fund's non-U.S. investments, which may be denominated in U.S. or foreign currencies, primarily focus on developed markets, but may include emerging- and frontier-market investments.

The fund generally invests in the equity securities of issuers the manager believes are undervalued. The manager applies a bottom-up stock selection process using a combination of fundamental and quantitative analysis of issuer-specific factors such as price-to-book value, price-to-sales and earnings ratios, dividend yields, strength of management, and cash flow.

The fund may invest in derivatives. Derivatives may be used to reduce risk, obtain efficient market exposure, and/or enhance investment returns, and may include put and call options, futures, forward contracts, and swaps. The fund may invest up to 15% of its net assets in illiquid securities and may participate as a purchaser in Initial Public Offerings (IPOs). The fund may also seek to increase its income by lending portfolio securities.

# Principal risks

An investment in the fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. Many factors affect performance, and fund shares will fluctuate in price, meaning you could lose money. The fund's investment strategy may not produce the intended results.

The fund's main risks are listed below in alphabetical order, not in order of importance. *Before investing, be sure to read the additional descriptions of these risks beginning on page 67 of the prospectus.* 

**Credit and counterparty risk.** The counterparty to an over-the-counter derivatives contract or a borrower of fund securities may not make timely payments or otherwise honor its obligations.

**Economic and market events risk.** Events in the U.S. and global financial markets, including actions taken by the U.S. Federal Reserve or foreign central banks to stimulate or stabilize economic growth, may at times result in unusually high market volatility, which could negatively impact performance. Reduced liquidity in credit and fixed-income markets could adversely affect issuers worldwide. Banks and financial services companies could suffer losses if interest rates rise or economic conditions deteriorate.

**Equity securities risk.** The price of equity securities may decline due to changes in a company's financial condition or overall market conditions. Securities the manager believes are undervalued may never realize their full potential value, and in certain markets value stocks may underperform the market as a whole.

**Exchange-traded funds (ETFs) risk.** The risks of owning shares of an ETF include the risks of owning the underlying securities the ETF holds. Lack of liquidity in an ETF could result in the ETF being more volatile than its underlying securities. An ETF's shares could trade at a significant premium or discount to its net asset value (NAV). A fund bears ETF fees and expenses indirectly.

**Foreign securities risk.** Less information may be publicly available regarding foreign issuers, including foreign government issuers. Foreign securities may be subject to foreign taxes and may be more volatile than U.S. securities. Currency fluctuations and political and economic developments may adversely impact the value of foreign securities. The risks of investing in foreign securities are magnified in emerging markets. Depositary receipts are subject to most of the risks associated with investing in foreign securities directly because the value of a depositary receipt is dependent upon the market price of the underlying foreign equity security. Depositary receipts are also subject to liquidity risk.

**Frontier-market risk.** Frontier-market countries generally have smaller economies and less-developed capital markets and political systems than traditional emerging-market countries, which magnifies emerging-market risks.

**Hedging, derivatives, and other strategic transactions risk.** Hedging, derivatives, and other strategic transactions may increase a fund's volatility and could produce disproportionate losses, potentially more than the fund's principal investment. Risks of these transactions are different from and possibly greater than risks of investing directly in securities and other traditional instruments. Under certain market conditions, derivatives could become harder to value or sell and may become subject to liquidity risk (i.e., the inability to enter into closing transactions). Derivatives and other strategic transactions that the fund intends to utilize include: foreign currency forward contracts, futures contracts, options, and swaps generally are subject to counterparty risk. In addition, swaps may be subject to interest-rate and settlement risk, and the risk of default of the underlying reference obligation. Derivatives associated with foreign currency transactions are subject to currency risk.

**Illiquid and restricted securities risk.** Illiquid and restricted securities may be difficult to value and may involve greater risks than liquid securities. Illiquidity may have an adverse impact on a particular security's market price and the fund's ability to sell the security.

Initial public offerings (IPOs) risk. IPO share prices are frequently volatile and may significantly impact fund performance.

**Investment company securities risk.** Fund shareholders indirectly bear their proportionate share of the expenses of any investment company in which the fund invests. The total return on such investments will be reduced by the operating expenses and fees of such other investment companies, including advisory fees.

**Large company risk.** Larger companies may grow more slowly than smaller companies or be slower to respond to business developments. Large-capitalization securities may underperform the market as a whole.

**Liquidity risk.** The extent (if at all) to which a security may be sold or a derivative position closed without negatively impacting its market value may be impaired by reduced market activity or participation, legal restrictions, or other economic and market impediments.

**Master limited partnership (MLP) risk.** MLPs generally reflect the risks associated with their underlying assets and with pooled investment vehicles. MLPs with credit-related holdings are subject to interest-rate risk and risk of default.

**Operational and cybersecurity risk.** Cybersecurity breaches may allow an unauthorized party to gain access to fund assets, customer data, or proprietary information, or cause a fund or its service providers to suffer data corruption or lose operational functionality. Similar incidents affecting issuers of a fund's securities may negatively impact performance. Operational risk may arise from human error, error by third parties, communication errors, or technology failures, among other causes.

**Participatory notes risk.** Participatory notes (p-notes) represent interests in securities listed on certain foreign exchanges. Due to transaction costs and other expenses, p-notes will not replicate exactly the performance of their underlying securities. P-notes are general unsecured contractual obligations of the financial institutions issuing the notes and are subject to liquidity risk and a high degree of counterparty risk.

**Preferred and convertible securities risk.** Preferred stock dividends are payable only if declared by the issuer's board. Preferred stock may be subject to redemption provisions. The market values of convertible securities tend to fall as interest rates rise and rise as interest rates fall. Convertible preferred stock's value can depend heavily upon the underlying common stock's value.

**Real estate investment trust (REIT) risk.** REITs, pooled investment vehicles that typically invest in real estate directly or in loans collateralized by real estate, carry risks associated with owning real estate, including the potential for a decline in value due to economic or market conditions.

**Small and mid-sized company risk.** Small and mid-sized companies are generally less established and may be more volatile than larger companies. Small and/or mid-capitalization securities may underperform the market as a whole.

**Value investment style risk.** Value securities may underperform the market as a whole, which may cause value-oriented funds to underperform equity funds with other investment strategies. Securities the manager believes are undervalued may never perform as expected.

**Warrants risk.** The prices of warrants may not precisely reflect the prices of their underlying securities. Warrant holders do not receive dividends or have voting or credit rights. A warrant ceases to have value if not exercised prior to its expiration date.

# Past performance

The following information illustrates the variability of the fund's returns and provides some indication of the risks of investing in the fund by showing changes in the fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the fund's average annual returns compared with a broad-based securities market index. Past performance (before and after taxes) does not indicate future results. All figures assume dividend reinvestment. Performance information is updated daily, monthly, and quarterly and may be obtained by calling 800-344-1029 between 8:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M., Eastern time, on most business days.

#### A note on performance

Class R6 and Class NAV shares commenced operations on September 29, 2014 and April 13, 2015, respectively. Returns shown prior to Class NAV shares' commencement date are those of Class R6 shares. Returns for Class NAV shares would have been substantially similar to returns of Class R6 shares because each share class is invested in the same portfolio of securities and returns would differ only to the extent that expenses of the classes are different. To the extent expenses of a class would have been higher than expenses of Class R6 shares for the periods shown, performance would have been lower.

Please note that after-tax returns reflect the highest individual federal marginal income-tax rate in effect as of the date provided and do not reflect any state or local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns may be different. After-tax returns are not relevant to shares held in an IRA, 401(k), or other tax-advantaged investment plan.

# Fund summary

#### Calendar year total returns (%)—Class NAV



Average annual total returns (%)—as of 12/31/2024	1 year	5 year	10 year
Class NAV (before tax)	-0.25	6.07	4.88
after tax on distributions	-3.26	4.33	3.55
after tax on distributions, with sale	1.20	4.21	3.39
MSCI EAFE Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes, except foreign withholding taxes on dividends)	3.82	4.73	5.20

#### Investment management

**Investment advisor** John Hancock Investment Management LLC **Subadvisor** Boston Partners Global Investors, Inc.

#### Portfolio management

The following individuals are jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the fund's portfolio.

**Christopher K. Hart, CFA** 

Portfolio Manager Managed the fund and the predecessor fund since 2011 Joshua M. Jones, CFA Portfolio Manager Managed the fund and the predecessor fund since 2013

**Soyoun Song** *Portfolio Manager* Managed the fund since 2024

#### Purchase and sale of fund shares

There are no minimum initial or subsequent investment requirements. Shares may be redeemed on any business day on instruction to the fund.

#### Taxes

The fund's distributions are taxable, and will be taxed as ordinary income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-deferred arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Withdrawals from such tax-deferred arrangements may be subject to tax at a later date.

#### Payments to broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries

If you purchase the fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank, registered investment advisor, financial planner, or retirement plan administrator), the fund and its related companies may pay the broker-dealer or other intermediary for the sale of fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# John Hancock Diversified Macro Fund

### **Investment objective**

To seek long-term capital appreciation.

#### **Fees and expenses**

This table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy, hold, and sell shares of the fund. You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the tables and examples below.

Shareholder fees (%) (fees paid directly from your investment)	NAV
Maximum front-end sales charge (load)	None
Maximum deferred sales charge (load)	None
Annual fund operating expenses (%) (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)	NAV
Management fee	1.18
Other expenses	0.07
Total annual fund operating expenses	1.25
Contractual expense reimbursement	-0.01
Total annual fund operating expenses after expense reimbursements	1.24

1 The advisor contractually agrees to waive a portion of its management fee and/or reimburse expenses for the fund and certain other John Hancock funds according to an asset level breakpoint schedule that is based on the aggregate net assets of all the funds participating in the waiver or reimbursement, including the fund (the participating portfolios). This waiver equals, on an annualized basis, 0.0100% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$75 billion but is less than or equal to \$125 billion; 0.0125% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$125 billion but is less than or equal to \$150 billion; 0.0150% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$125 billion but is less than or equal to \$150 billion; 0.0175% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$150 billion but is less than or equal to \$125 billion; 0.0175% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$150 billion to \$200 billion; 0.0200% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$175 billion but is less than or equal to \$225 billion; 0.0200% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$200 billion but is less than or equal to \$225 billion; 0.0225% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$225 billion. The amount of the reimbursement is calculated daily and allocated among all the participating portfolios in proportion to the daily net assets of each participating portfolio. During its most recent fiscal year, the fund's reimbursement amounted to 0.01% of the fund's average daily net assets. This agreement expires on July 31, 2026, unless renewed by mutual agreement of the fund and the advisor based upon a determination that this is appropriate under

#### **Expense example**

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. Please see below a hypothetical example showing the expenses of a \$10,000 investment for the time periods indicated and then assuming you sell all of your shares at the end of those periods. The example assumes a 5% average annual return and that fund expenses will not change over the periods. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions, your costs would be:

Expenses (\$)	NAV
1 year	126
3 years	396
3 years 5 years	685
10 years	1,510

#### Portfolio turnover

The fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the fund's performance. During its most recent fiscal year, the fund's portfolio turnover rate was 0% of the average value of its portfolio.

#### **Principal investment strategies**

The fund pursues its investment objective by utilizing a multi-asset, quantitatively-driven investment strategy that seeks to provide exposure to diversified sources of return. The fund's investment strategy is a directional, long and short strategy that utilizes fundamental and price-based indicators to establish return forecasts across a broad range of asset classes globally. The investment strategy incorporates a variety of models that

generate macro fundamental forecasts, assess yield and earnings differentials, compare current valuations relative to historic fair value, and analyze directional price trends across markets.

The manager will allocate the fund's assets across a range of asset classes comprising equities, fixed income, foreign currencies, and commodities. Exposure to these asset classes will be implemented by investing in derivative instruments, including futures (including equity index futures, interest rate futures, bond futures and commodity futures) and foreign currency forward contracts.

Quantitative risk management and portfolio construction techniques will be employed to control exposure across individual markets and sectors in an effort to enhance returns as well as to maintain the fund's diversification and volatility objectives. The fund is actively managed and the fund's asset class exposures will vary over time based on the manager's proprietary investment models and, in part, on maintaining portfolio diversification. The fund expects to maintain exposure to all models at all times. The fund, on average, will target an annualized volatility of approximately 8%. Volatility is a statistical measurement of the dispersion of returns of a security or fund or index. The fund's actual or realized volatility level for longer or shorter periods of time may be materially higher or lower depending on market conditions.

The fund is generally intended to have a low correlation to the equity and bond markets. The fund is not designed to match the performance of any hedge fund index or benchmark and may be characterized as "macro" or "multi-asset" in nature.

The fund's use of derivatives will have the economic effect of financial leverage. Financial leverage magnifies exposure to the swings in prices of an asset class underlying an instrument and results in increased volatility, which means the fund will have the potential for greater gains as well as the potential for greater losses than if the fund does not use instruments that have a leveraging effect.

Due to the fund's use of derivative instruments such as futures, foreign currency futures and forward contracts, a significant portion of the fund's assets will be invested directly or indirectly in money market instruments, which may include U.S. Government securities, U.S. Government agency securities, overnight and/or fixed-term repurchase agreements, money market mutual fund shares and cash and cash equivalents for use as margin or collateral for these derivative instruments. Such investments may generate income for the fund.

*Investment in the Subsidiary*. The fund may gain exposure to the commodities markets by investing up to 25% of its total assets in a wholly-owned subsidiary of the fund organized as a company under the laws of the Cayman Islands: John Hancock Diversified Macro Offshore Subsidiary Fund, Ltd. (the Subsidiary). The Subsidiary is advised by the subadvisor, under the supervision of the advisor, and seeks to gain commodities exposure.

The Subsidiary primarily obtains its commodity exposure by investing in commodity-linked derivative instruments, which may include but are not limited to total return swaps, commodity (U.S. or foreign) futures and commodity-linked notes. Neither the fund nor the Subsidiary intends to invest directly in physical commodities. The Subsidiary may also invest in other instruments, including fixed-income securities, either as investments or to serve as margin or collateral for its swap positions, and foreign currency transactions (including forward contracts).

# **Principal risks**

An investment in the fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. Many factors affect performance, and fund shares will fluctuate in price, meaning you could lose money. The fund's investment strategy may not produce the intended results.

The fund's main risks are listed below in alphabetical order, not in order of importance. *Before investing, be sure to read the additional descriptions of these risks beginning on page 67 of the prospectus.* 

**Asset allocation risk.** Although allocation among asset categories generally limits exposure to any one category, the management team may favor a category that performs poorly relative to the others.

**Cash and cash equivalents risk.** Under certain market conditions, such as during a rising stock market, rising interest rate or rising credit spread markets, the use of cash and/or cash equivalents, including money market instruments, could have a negative effect on the fund's ability to achieve its investment objective and may negatively impact the fund's performance.

**Commodity risk.** Commodity prices may be volatile due to fluctuating demand, supply disruption, speculation, and other factors. Certain commodity investments may have no active trading market at times.

**Credit and counterparty risk.** The issuer or guarantor of a fixed-income security, the counterparty to an over-the-counter derivatives contract, or a borrower of fund securities may not make timely payments or otherwise honor its obligations. U.S. government securities are subject to varying degrees of credit risk depending upon the nature of their support. A downgrade or default affecting any of the fund's securities could affect the fund's performance.

**Economic and market events risk.** Events in the U.S. and global financial markets, including actions taken by the U.S. Federal Reserve or foreign central banks to stimulate or stabilize economic growth, may at times result in unusually high market volatility, which could negatively impact performance. Reduced liquidity in credit and fixed-income markets could adversely affect issuers worldwide. Banks and financial services companies could suffer losses if interest rates rise or economic conditions deteriorate.

**Equity securities risk.** The price of equity securities may decline due to changes in a company's financial condition or overall market conditions. Securities the manager believes are undervalued may never realize their full potential value, and in certain markets value stocks may underperform the market as a whole.

**Fixed-income securities risk.** A rise in interest rates typically causes bond prices to fall. The longer the average maturity or duration of the bonds held by a fund, the more sensitive it will likely be to interest-rate fluctuations. An issuer may not make all interest payments or repay all or any of the principal borrowed. Changes in a security's credit quality may adversely affect fund performance.

**Foreign securities risk.** Less information may be publicly available regarding foreign issuers, including foreign government issuers. Foreign securities may be subject to foreign taxes and may be more volatile than U.S. securities. Currency fluctuations and political and economic developments may adversely impact the value of foreign securities.

**Hedging, derivatives, and other strategic transactions risk.** Hedging, derivatives, and other strategic transactions may increase a fund's volatility and could produce disproportionate losses, potentially more than the fund's principal investment. Risks of these transactions are different from and possibly greater than risks of investing directly in securities and other traditional instruments. Under certain market conditions, derivatives could become harder to value or sell and may become subject to liquidity risk (i.e., the inability to enter into closing transactions). Derivatives and other strategic transactions that the fund intends to utilize include: foreign currency forward contracts, futures contracts, and total return swaps. Foreign currency forward contracts, futures contracts, and swaps generally are subject to counterparty risk. In addition, swaps may be subject to interest-rate and settlement risk, and the risk of default of the underlying reference obligation. Derivatives associated with foreign currency transactions are subject to currency risk.

**High portfolio turnover risk.** Trading securities actively and frequently can increase transaction costs (thus lowering performance) and taxable distributions.

**Large company risk.** Larger companies may grow more slowly than smaller companies or be slower to respond to business developments. Large-capitalization securities may underperform the market as a whole.

**Leveraging risk.** Using derivatives may result in a leveraged portfolio. Leveraging tends to magnify, sometimes significantly, the effect of any increase or decrease in the fund's exposure to an asset class and may cause the fund's net asset value per share (NAV) to experience greater volatility. Leveraging long exposures increases a fund's losses when the value of its investments declines. Some derivatives have the potential for unlimited loss, regardless of the size of the initial investment.

**Liquidity risk.** The extent (if at all) to which a security may be sold or a derivative position closed without negatively impacting its market value may be impaired by reduced market activity or participation, legal restrictions, or other economic and market impediments. Liquidity risk may be magnified in rising interest rate environments due to higher than normal redemption rates. Widespread selling of fixed-income securities to satisfy redemptions during periods of reduced demand may adversely impact the price or salability of such securities. Periods of heavy redemption could cause the fund to sell assets at a loss or depressed value, which could negatively affect performance. Redemption risk is heightened during periods of declining or illiquid markets.

**Operational and cybersecurity risk.** Cybersecurity breaches may allow an unauthorized party to gain access to fund assets, customer data, or proprietary information, or cause a fund or its service providers to suffer data corruption or lose operational functionality. Similar incidents affecting issuers of a fund's securities may negatively impact performance. Operational risk may arise from human error, error by third parties, communication errors, or technology failures, among other causes.

**Quantitative modeling risk.** Quantitative models may not accurately predict future market movements or characteristics, which may negatively impact performance. Models also may perform differently than expected due to implementation problems, technological malfunction, or programming or data inaccuracies, among other possible issues.

**Repurchase agreements risk.** The risk of a repurchase agreement transaction is limited to the ability of the seller to pay the agreed-upon sum on the delivery date. In the event of bankruptcy or other default by the seller, the instrument purchased may decline in value, interest payable on the instrument may be lost and there may be possible difficulties and delays in obtaining collateral and delays and expense in liquidating the instrument.

**Short sales risk.** In a short sale, a fund pays interest on a borrowed security. The fund will lose money if the price of the borrowed security increases between the short sale and the replacement date.

**Small and mid-sized company risk.** Small and mid-sized companies are generally less established and may be more volatile than larger companies. Small and/or mid-capitalization securities may underperform the market as a whole.

**Subsidiary investment risk.** By investing in the Subsidiary, the fund is indirectly exposed to the risks associated with the Subsidiary's investments and operations. The Subsidiary is not subject to U.S. laws, including securities laws and their protections. Because the Subsidiary is not registered under U.S. law, it may not be able to negotiate terms with its counterparties equivalent to those negotiated by a registered fund. Changes in applicable law could result in the inability of the Subsidiary to operate as described, and could adversely affect the fund's investment approach.

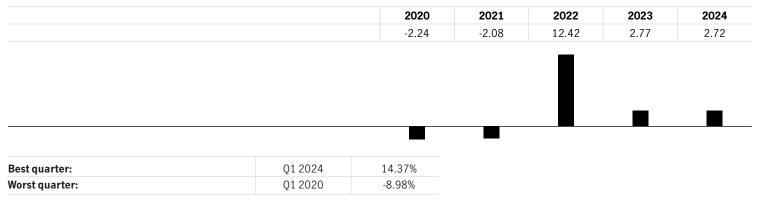
**Tax risk.** The tax treatment of commodity-related investments and income from the Subsidiary may be adversely affected by future U.S. tax legislation, regulation, or guidance.

# Past performance

The following information illustrates the variability of the fund's returns and provides some indication of the risks of investing in the fund by showing changes in the fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the fund's average annual returns compared with a broad-based securities market index. Past performance (before and after taxes) does not indicate future results. The ICE BofA 0-3 Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index shows how the fund's performance compares against the returns of similar investments. All figures assume dividend reinvestment. Performance information is updated daily, monthly, and quarterly and may be obtained by calling 800-344-1029 between 8:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M., Eastern time, on most business days.

Please note that after-tax returns reflect the highest individual federal marginal income-tax rate in effect as of the date provided and do not reflect any state or local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns may be different. After-tax returns are not relevant to shares held in an IRA, 401(k), or other tax-advantaged investment plan.

#### Calendar year total returns (%)—Class NAV



Average annual total returns (%)—as of 12/31/2024	1 year	5 year	inception 07/29/2019
Class NAV (before tax)	2.72	2.59	2.69
after tax on distributions	2.49	0.90	0.94
after tax on distributions, with sale	1.61	1.26	1.35
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes) <sup>1</sup>	1.25	-0.33	0.15
ICE BofA 0-3 Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	5.30	2.48	2.44

1 The fund has designated the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index as its new broad-based securities market index in accordance with the revised definition for such an index.

#### **Investment management**

**Investment advisor** John Hancock Investment Management LLC **Subadvisor** Graham Capital Management, L.P.

#### Portfolio management

The following individuals are jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the fund's portfolio.

**Pablo E. Calderini** *Co-Portfolio Manager, President and Chief Investment Officer* Managed the fund since 2019 Kenneth G. Tropin Co-Portfolio Manager and Chairman Managed the fund since 2019 Cinco

# Purchase and sale of fund shares

There are no minimum initial or subsequent investment requirements. Shares may be redeemed on any business day on instruction to the fund.

# Taxes

The fund's distributions are taxable, and will be taxed as ordinary income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-deferred arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Withdrawals from such tax-deferred arrangements may be subject to tax at a later date.

### Payments to broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries

If you purchase the fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank, registered investment advisor, financial planner, or retirement plan administrator), the fund and its related companies may pay the broker-dealer or other intermediary for the sale of fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# John Hancock Emerging Markets Equity Fund

### **Investment objective**

To seek long-term capital growth.

#### **Fees and expenses**

This table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy, hold, and sell shares of the fund. You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the tables and examples below.

Shareholder fees (%) (fees paid directly from your investment)	NAV
Maximum front-end sales charge (load)	None
Maximum deferred sales charge (load)	None
Annual fund operating expenses (%) (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)	NAV
Management fee	0.95
Other expenses	0.10
Total annual fund operating expenses	1.05
Contractual expense reimbursement	-0.16
contractual expense reinbursement	

1 The advisor contractually agrees to reduce its management fee by an annual rate of 0.15% of the fund's average daily net assets. This agreement expires on February 28, 2026, unless renewed by mutual agreement of the fund and the advisor based upon a determination that this is appropriate under the circumstances at that time. The advisor also contractually agrees to waive a portion of its management fee and/or reimburse expenses for the fund and certain other John Hancock funds according to an asset level breakpoint schedule that is based on the aggregate net assets of all the funds participating in the waiver or reimbursement, including the fund (the participating portfolios). This waiver equals, on an annualized basis, 0.0100% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$75 billion but is less than or equal to \$125 billion; 0.0125% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$125 billion but is less than or equal to \$150 billion; 0.0150% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$150 billion but is less than or equal to \$125 billion; 0.0175% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$150 billion but is less than or equal to \$125 billion; 0.0175% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$150 billion but is less than or equal to \$200 billion; 0.0200% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios but is less than or equal to \$225 billion; and 0.0225% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios. During its most recent fiscal year, the fund's reimbursement amounted to 0.01% of the fund's average daily net assets. This agreement expires on July 31, 2026, unless renewed by mutual agreement of the fund and the advisor based upon a determination that this is appropriate under the circumstances at that

#### **Expense example**

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. Please see below a hypothetical example showing the expenses of a \$10,000 investment for the time periods indicated and then assuming you sell all of your shares at the end of those periods. The example assumes a 5% average annual return and that fund expenses will not change over the periods. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions, your costs would be:

Expenses (\$)	NAV
1 year	91
3 years	318
5 years	564
10 years	1,268

#### Portfolio turnover

The fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the fund's performance. During its most recent fiscal year, the fund's portfolio turnover rate was 46% of the average value of its portfolio.

#### **Principal investment strategies**

Under normal market conditions, the fund invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in equity and equity-related securities of emerging-market issuers. The manager may consider, but is not limited to, the classifications by the World Bank, the

International Finance Corporation, or the United Nations and its agencies in determining whether a country is an emerging- or a developed-market country. The fund seeks to invest in securities that the manager considers to be undervalued or otherwise offer good prospects for capital growth.

The fund intends to invest in equity securities listed on bona fide securities exchanges or actively traded on over-the-counter markets. Equity and equity-related securities include common stocks, preferred stocks, convertible securities, warrants, and other similar securities. The fund may also invest in other investment companies (including closed-end funds) and other pooled investment vehicles that are themselves dedicated to investment in developing or emerging market economies.

Disciplined, fundamental-based, bottom-up stock selection lies at the heart of the manager's investment process, which focuses on high quality companies within a diverse range of dynamic emerging economies. The manager seeks to invest in companies with strong assets that exhibit balance sheet strength, superior management, and high levels of free cash-flow to support a sustainable dividend payout. Although, there is no sector or geographical bias, the fund may focus its investments in a particular sector or sectors of the economy. The fund may invest in companies of any market capitalization.

The manager considers environmental, social, and/or governance (ESG) factors, alongside other relevant factors, as part of its investment process. ESG factors may include, but are not limited to, matters regarding board diversity, climate change policies, and supply chain and human rights policies. The ESG characteristics utilized in the fund's investment process may change over time and one or more characteristics may not be relevant with respect to all issuers that are eligible fund investments. Because ESG factors are considered alongside other relevant factors, the manager may determine that an investment is appropriate notwithstanding its relative ESG characteristics.

Due to volatile conditions in emerging markets, the fund's investment process may result in a higher-than-average portfolio turnover ratio, which could increase transaction costs.

The fund may attempt to mitigate the risk of unintended currency fluctuations through the use of exchange-listed or over-the-counter financial derivatives instruments, including currency forwards, non-deliverable forwards, currency options, and index options. The fund may also enter into forward currency contracts to facilitate the settlement of foreign securities purchases, repatriation of foreign currency balances, or exchange of one currency to another. The fund may use derivatives such as futures contracts and options on futures contracts to gain market exposure on uninvested cash, pending investment in securities, or to maintain liquidity to pay redemptions.

# Principal risks

An investment in the fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. Many factors affect performance, and fund shares will fluctuate in price, meaning you could lose money. The fund's investment strategy may not produce the intended results.

The fund's main risks are listed below in alphabetical order, not in order of importance. *Before investing, be sure to read the additional descriptions of these risks beginning on page 67 of the prospectus.* 

**Credit and counterparty risk.** The counterparty to an over-the-counter derivatives contract or a borrower of fund securities may not make timely payments or otherwise honor its obligations.

**Economic and market events risk.** Events in the U.S. and global financial markets, including actions taken by the U.S. Federal Reserve or foreign central banks to stimulate or stabilize economic growth, may at times result in unusually high market volatility, which could negatively impact performance. Reduced liquidity in credit and fixed-income markets could adversely affect issuers worldwide. Banks and financial services companies could suffer losses if interest rates rise or economic conditions deteriorate.

**Emerging-market risk.** The risks of investing in foreign securities are magnified in emerging markets. Emerging-market countries may experience higher inflation, interest rates, and unemployment and greater social, economic, and political uncertainties than more developed countries.

**Greater China risk.** Investments in the Greater China region may be subject to less developed trading markets, acute political risks such as possible negative repercussions resulting from China's relationship with Taiwan or Hong Kong, and restrictions on monetary repatriation or other adverse government actions. For example, a government may restrict investment in companies or industries considered important to national interests, or intervene in the financial markets, such as by imposing trading restrictions, or banning or curtailing short selling. A small number of companies and industries may generally represent a relatively large portion of the Greater China market as a whole.

**Hong Kong Stock Connect Program (Stock Connect) risk.** Trading in China A-Shares through Stock Connect, a mutual market access program that enables foreign investment in the People's Republic of China (PRC), is subject to certain restrictions and risks. Securities listed on Stock Connect may lose purchase eligibility, which could adversely affect the fund's performance. Trading through Stock Connect is subject to trading, clearance, and settlement procedures that may continue to develop as the program matures. Any changes in laws, regulations and policies applicable to Stock Connect may affect China A-Share prices. These risks are heightened by the underdeveloped state of the PRC's investment and banking systems in general.

**Equity securities risk.** The price of equity securities may decline due to changes in a company's financial condition or overall market conditions. Growth company securities may fluctuate more in price than other securities because of the greater emphasis on earnings expectations. Securities the manager believes are undervalued may never realize their full potential value, and in certain markets value stocks may underperform the market as a whole.

**ESG integration risk.** The manager considers ESG factors that it deems relevant or additive, along with other material factors and analysis, when managing the fund. ESG factors may include, but are not limited to, matters regarding board diversity, climate change policies, and supply chain and human rights policies. The manager may consider these ESG factors on all or a meaningful portion of the fund's investments. Incorporating ESG criteria and making investment decisions based on certain ESG characteristics, as determined by the manager, carries the risk that the fund may perform differently, including underperforming, funds that do not utilize ESG criteria, or funds that utilize different ESG criteria.

**Financial services sector risk.** Financial services companies can be significantly affected by economic, market, and business developments, borrowing costs, interest-rate fluctuations, competition, and government regulation, among other factors.

**Foreign securities risk.** Less information may be publicly available regarding foreign issuers, including foreign government issuers. Foreign securities may be subject to foreign taxes and may be more volatile than U.S. securities. Currency fluctuations and political and economic developments may adversely impact the value of foreign securities. The risks of investing in foreign securities are magnified in emerging markets.

**Hedging, derivatives, and other strategic transactions risk.** Hedging, derivatives, and other strategic transactions may increase a fund's volatility and could produce disproportionate losses, potentially more than the fund's principal investment. Risks of these transactions are different from and possibly greater than risks of investing directly in securities and other traditional instruments. Under certain market conditions, derivatives could become harder to value or sell and may become subject to liquidity risk (i.e., the inability to enter into closing transactions). Derivatives and other strategic transactions that the fund intends to utilize include: foreign currency forward contracts, futures contracts, options, options on futures, and currency options. Foreign currency forward contracts, and options generally are subject to counterparty risk. Derivatives associated with foreign currency transactions are subject to currency risk.

**High portfolio turnover risk.** Trading securities actively and frequently can increase transaction costs (thus lowering performance) and taxable distributions.

**Information technology companies risk.** Information technology companies can be significantly affected by rapid obsolescence, short product cycles, competition from new market entrants, and heightened cybersecurity risk, among other factors.

**Investment company securities risk.** Fund shareholders indirectly bear their proportionate share of the expenses of any investment company in which the fund invests. The total return on such investments will be reduced by the operating expenses and fees of such other investment companies, including advisory fees.

**Large company risk.** Larger companies may grow more slowly than smaller companies or be slower to respond to business developments. Large-capitalization securities may underperform the market as a whole.

**Liquidity risk.** The extent (if at all) to which a security may be sold or a derivative position closed without negatively impacting its market value may be impaired by reduced market activity or participation, legal restrictions, or other economic and market impediments.

**Operational and cybersecurity risk.** Cybersecurity breaches may allow an unauthorized party to gain access to fund assets, customer data, or proprietary information, or cause a fund or its service providers to suffer data corruption or lose operational functionality. Similar incidents affecting issuers of a fund's securities may negatively impact performance. Operational risk may arise from human error, error by third parties, communication errors, or technology failures, among other causes.

**Preferred and convertible securities risk.** Preferred stock dividends are payable only if declared by the issuer's board. Preferred stock may be subject to redemption provisions. The market values of convertible securities tend to fall as interest rates rise and rise as interest rates fall. Convertible preferred stock's value can depend heavily upon the underlying common stock's value.

**Sector risk.** When a fund focuses its investments in certain sectors of the economy, its performance may be driven largely by sector performance and could fluctuate more widely than if the fund were invested more evenly across sectors.

**Small and mid-sized company risk.** Small and mid-sized companies are generally less established and may be more volatile than larger companies. Small and/or mid-capitalization securities may underperform the market as a whole.

**Warrants risk.** The prices of warrants may not precisely reflect the prices of their underlying securities. Warrant holders do not receive dividends or have voting or credit rights. A warrant ceases to have value if not exercised prior to its expiration date.

# Past performance

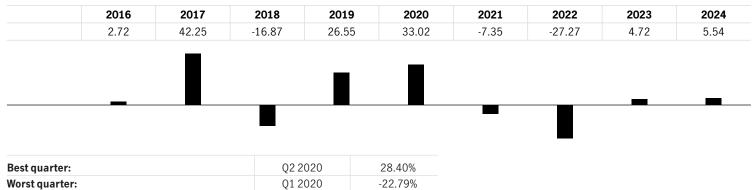
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market index. Past performance (before and after taxes) does not indicate future results. All figures assume dividend reinvestment. Performance information is updated daily, monthly, and quarterly and may be obtained by calling 800-344-1029 between 8:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M., Eastern time, on most business days.

Please note that after-tax returns reflect the highest individual federal marginal income-tax rate in effect as of the date provided and do not reflect any state or local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns may be different. After-tax returns are not relevant to shares held in an IRA, 401(k), or other tax-advantaged investment plan.

#### Calendar year total returns (%)—Class NAV



			Since inception
Average annual total returns (%)—as of 12/31/2024	1 year	5 year	06/16/2015
Class NAV (before tax)	5.54	-0.19	2.75
after tax on distributions	5.31	-1.23	1.78
after tax on distributions, with sale	3.28	-0.20	1.99
MSCI Emerging Markets Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes, except foreign withholding taxes on dividends)	7.50	1.70	3.56

#### **Investment management**

Investment advisor John Hancock Investment Management LLC Subadvisor Manulife Investment Management (US) LLC

#### Portfolio management

The following individuals are jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the fund's portfolio.

**Bryony Deuchars, CFA, FCA** *Portfolio Manager* Managed the fund since 2023

Kathryn Langridge<sup>1</sup> Senior Portfolio Manager Managed the fund since 2015 *Portfolio Manager* Managed the fund since 2015

David Dugdale, PhD, CFA

**Bhupinder Sachdev, CFA** *Portfolio Manager* Managed the fund since 2023 **Charlie Dutton** Senior Portfolio Manager Managed the fund since 2024

**Talib Saifee** *Portfolio Manager* Managed the fund since 2021

**1** Effective October 31, 2025, Kathryn Langridge no longer serves as a portfolio manager of the fund.

#### Purchase and sale of fund shares

There are no minimum initial or subsequent investment requirements. Shares may be redeemed on any business day on instruction to the fund.

#### Taxes

The fund's distributions are taxable, and will be taxed as ordinary income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-deferred arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Withdrawals from such tax-deferred arrangements may be subject to tax at a later date.

# Payments to broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries

If you purchase the fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank, registered investment advisor, financial planner, or retirement plan administrator), the fund and its related companies may pay the broker-dealer or other intermediary for the sale of fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# John Hancock ESG Large Cap Core Fund

### **Investment objective**

To seek long-term capital appreciation.

#### **Fees and expenses**

This table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy, hold, and sell shares of the fund. You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the tables and examples below.

Shareholder fees (%) (fees paid directly from your investment)	NAV
Maximum front-end sales charge (load)	None
Maximum deferred sales charge (load)	None
Annual fund operating expenses (%) (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)	NAV
Management fee	0.75
Other expenses	0.21
Total annual fund operating expenses	0.96
Contractual expense reimbursement	-0.21 <sup>1</sup>
Total annual fund operating expenses after expense reimbursements	0.75

The advisor contractually agrees to reduce its management fee or, if necessary, make payment to the fund in an amount equal to the amount by which expenses of the 1 fund exceed 0.75% of average daily net assets of the fund. For purposes of this agreement, "expenses of the fund" means all fund expenses, excluding (a) taxes, (b) brokerage commissions, (c) interest expense, (d) litigation and indemnification expenses and other extraordinary expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of the fund's business, (e) class-specific expenses, (f) borrowing costs, (g) prime brokerage fees, (h) acquired fund fees and expenses paid indirectly, and (i) short dividend expense. This agreement expires on February 28, 2026, unless renewed by mutual agreement of the fund and the advisor based upon a determination that this is appropriate under the circumstances at that time. The advisor also contractually agrees to waive a portion of its management fee and/or reimburse expenses for the fund and certain other John Hancock funds according to an asset level breakpoint schedule that is based on the aggregate net assets of all the funds participating in the waiver or reimbursement, including the fund (the participating portfolios). This waiver equals, on an annualized basis, 0.0100% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$75 billion but is less than or equal to \$125 billion; 0.0125% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$125 billion but is less than or equal to \$150 billion; 0.0150% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$150 billion but is less than or equal to \$175 billion; 0.0175% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$175 billion but is less than or equal to \$200 billion; 0.0200% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$200 billion but is less than or equal to \$225 billion; and 0.0225% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$225 billion. The amount of the reimbursement is calculated daily and allocated among all the participating portfolios in proportion to the daily net assets of each participating portfolio. During its most recent fiscal year, the fund's reimbursement amounted to 0.01% of the fund's average daily net assets. This agreement expires on July 31, 2026, unless renewed by mutual agreement of the fund and the advisor based upon a determination that this is appropriate under the circumstances at that time.

#### **Expense example**

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. Please see below a hypothetical example showing the expenses of a \$10,000 investment for the time periods indicated and then assuming you sell all of your shares at the end of those periods. The example assumes a 5% average annual return and that fund expenses will not change over the periods. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions, your costs would be:

Expenses (\$)	NAV
1 year	77
3 years	285
5 years	510
3 years 5 years 10 years	1,159

#### Portfolio turnover

The fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the fund's performance. During its most recent fiscal year, the fund's portfolio turnover rate was 30% of the average value of its portfolio.

# Principal investment strategies

Under normal market conditions, the fund invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in equity securities of large-capitalization companies or sectors that meet the manager's sustainability criteria. The fund considers large-capitalization companies to be those companies in the capitalization range of the S&P 500 Index, which was approximately \$5.77 billion to \$3,785 billion as of December 31, 2024. Equity securities include common and preferred stocks and their equivalents. The manager seeks companies meeting its sustainability criteria with high quality characteristics including strong environmental, social, and governance (ESG) records.

The manager employs a bottom-up financial analysis that includes a review of ESG issues and how they may impact stock valuation or performance. ESG factors reflect a variety of key sustainability issues that can influence company risks and opportunities and span a range of metrics including board diversity, climate change policies, and supply chain and human rights policies. Companies that meet the manager's ESG requirements or sustainability criteria typically have strong sustainability data and policy reporting, for example publishing a comprehensive corporate sustainability report. The fund may also invest up to 20% of its total assets in the equity securities of foreign issuers, including American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) and Global Depositary Receipts (GDRs). The fund may focus its investments in a particular sector or sectors of the economy. The manager may sell stocks for several reasons, including when the stock no longer meets the manager's ESG or sustainability criteria, or when the stock declines in value and no longer reflects the manager's investment thesis. As part of its ESG analysis, the manager currently identifies certain industries and business activities as too environmentally risky or as presenting social outcomes that are too unattractive to warrant investment consideration. The manager employs qualitative and quantitative screens to exclude or restrict these types of investments. The fund does not invest in companies that are primarily engaged in fossil fuel production or fossil fuel-powered generation based on a company's total gross revenue unless the company demonstrates a plan to transition to a low carbon business model that the manager finds credible. At a minimum, to be considered for investment, these companies must derive a material portion of current revenue from renewable energy or enabling technology and have no commitments to invest in new fossil fuel exploration, production, storage, transport (excluding distribution), trading, or refining capacity, new fossil fuel-based power generation without emissions capture, or new nuclear power generation. The fund will not invest in any companies that derive a material proportion of their total gross revenue from business activities related to agricultural biotechnology, coal and certain types of mining, pornography, private prisons, tar sands (e.g., oil sands), arctic drilling, tobacco, casinos and gaming, and weapons/firearms. The fund also will not invest in any companies with major recent or ongoing controversies involving animal welfare, environmental, governance, human rights, product safety, or workplace matters. When assessing a controversy, the manager will consider the potential for a controversy to adversely impact a company's financial performance or cause harm to the company's stakeholders.

The manager employs active shareowner engagement to raise environmental, social, and governance issues with the management of select portfolio companies. Through this effort, the manager seeks to encourage company managements toward greater transparency, accountability, disclosure, and commitment to ESG issues.

# **Principal risks**

An investment in the fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. Many factors affect performance, and fund shares will fluctuate in price, meaning you could lose money. The fund's investment strategy may not produce the intended results.

The fund's main risks are listed below in alphabetical order, not in order of importance. *Before investing, be sure to read the additional descriptions of these risks beginning on page 67 of the prospectus.* 

**Economic and market events risk.** Events in the U.S. and global financial markets, including actions taken by the U.S. Federal Reserve or foreign central banks to stimulate or stabilize economic growth, may at times result in unusually high market volatility, which could negatively impact performance. Reduced liquidity in credit and fixed-income markets could adversely affect issuers worldwide. Banks and financial services companies could suffer losses if interest rates rise or economic conditions deteriorate.

Equity securities risk. The price of equity securities may decline due to changes in a company's financial condition or overall market conditions.

**ESG investing risk.** Incorporating ESG criteria and investing primarily in instruments that have certain ESG characteristics, as determined by the manager, carries the risk that the fund may perform differently, including underperforming, funds that do not utilize an ESG investment strategy, or funds that utilize different ESG criteria.

**Foreign securities risk.** Less information may be publicly available regarding foreign issuers, including foreign government issuers. Foreign securities may be subject to foreign taxes and may be more volatile than U.S. securities. Currency fluctuations and political and economic developments may adversely impact the value of foreign securities. Depositary receipts are subject to most of the risks associated with investing in foreign securities directly because the value of a depositary receipt is dependent upon the market price of the underlying foreign equity security. Depositary receipts are also subject to liquidity risk.

**Information technology companies risk.** Information technology companies can be significantly affected by rapid obsolescence, short product cycles, competition from new market entrants, and heightened cybersecurity risk, among other factors.

**Large company risk.** Larger companies may grow more slowly than smaller companies or be slower to respond to business developments. Large-capitalization securities may underperform the market as a whole.

**Liquidity risk.** The extent (if at all) to which a security may be sold without negatively impacting its market value may be impaired by reduced market activity or participation, legal restrictions, or other economic and market impediments.

**Operational and cybersecurity risk.** Cybersecurity breaches may allow an unauthorized party to gain access to fund assets, customer data, or proprietary information, or cause a fund or its service providers to suffer data corruption or lose operational functionality. Similar incidents affecting issuers of a fund's securities may negatively impact performance. Operational risk may arise from human error, error by third parties, communication errors, or technology failures, among other causes.

**Preferred stock risk.** Preferred stock generally ranks senior to common stock with respect to dividends and liquidation but ranks junior to debt securities. Unlike interest payments on debt securities, preferred stock dividends are payable only if declared by the issuer's board of directors. Preferred stock may be subject to optional or mandatory redemption provisions.

**Sector risk.** When a fund focuses its investments in certain sectors of the economy, its performance may be driven largely by sector performance and could fluctuate more widely than if the fund were invested more evenly across sectors.

#### Past performance

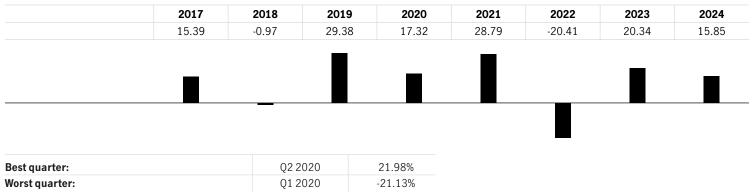
The following information illustrates the variability of the fund's returns and provides some indication of the risks of investing in the fund by showing changes in the fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the fund's average annual returns compared with a broad-based securities market index. Past performance (before and after taxes) does not indicate future results. All figures assume dividend reinvestment. Performance information is updated daily, monthly, and quarterly and may be obtained by calling 800-344-1029 between 8:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M., Eastern time, on most business days.

#### A note on performance

Class C shares commenced operations on June 6, 2016. Because Class NAV shares had not commenced operations as of the date of this prospectus, the returns shown are those of Class C shares, except that they do not include sales charges and would be lower if they did. Returns for Class NAV shares would have been substantially similar to returns of Class C shares because each share class is invested in the same portfolio of securities and returns would differ only to the extent that expenses of the classes are different. To the extent expenses of a class would have been higher than expenses of Class C shares for the periods shown, performance would have been lower.

Please note that after-tax returns reflect the highest individual federal marginal income-tax rate in effect as of the date provided and do not reflect any state or local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns may be different. After-tax returns are not relevant to shares held in an IRA, 401(k), or other tax-advantaged investment plan.

# Calendar year total returns (%)—Class NAV



Average annual total returns (%)—as of 12/31/2024	1 year	5 year	Since inception 06/06/2016
Class NAV (before tax)	15.85	10.89	11.84
after tax on distributions	13.37	10.15	11.29
after tax on distributions, with sale	11.20	8.63	9.71
S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	25.02	14.53	14.77

#### **Investment management**

Investment advisor John Hancock Investment Management LLC Subadvisor Trillium Asset Management, LLC

#### Portfolio management

The following individuals are jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the fund's portfolio.

Kathleen Bochman, CFA Portfolio Manager Managed the fund since 2025 **Mitali Prasad, CFA** *Portfolio Manager* Managed the fund since 2021 **Cheryl I. Smith, Ph.D., CFA** *Lead Portfolio Manager* Managed the fund since 2016

#### Purchase and sale of fund shares

There are no minimum initial or subsequent investment requirements. Shares may be redeemed on any business day on instruction to the fund.

#### Taxes

The fund's distributions are taxable, and will be taxed as ordinary income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-deferred arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Withdrawals from such tax-deferred arrangements may be subject to tax at a later date.

#### Payments to broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries

If you purchase the fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank, registered investment advisor, financial planner, or retirement plan administrator), the fund and its related companies may pay the broker-dealer or other intermediary for the sale of fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# John Hancock Financial Industries Fund

# **Investment objective**

To seek capital appreciation.

#### **Fees and expenses**

This table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy, hold, and sell shares of the fund. You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the tables and examples below.

Shareholder fees (%) (fees paid directly from your investment)	NAV
Maximum front-end sales charge (load)	None
Maximum deferred sales charge (load)	None
Annual fund operating expenses (%) (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)	NAV
Management fee	0.78
Other expenses	0.09
Total annual fund operating expenses	0.87
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Contractual expense reimbursement	-0.01 <sup>1</sup>

1 The advisor contractually agrees to waive a portion of its management fee and/or reimburse expenses for the fund and certain other John Hancock funds according to an asset level breakpoint schedule that is based on the aggregate net assets of all the funds participating in the waiver or reimbursement, including the fund (the participating portfolios). This waiver equals, on an annualized basis, 0.0100% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$75 billion but is less than or equal to \$125 billion; 0.0125% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$125 billion but is less than or equal to \$150 billion; 0.0150% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$150 billion but is less than or equal to \$175 billion; 0.0175% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$150 billion but is less than or equal to \$175 billion; 0.0175% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$150 billion but is less than or equal to \$200 billion; 0.0200% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$200 billion but is less than or equal to \$225 billion; and 0.0225% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios. The amount of the reimbursement is calculated daily and allocated among all the participating portfolios in proportion to the daily net assets of each participating portfolio. During its most recent fiscal year, the fund's reimbursement amounted to 0.01% of the fund's average daily net assets. This agreement expires on July 31, 2026, unless renewed by mutual agreement of the fund and the advisor based upon a determination that this is appropriate under the circumstances at that time.

# **Expense example**

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. Please see below a hypothetical example showing the expenses of a \$10,000 investment for the time periods indicated and then assuming you sell all of your shares at the end of those periods. The example assumes a 5% average annual return and that fund expenses will not change over the periods. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions, your costs would be:

Expenses (\$)	NAV
1 year	88
3 years	277
	481
5 years 10 years	1,072

# Portfolio turnover

The fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the fund's performance. During its most recent fiscal year, the fund's portfolio turnover rate was 61% of the average value of its portfolio.

#### **Principal investment strategies**

Under normal market conditions, the fund invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in equity securities of U.S. and foreign financial services companies of any size. These companies include, but are not limited to, banks, thrifts, finance and financial technology companies, brokerage and advisory firms, real estate related firms, insurance companies, and financial holding companies. Equity securities include, but are not limited to, common and preferred stock and their equivalents, such as publicly traded limited partnerships, depositary

receipts, rights, and warrants. The fund may invest in companies located in emerging-market countries. The fund may gain exposure to securities described in these strategies through investing in investment companies and pooled investment vehicles.

The manager focuses primarily on equity securities selection rather than industry allocation, using fundamental financial analysis to identify securities that appear comparatively undervalued.

The fund may invest in U.S. and foreign bonds, including up to 5% of net assets in below-investment-grade bonds (i.e., junk bonds) rated as low as CCC by S&P Global Ratings or Caa by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and their unrated equivalents. It may also invest up to 15% of net assets in investment-grade short-term securities. The fund's investment policies are based on credit ratings at the time of purchase.

The fund may invest in derivatives to a limited extent. Derivatives may be used to reduce risk, obtain efficient market exposure, and/or to enhance investment returns, and may include futures contracts, options, and foreign currency forward contracts.

The fund focuses its investments in securities of issuers in the financial services sector.

#### **Principal risks**

An investment in the fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. Many factors affect performance, and fund shares will fluctuate in price, meaning you could lose money. The fund's investment strategy may not produce the intended results.

The fund's main risks are listed below in alphabetical order, not in order of importance. *Before investing, be sure to read the additional descriptions of these risks beginning on page 67 of the prospectus.* 

**Concentration risk.** Because the fund may focus on one or more industries or sectors of the economy, its performance depends in large part on the performance of those industries or sectors. As a result, the value of an investment may fluctuate more widely since it is more susceptible to market, economic, political, regulatory, and other conditions and risks affecting those industries or sectors than a fund that invests more broadly across industries and sectors.

**Credit and counterparty risk.** The issuer or guarantor of a fixed-income security, the counterparty to an over-the-counter derivatives contract, or a borrower of fund securities may not make timely payments or otherwise honor its obligations. A downgrade or default affecting any of the fund's securities could affect the fund's performance.

**Economic and market events risk.** Events in the U.S. and global financial markets, including actions taken by the U.S. Federal Reserve or foreign central banks to stimulate or stabilize economic growth, may at times result in unusually high market volatility, which could negatively impact performance. Reduced liquidity in credit and fixed-income markets could adversely affect issuers worldwide. Banks and financial services companies could suffer losses if interest rates rise or economic conditions deteriorate.

**Equity securities risk.** The price of equity securities may decline due to changes in a company's financial condition or overall market conditions. Securities the manager believes are undervalued may never realize their full potential value, and in certain markets value stocks may underperform the market as a whole.

**Financial services sector risk.** A fund investing principally in securities of companies in the financial services sector is particularly vulnerable to events affecting that sector. Financial services companies can be significantly affected by economic, market, and business developments, borrowing costs, interest-rate fluctuations, competition, and government regulation, among other factors.

**Fixed-income securities risk.** A rise in interest rates typically causes bond prices to fall. The longer the average maturity or duration of the bonds held by a fund, the more sensitive it will likely be to interest-rate fluctuations. An issuer may not make all interest payments or repay all or any of the principal borrowed. Changes in a security's credit quality may adversely affect fund performance.

**Foreign securities risk.** Less information may be publicly available regarding foreign issuers, including foreign government issuers. Foreign securities may be subject to foreign taxes and may be more volatile than U.S. securities. Currency fluctuations and political and economic developments may adversely impact the value of foreign securities. The risks of investing in foreign securities are magnified in emerging markets. Depositary receipts are subject to most of the risks associated with investing in foreign securities directly because the value of a depositary receipt is dependent upon the market price of the underlying foreign equity security. Depositary receipts are also subject to liquidity risk.

**Hedging, derivatives, and other strategic transactions risk.** Hedging, derivatives, and other strategic transactions may increase a fund's volatility and could produce disproportionate losses, potentially more than the fund's principal investment. Risks of these transactions are different from and possibly greater than risks of investing directly in securities and other traditional instruments. Under certain market conditions, derivatives could become harder to value or sell and may become subject to liquidity risk (i.e., the inability to enter into closing transactions). Derivatives and other strategic transactions that the fund intends to utilize include: foreign currency forward contracts, futures contracts, and options. Foreign currency transactions are subject to currency risk.

**Investment company securities risk.** Fund shareholders indirectly bear their proportionate share of the expenses of any investment company in which the fund invests. The total return on such investments will be reduced by the operating expenses and fees of such other investment companies, including advisory fees.

**Large company risk.** Larger companies may grow more slowly than smaller companies or be slower to respond to business developments. Large-capitalization securities may underperform the market as a whole.

**Liquidity risk.** The extent (if at all) to which a security may be sold or a derivative position closed without negatively impacting its market value may be impaired by reduced market activity or participation, legal restrictions, or other economic and market impediments. Liquidity risk may be magnified in rising interest rate environments due to higher than normal redemption rates. Widespread selling of fixed-income securities to satisfy redemptions during periods of reduced demand may adversely impact the price or salability of such securities. Periods of heavy redemption could cause the fund to sell assets at a loss or depressed value, which could negatively affect performance. Redemption risk is heightened during periods of declining or illiquid markets.

Lower-rated and high-yield fixed-income securities risk. Lower-rated and high-yield fixed-income securities (junk bonds) are subject to greater credit quality risk, risk of default, and price volatility than higher-rated fixed-income securities, may be considered speculative, and can be difficult to resell.

**Master limited partnership (MLP) risk.** MLPs generally reflect the risks associated with their underlying assets and with pooled investment vehicles. MLPs with credit-related holdings are subject to interest-rate risk and risk of default.

**Operational and cybersecurity risk.** Cybersecurity breaches may allow an unauthorized party to gain access to fund assets, customer data, or proprietary information, or cause a fund or its service providers to suffer data corruption or lose operational functionality. Similar incidents affecting issuers of a fund's securities may negatively impact performance. Operational risk may arise from human error, error by third parties, communication errors, or technology failures, among other causes.

**Preferred and convertible securities risk.** Preferred stock dividends are payable only if declared by the issuer's board. Preferred stock may be subject to redemption provisions. The market values of convertible securities tend to fall as interest rates rise and rise as interest rates fall. Convertible preferred stock's value can depend heavily upon the underlying common stock's value.

**Real estate investment trust (REIT) risk.** REITs, pooled investment vehicles that typically invest in real estate directly or in loans collateralized by real estate, carry risks associated with owning real estate, including the potential for a decline in value due to economic or market conditions.

**Real estate securities risk.** Securities of companies in the real estate industry carry risks associated with owning real estate, including the potential for a decline in value due to economic or market conditions.

**Small and mid-sized company risk.** Small and mid-sized companies are generally less established and may be more volatile than larger companies. Small and/or mid-capitalization securities may underperform the market as a whole.

**Warrants risk.** The prices of warrants may not precisely reflect the prices of their underlying securities. Warrant holders do not receive dividends or have voting or credit rights. A warrant ceases to have value if not exercised prior to its expiration date.

# Past performance

The following information illustrates the variability of the fund's returns and provides some indication of the risks of investing in the fund by showing changes in the fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the fund's average annual returns compared with a broad-based securities market index. Past performance (before and after taxes) does not indicate future results. The S&P 500 Financials Index shows how the fund's performance compares against the returns of similar investments. All figures assume dividend reinvestment. Performance information is updated daily, monthly, and quarterly and may be obtained by calling 800-344-1029 between 8:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M., Eastern time, on most business days.

Please note that after-tax returns reflect the highest individual federal marginal income-tax rate in effect as of the date provided and do not reflect any state or local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns may be different. After-tax returns are not relevant to shares held in an IRA, 401(k), or other tax-advantaged investment plan.

# Fund summary

#### Calendar year total returns (%)—Class NAV



Average annual total returns (%)—as of 12/31/2024	1 year	5 year	10 year
Class NAV (before tax)	30.31	9.41	8.99
after tax on distributions	26.75	6.48	6.56
after tax on distributions, with sale	19.48	6.64	6.49
S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes) <sup>1</sup>	25.02	14.53	13.10
S&P 500 Financials Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	30.56	11.70	11.43

1 The fund has designated the S&P 500 Index as its new broad-based securities market index in accordance with the revised definition for such an index.

#### **Investment management**

Investment advisor John Hancock Investment Management LLC Subadvisor Manulife Investment Management (US) LLC

#### **Portfolio management**

The following individuals are jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the fund's portfolio.

Susan A. Curry Senior Portfolio Manager Managed the fund since 2008 **Ryan P. Lentell, CFA** Portfolio Manager Managed the fund since 2015

#### Purchase and sale of fund shares

There are no minimum initial or subsequent investment requirements. Shares may be redeemed on any business day on instruction to the fund.

#### Taxes

The fund's distributions are taxable, and will be taxed as ordinary income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-deferred arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Withdrawals from such tax-deferred arrangements may be subject to tax at a later date.

#### Payments to broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries

If you purchase the fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank, registered investment advisor, financial planner, or retirement plan administrator), the fund and its related companies may pay the broker-dealer or other intermediary for the sale of fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# John Hancock Fundamental Large Cap Core Fund

#### **Investment objective**

To seek long-term capital appreciation.

#### **Fees and expenses**

This table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy, hold, and sell shares of the fund. You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the tables and examples below.

Shareholder fees (%) (fees paid directly from your investment)	NAV
Maximum front-end sales charge (load)	None
Maximum deferred sales charge (load)	None
Annual fund operating expenses (%) (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)	NAV
Management fee	0.61
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Other expenses	
Management fee Other expenses <b>Total annual fund operating expenses</b> Contractual expense reimbursement	0.05

1 The advisor contractually agrees to waive a portion of its management fee and/or reimburse expenses for the fund and certain other John Hancock funds according to an asset level breakpoint schedule that is based on the aggregate net assets of all the funds participating in the waiver or reimbursement, including the fund (the participating portfolios). This waiver equals, on an annualized basis, 0.0100% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$75 billion but is less than or equal to \$125 billion; 0.0125% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$125 billion but is less than or equal to \$150 billion; 0.0125% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$125 billion but is less than or equal to \$150 billion; 0.0175% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$150 billion but is less than or equal to \$125 billion; 0.0175% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$150 billion but is less than or equal to \$200 billion; 0.0200% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$200 billion but is less than or equal to \$225 billion; 0.0200% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios. The amount of the reimbursement is calculated daily and allocated among all the participating portfolios in proportion to the daily net assets of each participating portfolio. During its most recent fiscal year, the fund's reimbursement amounted to 0.01% of the fund's average daily net assets. This agreement expires on July 31, 2026, unless renewed by mutual agreement of the fund and the advisor based upon a determination that this is appropriate under the circumstances at that time.

#### **Expense example**

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. Please see below a hypothetical example showing the expenses of a \$10,000 investment for the time periods indicated and then assuming you sell all of your shares at the end of those periods. The example assumes a 5% average annual return and that fund expenses will not change over the periods. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions, your costs would be:

Expenses (\$)	NAV
1 year	66
3 years	210
5 years	367
10 years	822

# Portfolio turnover

The fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the fund's performance. During its most recent fiscal year, the fund's portfolio turnover rate was 19% of the average value of its portfolio.

#### **Principal investment strategies**

Under normal market conditions, the fund invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in equity securities of large-capitalization companies. The fund considers large-capitalization companies to be those in the capitalization range of the S&P 500 Index, which was approximately \$5.77 billion to \$3,785 billion as of December 31, 2024. Equity securities include common and preferred stocks and their equivalents.

The manager looks to invest in companies that are undervalued and/or offer the potential for above-average earnings growth, using a combination of proprietary financial models and bottom-up, fundamental financial research to identify companies with substantial cash flows, reliable revenue streams, superior competitive positions, and strong management.

The fund manages risk by typically holding between 45 and 65 large companies in a broad range of industries. The fund may focus its investments in a particular sector or sectors of the economy. The fund may attempt to take advantage of short-term market volatility by investing in corporate restructurings or pending acquisitions. The fund may invest up to 35% of its assets in foreign securities and may trade securities actively.

The manager considers environmental, social, and/or governance (ESG) factors, alongside other relevant factors, as part of its investment process. ESG factors may include, but are not limited to, matters regarding board diversity, climate change policies, and supply chain and human rights policies. The ESG characteristics utilized in the fund's investment process may change over time and one or more characteristics may not be relevant with respect to all issuers that are eligible fund investments. Because ESG factors are considered alongside other relevant factors, the manager may determine that an investment is appropriate notwithstanding its relative ESG characteristics.

The fund may invest up to 20% of its assets in bonds of any maturity, including up to 15% of net assets in below-investment-grade bonds (i.e., junk bonds) rated as low as CC by S&P Global Ratings or Ca by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and their unrated equivalents. The manager looks for bonds with the most favorable risk/return ratios. The fund's investment policies are based on credit ratings at the time of purchase.

The fund may invest in derivatives to a limited extent. Derivatives may be used to reduce risk and/or obtain efficient market exposure, and may include futures contracts, options, and foreign currency forward contracts.

# **Principal risks**

An investment in the fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. Many factors affect performance, and fund shares will fluctuate in price, meaning you could lose money. The fund's investment strategy may not produce the intended results.

The fund's main risks are listed below in alphabetical order, not in order of importance. *Before investing, be sure to read the additional descriptions of these risks beginning on page 67 of the prospectus.* 

**Credit and counterparty risk.** The issuer or guarantor of a fixed-income security, the counterparty to an over-the-counter derivatives contract, or a borrower of fund securities may not make timely payments or otherwise honor its obligations. A downgrade or default affecting any of the fund's securities could affect the fund's performance.

**Economic and market events risk.** Events in the U.S. and global financial markets, including actions taken by the U.S. Federal Reserve or foreign central banks to stimulate or stabilize economic growth, may at times result in unusually high market volatility, which could negatively impact performance. Reduced liquidity in credit and fixed-income markets could adversely affect issuers worldwide. Banks and financial services companies could suffer losses if interest rates rise or economic conditions deteriorate.

**Equity securities risk.** The price of equity securities may decline due to changes in a company's financial condition or overall market conditions. Growth company securities may fluctuate more in price than other securities because of the greater emphasis on earnings expectations. Securities the manager believes are undervalued may never realize their full potential value, and in certain markets value stocks may underperform the market as a whole.

**ESG integration risk.** The manager considers ESG factors that it deems relevant or additive, along with other material factors and analysis, when managing the fund. ESG factors may include, but are not limited to, matters regarding board diversity, climate change policies, and supply chain and human rights policies. The manager may consider these ESG factors on all or a meaningful portion of the fund's investments. Incorporating ESG criteria and making investment decisions based on certain ESG characteristics, as determined by the manager, carries the risk that the fund may perform differently, including underperforming, funds that do not utilize ESG criteria, or funds that utilize different ESG criteria.

**Fixed-income securities risk.** A rise in interest rates typically causes bond prices to fall. The longer the average maturity or duration of the bonds held by a fund, the more sensitive it will likely be to interest-rate fluctuations. An issuer may not make all interest payments or repay all or any of the principal borrowed. Changes in a security's credit quality may adversely affect fund performance.

**Foreign securities risk.** Less information may be publicly available regarding foreign issuers, including foreign government issuers. Foreign securities may be subject to foreign taxes and may be more volatile than U.S. securities. Currency fluctuations and political and economic developments may adversely impact the value of foreign securities.

**Hedging, derivatives, and other strategic transactions risk.** Hedging, derivatives, and other strategic transactions may increase a fund's volatility and could produce disproportionate losses, potentially more than the fund's principal investment. Risks of these transactions are different from and possibly greater than risks of investing directly in securities and other traditional instruments. Under certain market conditions, derivatives could become harder to value or sell and may become subject to liquidity risk (i.e., the inability to enter into closing transactions). Derivatives and other strategic transactions that the fund intends to utilize include: foreign currency forward contracts, futures contracts, and options. Foreign currency

forward contracts, futures contracts, and options generally are subject to counterparty risk. Derivatives associated with foreign currency transactions are subject to currency risk.

**High portfolio turnover risk.** Trading securities actively and frequently can increase transaction costs (thus lowering performance) and taxable distributions.

**Large company risk.** Larger companies may grow more slowly than smaller companies or be slower to respond to business developments. Large-capitalization securities may underperform the market as a whole.

**Liquidity risk.** The extent (if at all) to which a security may be sold or a derivative position closed without negatively impacting its market value may be impaired by reduced market activity or participation, legal restrictions, or other economic and market impediments. Liquidity risk may be magnified in rising interest rate environments due to higher than normal redemption rates. Widespread selling of fixed-income securities to satisfy redemptions during periods of reduced demand may adversely impact the price or salability of such securities. Periods of heavy redemption could cause the fund to sell assets at a loss or depressed value, which could negatively affect performance. Redemption risk is heightened during periods of declining or illiquid markets.

Lower-rated and high-yield fixed-income securities risk. Lower-rated and high-yield fixed-income securities (junk bonds) are subject to greater credit quality risk, risk of default, and price volatility than higher-rated fixed-income securities, may be considered speculative, and can be difficult to resell.

**Merger and restructuring investment risk.** A merger or other restructuring, tender offer, or exchange offer proposed or pending at the time of investment in a merger arbitrage transaction may not be completed on the terms contemplated, resulting in losses.

**Operational and cybersecurity risk.** Cybersecurity breaches may allow an unauthorized party to gain access to fund assets, customer data, or proprietary information, or cause a fund or its service providers to suffer data corruption or lose operational functionality. Similar incidents affecting issuers of a fund's securities may negatively impact performance. Operational risk may arise from human error, error by third parties, communication errors, or technology failures, among other causes.

**Preferred stock risk.** Preferred stock generally ranks senior to common stock with respect to dividends and liquidation but ranks junior to debt securities. Unlike interest payments on debt securities, preferred stock dividends are payable only if declared by the issuer's board of directors. Preferred stock may be subject to optional or mandatory redemption provisions.

**Sector risk.** When a fund focuses its investments in certain sectors of the economy, its performance may be driven largely by sector performance and could fluctuate more widely than if the fund were invested more evenly across sectors.

# Past performance

The following information illustrates the variability of the fund's returns and provides some indication of the risks of investing in the fund by showing changes in the fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the fund's average annual returns compared with a broad-based securities market index. Past performance (before and after taxes) does not indicate future results. All figures assume dividend reinvestment. Performance information is updated daily, monthly, and quarterly and may be obtained by calling 800-344-1029 between 8:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M., Eastern time, on most business days.

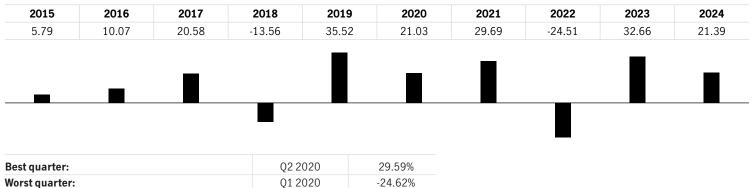
#### A note on performance

Class A and Class NAV shares commenced operations on September 30, 1984 and February 8, 2017, respectively. Returns shown prior to Class NAV shares' commencement date are those of Class A shares, except that they do not include sales charges and would be lower if they did. Returns for Class NAV shares would have been substantially similar to returns of Class A shares because each share class is invested in the same portfolio of securities and returns would differ only to the extent that expenses of the classes are different. To the extent expenses of a class would have been higher than expenses of Class A shares for the periods shown, performance would have been lower.

Please note that after-tax returns reflect the highest individual federal marginal income-tax rate in effect as of the date provided and do not reflect any state or local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns may be different. After-tax returns are not relevant to shares held in an IRA, 401(k), or other tax-advantaged investment plan.

# Fund summary

# Calendar year total returns (%)—Class NAV



Average annual total returns (%)—as of 12/31/2024	1 year	5 year	10 year
Class NAV (before tax)	21.39	13.79	12.12
after tax on distributions	18.06	11.98	10.44
after tax on distributions, with sale	14.81	10.75	9.52
S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	25.02	14.53	13.10

#### **Investment management**

Investment advisor John Hancock Investment Management LLC Subadvisor Manulife Investment Management (US) LLC

#### Portfolio management

The following individuals are jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the fund's portfolio.

#### Emory W. (Sandy) Sanders, Jr., CFA

*Senior Portfolio Manager* Managed the fund since 2011 **Jonathan T. White, CFA** Senior Portfolio Manager Managed the fund since 2015

#### Purchase and sale of fund shares

There are no minimum initial or subsequent investment requirements. Shares may be redeemed on any business day on instruction to the fund.

#### Taxes

The fund's distributions are taxable, and will be taxed as ordinary income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-deferred arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Withdrawals from such tax-deferred arrangements may be subject to tax at a later date.

#### Payments to broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries

If you purchase the fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank, registered investment advisor, financial planner, or retirement plan administrator), the fund and its related companies may pay the broker-dealer or other intermediary for the sale of fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# John Hancock Global Environmental Opportunities Fund

### **Investment objective**

To seek growth through capital appreciation by investing primarily in Environmental Companies (as defined below).

#### **Fees and expenses**

This table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy, hold, and sell shares of the fund. You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the tables and examples below.

Shareholder fees (%) (fees paid directly from your investment)	NAV
Maximum front-end sales charge (load)	None
Maximum deferred sales charge (load)	None
Annual fund operating expenses (%) (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)	NAV
Management fee	0.82
Other expenses	0.41
Total annual fund operating expenses	1.23
Contractual expense reimbursement	-0.39 <sup>1</sup>
Total annual fund operating expenses after expense reimbursements	0.84

1 The advisor contractually agrees to reduce its management fee or, if necessary, make payment to the fund in an amount equal to the amount by which expenses of the fund exceed 0.84% of average daily net assets of the fund. For purposes of this agreement, "expenses of the fund" means all fund expenses, excluding (a) taxes, (b) brokerage commissions, (c) interest expense, (d) litigation and indemnification expenses and other extraordinary expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of the fund's business, (e) class-specific expenses, (f) borrowing costs, (g) prime brokerage fees, (h) acquired fund fees and expenses paid indirectly, and (i) short dividend expense. This agreement expires on February 28, 2026, unless renewed by mutual agreement of the fund and the advisor based upon a determination that this is appropriate under the circumstances at that time. The advisor also contractually agrees to waive a portion of its management fee and/or reimburse expenses for the fund and certain other John Hancock funds according to an asset level breakpoint schedule that is based on the aggregate net assets of all the funds participating in the waiver or reimbursement, including the fund (the participating portfolios). This waiver equals, on an annualized basis, 0.0100% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$75 billion but is less than or equal to \$125 billion; 0.0125% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$125 billion but is less than or equal to \$150 billion; 0.0150% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$150 billion but is less than or equal to \$175 billion; 0.0175% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$175 billion but is less than or equal to \$200 billion; 0.0200% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$200 billion but is less than or equal to \$225 billion; and 0.0225% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$225 billion. The amount of the reimbursement is calculated daily and allocated among all the participating portfolios in proportion to the daily net assets of each participating portfolio. During its most recent fiscal year, the fund's reimbursement amounted to 0.01% of the fund's average daily net assets. This agreement expires on July 31, 2026, unless renewed by mutual agreement of the fund and the advisor based upon a determination that this is appropriate under the circumstances at that time.

#### **Expense example**

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. Please see below a hypothetical example showing the expenses of a \$10,000 investment for the time periods indicated and then assuming you sell all of your shares at the end of those periods. The example assumes a 5% average annual return and that fund expenses will not change over the periods. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions, your costs would be:

Expenses (\$)	NAV
1 year	86
3 years	352
5 years	638
10 years	1,454

#### **Portfolio turnover**

The fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the fund's performance. During its most recent fiscal year, the fund's portfolio turnover rate was 43% of the average value of its portfolio.

# Principal investment strategies

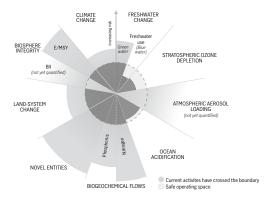
Under normal circumstances, the fund invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in securities of Environmental Companies.

#### **The Planetary Boundaries**

The Planetary Boundaries (PB) is the scientific environmental framework which the manager uses to identify Environmental Companies. The PB framework was developed by a group of universities across the world. The PB framework identifies a set of nine boundaries considered most crucial for maintaining the stability of the earth's ecosystems on which human society depends. Remaining within these nine boundaries is considered the "Safe Operating Space," within which human society and the planet can continue to thrive. Exceeding those boundaries (i.e., being outside the Safe Operating Space) will increase the risk of large-scale adverse or irreversible environmental changes that will negatively impact the future of human society and development.

The nine environmental boundaries as originally identified in 2009 are: climate change; rate of biodiversity loss (terrestrial and marine); interference with the nitrogen and phosphorus cycles (i.e., biogeochemical flows); stratospheric ozone depletion; ocean acidification; global freshwater use; change in land use; chemical pollution; and atmospheric aerosol loading. Further information on each of the boundaries is set forth below under "Information Regarding the Planetary Boundaries."

As of February 14, 2023, the following boundaries have been crossed: climate change, rate of biodiversity loss, land-system change, biogeochemical flows, novel entities (chemical pollution), and freshwater change (only partially crossed). This does not impact the manager's investment process, as a boundary that has been crossed simply implies a greater need to reduce stress on that boundary to reverse the trend. The PB framework is not a static framework but subject to change based on evolving scientific research. The following is a graphic representation of the boundaries as of February 2023, this is used for illustrative purposes to demonstrate the PB framework and may change.



Source: Stockholm Resilience Centre, Pictet Asset Management, February, 2023

#### **Defining Environmental Companies**

The manager defines Environmental Companies as:

- 1 Companies that operate within the Safe Operating Space of the Planetary Boundaries, and
- 2 Companies, all or a portion of whose business activities reduce stress in at least one of the boundaries in the PB framework.

The two-step process to identify investable Environmental Companies applied by the manager is detailed below.

**Step One:** The manager screens the global universe of equity companies (approximately 40,000 companies) for those that have environmental footprints within the Safe Operating Space of the PB framework. Environmental footprint is defined as the effect that a person, company, and/or activity has on the environment, such as the amount of natural resources that they use and the amount of harmful gases that they produce.

This first step is achieved by a screening process that includes a Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) analysis to identify companies whose activities, operations and products across their whole life cycle are within the Safe Operating Space of the PB framework. The LCA analysis assesses the impact on the nine boundaries associated with all the stages of the life of a company's products, services or activities. To facilitate this analysis, the manager has developed a proprietary LCA model using their own data as well as inputs from various external databases. The underlying data used as inputs for the manager's proprietary LCA model include over 30 different types of environmental impact measures (for example, Methane emission, CFC (Chlorofluorocarbon) emissions, Water consumption, and CO2 emissions). External databases used to develop the LCA model include those from universities, other third-party providers and other proprietary LCA databases. The LCA analysis may be complemented by input from environmental consulting companies that specialize in Life Cycle Assessments and have partnered exclusively with the manager. The inputs the manager uses for the LCA model, and any current partnerships with external environmental consultants, are subject to change.

If a company is operating beyond the Safe Operating Space of one boundary, but is within the Safe Operating Space of another boundary, the manager would consider the average impact of the company across all boundaries and the company would not be prohibited from passing the screen. Typically, 4,000 companies pass through the screen at this part of the process.

**Step Two:** After screening for companies that are within the Safe Operating Space defined by the Planetary Boundaries in Step One, the manager then narrows this investable universe to identify Environmental Companies. To be eligible as an Environmental Company, all or a portion of a company's business activities must reduce stress in at least one or more of the planetary boundaries. Specifically, the company must reduce the impact of human activity on such boundary so that the boundary is not exceeded or further exceeded.

Business activities are defined as selling and/or creating products, technologies and/or services, including the provision of related support services. These business activities include those related to water usage, energy efficiency, renewable energy, sustainable forestry, organic agriculture, pollution control, dematerialized economy, waste management and recycling, as well as any the manager identifies as reducing stress on one or more Planetary Boundaries.

To measure whether a business activity reduces stress in any boundary, the manager uses quantitative inputs from the proprietary LCA analysis and database referred to above. The manager is able to complement this with qualitative judgement based on its knowledge of the company and experience with environmental business activities to determine whether an Environmental Company reduces stress on one or more boundaries. Typically, 400 stocks are identified and defined as Environmental Companies after Step One and Step Two.

# **Portfolio Construction**

Once the universe of Environmental Companies is identified, the manager applies in-depth fundamental research to select the companies that the manager believes present the most attractive risk-return characteristics. In this analysis, the manager considers fundamental characteristics such as the company's competitiveness, management quality, valuation and industry risk factors. The analysis also systematically integrates Social and Governance ESG factors at this stage of the portfolio construction process. Environmental and Social factors are evaluated as part of a company's competitiveness and business franchise characteristics. The manager forms its own view based on primary research but is also supported by external data from third-party providers. The manager's view on a company's Governance is also integrated as part of the analysis on management quality, where the manager's primary research and views are complemented by third-party data providers. A low ESG score would affect the overall score assigned to the security by the manager and, therefore, whether the security is chosen for the fund and, if chosen, the weight of that security in the portfolio. The ESG factors utilized during this stage of the portfolio construction process may change over time. The final result is a high conviction portfolio of Environmental Companies.

The fund may invest in equity and equity-related securities issued by U.S. and non-U.S. companies, including common, convertible and preferred stock, warrants and depositary receipts. The fund does not limit its investments to companies in a particular market capitalization range and, at times, may invest a substantial portion of its assets in one or more particular market capitalization ranges.

The fund seeks investment exposure to a number of countries throughout the world. Under normal circumstances, the fund will invest in companies domiciled, incorporated, organized or headquartered in at least three countries outside the U.S., including developing and emerging market countries (Foreign Companies). The manager will consider, but is not limited to, the MSCI market classifications in determining whether a country is a developed or emerging market country. Although the fund can invest up to 100% of its assets in the securities of Foreign Companies, under normal circumstances it generally expects to invest at least 40% of its assets in the securities of such companies. However, if the manager determines, in its sole discretion, that market conditions are not favorable, the fund may invest less than 40% of its assets in Foreign Companies, but will not invest less than 30% of its assets in Foreign Companies.

# Principal risks

An investment in the fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. Many factors affect performance, and fund shares will fluctuate in price, meaning you could lose money. The fund's investment strategy may not produce the intended results.

The fund's main risks are listed below in alphabetical order, not in order of importance. *Before investing, be sure to read the additional descriptions of these risks beginning on page 67 of the prospectus.* 

**Economic and market events risk.** Events in the U.S. and global financial markets, including actions taken by the U.S. Federal Reserve or foreign central banks to stimulate or stabilize economic growth, may at times result in unusually high market volatility, which could negatively impact performance. Reduced liquidity in credit and fixed-income markets could adversely affect issuers worldwide. Banks and financial services companies could suffer losses if interest rates rise or economic conditions deteriorate.

**Environmentally focused investing risk.** The fund's environmental criteria limit the available investments compared to funds with no such criteria. The fund's incorporation of environmental criteria may affect the fund's exposure to certain sectors and/or types of investments, and under certain economic conditions, this could cause the fund to underperform funds that invest in a broader array of investments depending on whether such sectors

or investments are in or out of favor in the market. The data provided by third parties may be incomplete, inaccurate or unavailable, which could cause the manager to incorrectly assess environmental data related to a particular company.

Equity securities risk. The price of equity securities may decline due to changes in a company's financial condition or overall market conditions.

**ESG investing risk.** Incorporating ESG criteria and investing primarily in instruments that have certain ESG characteristics, as determined by the manager, carries the risk that the fund may perform differently, including underperforming, funds that do not utilize an ESG investment strategy, or funds that utilize different ESG criteria.

**Foreign securities risk.** Less information may be publicly available regarding foreign issuers, including foreign government issuers. Foreign securities may be subject to foreign taxes and may be more volatile than U.S. securities. Currency fluctuations and political and economic developments may adversely impact the value of foreign securities. The risks of investing in foreign securities are magnified in emerging markets. Depositary receipts are subject to most of the risks associated with investing in foreign securities directly because the value of a depositary receipt is dependent upon the market price of the underlying foreign equity security. Depositary receipts are also subject to liquidity risk.

**Geographic focus risk.** The fund's performance will be closely tied to the market, currency, economic, political, regulatory, geopolitical, and other conditions in the countries or regions in which the fund's assets are invested and may be more volatile than the performance of more geographicallydiversified funds.

**Large company risk.** Larger companies may grow more slowly than smaller companies or be slower to respond to business developments. Large-capitalization securities may underperform the market as a whole.

**Liquidity risk.** The extent (if at all) to which a security may be sold without negatively impacting its market value may be impaired by reduced market activity or participation, legal restrictions, or other economic and market impediments.

**Operational and cybersecurity risk.** Cybersecurity breaches may allow an unauthorized party to gain access to fund assets, customer data, or proprietary information, or cause a fund or its service providers to suffer data corruption or lose operational functionality. Similar incidents affecting issuers of a fund's securities may negatively impact performance. Operational risk may arise from human error, error by third parties, communication errors, or technology failures, among other causes.

**Preferred and convertible securities risk.** Preferred stock dividends are payable only if declared by the issuer's board. Preferred stock may be subject to redemption provisions. The market values of convertible securities tend to fall as interest rates rise and rise as interest rates fall. Convertible preferred stock's value can depend heavily upon the underlying common stock's value.

**Sector risk.** When a fund focuses its investments in certain sectors of the economy, its performance may be driven largely by sector performance and could fluctuate more widely than if the fund were invested more evenly across sectors. The industrials sector may be affected by general economic conditions, commodity production and pricing, supply and demand fluctuations, environmental and other government regulations, and technological developments, among other factors.

**Small and mid-sized company risk.** Small and mid-sized companies are generally less established and may be more volatile than larger companies. Small and/or mid-capitalization securities may underperform the market as a whole.

**Warrants risk.** The prices of warrants may not precisely reflect the prices of their underlying securities. Warrant holders do not receive dividends or have voting or credit rights. A warrant ceases to have value if not exercised prior to its expiration date.

# Past performance

The following information illustrates the variability of the fund's returns and provides some indication of the risks of investing in the fund by showing changes in the fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the fund's average annual returns compared with a broad-based securities market index. Past performance (before and after taxes) does not indicate future results. All figures assume dividend reinvestment. Performance information is updated daily, monthly, and quarterly and may be obtained by calling 800-344-1029 between 8:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M., Eastern time, on most business days.

#### A note on performance

Class C shares commenced operations on July 21, 2021. Because Class NAV shares had not commenced operations as of the date of this prospectus, the returns shown are those of Class C shares, except that they do not include sales charges and would be lower if they did. Returns for Class NAV shares would have been substantially similar to returns of Class C shares because each share class is invested in the same portfolio of securities and returns would differ only to the extent that expenses of the classes are different. To the extent expenses of a class would have been higher than expenses of Class C shares for the periods shown, performance would have been lower.

Please note that after-tax returns reflect the highest individual federal marginal income-tax rate in effect as of the date provided and do not reflect any state or local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns may be different. After-tax returns are not relevant to shares held in an IRA, 401(k), or other tax-advantaged investment plan.

# Fund summary

# Calendar year total returns (%)—Class NAV

			2022	2023	2024
			-24.37	18.08	2.37
Best quarter:	Q4 2023	13.46%			
Norst quarter:	Q+2020	15.40%			

		Since inception	
Average annual total returns (%)—as of 12/31/2024	1 year	07/21/2021	
Class NAV (before tax)	2.37	0.27	
after tax on distributions	0.82	-0.17	
after tax on distributions, with sale	2.53	0.21	
MSCI ACWI (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes, except foreign withholding taxes on dividends)	17.49	6.63	

#### **Investment management**

Investment advisor John Hancock Investment Management LLC Subadvisor Pictet Asset Management SA

#### **Portfolio management**

The following individuals are jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the fund's portfolio.

Luciano Diana Portfolio Manager

Managed the fund since 2021

Katie Self, PhD Portfolio Manager Managed the fund since 2023

### Purchase and sale of fund shares

There are no minimum initial or subsequent investment requirements. Shares may be redeemed on any business day on instruction to the fund.

#### Taxes

The fund's distributions are taxable, and will be taxed as ordinary income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-deferred arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Withdrawals from such tax-deferred arrangements may be subject to tax at a later date.

#### Payments to broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries

If you purchase the fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank, registered investment advisor, financial planner, or retirement plan administrator), the fund and its related companies may pay the broker-dealer or other intermediary for the sale of fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# John Hancock Global Thematic Opportunities Fund

# **Investment objective**

To seek growth through capital appreciation by investing mainly in equities of companies that may benefit from global long-term market themes.

#### **Fees and expenses**

This table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy, hold, and sell shares of the fund. You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the tables and examples below.

Shareholder fees (%) (fees paid directly from your investment)	NAV
Maximum front-end sales charge (load)	None
Maximum deferred sales charge (load)	None
Annual fund operating expenses (%) (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)	NAV
Management fee	0.82
Other expenses	0.171
Total annual fund operating expenses	0.99
Contractual expense reimbursement	-0.142
Total annual fund operating expenses after expense reimbursements	0.85

Total annual fund operating expenses after expense reimbursements

**1** Includes interest expenses in the amount of 0.01%.

The advisor contractually agrees to reduce its management fee or, if necessary, make payment to the fund in an amount equal to the amount by which expenses of the 2 fund exceed 0.84% of average daily net assets of the fund. For purposes of this agreement, "expenses of the fund" means all fund expenses, excluding (a) taxes, (b) brokerage commissions, (c) interest expense, (d) litigation and indemnification expenses and other extraordinary expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of the fund's business, (e) class-specific expenses, (f) borrowing costs, (g) prime brokerage fees, (h) acquired fund fees and expenses paid indirectly, and (i) short dividend expense. This agreement expires on February 28, 2026, unless renewed by mutual agreement of the fund and the advisor based upon a determination that this is appropriate under the circumstances at that time. The advisor also contractually agrees to waive a portion of its management fee and/or reimburse expenses for the fund and certain other John Hancock funds according to an asset level breakpoint schedule that is based on the aggregate net assets of all the funds participating in the waiver or reimbursement, including the fund (the participating portfolios). This waiver equals, on an annualized basis, 0.0100% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$75 billion but is less than or equal to \$125 billion; 0.0125% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$125 billion but is less than or equal to \$150 billion; 0.0150% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$150 billion but is less than or equal to \$175 billion; 0.0175% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$175 billion but is less than or equal to \$200 billion; 0.0200% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$200 billion but is less than or equal to \$225 billion; and 0.0225% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$225 billion. The amount of the reimbursement is calculated daily and allocated among all the participating portfolios in proportion to the daily net assets of each participating portfolio. During its most recent fiscal year, the fund's reimbursement amounted to 0.01% of the fund's average daily net assets. This agreement expires on July 31, 2026, unless renewed by mutual agreement of the fund and the advisor based upon a determination that this is appropriate under the circumstances at that time.

# **Expense example**

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. Please see below a hypothetical example showing the expenses of a \$10,000 investment for the time periods indicated and then assuming you sell all of your shares at the end of those periods. The example assumes a 5% average annual return and that fund expenses will not change over the periods. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions, your costs would be:

Expenses (\$)	NAV
1 year	87
3 years	301
1 year 3 years 5 years	533
10 years	1,200

# Portfolio turnover

The fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the fund's performance. During its most recent fiscal year, the fund's portfolio turnover rate was 42% of the average value of its portfolio.

# **Principal investment strategies**

The fund aims to achieve capital growth by investing mainly in equities and equity-related securities (including American, Global, and European Depositary Receipts (ADRs, GDRs, and EDRs)) issued by companies throughout the world. Under normal market conditions, at least 40% of the value of the fund's net assets will be invested in securities of issuers domiciled outside of the United States, including in emerging markets (Foreign Companies), unless the manager deems market conditions and/or company valuations to be less favorable to Foreign Companies, in which case, the fund will invest at least 30% of its net assets in Foreign Companies. This includes securities of foreign issuers that trade on U.S. exchanges. The fund may employ a thematic investing approach, which refers to the process of identifying significant macroeconomic trends and the underlying investments that stand to benefit from the materialization of those trends. The fund will invest mainly in securities anticipated to benefit from global long-term market themes resulting from changes in economic and social factors such as demographics, lifestyles, regulations, or the environment.

The fund may invest in all types of equity and equity-related securities, including, without limitation, exchange-traded and over-the-counter common and preferred stocks, warrants, options, rights, convertible securities, sponsored and unsponsored depositary receipts and shares, trust certificates, participatory notes, limited partnership interests, shares of other investment companies (including exchange-traded funds (ETFs)), real estate investment trusts (REITs), and equity participations. The fund may invest in companies of any market capitalization.

The manager considers environmental, social, and/or governance (ESG) factors, alongside other relevant factors, as part of its investment process. ESG factors may include, but are not limited to, matters regarding board diversity, climate change policies, and supply chain and human rights policies. The ESG characteristics utilized in the fund's investment process may change over time and one or more characteristics may not be relevant with respect to all issuers that are eligible fund investments. Because ESG factors are considered alongside other relevant factors, the manager may determine that an investment is appropriate notwithstanding its relative ESG characteristics.

The fund may invest in any country (including emerging market countries), in any economic sector and in any currency. However, depending on market conditions, the investments may be focused in one or more countries, sectors and/or currencies.

The fund may invest in China A-shares listed and traded on the certain Chinese stock exchanges through Stock Connect programs. The fund's investment process may result in a high portfolio turnover ratio and increased trading expenses.

The fund may invest in or use derivatives for hedging and non-hedging purposes in a manner consistent with the investment objective of the fund. Derivatives may be used for hedging purposes in the event of significant cash flows into or out of the fund and to provide protection for the fund, and may include futures and options. Derivatives may be used for non-hedging purposes in order to invest indirectly in securities or financial markets and to gain exposure to other currencies.

# **Principal risks**

An investment in the fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. Many factors affect performance, and fund shares will fluctuate in price, meaning you could lose money. The fund's investment strategy may not produce the intended results.

The fund's main risks are listed below in alphabetical order, not in order of importance. *Before investing, be sure to read the additional descriptions of these risks beginning on page 67 of the prospectus.* 

**Credit and counterparty risk.** The counterparty to an over-the-counter derivatives contract or a borrower of fund securities may not make timely payments or otherwise honor its obligations.

**Economic and market events risk.** Events in the U.S. and global financial markets, including actions taken by the U.S. Federal Reserve or foreign central banks to stimulate or stabilize economic growth, may at times result in unusually high market volatility, which could negatively impact performance. Reduced liquidity in credit and fixed-income markets could adversely affect issuers worldwide. Banks and financial services companies could suffer losses if interest rates rise or economic conditions deteriorate.

Equity securities risk. The price of equity securities may decline due to changes in a company's financial condition or overall market conditions.

**ESG integration risk.** The manager considers ESG factors that it deems relevant or additive, along with other material factors and analysis, when managing the fund. ESG factors may include, but are not limited to, matters regarding board diversity, climate change policies, and supply chain and human rights policies. The manager may consider these ESG factors on all or a meaningful portion of the fund's investments. Incorporating ESG criteria and making investment decisions based on certain ESG characteristics, as determined by the manager, carries the risk that the fund may perform differently, including underperforming, funds that do not utilize ESG criteria, or funds that utilize different ESG criteria.

**Exchange-traded funds (ETFs) risk.** The risks of owning shares of an ETF include the risks of owning the underlying securities the ETF holds. Lack of liquidity in an ETF could result in the ETF being more volatile than its underlying securities. An ETF's shares could trade at a significant premium or discount to its net asset value (NAV). A fund bears ETF fees and expenses indirectly.

**Foreign securities risk.** Less information may be publicly available regarding foreign issuers, including foreign government issuers. Foreign securities may be subject to foreign taxes and may be more volatile than U.S. securities. Currency fluctuations and political and economic developments may adversely impact the value of foreign securities. The risks of investing in foreign securities are magnified in emerging markets. Depositary receipts are subject to most of the risks associated with investing in foreign securities directly because the value of a depositary receipt is dependent upon the market price of the underlying foreign equity security. Depositary receipts are also subject to liquidity risk.

**Hong Kong Stock Connect Program (Stock Connect) risk.** Trading in China A-Shares through Stock Connect, a mutual market access program that enables foreign investment in the People's Republic of China (PRC), is subject to certain restrictions and risks. Securities listed on Stock Connect may lose purchase eligibility, which could adversely affect the fund's performance. Trading through Stock Connect is subject to trading, clearance, and settlement procedures that may continue to develop as the program matures. Any changes in laws, regulations and policies applicable to Stock Connect may affect China A-Share prices. These risks are heightened by the underdeveloped state of the PRC's investment and banking systems in general.

**Geographic focus risk.** The fund's performance will be closely tied to the market, currency, economic, political, regulatory, geopolitical, and other conditions in the countries or regions in which the fund's assets are invested and may be more volatile than the performance of more geographicallydiversified funds.

**Hedging, derivatives, and other strategic transactions risk.** Hedging, derivatives, and other strategic transactions may increase a fund's volatility and could produce disproportionate losses, potentially more than the fund's principal investment. Risks of these transactions are different from and possibly greater than risks of investing directly in securities and other traditional instruments. Under certain market conditions, derivatives could become harder to value or sell and may become subject to liquidity risk (i.e., the inability to enter into closing transactions). Derivatives and other strategic transactions that the fund intends to utilize include: futures contracts and options. Futures contracts and options generally are subject to counterparty risk.

**High portfolio turnover risk.** Trading securities actively and frequently can increase transaction costs (thus lowering performance) and taxable distributions.

**Information technology companies risk.** Information technology companies can be significantly affected by rapid obsolescence, short product cycles, competition from new market entrants, and heightened cybersecurity risk, among other factors.

**Investment company securities risk.** Fund shareholders indirectly bear their proportionate share of the expenses of any investment company in which the fund invests. The total return on such investments will be reduced by the operating expenses and fees of such other investment companies, including advisory fees.

**Large company risk.** Larger companies may grow more slowly than smaller companies or be slower to respond to business developments. Large-capitalization securities may underperform the market as a whole.

**Liquidity risk.** The extent (if at all) to which a security may be sold or a derivative position closed without negatively impacting its market value may be impaired by reduced market activity or participation, legal restrictions, or other economic and market impediments.

**Operational and cybersecurity risk.** Cybersecurity breaches may allow an unauthorized party to gain access to fund assets, customer data, or proprietary information, or cause a fund or its service providers to suffer data corruption or lose operational functionality. Similar incidents affecting issuers of a fund's securities may negatively impact performance. Operational risk may arise from human error, error by third parties, communication errors, or technology failures, among other causes.

**Participatory notes risk.** Participatory notes (p-notes) represent interests in securities listed on certain foreign exchanges. Due to transaction costs and other expenses, p-notes will not replicate exactly the performance of their underlying securities. P-notes are general unsecured contractual obligations of the financial institutions issuing the notes and are subject to liquidity risk and a high degree of counterparty risk.

**Preferred and convertible securities risk.** Preferred stock dividends are payable only if declared by the issuer's board. Preferred stock may be subject to redemption provisions. The market values of convertible securities tend to fall as interest rates rise and rise as interest rates fall. Convertible preferred stock's value can depend heavily upon the underlying common stock's value.

**Real estate investment trust (REIT) risk.** REITs, pooled investment vehicles that typically invest in real estate directly or in loans collateralized by real estate, carry risks associated with owning real estate, including the potential for a decline in value due to economic or market conditions.

**Repurchase agreements risk.** The risk of a repurchase agreement transaction is limited to the ability of the seller to pay the agreed-upon sum on the delivery date. In the event of bankruptcy or other default by the seller, the instrument purchased may decline in value, interest payable on the instrument may be lost and there may be possible difficulties and delays in obtaining collateral and delays and expense in liquidating the instrument.

**Sector risk.** When a fund focuses its investments in certain sectors of the economy, its performance may be driven largely by sector performance and could fluctuate more widely than if the fund were invested more evenly across sectors.

**Small and mid-sized company risk.** Small and mid-sized companies are generally less established and may be more volatile than larger companies. Small and/or mid-capitalization securities may underperform the market as a whole.

**Thematic investing risk.** Thematic investing involves the risk that long-term market themes are incorrectly identified or that the securities chosen to represent those themes underperform.

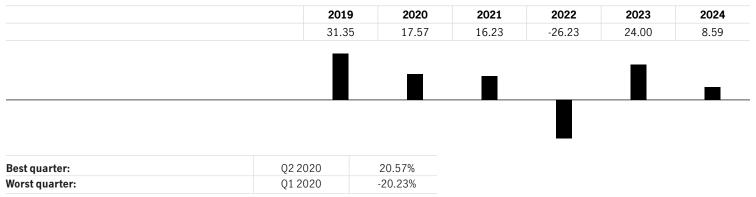
**Warrants risk.** The prices of warrants may not precisely reflect the prices of their underlying securities. Warrant holders do not receive dividends or have voting or credit rights. A warrant ceases to have value if not exercised prior to its expiration date.

# Past performance

The following information illustrates the variability of the fund's returns and provides some indication of the risks of investing in the fund by showing changes in the fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the fund's average annual returns compared with a broad-based securities market index. Past performance (before and after taxes) does not indicate future results. All figures assume dividend reinvestment. Performance information is updated daily, monthly, and quarterly and may be obtained by calling 800-344-1029 between 8:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M., Eastern time, on most business days.

Please note that after-tax returns reflect the highest individual federal marginal income-tax rate in effect as of the date provided and do not reflect any state or local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns may be different. After-tax returns are not relevant to shares held in an IRA, 401(k), or other tax-advantaged investment plan.

# Calendar year total returns (%)—Class NAV



Average annual total returns (%)—as of 12/31/2024	1 year	5 year	Since inception 12/14/2018
Class NAV (before tax)	8.59	6.30	9.59
after tax on distributions	1.65	3.88	7.23
after tax on distributions, with sale	8.96	4.56	7.18
MSCI ACWI (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes, except foreign withholding taxes on dividends)	17.49	10.06	11.76

# Investment management

Investment advisor John Hancock Investment Management LLC Subadvisor Pictet Asset Management SA

# Portfolio management

The following individuals are jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the fund's portfolio.

#### Hans Peter Portner, CFA

Head and Senior Portfolio Manager Managed the fund since 2018

#### **Gertjan van der Geer** Senior Portfolio Manager Managed the fund since 2018

# Purchase and sale of fund shares

There are no minimum initial or subsequent investment requirements. Shares may be redeemed on any business day on instruction to the fund.

# Taxes

The fund's distributions are taxable, and will be taxed as ordinary income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-deferred arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Withdrawals from such tax-deferred arrangements may be subject to tax at a later date.

# Payments to broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries

If you purchase the fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank, registered investment advisor, financial planner, or retirement plan administrator), the fund and its related companies may pay the broker-dealer or other intermediary for the sale of fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# John Hancock Infrastructure Fund

# **Investment objective**

To seek total return from capital appreciation and income, with an emphasis on absolute returns over a full market cycle.

#### Fees and expenses

This table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy, hold, and sell shares of the fund. You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the tables and examples below.

Shareholder fees (%) (fees paid directly from your investment)	NAV
Maximum front-end sales charge (load)	None
Maximum deferred sales charge (load)	None
Annual fund operating expenses (%) (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)	NAV
Management fee	0.77
Other expenses	0.08
Total annual fund operating expenses	0.85
Contractual expense reimbursement	-0.01 <sup>1</sup>
Total annual fund operating expenses after expense reimbursements	0.84

Total annual fund operating expenses after expense reimbursements

The advisor contractually agrees to waive a portion of its management fee and/or reimburse expenses for the fund and certain other John Hancock funds according to 1 an asset level breakpoint schedule that is based on the aggregate net assets of all the funds participating in the waiver or reimbursement, including the fund (the participating portfolios). This waiver equals, on an annualized basis, 0.0100% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$75 billion but is less than or equal to \$125 billion; 0.0125% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$125 billion but is less than or equal to \$150 billion; 0.0150% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$150 billion but is less than or equal to \$175 billion; 0.0175% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$175 billion but is less than or equal to \$200 billion; 0.0200% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$200 billion but is less than or equal to \$225 billion; and 0.0225% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$225 billion. The amount of the reimbursement is calculated daily and allocated among all the participating portfolios in proportion to the daily net assets of each participating portfolio. During its most recent fiscal year, the fund's reimbursement amounted to 0.01% of the fund's average daily net assets. This agreement expires on July 31, 2026, unless renewed by mutual agreement of the fund and the advisor based upon a determination that this is appropriate under the circumstances at that time.

# Expense example

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. Please see below a hypothetical example showing the expenses of a \$10,000 investment for the time periods indicated and then assuming you sell all of your shares at the end of those periods. The example assumes a 5% average annual return and that fund expenses will not change over the periods. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions, your costs would be:

Expenses (\$)	NAV
1 year	86
3 years	270
5 years	470
5 years 10 years	1,048

# Portfolio turnover

The fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the fund's performance. During its most recent fiscal year, the fund's portfolio turnover rate was 27% of the average value of its portfolio.

# **Principal investment strategies**

The fund pursues its objective by investing, under normal circumstances, at least 80% of its net assets (plus borrowings for investment purposes) in global securities of companies with infrastructure-related assets. Because the fund normally invests more than 25% of its assets in global securities of infrastructure-related assets, the fund is considered to be "concentrated" in industries represented by infrastructure companies. For purposes of this policy, global securities include: common stock, depositary receipts, real estate securities (including real estate investment trusts (REITs)), master

limited partnerships (MLPs) (up to a maximum of 25% of the fund's net assets), preferred stock, rights, warrants, exchange-traded funds (ETFs), and debt securities (up to a maximum of 20% of the fund's net assets). Also for purposes of this policy, infrastructure-related assets are long-lived physical assets that are held by companies, including financial holding companies, that engage in the ownership, management, construction, development, renovation, operation, use or financing of infrastructure assets, or that provide the services and raw materials necessary for the construction and maintenance of infrastructure assets. Infrastructure assets are the physical structures, networks and systems which provide necessary services for the function, growth and development of society, including but not limited to utilities, pipelines, toll roads, airports, railroads, ports, telecommunications and other infrastructure companies.

Companies with long-lived physical assets are those that the manager believes possess an advantageous competitive position due to factors such as a long track record, resilience in the face of technological advances, rising replacement costs, and limited substitution risk. The manager believes investment in these types of companies can contribute to attractive, long-term absolute returns. The fund also seeks to mitigate losses during periods of unfavorable equity market conditions by attempting to limit volatility relative to the wider market. While not managed explicitly for yield, the securities in which the fund invests may often provide higher dividend yields than the broader equity market. The fund is not managed to track a benchmark index.

The fund may invest in debt securities, including convertible bonds, without any maturity limit and of any credit quality, including high-yield securities (i.e., junk bonds). The fund may also invest in cash, cash equivalents, and derivative instruments. Derivatives may be used to reduce risk, obtain efficient market exposure, and/or enhance investment returns, and may include swaps, forward contracts, options, currency derivatives (including currency forwards, futures, options, and spot transactions), and similar instruments or combinations thereof. Country and regional weights are driven by bottom-up security selection and are typically unconstrained; however, the fund will generally be diversified regionally across global equity markets, including emerging markets. The fund invests in companies across the market-capitalization spectrum.

The fund seeks to outperform global equity markets during periods of flat or negative market performance and may underperform during periods of strong market performance. The fund's investment returns may be volatile over short periods of time and returns over any period of time may not be positive. The maximum position in any individual security will typically be less than 10% of the fund's net assets. Generally, less than 10% of the fund's net assets will be invested in cash and cash equivalents, but can be as high as 20%.

# **Principal risks**

An investment in the fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. Many factors affect performance, and fund shares will fluctuate in price, meaning you could lose money. The fund's investment strategy may not produce the intended results.

The fund's main risks are listed below in alphabetical order, not in order of importance. *Before investing, be sure to read the additional descriptions of these risks beginning on page 67 of the prospectus.* 

**Cash and cash equivalents risk.** Under certain market conditions, such as during a rising stock market, rising interest rate or rising credit spread markets, the use of cash and/or cash equivalents, including money market instruments, could have a negative effect on the fund's ability to achieve its investment objective and may negatively impact the fund's performance.

**Commodity risk.** Commodity prices may be volatile due to fluctuating demand, supply disruption, speculation, and other factors. Certain commodity investments may have no active trading market at times.

**Concentration risk.** Because the fund may focus on one or more industries or sectors of the economy, its performance depends in large part on the performance of those industries or sectors. As a result, the value of an investment may fluctuate more widely since it is more susceptible to market, economic, political, regulatory, and other conditions and risks affecting those industries or sectors than a fund that invests more broadly across industries and sectors.

**Credit and counterparty risk.** The issuer or guarantor of a fixed-income security, the counterparty to an over-the-counter derivatives contract, or a borrower of fund securities may not make timely payments or otherwise honor its obligations. A downgrade or default affecting any of the fund's securities could affect the fund's performance.

**Economic and market events risk.** Events in the U.S. and global financial markets, including actions taken by the U.S. Federal Reserve or foreign central banks to stimulate or stabilize economic growth, may at times result in unusually high market volatility, which could negatively impact performance. Reduced liquidity in credit and fixed-income markets could adversely affect issuers worldwide. Banks and financial services companies could suffer losses if interest rates rise or economic conditions deteriorate.

Equity securities risk. The price of equity securities may decline due to changes in a company's financial condition or overall market conditions.

**Exchange-traded funds (ETFs) risk.** The risks of owning shares of an ETF include the risks of owning the underlying securities the ETF holds. Lack of liquidity in an ETF could result in the ETF being more volatile than its underlying securities. An ETF's shares could trade at a significant premium or discount to its net asset value (NAV). A fund bears ETF fees and expenses indirectly.

**Financial services sector risk.** Financial services companies can be significantly affected by economic, market, and business developments, borrowing costs, interest-rate fluctuations, competition, and government regulation, among other factors.

**Fixed-income securities risk.** A rise in interest rates typically causes bond prices to fall. The longer the average maturity or duration of the bonds held by a fund, the more sensitive it will likely be to interest-rate fluctuations. An issuer may not make all interest payments or repay all or any of the principal borrowed. Changes in a security's credit quality may adversely affect fund performance.

**Foreign securities risk.** Less information may be publicly available regarding foreign issuers, including foreign government issuers. Foreign securities may be subject to foreign taxes and may be more volatile than U.S. securities. Currency fluctuations and political and economic developments may adversely impact the value of foreign securities. The risks of investing in foreign securities are magnified in emerging markets. Depositary receipts are subject to most of the risks associated with investing in foreign securities directly because the value of a depositary receipt is dependent upon the market price of the underlying foreign equity security. Depositary receipts are also subject to liquidity risk.

**Greater China risk.** Investments in the Greater China region may be subject to less developed trading markets, acute political risks such as possible negative repercussions resulting from China's relationship with Taiwan or Hong Kong, and restrictions on monetary repatriation or other adverse government actions. For example, a government may restrict investment in companies or industries considered important to national interests, or intervene in the financial markets, such as by imposing trading restrictions, or banning or curtailing short selling. A small number of companies and industries may generally represent a relatively large portion of the Greater China market as a whole.

**Hedging, derivatives, and other strategic transactions risk.** Hedging, derivatives, and other strategic transactions may increase a fund's volatility and could produce disproportionate losses, potentially more than the fund's principal investment. Risks of these transactions are different from and possibly greater than risks of investing directly in securities and other traditional instruments. Under certain market conditions, derivatives could become harder to value or sell and may become subject to liquidity risk (i.e., the inability to enter into closing transactions). Derivatives and other strategic transactions that the fund intends to utilize include: foreign currency forward contracts, futures contracts, options, and swaps generally are subject to counterparty risk. In addition, swaps may be subject to interest-rate and settlement risk, and the risk of default of the underlying reference obligation. Derivatives associated with foreign currency transactions are subject to currency risk.

**Large company risk.** Larger companies may grow more slowly than smaller companies or be slower to respond to business developments. Large-capitalization securities may underperform the market as a whole.

**Liquidity risk.** The extent (if at all) to which a security may be sold or a derivative position closed without negatively impacting its market value may be impaired by reduced market activity or participation, legal restrictions, or other economic and market impediments. Liquidity risk may be magnified in rising interest rate environments due to higher than normal redemption rates. Widespread selling of fixed-income securities to satisfy redemptions during periods of reduced demand may adversely impact the price or salability of such securities. Periods of heavy redemption could cause the fund to sell assets at a loss or depressed value, which could negatively affect performance. Redemption risk is heightened during periods of declining or illiquid markets.

Lower-rated and high-yield fixed-income securities risk. Lower-rated and high-yield fixed-income securities (junk bonds) are subject to greater credit quality risk, risk of default, and price volatility than higher-rated fixed-income securities, may be considered speculative, and can be difficult to resell.

**Master limited partnership (MLP) risk.** MLPs generally reflect the risks associated with their underlying assets and with pooled investment vehicles. MLPs with credit-related holdings are subject to interest-rate risk and risk of default.

**Midstream energy infrastructure sector risk.** Midstream energy infrastructure companies, such as companies that provide crude oil, refined product, and natural gas services, are subject to supply-and-demand fluctuations in the markets they serve, which may be impacted by a wide range of factors.

**Natural resources industry risk.** The natural resources industry can be significantly affected by international political and economic developments, energy conservation and exploration efforts, natural disasters or other extreme weather conditions, commodity prices, and taxes and other governmental regulations, among other factors.

**Operational and cybersecurity risk.** Cybersecurity breaches may allow an unauthorized party to gain access to fund assets, customer data, or proprietary information, or cause a fund or its service providers to suffer data corruption or lose operational functionality. Similar incidents affecting issuers of a fund's securities may negatively impact performance. Operational risk may arise from human error, error by third parties, communication errors, or technology failures, among other causes.

**Preferred and convertible securities risk.** Preferred stock dividends are payable only if declared by the issuer's board. Preferred stock may be subject to redemption provisions. The market values of convertible securities tend to fall as interest rates rise and rise as interest rates fall. Convertible preferred stock's value can depend heavily upon the underlying common stock's value.

**Real estate investment trust (REIT) risk.** REITs, pooled investment vehicles that typically invest in real estate directly or in loans collateralized by real estate, carry risks associated with owning real estate, including the potential for a decline in value due to economic or market conditions.

**Real estate securities risk.** Securities of companies in the real estate industry carry risks associated with owning real estate, including the potential for a decline in value due to economic or market conditions.

**Small and mid-sized company risk.** Small and mid-sized companies are generally less established and may be more volatile than larger companies. Small and/or mid-capitalization securities may underperform the market as a whole.

**Telecommunications sector risk.** Telecommunication services companies are subject to government regulation of services and rates of return and can be significantly affected by intense competition, among other factors.

**Transportation sector risk.** Transportation companies can be significantly affected by economic changes, fuel, maintenance, and insurance costs, labor relations, and government regulation, among other factors.

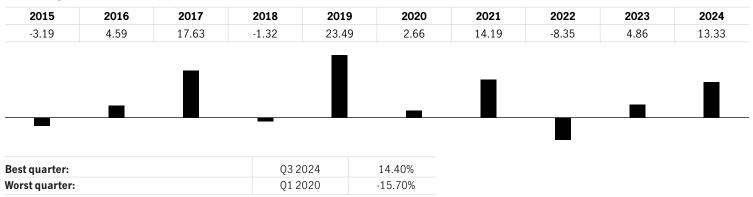
**Utilities sector risk.** Utilities companies' performance may be volatile due to variable fuel, service, and financing costs, conservation efforts, government regulation, and other factors.

**Warrants risk.** The prices of warrants may not precisely reflect the prices of their underlying securities. Warrant holders do not receive dividends or have voting or credit rights. A warrant ceases to have value if not exercised prior to its expiration date.

# Past performance

The following information illustrates the variability of the fund's returns and provides some indication of the risks of investing in the fund by showing changes in the fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the fund's average annual returns compared with a broad-based securities market index. Past performance (before and after taxes) does not indicate future results. All figures assume dividend reinvestment. Performance information is updated daily, monthly, and quarterly and may be obtained by calling 800-344-1029 between 8:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M., Eastern time, on most business days.

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#### Calendar year total returns (%)—Class NAV

Average annual total returns (%)—as of 12/31/2024	1 year	5 year	10 year
Class NAV (before tax)	13.33	5.01	6.36
after tax on distributions	12.11	3.75	5.14
after tax on distributions, with sale	7.86	3.37	4.54
MSCI ACWI (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes, except foreign withholding taxes on dividends)	17.49	10.06	9.23

# **Investment management**

Investment advisor John Hancock Investment Management LLC Subadvisor Wellington Management Company LLP

# **Portfolio management**

The following individual is primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the fund's portfolio.

#### G. Thomas Levering

Senior Managing Director and Global Industry Analyst Managed the fund since 2013

# Purchase and sale of fund shares

There are no minimum initial or subsequent investment requirements. Shares may be redeemed on any business day on instruction to the fund.

#### Taxes

The fund's distributions are taxable, and will be taxed as ordinary income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-deferred arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Withdrawals from such tax-deferred arrangements may be subject to tax at a later date.

# Payments to broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries

If you purchase the fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank, registered investment advisor, financial planner, or retirement plan administrator), the fund and its related companies may pay the broker-dealer or other intermediary for the sale of fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# John Hancock International Dynamic Growth Fund

# **Investment objective**

To seek capital appreciation.

# **Fees and expenses**

This table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy, hold, and sell shares of the fund. You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the tables and examples below.

Shareholder fees (%) (fees paid directly from your investment)	NAV
Maximum front-end sales charge (load)	None
Maximum deferred sales charge (load)	None
Annual fund operating expenses (%) (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)	NAV
Management fee	0.80
Other expenses	0.09
Total annual fund operating expenses	0.89
Contractual expense reimbursement	-0.06 <sup>1</sup>
Total annual fund operating expenses after expense reimbursements	0.83

The advisor contractually agrees to reduce its management fee or, if necessary, make payment to the fund in an amount equal to the amount by which expenses of the 1 fund exceed 0.83% of average daily net assets of the fund. For purposes of this agreement, "expenses of the fund" means all fund expenses, excluding (a) taxes, (b) brokerage commissions, (c) interest expense, (d) litigation and indemnification expenses and other extraordinary expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of the fund's business, (e) class-specific expenses, (f) borrowing costs, (g) prime brokerage fees, (h) acquired fund fees and expenses paid indirectly, and (i) short dividend expense. This agreement expires on February 28, 2026, unless renewed by mutual agreement of the fund and the advisor based upon a determination that this is appropriate under the circumstances at that time. The advisor also contractually agrees to waive a portion of its management fee and/or reimburse expenses for the fund and certain other John Hancock funds according to an asset level breakpoint schedule that is based on the aggregate net assets of all the funds participating in the waiver or reimbursement, including the fund (the participating portfolios). This waiver equals, on an annualized basis, 0.0100% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$75 billion but is less than or equal to \$125 billion; 0.0125% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$125 billion but is less than or equal to \$150 billion; 0.0150% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$150 billion but is less than or equal to \$175 billion; 0.0175% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$175 billion but is less than or equal to \$200 billion; 0.0200% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$200 billion but is less than or equal to \$225 billion; and 0.0225% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$225 billion. The amount of the reimbursement is calculated daily and allocated among all the participating portfolios in proportion to the daily net assets of each participating portfolio. During its most recent fiscal year, the fund's reimbursement amounted to 0.01% of the fund's average daily net assets. This agreement expires on July 31, 2026, unless renewed by mutual agreement of the fund and the advisor based upon a determination that this is appropriate under the circumstances at that time.

# **Expense example**

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. Please see below a hypothetical example showing the expenses of a \$10,000 investment for the time periods indicated and then assuming you sell all of your shares at the end of those periods. The example assumes a 5% average annual return and that fund expenses will not change over the periods. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions, your costs would be:

Expenses (\$)	NAV
1 year	85
3 years	278
5 years	487
3 years 5 years 10 years	1,091

# Portfolio turnover

The fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the fund's performance. During its most recent fiscal year, the fund's portfolio turnover rate was 83% of the average value of its portfolio.

# Principal investment strategies

The manager seeks to achieve the fund's investment objective by investing in equity investments that the manager believes will provide higher returns than the MSCI ACWI ex USA Growth Index.

The fund primarily invests in a diversified portfolio of equity securities of foreign companies in a number of developed and emerging markets. The fund defines foreign companies as companies: (i) that are organized under the laws of a foreign country; (ii) whose principal trading market is in a foreign country; or (iii) that have a majority of their assets, or that derive a majority of their revenue or profit growth, from businesses, investments or sales outside of the United States. The manager will consider, but is not limited to, MSCI market classifications in determining whether a country is a developed or emerging market country. Although the fund may invest in companies of any market-capitalization, the fund typically invests in companies with a market capitalization over \$250 million. The fund may focus its investments in a particular sector or sectors of the economy. The fund invests primarily in common stocks, but may also invest in participatory notes.

The manager's growth philosophy and process is focused on fundamental, bottom-up stock selection and includes three key elements: (i) positive fundamental changes, (ii) sustainable earnings growth, and (iii) an attractive valuation. The manager's investment process generally begins with the broad universe of securities included in international equity indices, including China A-shares. The manager then focuses its fundamental research by collecting, scoring and monitoring forward-looking operational data related to specific companies, industries, and sectors. It then seeks to identify quantifiable changes by consistently tracking these data points. Once the manager has identified a positive change, it holistically assesses the key company, industry, secular, macro and country stock drivers and compares them to consensus expectations. The manager then determines a risk/return rating for each company it has identified. This ranking is utilized by the portfolio management team to build a portfolio with consistent and balanced risk/return characteristics.

The manager considers environmental, social, and/or governance (ESG) factors, alongside other relevant factors, as part of its investment process. ESG factors may include, but are not limited to, matters regarding board diversity, climate change policies, and supply chain and human rights policies. The ESG characteristics utilized in the fund's investment process may change over time and one or more characteristics may not be relevant with respect to all issuers that are eligible fund investments. Because ESG factors are considered alongside other relevant factors, the manager may determine that an investment is appropriate notwithstanding its relative ESG characteristics.

The operational metrics and investment thesis of the portfolio's holdings are continuously monitored to ensure the ranking and weighting of each security in the portfolio is appropriate given the level of risk/return. The fund may trade securities actively as the investment thesis improves or deteriorates.

# **Principal risks**

An investment in the fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. Many factors affect performance, and fund shares will fluctuate in price, meaning you could lose money. The fund's investment strategy may not produce the intended results.

The fund's main risks are listed below in alphabetical order, not in order of importance. *Before investing, be sure to read the additional descriptions of these risks beginning on page 67 of the prospectus.* 

Credit and counterparty risk. A borrower of fund securities may not make timely payments or otherwise honor its obligations.

**Economic and market events risk.** Events in the U.S. and global financial markets, including actions taken by the U.S. Federal Reserve or foreign central banks to stimulate or stabilize economic growth, may at times result in unusually high market volatility, which could negatively impact performance. Reduced liquidity in credit and fixed-income markets could adversely affect issuers worldwide. Banks and financial services companies could suffer losses if interest rates rise or economic conditions deteriorate.

**Equity securities risk.** The price of equity securities may decline due to changes in a company's financial condition or overall market conditions. Growth company securities may fluctuate more in price than other securities because of the greater emphasis on earnings expectations. Securities the manager believes are undervalued may never realize their full potential value, and in certain markets value stocks may underperform the market as a whole.

**ESG integration risk.** The manager considers ESG factors that it deems relevant or additive, along with other material factors and analysis, when managing the fund. ESG factors may include, but are not limited to, matters regarding board diversity, climate change policies, and supply chain and human rights policies. The manager may consider these ESG factors on all or a meaningful portion of the fund's investments. Incorporating ESG criteria and making investment decisions based on certain ESG characteristics, as determined by the manager, carries the risk that the fund may perform differently, including underperforming, funds that do not utilize ESG criteria, or funds that utilize different ESG criteria.

**Foreign securities risk.** Less information may be publicly available regarding foreign issuers, including foreign government issuers. Foreign securities may be subject to foreign taxes and may be more volatile than U.S. securities. Currency fluctuations and political and economic developments may adversely impact the value of foreign securities. The risks of investing in foreign securities are magnified in emerging markets.

**Hong Kong Stock Connect Program (Stock Connect) risk.** Trading in China A-Shares through Stock Connect, a mutual market access program that enables foreign investment in the People's Republic of China (PRC), is subject to certain restrictions and risks. Securities listed on Stock Connect may lose purchase eligibility, which could adversely affect the fund's performance. Trading through Stock Connect is subject to trading, clearance, and settlement procedures that may continue to develop as the program matures. Any changes in laws, regulations and policies applicable to Stock Connect may affect China A-Share prices. These risks are heightened by the underdeveloped state of the PRC's investment and banking systems in general.

**Geographic focus risk.** The fund's performance will be closely tied to the market, currency, economic, political, regulatory, geopolitical, and other conditions in the countries or regions in which the fund's assets are invested and may be more volatile than the performance of more geographicallydiversified funds.

**High portfolio turnover risk.** Trading securities actively and frequently can increase transaction costs (thus lowering performance) and taxable distributions.

**Information technology companies risk.** Information technology companies can be significantly affected by rapid obsolescence, short product cycles, competition from new market entrants, and heightened cybersecurity risk, among other factors.

**Large company risk.** Larger companies may grow more slowly than smaller companies or be slower to respond to business developments. Large-capitalization securities may underperform the market as a whole.

**Liquidity risk.** The extent (if at all) to which a security may be sold without negatively impacting its market value may be impaired by reduced market activity or participation, legal restrictions, or other economic and market impediments.

**Operational and cybersecurity risk.** Cybersecurity breaches may allow an unauthorized party to gain access to fund assets, customer data, or proprietary information, or cause a fund or its service providers to suffer data corruption or lose operational functionality. Similar incidents affecting issuers of a fund's securities may negatively impact performance. Operational risk may arise from human error, error by third parties, communication errors, or technology failures, among other causes.

**Participatory notes risk.** Participatory notes (p-notes) represent interests in securities listed on certain foreign exchanges. Due to transaction costs and other expenses, p-notes will not replicate exactly the performance of their underlying securities. P-notes are general unsecured contractual obligations of the financial institutions issuing the notes and are subject to liquidity risk and a high degree of counterparty risk.

**Sector risk.** When a fund focuses its investments in certain sectors of the economy, its performance may be driven largely by sector performance and could fluctuate more widely than if the fund were invested more evenly across sectors.

**Small and mid-sized company risk.** Small and mid-sized companies are generally less established and may be more volatile than larger companies. Small and/or mid-capitalization securities may underperform the market as a whole.

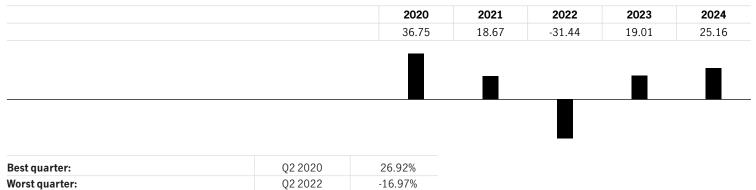
# Past performance

The following information illustrates the variability of the fund's returns and provides some indication of the risks of investing in the fund by showing changes in the fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the fund's average annual returns compared with a broad-based securities market index. Past performance (before and after taxes) does not indicate future results. The MSCI ACWI ex USA Growth Index shows how the fund's performance compares against the returns of similar investments. All figures assume dividend reinvestment. Performance information is updated daily, monthly, and quarterly and may be obtained by calling 800-344-1029 between 8:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M., Eastern time, on most business days.

Please note that after-tax returns reflect the highest individual federal marginal income-tax rate in effect as of the date provided and do not reflect any state or local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns may be different. After-tax returns are not relevant to shares held in an IRA, 401(k), or other tax-advantaged investment plan.

# Fund summary

# Calendar year total returns (%)—Class NAV



Average annual total returns (%)—as of 12/31/2024	1 year	5 year	Since inception 04/17/2019
Class NAV (before tax)	25.16	10.63	11.57
after tax on distributions	25.04	8.69	9.83
after tax on distributions, with sale	14.89	8.04	8.91
MSCI ACWI ex USA Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes, except foreign withholding taxes on dividends) <sup>1</sup>	5.53	4.10	4.81
MSCI ACWI ex USA Growth Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes, except foreign withholding taxes on			
dividends)	5.07	3.44	4.78

1 The fund has designated the MSCI ACWI ex USA Index as its new broad-based securities market index in accordance with the revised definition for such an index.

#### **Investment management**

Investment advisor John Hancock Investment Management LLC Subadvisor Axiom Investors LLC

# Portfolio management

The following individuals are jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the fund's portfolio.

#### **Bradley Amoils**

Managing Director and Portfolio Manager Managed fund since 2019 **Dean Bumbaca, CFA** Associate Portfolio Manager Managed the fund since 2022 Andrew Jacobson, CFA CEO and Chief Investment Officer Managed the fund since 2019

# Purchase and sale of fund shares

There are no minimum initial or subsequent investment requirements. Shares may be redeemed on any business day on instruction to the fund.

#### Taxes

The fund's distributions are taxable, and will be taxed as ordinary income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-deferred arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Withdrawals from such tax-deferred arrangements may be subject to tax at a later date.

# Payments to broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries

If you purchase the fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank, registered investment advisor, financial planner, or retirement plan administrator), the fund and its related companies may pay the broker-dealer or other intermediary for the sale of fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# John Hancock Seaport Long/Short Fund

# Investment objective

To seek capital appreciation.

# Fees and expenses

This table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy, hold, and sell shares of the fund. You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the tables and examples below.

Shareholder fees (%) (fees paid directly from your investment)	NAV
Maximum front-end sales charge (load)	None
Maximum deferred sales charge (load)	None

Annual fund operating expenses (%) (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)	NAV
Management fee	1.43
Other expenses	0.13
Acquired fund fees and expenses	0.01 <sup>1</sup>
Total annual fund operating expenses	1.57 <sup>2</sup>
Contractual expense reimbursement	-0.01 <sup>3</sup>
Total annual fund operating expenses after expense reimbursements	1.56

- "Acquired fund fees and expenses" are based on indirect net expenses associated with the fund's investments in underlying investment companies. 1
- The "Total annual fund operating expenses" shown may not correlate to the fund's ratios of expenses to average daily net assets shown in the "Financial highlights" section of the fund's prospectus, which does not include "Acquired fund fees and expenses."
- 3 The advisor contractually agrees to waive a portion of its management fee and/or reimburse expenses for the fund and certain other John Hancock funds according to an asset level breakpoint schedule that is based on the aggregate net assets of all the funds participating in the waiver or reimbursement, including the fund (the participating portfolios). This waiver equals, on an annualized basis, 0.0100% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$75 billion but is less than or equal to \$125 billion; 0.0125% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$125 billion but is less than or equal to \$150 billion; 0.0150% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$150 billion but is less than or equal to \$175 billion; 0.0175% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$175 billion but is less than or equal to \$200 billion; 0.0200% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$200 billion but is less than or equal to \$225 billion; and 0.0225% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$225 billion. The amount of the reimbursement is calculated daily and allocated among all the participating portfolios in proportion to the daily net assets of each participating portfolio. During its most recent fiscal year, the fund's reimbursement amounted to 0.01% of the fund's average daily net assets. This agreement expires on July 31, 2026, unless renewed by mutual agreement of the fund and the advisor based upon a determination that this is appropriate under the circumstances at that time.

# **Expense example**

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. Please see below a hypothetical example showing the expenses of a \$10,000 investment for the time periods indicated and then assuming you sell all of your shares at the end of those periods. The example assumes a 5% average annual return and that fund expenses will not change over the periods. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions, your costs would be:

Expenses (\$)	NAV
1 year	159
3 years	495
5 years	854
1 year 3 years 5 years 10 years	1,867

# Portfolio turnover

The fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the fund's performance. During its most recent fiscal year, the fund's portfolio turnover rate was 141% of the average value of its portfolio.

# **Principal investment strategies**

The fund allocates its assets to a number of investment strategies (Strategies), through which the fund will take both physical and synthetic long positions and synthetic short exposures in a variety of equity and derivative instruments. The fund may hold significant synthetic long and short exposures. Each Strategy will be managed by a separate portfolio management team pursuant to allocations provided by the advisor from time to time. For long positions, the manager generally uses bottom-up fundamental analysis to identify companies throughout the world that the manager believes are undervalued or expects to experience high levels of growth. The manager also seeks to identify sectors, industries, or asset classes that may be overvalued or may experience low levels of growth, and the fund may take significant synthetic long and short exposures in such areas. The fund generally will not invest in companies with a market capitalization below \$500 million at the time of purchase. The fund's synthetic short exposures will primarily be maintained in derivatives on exchange-traded pooled investment vehicles (e.g., exchange-traded funds (ETFs)) and/or indices, but may be maintained in other vehicles. In certain circumstances, the fund's overall synthetic short exposures may equal or exceed the size of the fund's long positions. Generally, the fund does not intend to take synthetic short exposures to individual stocks. The fund also may invest in master limited partnerships. The fund may trade securities actively.

Derivative instruments in which the fund may hold physical and synthetic long positions or synthetic short exposures include futures and forward contracts, such as interest-rate futures and foreign currency forward contracts; swaps, such as interest-rate swaps, credit default swaps, or total return swaps; call and put options; or warrants and rights, and may be used to reduce risk, obtain efficient market exposure, and/or enhance investment returns. The fund may also invest in repurchase agreements and reverse repurchase agreements.

The Strategies are typically diversified across sectors or focus on individual sectors, including financial services, healthcare, information technology, energy, biotechnology, and/or natural resources. Strategies and the allocations among them may vary. Each Strategy has a distinct investment philosophy and an analytical process based on a number of factors, such as business environment, management quality, balance sheet, income statement, anticipated earnings, expected growth rates, revenues, dividends, and other measures of value. As a result, the aggregate portfolio will represent a wide range of investment philosophies, companies, industries, and market capitalizations.

The manager may also invest in debt instruments, including high yield debt instruments (i.e., junk bonds). Such instruments may include, but are not limited to, bonds, bank loans (including loan participations), asset-backed securities, mortgage-backed securities, convertible securities, foreign currency-denominated foreign securities, U.S. and foreign government securities, hybrid securities (including convertible bonds, contingent convertible/capital securities, and similarly structured securities), derivatives, currencies, and reverse repurchase agreements. Some loans may be illiquid. Derivative instruments also may magnify the fund's gains and losses.

# **Principal risks**

An investment in the fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. Many factors affect performance, and fund shares will fluctuate in price, meaning you could lose money. The fund's investment strategy may not produce the intended results.

The fund's main risks are listed below in alphabetical order, not in order of importance. Before investing, be sure to read the additional descriptions of these risks beginning on page 67 of the prospectus.

**Biotechnology industry risk.** Biotechnology companies are subject to regulatory requirements, intense competition, rapid technological and other developments that could negatively affect the price, profitability, viability, and availability of their products and services. Investments in this industry are often based on speculation regarding future research and product developments.

**Convertible securities risk.** Convertible securities are subject to certain risks of both equity and debt securities. The market values of convertible securities tend to fall as interest rates rise and rise as interest rates fall. As the market price of underlying common stock declines below the conversion price, the market value of the convertible security tends to be increasingly influenced by its yield.

**Credit and counterparty risk.** The issuer or guarantor of a fixed-income security, the counterparty to an over-the-counter derivatives contract, or a borrower of fund securities may not make timely payments or otherwise honor its obligations. U.S. government securities are subject to varying degrees of credit risk depending upon the nature of their support. A downgrade or default affecting any of the fund's securities could affect the fund's performance.

**Economic and market events risk.** Events in the U.S. and global financial markets, including actions taken by the U.S. Federal Reserve or foreign central banks to stimulate or stabilize economic growth, may at times result in unusually high market volatility, which could negatively impact performance. Reduced liquidity in credit and fixed-income markets could adversely affect issuers worldwide. Banks and financial services companies could suffer losses if interest rates rise or economic conditions deteriorate.

**Energy sector risk.** The energy sector is cyclical and highly dependent on commodities prices, which may be volatile. The market value of energy companies can be significantly affected by a number of factors, including global energy price volatility, supply and demand, exchange- and interest-rate fluctuation, and domestic and foreign political and economic developments. Energy companies also face a significant risk of civil liability.

**Equity securities risk.** The price of equity securities may decline due to changes in a company's financial condition or overall market conditions. Growth company securities may fluctuate more in price than other securities because of the greater emphasis on earnings expectations. Securities the manager believes are undervalued may never realize their full potential value, and in certain markets value stocks may underperform the market as a whole.

**Exchange-traded funds (ETFs) risk.** The risks of owning shares of an ETF include the risks of owning the underlying securities the ETF holds. Lack of liquidity in an ETF could result in the ETF being more volatile than its underlying securities. An ETF's shares could trade at a significant premium or discount to its net asset value (NAV). A fund bears ETF fees and expenses indirectly.

**Financial services sector risk.** Financial services companies can be significantly affected by economic, market, and business developments, borrowing costs, interest-rate fluctuations, competition, and government regulation, among other factors.

**Fixed-income securities risk.** A rise in interest rates typically causes bond prices to fall. The longer the average maturity or duration of the bonds held by a fund, the more sensitive it will likely be to interest-rate fluctuations. An issuer may not make all interest payments or repay all or any of the principal borrowed. Changes in a security's credit quality may adversely affect fund performance.

**Foreign securities risk.** Less information may be publicly available regarding foreign issuers, including foreign government issuers. Foreign securities may be subject to foreign taxes and may be more volatile than U.S. securities. Currency fluctuations and political and economic developments may adversely impact the value of foreign securities. The risks of investing in foreign securities are magnified in emerging markets.

**Hong Kong Stock Connect Program (Stock Connect) risk.** Trading in China A-Shares through Stock Connect, a mutual market access program that enables foreign investment in the People's Republic of China (PRC), is subject to certain restrictions and risks. Securities listed on Stock Connect may lose purchase eligibility, which could adversely affect the fund's performance. Trading through Stock Connect is subject to trading, clearance, and settlement procedures that may continue to develop as the program matures. Any changes in laws, regulations and policies applicable to Stock Connect may affect China A-Share prices. These risks are heightened by the underdeveloped state of the PRC's investment and banking systems in general.

**Healthcare sector risk.** Health sciences companies may be significantly affected by product obsolescence, thin capitalization, limited product lines and markets, civil liability claims, and legislative or regulatory activities, among other factors.

**Hedging, derivatives, and other strategic transactions risk.** Hedging, derivatives, and other strategic transactions may increase a fund's volatility and could produce disproportionate losses, potentially more than the fund's principal investment. Risks of these transactions are different from and possibly greater than risks of investing directly in securities and other traditional instruments. Under certain market conditions, derivatives could become harder to value or sell and may become subject to liquidity risk (i.e., the inability to enter into closing transactions). Derivatives and other strategic transactions that the fund intends to utilize include: credit default swaps, foreign currency forward contracts, futures contracts, options, interest rate swaps, total return swaps, reverse repurchase agreements, and swaps. Foreign currency forward contracts, futures contracts, options, and swaps generally are subject to counterparty risk. In addition, swaps may be subject to interest-rate and settlement risk, and the risk of default of the underlying reference obligation. Derivatives agreement could result in delays or restrictions with respect to the fund's ability to dispose of the underlying securities. In addition, a reverse repurchase agreement may be considered a form of leverage and may, therefore, increase fluctuations in the fund's net asset value per share (NAV).

**High portfolio turnover risk.** Trading securities actively and frequently can increase transaction costs (thus lowering performance) and taxable distributions.

**Hybrid instrument risk.** Hybrid instruments (a type of potentially high-risk derivative) combine the elements of futures contracts or options with those of debt, preferred equity or a depository instrument. Hybrid instruments entail greater market risk and may be more volatile than traditional debt instruments, may bear interest or pay preferred dividends at below-market rates, and may be illiquid. The risks of investing in hybrid instruments are a combination of the risks of investing in securities, options, futures, and currencies.

**Information technology companies risk.** Information technology companies can be significantly affected by rapid obsolescence, short product cycles, competition from new market entrants, and heightened cybersecurity risk, among other factors.

**Large company risk.** Larger companies may grow more slowly than smaller companies or be slower to respond to business developments. Large-capitalization securities may underperform the market as a whole.

**Leveraging risk.** Using derivatives may result in a leveraged portfolio. Leveraging long exposures increases a fund's losses when the value of its investments declines. Some derivatives have the potential for unlimited loss, regardless of the size of the initial investment.

**Liquidity risk.** The extent (if at all) to which a security may be sold or a derivative position closed without negatively impacting its market value may be impaired by reduced market activity or participation, legal restrictions, or other economic and market impediments. Liquidity risk may be magnified in rising interest rate environments due to higher than normal redemption rates. Widespread selling of fixed-income securities to satisfy redemptions

during periods of reduced demand may adversely impact the price or salability of such securities. Periods of heavy redemption could cause the fund to sell assets at a loss or depressed value, which could negatively affect performance. Redemption risk is heightened during periods of declining or illiquid markets.

**Loan participations risk.** Participations and assignments involve special types of risks, including credit risk, interest-rate risk, counterparty risk, liquidity risk, risks associated with extended settlement, and the risks of being a lender.

Lower-rated and high-yield fixed-income securities risk. Lower-rated and high-yield fixed-income securities (junk bonds) are subject to greater credit quality risk, risk of default, and price volatility than higher-rated fixed-income securities, may be considered speculative, and can be difficult to resell.

**Master limited partnership (MLP) risk.** MLPs generally reflect the risks associated with their underlying assets and with pooled investment vehicles. MLPs with credit-related holdings are subject to interest-rate risk and risk of default.

**Mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities risk.** Mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities are subject to different combinations of prepayment, extension, interest-rate, and other market risks. Factors that impact the value of these securities include interest rate changes, the reliability of available information, credit quality or enhancement, and market perception.

**Natural resources industry risk.** The natural resources industry can be significantly affected by international political and economic developments, energy conservation and exploration efforts, natural disasters or other extreme weather conditions, commodity prices, and taxes and other governmental regulations, among other factors.

**Operational and cybersecurity risk.** Cybersecurity breaches may allow an unauthorized party to gain access to fund assets, customer data, or proprietary information, or cause a fund or its service providers to suffer data corruption or lose operational functionality. Similar incidents affecting issuers of a fund's securities may negatively impact performance. Operational risk may arise from human error, error by third parties, communication errors, or technology failures, among other causes.

**Repurchase agreements risk.** The risk of a repurchase agreement transaction is limited to the ability of the seller to pay the agreed-upon sum on the delivery date. In the event of bankruptcy or other default by the seller, the instrument purchased may decline in value, interest payable on the instrument may be lost and there may be possible difficulties and delays in obtaining collateral and delays and expense in liquidating the instrument.

**Sector risk.** When a fund focuses its investments in certain sectors of the economy, its performance may be driven largely by sector performance and could fluctuate more widely than if the fund were invested more evenly across sectors.

**Small and mid-sized company risk.** Small and mid-sized companies are generally less established and may be more volatile than larger companies. Small and/or mid-capitalization securities may underperform the market as a whole.

**Synthetic short exposure risk.** The fund will gain synthetic short exposure through a forward commitment through a swap agreement. Synthetic short exposures involve the risk that losses may be exaggerated, potentially losing more money than the actual cost of the investment.

**Technology companies risk.** Technology companies can be significantly affected by rapid obsolescence, short product cycles, competition, and government regulation, among other factors. Investments in the technology sector may be susceptible to heightened risk of cybersecurity breaches, which may allow an unauthorized party to gain access to personally identifiable information and other customer data.

**Warrants risk.** The prices of warrants may not precisely reflect the prices of their underlying securities. Warrant holders do not receive dividends or have voting or credit rights. A warrant ceases to have value if not exercised prior to its expiration date.

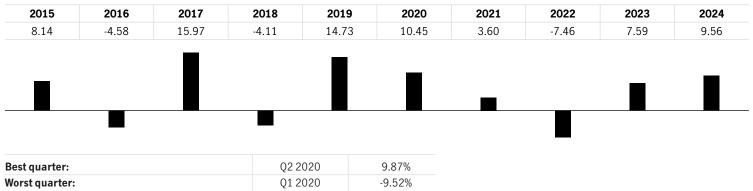
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# Fund summary

# Calendar year total returns (%)—Class NAV



Average annual total returns (%)—as of 12/31/2024	1 year	5 year	10 year
Class NAV (before tax)	9.56	4.53	5.09
after tax on distributions	7.88	3.14	4.06
after tax on distributions, with sale	6.82	3.19	3.80
MSCI World Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes, except foreign withholding taxes on dividends)	18.67	11.17	9.95

#### **Investment management**

Investment advisor John Hancock Investment Management LLC Subadvisor Wellington Management Company LLP

# Portfolio management

The following individuals are jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the fund's portfolio.

Jennifer N. Berg, CFA Senior Managing Director and Global Industry Analyst Managed the fund since 2013

**Michael G. Toman** *Managing Director and Portfolio Manager* Managed the fund since 2022 Bruce L. Glazer Senior Managing Director and Global Industry Analyst Managed the fund since 2013

Keith E. White Senior Managing Director and Portfolio Manager Managed the fund since 2016 **Rebecca D. Sykes, CFA** Senior Managing Director and Global Industry Analyst Managed the fund since 2021

# Purchase and sale of fund shares

There are no minimum initial or subsequent investment requirements. Shares may be redeemed on any business day on instruction to the fund.

# Taxes

The fund's distributions are taxable, and will be taxed as ordinary income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-deferred arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Withdrawals from such tax-deferred arrangements may be subject to tax at a later date.

# Payments to broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries

If you purchase the fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank, registered investment advisor, financial planner, or retirement plan administrator), the fund and its related companies may pay the broker-dealer or other intermediary for the sale of fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# John Hancock Small Cap Core Fund

# **Investment objective**

To seek long-term capital appreciation.

# **Fees and expenses**

This table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy, hold, and sell shares of the fund. You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the tables and examples below.

Shareholder fees (%) (fees paid directly from your investment)	NAV
Maximum front-end sales charge (load)	None
Maximum deferred sales charge (load)	None
Annual fund operating expenses (%) (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)	NAV
Management fee	0.82
Other expenses	0.05
Total annual fund operating expenses	0.87
Contractual expense reimbursement	-0.01 <sup>1</sup>
Contractadi expense reinbarsement	

1 The advisor contractually agrees to waive a portion of its management fee and/or reimburse expenses for the fund and certain other John Hancock funds according to an asset level breakpoint schedule that is based on the aggregate net assets of all the funds participating in the waiver or reimbursement, including the fund (the participating portfolios). This waiver equals, on an annualized basis, 0.0100% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$75 billion but is less than or equal to \$125 billion; 0.0125% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$125 billion but is less than or equal to \$150 billion; 0.0125% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$125 billion but is less than or equal to \$150 billion; 0.0175% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$150 billion but is less than or equal to \$125 billion; 0.0175% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$150 billion but is less than or equal to \$200 billion; 0.0200% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$200 billion but is less than or equal to \$225 billion; 0.0200% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios. The amount of the reimbursement is calculated daily and allocated among all the participating portfolios in proportion to the daily net assets of each participating portfolio. During its most recent fiscal year, the fund's reimbursement amounted to 0.01% of the fund's average daily net assets. This agreement expires on July 31, 2026, unless renewed by mutual agreement of the fund and the advisor based upon a determination that this is appropriate under the circumstances at that time.

# **Expense example**

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. Please see below a hypothetical example showing the expenses of a \$10,000 investment for the time periods indicated and then assuming you sell all of your shares at the end of those periods. The example assumes a 5% average annual return and that fund expenses will not change over the periods. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions, your costs would be:

Expenses (\$)	NAV
1 year	88
3 years	277
	481
5 years 10 years	1,072

# Portfolio turnover

The fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the fund's performance. During its most recent fiscal year, the fund's portfolio turnover rate was 56% of the average value of its portfolio.

# **Principal investment strategies**

Under normal market conditions, the fund invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in equity securities of small-capitalization companies. The fund considers small-capitalization companies to be those that, at the time of investment, are in the capitalization range of the Russell 2000 Index, with a maximum market capitalization of \$14.77 billion as of December 31, 2024. The fund generally will not invest in

companies that, at the time of purchase, have market capitalizations of \$5 billion or more. Equity securities include common and preferred stocks, rights, warrants, and depositary receipts.

The manager emphasizes a fundamental, bottom-up approach to individual stock selection, looking for companies with durable, niche business models with the potential for high returns on capital and that the manager believes are undervalued. Companies are screened based on a number of factors, including balance sheet quality, profitability, liquidity, size, and risk profile.

The fund intends to invest in a number of different sectors based on stock selection and sector weightings may vary significantly from its benchmark. The fund may focus its investments in a particular sector or sectors. The fund may invest up to 10% of its total assets in foreign securities including emerging-market securities and securities of non-U.S. companies traded on a U.S. exchange.

The fund may invest in initial public offerings (IPOs), real estate investment trusts (REITs) or other real estate-related equity securities, and certain exchange-traded funds (ETFs).

The fund normally will invest 10% or less of its total assets in cash and cash equivalents, including repurchase agreements, money market securities, U.S. government securities, and other short-term investments. The fund may invest in derivatives to a limited extent. Derivatives may be used to reduce risk and/or obtain efficient market exposure, and may include futures contracts and foreign currency forward contracts.

# **Principal risks**

An investment in the fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. Many factors affect performance, and fund shares will fluctuate in price, meaning you could lose money. The fund's investment strategy may not produce the intended results.

The fund's main risks are listed below in alphabetical order, not in order of importance. *Before investing, be sure to read the additional descriptions of these risks beginning on page 67 of the prospectus.* 

**Cash and cash equivalents risk.** Under certain market conditions, such as during a rising stock market, rising interest rate or rising credit spread markets, the use of cash and/or cash equivalents, including money market instruments, could have a negative effect on the fund's ability to achieve its investment objective and may negatively impact the fund's performance.

**Credit and counterparty risk.** The counterparty to an over-the-counter derivatives contract or a borrower of fund securities may not make timely payments or otherwise honor its obligations. U.S. government securities are subject to varying degrees of credit risk depending upon the nature of their support. A downgrade or default affecting any of the fund's securities could affect the fund's performance.

**Economic and market events risk.** Events in the U.S. and global financial markets, including actions taken by the U.S. Federal Reserve or foreign central banks to stimulate or stabilize economic growth, may at times result in unusually high market volatility, which could negatively impact performance. Reduced liquidity in credit and fixed-income markets could adversely affect issuers worldwide. Banks and financial services companies could suffer losses if interest rates rise or economic conditions deteriorate.

**Equity securities risk.** The price of equity securities may decline due to changes in a company's financial condition or overall market conditions. Securities the manager believes are undervalued may never realize their full potential value, and in certain markets value stocks may underperform the market as a whole.

**Exchange-traded funds (ETFs) risk.** The risks of owning shares of an ETF include the risks of owning the underlying securities the ETF holds. Lack of liquidity in an ETF could result in the ETF being more volatile than its underlying securities. An ETF's shares could trade at a significant premium or discount to its net asset value (NAV). A fund bears ETF fees and expenses indirectly.

**Foreign securities risk.** Less information may be publicly available regarding foreign issuers, including foreign government issuers. Foreign securities may be subject to foreign taxes and may be more volatile than U.S. securities. Currency fluctuations and political and economic developments may adversely impact the value of foreign securities. The risks of investing in foreign securities are magnified in emerging markets. Depositary receipts are subject to most of the risks associated with investing in foreign securities directly because the value of a depositary receipt is dependent upon the market price of the underlying foreign equity security. Depositary receipts are also subject to liquidity risk.

**Hedging, derivatives, and other strategic transactions risk.** Hedging, derivatives, and other strategic transactions may increase a fund's volatility and could produce disproportionate losses, potentially more than the fund's principal investment. Risks of these transactions are different from and possibly greater than risks of investing directly in securities and other traditional instruments. Under certain market conditions, derivatives could become harder to value or sell and may become subject to liquidity risk (i.e., the inability to enter into closing transactions). Derivatives and other strategic transactions that the fund intends to utilize include: foreign currency forward contracts and futures contracts. Foreign currency forward contracts and futures contracts generally are subject to counterparty risk. Derivatives associated with foreign currency transactions are subject to currency risk.

Initial public offerings (IPOs) risk. IPO share prices are frequently volatile and may significantly impact fund performance.

**Liquidity risk.** The extent (if at all) to which a security may be sold or a derivative position closed without negatively impacting its market value may be impaired by reduced market activity or participation, legal restrictions, or other economic and market impediments.

**Operational and cybersecurity risk.** Cybersecurity breaches may allow an unauthorized party to gain access to fund assets, customer data, or proprietary information, or cause a fund or its service providers to suffer data corruption or lose operational functionality. Similar incidents affecting issuers of a fund's securities may negatively impact performance. Operational risk may arise from human error, error by third parties, communication errors, or technology failures, among other causes.

**Preferred stock risk.** Preferred stock generally ranks senior to common stock with respect to dividends and liquidation but ranks junior to debt securities. Unlike interest payments on debt securities, preferred stock dividends are payable only if declared by the issuer's board of directors. Preferred stock may be subject to optional or mandatory redemption provisions.

**Real estate investment trust (REIT) risk.** REITs, pooled investment vehicles that typically invest in real estate directly or in loans collateralized by real estate, carry risks associated with owning real estate, including the potential for a decline in value due to economic or market conditions.

**Real estate securities risk.** Securities of companies in the real estate industry carry risks associated with owning real estate, including the potential for a decline in value due to economic or market conditions.

**Repurchase agreements risk.** The risk of a repurchase agreement transaction is limited to the ability of the seller to pay the agreed-upon sum on the delivery date. In the event of bankruptcy or other default by the seller, the instrument purchased may decline in value, interest payable on the instrument may be lost and there may be possible difficulties and delays in obtaining collateral and delays and expense in liquidating the instrument.

**Sector risk.** When a fund focuses its investments in certain sectors of the economy, its performance may be driven largely by sector performance and could fluctuate more widely than if the fund were invested more evenly across sectors.

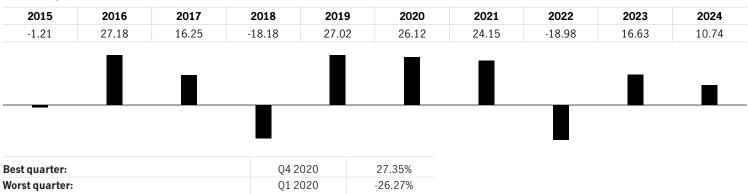
**Small and mid-sized company risk.** Small and mid-sized companies are generally less established and may be more volatile than larger companies. Small and/or mid-capitalization securities may underperform the market as a whole.

**Warrants risk.** The prices of warrants may not precisely reflect the prices of their underlying securities. Warrant holders do not receive dividends or have voting or credit rights. A warrant ceases to have value if not exercised prior to its expiration date.

# Past performance

The following information illustrates the variability of the fund's returns and provides some indication of the risks of investing in the fund by showing changes in the fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the fund's average annual returns compared with a broad-based securities market index. Past performance (before and after taxes) does not indicate future results. The Russell 2000 Index shows how the fund's performance compares against the returns of similar investments. All figures assume dividend reinvestment. Performance information is updated daily, monthly, and quarterly and may be obtained by calling 800-344-1029 between 8:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M., Eastern time, on most business days.

Please note that after-tax returns reflect the highest individual federal marginal income-tax rate in effect as of the date provided and do not reflect any state or local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns may be different. After-tax returns are not relevant to shares held in an IRA, 401(k), or other tax-advantaged investment plan.



# Calendar year total returns (%)-Class NAV

Average annual total returns (%)—as of 12/31/2024	1 year	5 year	10 year
Class NAV (before tax)	10.74	10.38	9.54
after tax on distributions	10.33	9.31	8.41
after tax on distributions, with sale	6.42	7.93	7.40

# Fund summary

#### Average annual total returns (%)—as of 12/31/2024

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Russell 3000 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes) <sup>1</sup>	23.81	13.86	12.55
Russell 2000 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	11.54	7.40	7.82

1 The fund has designated the Russell 3000 Index as its new broad-based securities market index in accordance with the revised definition for such an index.

#### **Investment management**

Investment advisor John Hancock Investment Management LLC Subadvisor Manulife Investment Management (US) LLC

#### **Portfolio management**

The following individuals are jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the fund's portfolio.

**Ryan Davies, CFA** *Portfolio Manager* Managed the fund since 2022 **Joseph Nowinski** Senior Portfolio Manager Managed the fund since 2022 **Bill Talbot, CFA** Senior Portfolio Manager, Head of US Small Cap Equities Managed the fund since 2013

1 voar

5 voar

10 year

# Purchase and sale of fund shares

There are no minimum initial or subsequent investment requirements. Shares may be redeemed on any business day on instruction to the fund.

#### Taxes

The fund's distributions are taxable, and will be taxed as ordinary income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-deferred arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Withdrawals from such tax-deferred arrangements may be subject to tax at a later date.

#### Payments to broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries

If you purchase the fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank, registered investment advisor, financial planner, or retirement plan administrator), the fund and its related companies may pay the broker-dealer or other intermediary for the sale of fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

# **Principal investment strategies**

# **Disciplined Value International Fund**

Investment Objective: The fund seeks long-term capital growth.

The Board of Trustees can change the fund's investment objective and strategies without shareholder approval.

The fund pursues its investment objective by investing, under normal circumstances, at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in a portfolio of equity and equity-related securities issued by non-U.S. companies of any capitalization size. The fund may invest in all types of equity and equity-related securities, including, without limitation, exchange-traded and over-the-counter common and preferred stocks, warrants, options, rights, convertible securities, sponsored and unsponsored depositary receipts and shares, trust certificates, participatory notes, limited partnership interests, shares of other investment companies (including exchange-traded funds (ETFs)), real estate investment trusts (REITs), and equity participations. An equity participation is a type of loan that gives the lender a portion of equity ownership in a property, in addition to principal and interest payments. A convertible security is a bond, debenture, note, preferred stock, or other security that may be converted into or exchanged for a prescribed amount of common stock of the same or a different issuer within a particular period of time at a specified price or formula.

The fund defines non-U.S. companies as companies: (i) that are organized under the laws of a foreign country; (ii) whose principal trading market is in a foreign country; or (iii) that have a majority of their assets, or that derive a significant portion of their revenue or profits, from businesses, investments, or sales outside of the United States. The fund primarily will be invested in issuers located in countries with developed securities markets, but may also invest in issuers located in emerging markets.

The fund may invest in securities denominated in the currencies of a variety of developed, emerging and frontier market countries.

The fund generally invests in the equity securities of issuers believed by the manager to be undervalued in the marketplace, focusing on issuers that combine attractive valuations with catalysts for change. The manager applies a bottom-up stock selection process (i.e., one that focuses primarily on issuer-specific factors) in managing the fund, using a combination of fundamental and quantitative analysis. In selecting investments for the fund, the manager considers various factors, such as price-to-book value, price-to-sales and earnings ratios, dividend yields, strength of management, and cash flow to identify securities that are trading at a price that appears to be lower than the issuer's inherent value.

The manager considers environmental, social, and/or governance (ESG) factors, alongside other relevant factors, as part of its investment process. ESG factors may include, but are not limited to, matters regarding board diversity, climate change policies, and supply chain and human rights policies. The ESG characteristics utilized in the fund's investment process may change over time and one or more characteristics may not be relevant with respect to all issuers that are eligible fund investments. Because ESG factors are considered alongside

other relevant factors, the manager may determine that an investment is appropriate notwithstanding its relative ESG characteristics.

The fund may (but is not required to) invest in derivatives, including put and call options, futures, forward contracts, and swaps, in lieu of investing directly in a security, currency or instrument, for hedging and nonhedging purposes, including reducing risk, obtaining efficient market exposure, and/or enhancing investment returns.

The fund may invest up to 15% of its net assets in illiquid securities, including securities that are illiquid by virtue of the absence of a readily available market or legal or contractual restrictions on resale.

The fund may participate as a purchaser in Initial Public Offerings (IPOs). An IPO is a company's first offering of stock to the public. The fund may also seek to increase its income by lending portfolio securities.

The manager will sell a stock when it no longer meets one or more investment criteria, either through obtaining target value or due to an adverse change in fundamentals or business momentum. Each holding has a target valuation established at purchase, which the manager constantly monitors and adjusts as appropriate.

The fund may invest in cash or money market instruments for the purpose of meeting redemption requests or making other anticipated cash payments.

A fund may deviate from its principal investment strategies during transition periods, which may include the reassignment of portfolio management, a change in investment objective or strategy, a reorganization or liquidation, or the occurrence of large inflows or outflows.

#### Temporary defensive investing

A fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in cash, money market instruments, or other investment-grade short-term securities for the purpose of protecting the fund in the event the manager determines that market, economic, political, or other conditions warrant a defensive posture.

To the extent that the fund is in a defensive position, its ability to achieve its investment objective will be limited.

# **Diversified Macro Fund**

Investment Objective: The fund seeks long-term capital appreciation.

The Board of Trustees can change the fund's investment objective and strategies without shareholder approval.

The fund pursues its investment objective by utilizing a multi-asset, quantitatively-driven investment strategy that seeks to provide exposure to diversified sources of return. The fund's investment strategy is a directional, long and short strategy that utilizes fundamental and price-based indicators to establish return forecasts across a broad range of asset classes globally. The investment strategy incorporates a variety of models that generate macro fundamental forecasts, assess yield and earnings differentials, compare current valuations relative to historic fair value, and analyze directional price trends across markets.

The manager will allocate the fund's assets across a range of asset classes comprising equities, fixed income, foreign currencies, and

commodities. Exposure to these asset classes will be implemented by investing in derivative instruments, including futures (including equity index futures, interest rate futures, bond futures and commodity futures), and foreign currency forward contracts. Given the dynamic nature of the fund's investment process and the underlying exposures within the fund, the fund's overall exposure to derivative instruments will vary over time.

Quantitative risk management and portfolio construction techniques will be employed to control exposure across individual markets and sectors in an effort to enhance returns as well as to maintain the fund's diversification and volatility objectives. The fund is actively managed and the fund's asset class exposures will vary over time based on the manager's proprietary investment models and, in part, on maintaining portfolio diversification. The fund's risk management and portfolio construction process is designed to diversify risk across markets and sectors.

The fund expects to maintain exposure to all models at all times. The fund, on average, will target an annualized volatility of approximately 8%. Volatility is a statistical measurement of the dispersion of returns of a security or fund or index. The fund's actual or realized volatility level for longer or shorter periods of time may be materially higher or lower depending on market conditions. Higher volatility generally indicates higher risk. Actual or realized volatility can and will differ from the target volatility described above.

The fund is generally intended to have a low correlation to the equity and bond markets. The fund is not designed to match the performance of any hedge fund index or benchmark and may be characterized as "macro" or "multi-asset" in nature. The manager will attempt to mitigate risk through diversification of holdings and through the active monitoring of volatility, counterparties and other risk factors.

The fund's use of derivatives will have the economic effect of financial leverage. Financial leverage magnifies exposure to the swings in prices of an asset class underlying an instrument and results in increased volatility, which means the fund will have the potential for greater gains as well as the potential for greater losses than if the fund does not use instruments that have a leveraging effect.

Due to the fund's use of derivative instruments such as futures, foreign currency futures and forward contracts, a significant portion of the fund's assets will be invested directly or indirectly in money market instruments, which may include U.S. Government securities, U.S. Government agency securities, overnight and/or fixed-term repurchase agreements, money market mutual fund shares and cash and cash equivalents for use as margin or collateral for these derivative instruments. Such investments may generate income for the fund. Under a repurchase agreement, the fund buys securities that the seller has agreed to buy back at a specified time and at a set price.

*Investment in the Subsidiary.* The fund may gain exposure to the commodities markets by investing up to 25% of its total assets in a wholly-owned subsidiary of the fund organized as a company under the laws of the Cayman Islands: John Hancock Diversified Macro Offshore Subsidiary Fund, Ltd. (the Diversified Macro Subsidiary). The Diversified Macro Subsidiary is advised by the subadvisor, under the supervision of the advisor, and seeks to gain commodities exposure.

The Diversified Macro Subsidiary primarily obtains its commodity exposure by investing in commodity-linked derivative instruments, which may include but are not limited to total return swaps, commodity (U.S. or foreign) futures and commodity-linked notes. Commodity-linked swaps are derivative instruments whereby the cash flows agreed upon between counterparties are dependent upon the price of the underlying commodity or commodity index over the life of the swap. Commodity futures contracts are standardized, exchange-traded contracts that provide for the sale or purchase of, or economic exposure to the price of, a commodity or a specified basket of commodities at a future time. The value of these commodity linked derivatives will rise and fall in response to changes in the underlying commodity or commodity index. Commodity-linked derivatives expose the Diversified Macro Subsidiary and the fund economically to movements in commodity prices. Such instruments may be leveraged so that small changes in the underlying commodity prices would result in disproportionate changes in the value of the instrument. Neither the fund nor the Diversified Macro Subsidiary intends to invest directly in physical commodities. The Diversified Macro Subsidiary may also invest in other instruments, including fixed-income securities, either as investments or to serve as margin or collateral for its swap positions, and foreign currency transactions (including forward contracts).

A fund may deviate from its principal investment strategies during transition periods, which may include the reassignment of portfolio management, a change in investment objective or strategy, a reorganization or liquidation, or the occurrence of large inflows or outflows.

#### **Temporary defensive investing**

A fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in cash, money market instruments, repurchase agreements, or other short-term instruments for the purpose of protecting the fund in the event the manager determines that market, economic, political, or other conditions warrant a defensive posture.

To the extent that the fund is in a defensive position, its ability to achieve its investment objective will be limited.

# **Emerging Markets Equity Fund**

Investment Objective: The fund seeks long-term capital growth.

The Board of Trustees can change the fund's investment objective and strategies without shareholder approval. The fund will provide written notice to shareholders at least 60 days prior to a change in its 80% investment policy.

Under normal market conditions, the fund invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in equity and equity-related securities of emerging-market issuers. The fund defines emerging-market issuers as issuers: (i) that are organized under the laws of an emerging-market country; or (ii) whose principal trading market is in an emerging-market country; or (iii) that have a majority of their assets, or that derive a majority of their revenue or profits, from businesses or investments in emerging-market countries. The manager may consider, but is not limited to, the classifications by the World Bank, the International Finance Corporation, or the United Nations and its agencies in determining whether a country is an emerging- or a developed-market country. The fund seeks to invest in securities that the manager considers to be undervalued or otherwise offer good prospects for capital growth.

The fund intends to invest in equity securities listed on bona fide securities exchanges or actively traded on over-the-counter markets. These exchanges may be either within or outside the issuer's domicile country. Equity and equity-related securities include common stocks, preferred stocks, convertible securities, warrants, and other similar securities.

The fund may also invest in other investment companies (including closed-end funds) and other pooled investment vehicles that are themselves dedicated to investment in developing or emerging market economies.

Disciplined, fundamentals-based, bottom-up stock selection lies at the heart of the manager's investment process for the fund. The manager intends to focus on high quality companies within a diverse range of dynamic emerging economies that are well placed to benefit from long-term structural growth trends because of the strength of their business models. The manager aims to identify reasonably valued companies with strong assets and sustainable economic advantage, backed by balance sheet strength, and superior management skill and integrity. The manager prefers companies generating high levels of free cash-flow to support a sustainable dividend payout. Although there is no sector or geographical bias, the fund may focus its investments in a particular sector or sectors of the economy. The fund management style is active and conviction-driven. The fund may invest in companies of any market capitalization.

The manager considers environmental, social, and/or governance (ESG) factors, alongside other relevant factors, as part of its investment process. ESG factors may include, but are not limited to, matters regarding board diversity, climate change policies, and supply chain and human rights policies. The ESG characteristics utilized in the fund's investment process may change over time and one or more characteristics may not be relevant with respect to all issuers that are eligible fund investments. Because ESG factors are considered alongside other relevant factors, the manager may determine that an investment is appropriate notwithstanding its relative ESG characteristics.

Due to volatile conditions in emerging markets, the fund's investment process may result in a higher-than-average portfolio turnover ratio, which could increase transaction costs.

The fund may attempt to mitigate the risk of unintended currency fluctuations through the use of exchange-listed or over-the-counter financial derivatives instruments, including currency forwards, nondeliverable forwards, currency options, and index options. The fund may use derivatives such as futures contracts and options on futures contracts to gain market exposure on uninvested cash, pending investment in securities, or to maintain liquidity to pay redemptions. The fund may enter into futures contracts and options on futures contracts for emerging-market or other equity-market securities and indices, including those of the United States. The fund may also enter into forward currency contracts to facilitate the settlement of equity purchases of foreign securities, repatriation of foreign currency balances, or exchange of one foreign currency to another currency.

The fund may invest in cash or money market instruments for the purpose of meeting redemption requests or making other anticipated cash payments.

A fund may deviate from its principal investment strategies during transition periods, which may include the reassignment of portfolio management, a change in investment objective or strategy, a reorganization or liquidation, or the occurrence of large inflows or outflows.

#### Temporary defensive investing

A fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in cash, money market instruments, or other investment-grade short-term securities for the purpose of protecting the fund in the event the manager determines that market, economic, political, or other conditions warrant a defensive posture.

To the extent that the fund is in a defensive position, its ability to achieve its investment objective will be limited.

#### ESG Large Cap Core Fund

Investment Objective: The fund seeks long-term capital appreciation.

The Board of Trustees can change the fund's investment objective and strategies without shareholder approval. The fund will provide 60 days' written notice to shareholders prior to a change in its 80% investment strategy.

Under normal market conditions, the fund invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in equity securities of large-capitalization companies or sectors that meet the manager's sustainability criteria. The fund considers large-capitalization companies to be those companies in the capitalization range of the S&P 500 Index, which was approximately \$5.77 billion to \$3,785 billion as of December 31, 2024. Equity securities include common and preferred stocks and their equivalents. The manager seeks companies meeting its sustainability criteria with high quality characteristics including strong ESG records. The manager defines high-quality characteristics to include:

- Financial statement integrity
- Conservative debt management
- Positive and growing cash flow from operations
- Above peer return on invested capital (ROIC)
- Sector-leading policies and performance related to key ESG issues

The manager employs a bottom-up financial analysis that includes a review of ESG issues and how they may impact stock valuation or performance. ESG factors reflect a variety of key sustainability issues that can influence company risks and opportunities and span a range of metrics including board diversity, climate change policies, and supply chain and human rights policies. Companies that meet the manager's ESG requirements or sustainability criteria typically have strong sustainability data and policy reporting, for example publishing a comprehensive corporate sustainability report. These companies may have strong board diversity, such as two or more women on the board. ESG criteria may be somewhat different industry by industry. For example, in the apparel industry, the manager would seek companies with comprehensive supply chain code of conduct requirements and monitoring policies. In the capital goods industry, the manager would seek companies with energy-efficient products and solid worker safety records and environmental management programs. The fund may also invest up to 20% of its total assets in the equity securities of foreign issuers, including ADRs and GDRs. The manager may sell stocks for several reasons, including when the stock no longer meets the manager's ESG or sustainability criteria, or when the stock declines in value and no longer reflects the manager's investment thesis.

As part of its ESG analysis, the manager currently identifies certain industries and business activities as too environmentally risky or as presenting social outcomes that are too unattractive to warrant investment consideration. The manager employs qualitative and quantitative screens to exclude or restrict these types of investments. The fund does not invest in companies that are primarily engaged in fossil fuel production or fossil fuel-powered generation based on a company's total gross revenue unless the company demonstrates a plan to transition to a low carbon business model that the manager finds credible. At a minimum, to be considered for investment, these companies must derive a material portion of current revenue from renewable energy or enabling technology and have no commitments to invest in new fossil fuel exploration, production, storage, transport (excluding distribution), trading, or refining capacity, new fossil fuel-based power generation without emissions capture, or new nuclear power generation.

The manager's investment philosophy is that integrating ESG factors into the financial analysis process can help identify companies positioned to deliver long-term risk adjusted performance. The manager seeks to identify companies that it believes are strategic leaders, with high quality business models and the potential to create consistent earnings growth. In addition, the manager seeks to identify companies with strong board and management qualities, as evidenced by transparent and conservative financial reporting, and better management of ESG risks, such as risks from new environmental regulations, product safety risk, and reputational risks from major controversies or accidents. In general, the manager seeks to identify companies with strong awareness of ESG opportunities and risks in areas important to their respective industry. For example, companies may be considered to have poor corporate governance and therefore higher levels of risk if they exhibit excessive executive compensation relative to peers and if compensation does not include a variable component tied to company financial performance. ESG opportunities include:

# Environmental

- clean tech opportunities
- climate change policies
- sustainable agriculture
- water use

#### Social

- healthier products
- product safety
- supply chain and human rights

• worker safety

#### Governance

- board diversity
- employee relations
- executive compensation

The fund seeks to avoid investing in companies with material exposure to particular market sectors or practices. For example, the fund seeks to avoid investing in:

- Energy and power companies with fossil fuel production or generation capacity that have not demonstrated a commitment to aligning their business model with a low-carbon economy
- Companies making investments in new fossil fuel production or refining, new fossil fuel power generation capacity, or new nuclear power generation
- Companies that derive any portion of their revenues from manufacturing landmines or their components
- Companies that derive 5% or more of revenues from:
  - Agricultural biotechnology
  - The sale of conventional, chemical or biological weapons
- Companies that derive 5% or more of revenues, not including retail sales, from:
  - Firearms
  - Casinos and Gaming
  - Pornography
  - Tobacco
- Companies that derive 1% or more of revenues from nuclear weapons sales

The fund seeks to avoid investing in companies with major recent or ongoing controversies involving, for example:

- Animal welfare
- Corporate governance
- Environmental issues
- Human rights, such as supply chain abuses, suppression of freedom of expression, or support of repressive regimes
- Product safety and marketing
- Workplace discrimination or employee safety
- A pattern of disrespectful or exploitative behavior towards Indigenous Peoples, for example, regarding land use, cultural heritage, or negative imagery

A "major recent or ongoing controversy" is behavior or activity by a company that contravenes the ESG sustainability criteria as reflected in the fund's principal investment strategies. When assessing a controversy, the manager will consider the potential for a controversy to adversely impact a company's financial performance or cause harm to the company's stakeholders.

The manager's investment process includes a research process focused on identifying companies with high quality characteristics as defined above; obtaining analysis on the macroeconomic environment, including changes in interest rates, growth rates, and employment rates; and adhering to risk control parameters such as the maximum size of an individual holding, relative sector weights, and a target average market capitalization for the portfolio.

The manager employs active shareowner engagement to raise environmental, social, and governance issues with the management of select portfolio companies. To facilitate this process, the manager uses a variety of methods which may include engaging in dialogue with management, voting proxies in accordance with their proxy voting guidelines, and actively participating in the annual shareholder meeting process. The manager may work with asset owners and other asset managers on more global issues, as well as company specific ones. Through this effort, the manager seeks to encourage company managements toward greater transparency, accountability, disclosure, and commitment to ESG issues.

The fund may invest in cash or money market instruments for the purpose of meeting redemption requests or making other anticipated cash payments.

A fund may deviate from its principal investment strategies during transition periods, which may include the reassignment of portfolio management, a change in investment objective or strategy, a reorganization or liquidation, or the occurrence of large inflows or outflows.

#### Temporary defensive investing

A fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in cash, money market instruments, or other investment-grade short-term securities for the purpose of protecting the fund in the event the manager determines that market, economic, political, or other conditions warrant a defensive posture.

To the extent that the fund is in a defensive position, its ability to achieve its investment objective will be limited.

#### **Financial Industries Fund**

Investment Objective: The fund seeks capital appreciation.

The Board of Trustees can change the fund's investment objective and strategies without shareholder approval. The fund will provide written notice to shareholders at least 60 days prior to a change in its 80% investment policy.

Under normal market conditions, the fund invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in equity securities of U.S. and foreign financial services companies of any size. These companies include, but are not limited to, banks, thrifts, finance and financial technology companies, brokerage and advisory firms, real estate related firms, insurance companies, and financial holding companies. Equity securities include, but are not limited to, common and preferred stock and their equivalents, such as publicly traded limited partnerships, depositary receipts, rights, and warrants. The fund may gain exposure to securities described in these strategies through investments in investment companies and pooled investment vehicles.

In managing the fund, the manager focuses primarily on equity securities selection rather than industry allocation. In choosing individual equity

securities, the manager uses fundamental financial analysis to identify securities that appear comparatively undervalued. The manager generally gathers information about companies from interviews with company executives and company visits.

The manager considers environmental, social, and/or governance (ESG) factors, alongside other relevant factors, as part of its investment process. ESG factors may include, but are not limited to, matters regarding board diversity, climate change policies, and supply chain and human rights policies. The ESG characteristics utilized in the fund's investment process may change over time and one or more characteristics may not be relevant with respect to all issuers that are eligible fund investments. Because ESG factors are considered alongside other relevant factors, the manager may determine that an investment is appropriate notwithstanding its relative ESG characteristics.

The fund may invest in U.S. and foreign bonds, including up to 5% of net assets in below-investment-grade bonds (i.e., junk bonds) rated as low as CCC by S&P Global Ratings or Caa by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and their unrated equivalents. It may also invest up to 15% of net assets in investment-grade short-term securities. The fund's investment policies are based on credit ratings at the time of purchase.

The fund may invest in companies located in emerging-market countries.

The fund may, to a limited extent, engage in derivatives transactions that include futures contracts, options, and foreign currency forward contracts, in each case for the purpose of reducing risk, obtaining efficient market exposure, and/or enhancing investment returns.

The fund focuses its investments in securities of issuers in the financial services sector.

The fund may invest in cash or money market instruments for the purpose of meeting redemption requests or making other anticipated cash payments.

A fund may deviate from its principal investment strategies during transition periods, which may include the reassignment of portfolio management, a change in investment objective or strategy, a reorganization or liquidation, or the occurrence of large inflows or outflows.

#### **Temporary defensive investing**

A fund may temporarily invest up to 80% of its assets in investment-grade short-term securities for the purpose of protecting the fund in the event the manager determines that market, economic, political, or other conditions warrant a defensive posture.

To the extent that the fund is in a defensive position, its ability to achieve its investment objective will be limited.

#### **Fundamental Large Cap Core Fund**

Investment Objective: The fund seeks long-term capital appreciation.

The Board of Trustees can change the fund's investment objective and strategies without shareholder approval. The fund will provide written notice to shareholders at least 60 days prior to a change in its 80% investment policy.

Under normal market conditions, the fund invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in equity securities of large-capitalization companies. The fund considers large-capitalization companies to be those companies in the capitalization range of the S&P 500 Index, which was approximately \$5.77 billion to \$3,785 billion as of December 31, 2024. Equity securities include common and preferred stocks and their equivalents.

In managing the fund, the manager looks for companies that are undervalued and/or that offer the potential for above-average earnings growth. The manager employs a combination of proprietary financial models and bottom-up, fundamental financial research to identify companies that are selling at what appear to be substantial discounts to their long-term intrinsic value. These companies often have identifiable catalysts for growth, such as new products, business reorganizations, or mergers.

The fund manages risk by typically holding between 45 and 65 large companies in a broad range of industries. The fund may focus its investments in a particular sector or sectors of the economy. The manager also uses fundamental financial analysis to identify individual companies with substantial cash flows, reliable revenue streams, superior competitive positions, and strong management.

The fund may attempt to take advantage of short-term market volatility by investing in corporate restructurings or pending acquisitions.

The manager considers environmental, social, and/or governance (ESG) factors, alongside other relevant factors, as part of its investment process. ESG factors may include, but are not limited to, matters regarding board diversity, climate change policies, and supply chain and human rights policies. The ESG characteristics utilized in the fund's investment process may change over time and one or more characteristics may not be relevant with respect to all issuers that are eligible fund investments. Because ESG factors are considered alongside other relevant factors, the manager may determine that an investment is appropriate notwithstanding its relative ESG characteristics.

The fund may invest up to 20% of its assets in bonds of any maturity, with up to 15% of net assets in below-investment-grade bonds (i.e., junk bonds) rated as low as CC by S&P Global Ratings or Ca by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and their unrated equivalents. In selecting bonds, the manager looks for the most favorable risk/return ratios. The fund's investment policies are based on credit ratings at the time of purchase.

The fund may invest up to 35% of its assets in foreign securities.

The fund may trade securities actively, which could increase its transaction costs (thus lowering performance) and increase your taxable distributions.

The fund may, to a limited extent, engage in derivatives transactions that include futures contracts, options, and foreign currency forward contracts, in each case for the purpose of reducing risk and/or obtaining efficient market exposure.

The fund may invest in cash or money market instruments for the purpose of meeting redemption requests or making other anticipated cash payments.

A fund may deviate from its principal investment strategies during transition periods, which may include the reassignment of portfolio management, a change in investment objective or strategy, a reorganization or liquidation, or the occurrence of large inflows or outflows.

#### **Temporary defensive investing**

A fund may temporarily invest extensively in investment-grade short-term securities for the purpose of protecting the fund in the event the manager determines that market, economic, political, or other conditions warrant a defensive posture.

To the extent that the fund is in a defensive position, its ability to achieve its investment objective will be limited.

# **Global Environmental Opportunities Fund**

**Investment Objective:** To seek growth through capital appreciation by investing primarily in Environmental Companies (as defined below).

Under normal circumstances, the fund invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in securities of Environmental Companies.

The Board of Trustees can change the fund's investment objective and strategies without shareholder approval.

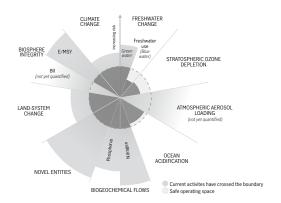
#### **The Planetary Boundaries**

The Planetary Boundaries (PB) is the scientific environmental framework which the manager uses to identify Environmental Companies. The PB framework was developed by a group of universities across the world. The PB framework identifies a set of nine boundaries considered most crucial for maintaining the stability of the earth's ecosystems on which human society depends. Remaining within these nine boundaries is considered the "Safe Operating Space," within which human society and the planet can continue to thrive. Exceeding those boundaries (i.e., being outside the Safe Operating Space) will increase the risk of large-scale adverse or irreversible environmental changes that will negatively impact the future of human society and development.

The nine environmental boundaries as originally identified in 2009 are: climate change; rate of biodiversity loss (terrestrial and marine); interference with the nitrogen and phosphorus cycles (i.e., biogeochemical flows); stratospheric ozone depletion; ocean acidification; global freshwater use; change in land use; chemical pollution; and atmospheric aerosol loading. Further information on each of the boundaries is set forth below under "Information Regarding the Planetary Boundaries."

As of February 14, 2023, the following boundaries have been crossed: climate change, rate of biodiversity loss, land-system change, biogeochemical flows, novel entities (chemical pollution), and freshwater change (only partially crossed). This does not impact the manager's investment process, as a boundary that has been crossed simply implies a greater need to reduce stress on that boundary to reverse the trend. The PB framework is not a static framework but subject to change based on evolving scientific research. The following is a graphic representation of the boundaries as of February 2023, this is used for illustrative purposes to demonstrate the PB framework and may change.

# Fund details



Source: Stockholm Resilience Centre, Pictet Asset Management, February, 2023

# **Defining Environmental Companies**

The manager defines Environmental Companies as:

- 1 Companies that operate within the Safe Operating Space of the Planetary Boundaries, **and**
- 2 Companies, all or a portion of whose business activities reduce stress in at least one of the boundaries in the PB framework.

The two-step process to identify investable Environmental Companies applied by the manager is detailed below.

**Step One:** The manager screens the global universe of equity companies (approximately 40,000 companies) for those that have environmental footprints within the Safe Operating Space of the PB framework. Environmental footprint is defined as the effect that a person, company, and/or activity has on the environment, such as the amount of natural resources that they use and the amount of harmful gases that they produce.

This first step is achieved by a screening process that includes a Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) analysis to identify companies whose activities, operations and products across their whole life cycle are within the Safe Operating Space of the PB framework. The LCA analysis assesses the impact on the nine boundaries associated with all the stages of the life of a company's products, services or activities. To facilitate this analysis, the manager has developed a proprietary LCA model using their own data as well as inputs from various external databases. The underlying data used as inputs for the manager's proprietary LCA model include over 30 different types of environmental impact measures (for example, Methane emission, CFC (Chlorofluorocarbon) emissions, Water consumption, and CO2 emissions). External databases used to develop the LCA model include those from universities, other third-party providers and other proprietary LCA databases. The LCA analysis may be complemented by input from environmental consulting companies that specialize in Life Cycle Assessments and have partnered exclusively with the manager. The inputs the manager uses for the LCA model, and any current partnerships with external environmental consultants, are subject to change.

If a company is operating beyond the Safe Operating Space of one boundary, but is within the Safe Operating Space of another boundary, the manager would consider the average impact of the company across all boundaries and the company would not be prohibited from passing the screen. Typically, 4,000 companies pass through the screen at this part of the process.

**Step Two:** After screening for companies that are within the Safe Operating Space defined by the Planetary Boundaries in Step One, the manager then narrows this investable universe to identify Environmental Companies. To be eligible as an Environmental Company, all or a portion of a company's business activities must reduce stress in at least one or more of the planetary boundaries. Specifically, the company must reduce the impact of human activity on such boundary so that the boundary is not exceeded or further exceeded.

Business activities are defined as selling and/or creating products, technologies and/or services, including the provision of related support services. These business activities include those related to water usage, energy efficiency, renewable energy, sustainable forestry, organic agriculture, pollution control, dematerialized economy, waste management and recycling, as well as any the manager identifies as reducing stress on one or more Planetary Boundaries.

To measure whether a business activity reduces stress in any boundary, the manager uses quantitative inputs from the proprietary LCA analysis and database referred to above. The manager is able to complement this with qualitative judgement based on its knowledge of the company and experience with environmental business activities to determine whether an Environmental Company reduces stress on one or more boundaries. Typically, 400 stocks are identified and defined as Environmental Companies after Step One and Step Two.

#### **Portfolio Construction**

Once the universe of Environmental Companies is identified, the manager applies in-depth fundamental research to select the companies that the manager believes present the most attractive risk-return characteristics. In this analysis, the manager considers fundamental characteristics such as the company's competitiveness, management quality, valuation and industry risk factors. The analysis also systematically integrates Social and Governance ESG factors at this stage of the portfolio construction process. Environmental and Social factors are evaluated as part of a company's competitiveness and business franchise characteristics. The manager forms its own view based on primary research but is also supported by external data from third-party providers. The manager's view on a company's Governance is also integrated as part of the analysis on management quality, where the manager's primary research and views are complemented by third-party data providers. A low ESG score would affect the overall score assigned to the security by the manager and, therefore, whether the security is chosen for the fund, and, if chosen, the weight of that security in the portfolio. The ESG factors utilized during this stage of the portfolio construction process may change over time. The final result is a high conviction portfolio of Environmental Companies.

The fund may invest in equity and equity-related securities issued by U.S. and non-U.S. companies, including common, convertible and preferred stock, warrants and depositary receipts. The fund does not limit its investments to companies in a particular market capitalization range and, at times, may invest a substantial portion of its assets in one or more particular market capitalization ranges.

The fund seeks investment exposure to a number of countries throughout the world. Under normal circumstances, the fund will invest in companies domiciled, incorporated, organized or headquartered in at least three countries outside the U.S., including developing and emerging market countries (Foreign Companies). The manager will consider, but is not limited to, the MSCI market classifications in determining whether a country is a developed or emerging market country. Although the fund can invest up to 100% of its assets in the securities of Foreign Companies, under normal circumstances it generally expects to invest at least 40% of its assets in the securities of such companies. However, if the manager determines, in its sole discretion, that market conditions are not favorable, the fund may invest less than 40% of its assets in Foreign Companies, but will not invest less than 30% of its assets in Foreign

The manager votes proxies for securities held by the fund. The manager votes proxies in the best interest of the shareholders of the fund, considers each proposal individually and may vote against management's recommendations if the manager does not believe such recommendation is in the best interest of the shareholders of the fund. The fund has a vested interest in helping the companies in which it invests increase their value by improving corporate practices. Therefore, the manager may, in certain circumstances, use proxy voting as a tool to encourage positive corporate decision making. The manager's proxy voting policies describe the manager's process for voting such proxies and are included in the Statement of Additional Information of the fund.

# Information Regarding the Planetary Boundaries.

Information regarding each of the nine Planetary boundaries is set forth below. This information is not a scientific description of each Planetary Boundary but rather a general overview.

# **Climate Change**

The boundary for climate change is measured by the level of CO2 in the atmosphere. The suggested boundary is 350 parts per million (ppm) of CO2. As of February 14, 2023, the earth's CO2 level in the atmosphere has already surpassed 400 ppm. Therefore, the boundary has been crossed. The amount of CO2 affects many of the earth's systems including polar sea-ice levels, sea levels and global temperature.

#### **Rate of Biodiversity Loss (Terrestrial and Marine)**

The boundary for biodiversity loss is measured by the number of extinctions of species (such as animals, insects and plants) per million species-years (E/MSY). The suggested boundary is 10 E/MSY. As of February 14, 2023, extinction rates are estimated to be between 100 and 1000 E/MSY. Therefore, the boundary has been crossed. The main factors affecting biodiversity loss are changes in natural habitat, pollution and climate change, all resulting from human activities. The current high rates of ecosystem damage and extinction can be slowed by activities such as protecting the integrity of living systems (the biosphere) and enhancing the habitat of the earth.

# Interference with the Nitrogen Phosphorus Cycles (i.e., Biogeochemical Flows)

The boundary for biogeochemical flows includes flows for both phosphorus (P) and nitrogen (N). The suggested boundary for P is 11

teragrams (Tg) P per year and 62 Tg N per year. As of February 14, 2023, the current flow of P is about 22 Tg per year and 150 Tg of N per year. Therefore, the boundary has been crossed. The increase in biochemical flows has been caused by human activities (e.g. industrial and agricultural processes, including the use of fertilizer in agricultural production). Nitrogen and Phosphorus can enter aquatic systems causing adverse changes to marine and aquatic life.

#### **Novel Entities (Chemical pollution)**

The boundary for novel entities represents new substances, new forms of existing substances and modified life forms that have the potential for unwanted geophysical and biological effects. These substances include chemicals and other types of engineered materials. As of February 14, 2023, the scientific community considers the novel entities planetary boundary to be crossed. Emissions of chemicals such as synthetic organic pollutants, heavy metal compounds and radioactive materials can have potentially irreversible effects on living organisms and on the physical environment. For example, persistent organic compounds have caused dramatic reductions in bird populations and impaired reproduction and development in marine mammals.

# Land system change

The boundary for land system change is that no less than 75% of original forest cover should remain as forestland. As of February 14, 2023, approximately 62% of original forest cover remains as forestland. Therefore, the boundary has been crossed. Land system change is one factor negatively affecting biodiversity, water flows and the biogeochemical cycling of carbon, nitrogen and phosphorus and other important elements. While land system changes generally occur on a local scale, the aggregated impacts can have consequences on a global scale.

# **Freshwater Change**

The boundary for freshwater usage is 4000 cubic kilometres (km3) per year of consumptive water use. As of February 14, 2023, consumptive freshwater use is estimated to be 2600 km3 per year. Therefore, the boundary has not been crossed. The consequences of human modification of water bodies include both global-scale river flow changes and shifts in vapor flows arising from land use change. As fresh water becomes less available, there will be increased pressure from local and regional groups to intervene in water systems and their flows which may affect other planetary boundaries such as climate change and land use.

The original freshwater boundary mentioned above (freshwater usage) only focuses on extraction of water in rivers, lakes, and groundwater (this is known as blue water). In 2022 researchers have investigated freshwater boundary in more detail, because the original assessment did not explicitly consider the role of green water and particularly soil moisture for ensuring the resilience of the biosphere, for securing land carbon sinks, and for regulating atmospheric circulation. Provisional estimates demonstrate that the green water portion of the planetary boundary has been crossed. The blue water portion of the boundary remains within the safe operating zone but the newly introduced green water portion of the boundary is considered to be outside of the safe operating zone. Therefore, the boundary has been partially crossed.

# **Ocean Acidification**

The boundary is defined in terms of the marine saturation level of aragonite, a form of calcium carbonate. The boundary is set at a minimum of 2.75, or 80% of the pre-industrial level of 3.44. As of February 14, 2023, the level is 2.9 or 84% of the pre-industrial level. Therefore, the boundary has not yet been crossed.

Approximately one fourth of the CO2 emitted into the atmosphere is ultimately dissolved in the oceans where it forms carbonic acid, altering ocean chemistry and decreasing the pH of the surface water. This increased acidity reduces the amount of available carbonate ions, an essential 'building block' used by many marine species for shell and skeleton formation. Beyond a threshold concentration, this rising acidity makes it hard for organisms, such as corals and some shellfish and plankton species, to grow and survive. Losses of these species could change the structure and dynamics of ocean ecosystems and could potentially lead to drastic reductions in fish stocks.

# Stratospheric ozone depletion

The boundary for stratospheric ozone levels is a minimum of 276 Dobson Units (DU), which corresponds to a maximum allowable depletion of 5% below the pre-industrial ozone levels of 290 DU. As of February 14, 2023, DU levels are at 283. Therefore, the boundary has not been crossed.

The stratospheric ozone layer in the atmosphere filters out ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun. If this layer decreases, increasing amounts of UV radiation will reach ground level. This can cause a higher incidence of skin cancer in humans as well as damage to terrestrial and marine biological systems.

# Atmospheric aerosol loading

The boundary for atmospheric aerosol loading is defined in terms of aerosol optical depth (AOD). The science surrounding the boundary is still evolving but has been set at an AOD of 0.25 with a zone of uncertainty of 0.25 to 0.5. As of February 14, 2023, the annual mean AOD is about 0.3, within the zone of uncertainty.

Aerosols affect the earth's climate system. For example, through their interaction with water vapor, aerosols play a critical role in the hydrological cycle affecting cloud formation as well as global and regional patterns of atmospheric circulation, such as the monsoon systems in tropical regions. Aerosols also have a direct effect on climate, by changing how much solar radiation is reflected or absorbed in the atmosphere. Aerosols also affect humans since breathing highly polluted air may cause illness or cancer. Humans change the aerosol loading by emitting atmospheric pollution and also through land-use change that increases the release of dust and smoke into the air.

The fund may invest in cash or short-term money market instruments for the purpose of meeting redemption requests, making other anticipated cash payments, or while searching for investment opportunities and/or due to general market, economic, or political conditions.

A fund may deviate from its principal investment strategies during transition periods, which may include the reassignment of portfolio

management, a change in investment objective or strategy, a reorganization or liquidation, or the occurrence of large inflows or outflows.

#### Temporary defensive investing

A fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in cash, money market instruments, repurchase agreements, or other short-term instruments for the purpose of protecting the fund in the event the manager determines that market, economic, political, or other conditions warrant a defensive posture.

To the extent that the fund is in a defensive position, its ability to achieve its investment objective will be limited.

#### **Global Thematic Opportunities Fund**

**Investment Objective:** The fund seeks growth through capital appreciation by investing mainly in equities of companies that may benefit from global long-term market themes.

The Board of Trustees can change the fund's investment objective and strategies without shareholder approval.

The fund aims to achieve capital growth by investing mainly in equities and equity-related securities (including American, Global, and European Depositary Receipts (ADRs, GDRs, and EDRs)) issued by companies throughout the world. Under normal market conditions, at least 40% of the value of the fund's net assets will be invested in securities of issuers domiciled outside of the United States, including in emerging markets (Foreign Companies), unless the manager deems market conditions and/or company valuations to be less favorable to Foreign Companies, in which case, the fund will invest at least 30% of its net assets in Foreign Companies. This includes securities of foreign issuers that trade on U.S. exchanges. The fund may employ a thematic investing approach, which refers to the process of identifying significant macroeconomic trends and the underlying investments that stand to benefit from the materialization of those trends. The fund will invest mainly in securities anticipated to benefit from global long-term market themes resulting from changes in economic and social factors such as demographics, lifestyles, regulations, or the environment.

The fund may invest in all types of equity and equity-related securities, including, without limitation, exchange-traded and over-the-counter common and preferred stocks, warrants, options, rights, convertible securities, sponsored and unsponsored depositary receipts and shares, trust certificates, participatory notes, limited partnership interests, shares of other investment companies (including exchange-traded funds (ETFs)), real estate investment trusts (REITs), and equity participations. The fund may invest in companies of any market capitalization.

The manager considers environmental, social, and/or governance (ESG) factors, alongside other relevant factors, as part of its investment process. ESG factors may include, but are not limited to, matters regarding board diversity, climate change policies, and supply chain and human rights policies. The ESG characteristics utilized in the fund's investment process may change over time and one or more characteristics may not be relevant with respect to all issuers that are eligible fund investments. Because ESG factors are considered alongside

other relevant factors, the manager may determine that an investment is appropriate notwithstanding its relative ESG characteristics.

The fund may invest in any country (including emerging market countries), in any economic sector and in any currency. However, depending on market conditions, the investments may be focused in one or more countries, sectors and/or currencies.

The fund may invest in China A-shares listed and traded on the certain Chinese stock exchanges through Stock Connect programs. The fund's investment process may result in a high portfolio turnover ratio and increased trading expenses.

The fund may invest in or use derivatives for hedging and non-hedging purposes in a manner consistent with the investment objective of the fund. Derivatives may be used for hedging purposes in the event of significant cash flows into or out of the fund and to provide protection for the fund, and may include futures and options. Derivatives may be used for non-hedging purposes in order to invest indirectly in securities or financial markets and to gain exposure to other currencies. Please refer to "Hedging and other strategic transactions risk" in the Statement of Additional Information (SAI).

The fund may invest in cash or short-term money market instruments for the purpose of meeting redemption requests, making other anticipated cash payments, or while searching for investment opportunities and/or due to general market, economic, or political conditions.

The fund may also enter into securities lending, repurchase and reverse repurchase transactions to generate additional income and/or as a short-term cash management tool.

A fund may deviate from its principal investment strategies during transition periods, which may include the reassignment of portfolio management, a change in investment objective or strategy, a reorganization or liquidation, or the occurrence of large inflows or outflows.

# Temporary defensive investing

A fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in cash, money market instruments, repurchase agreements, or other short-term instruments for the purpose of protecting the fund in the event the manager determines that market, economic, political, or other conditions warrant a defensive posture.

To the extent that the fund is in a defensive position, its ability to achieve its investment objective will be limited.

#### Infrastructure Fund

**Investment Objective:** The fund seeks total return from capital appreciation and income, with an emphasis on absolute returns over a full market cycle.

The Board of Trustees can change the fund's investment objective and strategies without shareholder approval. The fund will provide written notice to shareholders at least 60 days prior to a change in its 80% investment policy.

The fund pursues its objective by investing, under normal circumstances, at least 80% of its net assets (plus borrowings for investment purposes)

in global securities of companies with infrastructure-related assets. Because the fund normally invests more than 25% of its assets in global securities of infrastructure-related assets, the fund is considered to be "concentrated" in industries represented by infrastructure companies. For purposes of this policy, global securities include: common stock, depositary receipts, real estate securities (including real estate investment trusts (REITs)), master limited partnerships (MLPs) (up to a maximum of 25% of the fund's net assets), preferred stock, rights, warrants, exchange-traded funds (ETFs), and debt securities (up to a maximum of 20% of the fund's net assets). Also for purposes of this policy, infrastructure-related assets are long-lived physical assets that are held by companies, including financial holding companies, that engage in the ownership, management, construction, development, renovation, operation, use or financing of infrastructure assets, or that provide the services and raw materials necessary for the construction and maintenance of infrastructure assets. Infrastructure assets are the physical structures, networks and systems which provide necessary services for the function, growth and development of society, including but not limited to utilities, pipelines, toll roads, airports, railroads, ports, telecommunications and other infrastructure companies.

The fund typically invests in companies with long-lived physical assets. Companies with long-lived physical assets are those that the manager believes possess an advantageous competitive position based upon regulatory, contractual, or physical qualities due to typically having multidecade operational lives, being resilient in the face of technological advances, having rising replacement costs, and enjoying limited substitution risk. The manager believes investment in these types of companies can contribute to attractive, long-term absolute returns. The fund also seeks to mitigate losses during periods of unfavorable equity market conditions through a portfolio that will generally exhibit lower beta, or volatility, relative to the broader universe of global equity securities. While not managed explicitly for yield, the securities in which the fund invests may often provide higher dividend yields than the broader equity market. The fund is not managed to track a benchmark index.

The fund may invest in debt securities, including convertible bonds, without any maturity limit and of any credit quality, including high-yield securities (i.e., junk bonds). The fund may also invest in cash, cash equivalents, and derivative instruments, all as deemed by the manager to be consistent with the fund's investment objective. Derivatives transactions that the fund may engage in include exchange- and over-the-counter-traded transactions in swaps, forward contracts, options, currency derivatives (including currency forwards, futures, options, and spot transactions), and similar derivative instruments or combinations thereof for the purpose of reducing risk, obtaining efficient market exposure, and/or enhancing investment returns. Country and regional weights are a result of bottom-up security selection and are typically unconstrained; however, the fund will generally be diversified regionally across global equity markets, including emerging markets. The fund invests in companies across the market-capitalization spectrum. The maximum position in any individual security will typically be less than 10% of the fund's net assets. Generally, less than 10% of the fund's net assets will be invested in cash and cash equivalents, but can be as high as 20%.

The manager considers environmental, social, and/or governance (ESG) factors, alongside other relevant factors, as part of its investment process. ESG factors may include, but are not limited to, matters regarding board diversity, climate change policies, and supply chain and human rights policies. The ESG characteristics utilized in the fund's investment process may change over time and one or more characteristics may not be relevant with respect to all issuers that are eligible fund investments. Because ESG factors are considered alongside other relevant factors, the manager may determine that an investment is appropriate notwithstanding its relative ESG characteristics.

The fund seeks to outperform global equity markets during periods of flat or negative market performance. Conversely, the fund may underperform during periods of strong market performance. Although the fund seeks positive total returns over time, the fund's investment returns may be volatile over short periods of time and there can be no assurance that the fund's returns over time, or during any period, will be positive.

The fund may invest in cash or money market instruments for the purpose of meeting redemption requests or making other anticipated cash payments.

A fund may deviate from its principal investment strategies during transition periods, which may include the reassignment of portfolio management, a change in investment objective or strategy, a reorganization or liquidation, or the occurrence of large inflows or outflows.

# Temporary defensive investing

A fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in cash, money market instruments, or other investment-grade short-term securities for the purpose of protecting the fund in the event the manager determines that market, economic, political, or other conditions warrant a defensive posture.

To the extent that the fund is in a defensive position, its ability to achieve its investment objective will be limited.

# International Dynamic Growth Fund

Investment Objective: The fund seeks capital appreciation.

The Board of Trustees can change the fund's investment objective and strategies without shareholder approval.

The manager seeks to achieve the fund's investment objective by investing in equity investments that the manager believes will provide higher returns than the MSCI ACWI ex USA Growth Index.

The fund primarily invests in a diversified portfolio of equity securities of foreign companies in a number of developed and emerging markets outside of the U.S. The fund defines foreign companies as companies: (i) that are organized under the laws of a foreign country; (ii) whose principal trading market is in a foreign country; or (iii) that have a majority of their assets, or that derive a majority of their revenue or profits, from businesses, investments or sales outside of the United States. The manager will consider, but is not limited to, MSCI market classifications in determining whether a country is a developed or emerging market country. Although the fund may invest in companies of any market-capitalization, the fund typically invests in companies with a

market capitalization over \$250 million. The fund may focus its investments in a particular sector or sectors of the economy. The fund invests primarily in common stocks, but may also invest in participatory notes.

The manager's growth philosophy and process is focused on fundamental, bottom-up stock selection and includes three key elements: (i) positive fundamental changes, (ii) sustainable earnings growth, and (iii) an attractive valuation. The manager's investment process generally begins with the broad universe of securities included in international equity indices, including China A-shares. To focus its fundamental research, the manager collects, scores and monitors forward looking operational data related to specific companies, industries, and sectors. It then seeks to identify quantifiable changes by consistently tracking these data points. Once the manager has identified a positive change, it holistically assesses the key company, industry, secular, macro and country stock drivers and compares them to consensus expectations. The company fundamentally receives a risk/return rating using the following metrics: the return rating captures the: i) magnitude of positive change; ii) sustainability of growth, iii) and valuation, and risk rating captures the: i) enterprise characteristics, ii) financial soundness, iii) structural factors, and iv) statistical factors. The ranking is designed to help the portfolio management team build a portfolio with consistent and balanced risk/return characteristics.

The manager considers environmental, social, and/or governance (ESG) factors, alongside other relevant factors, as part of its investment process. ESG factors may include, but are not limited to, matters regarding board diversity, climate change policies, and supply chain and human rights policies. The ESG characteristics utilized in the fund's investment process may change over time and one or more characteristics may not be relevant with respect to all issuers that are eligible fund investments. Because ESG factors are considered alongside other relevant factors, the manager may determine that an investment is appropriate notwithstanding its relative ESG characteristics.

The operational metrics and investment thesis of the portfolio's holdings are continuously monitored to ensure the ranking/weighting of each security in the portfolio is appropriate given the level of risk/return. The fund may trade securities actively as the investment thesis improves or deteriorates.

A fund may deviate from its principal investment strategies during transition periods, which may include the reassignment of portfolio management, a change in investment objective or strategy, a reorganization or liquidation, or the occurrence of large inflows or outflows.

# Temporary defensive investing

A fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in cash, money market instruments, repurchase agreements, or other short-term instruments for the purpose of protecting the fund in the event the manager determines that market, economic, political, or other conditions warrant a defensive posture.

To the extent that the fund is in a defensive position, its ability to achieve its investment objective will be limited.

# Seaport Long/Short Fund

Investment Objective: The fund seeks capital appreciation.

The Board of Trustees can change the fund's investment objective and strategies without shareholder approval.

The fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by allocating its assets to a number of investment strategies (Strategies), through which the fund will take both physical and synthetic long positions and synthetic short exposures in a variety of equity and derivative instruments. The fund may hold significant synthetic long and short exposures. The Strategies will be implemented by Wellington Management. Each Strategy will be managed by a separate portfolio management team at the manager pursuant to allocations provided by the advisor from time to time. The manager generally will employ bottom-up fundamental analysis to identify attractive investment opportunities for long positions in securities of companies throughout the world that the manager believes are undervalued or expects to experience high levels of growth. The manager also seeks to identify sectors, industries, or asset classes that may be overvalued or may experience low levels of growth and may take significant synthetic short exposures in derivatives on exchange-traded pooled investment vehicles (e.g., ETFs) and/or indices in any such industries or asset classes. The fund generally will not invest in companies with a market capitalization below \$500 million at the time of purchase. The fund expects to maintain significant synthetic long exposures on individual companies and short exposures, primarily on: exchange-traded pooled investment vehicles (e.g., ETFs) and/or derivative instruments. In certain circumstances, the fund's synthetic short exposures may reach or exceed the size of the fund's overall long positions. Generally, the fund does not intend to take synthetic short exposures to individual stocks. The fund also may invest in high-yield debt securities (i.e., junk bonds) and master limited partnerships.

The fund may hold physical and synthetic long positions or synthetic short exposures in derivative instruments, including futures and forward contracts, such as interest-rate futures and foreign currency forward contracts; swaps, such as interest-rate swaps, credit default swaps, or total return swaps; call and put options; or warrants and rights. Any of these derivatives may be used in an effort to obtain synthetic leverage, enhance returns or to hedge the fund's positions by managing or adjusting the risk profile of the fund or its positions. In addition to derivative instruments, the fund may also invest in repurchase agreements and reverse repurchase agreements.

The fund will allocate its investments across a broad range of multiple sectors, or Strategies. The Strategies in which the fund will typically invest include investment strategies that are diversified or that focus on individual sectors, including financial services, healthcare, information technology, energy, biotechnology, and/or natural resources. The Strategies and percentage of fund assets invested in an individual Strategy will change as investment opportunities are identified by the advisor in consultation with the manager. For each Strategy, the manager has a distinct investment philosophy and analytical process. The manager selects its physical and synthetic long positions and synthetic short exposures within each Strategy by analyzing a number of factors, such as business environment, management quality, balance sheet,

income statement, anticipated earnings, expected growth rates, revenues, dividends, and other related measures of value.

Each Strategy selects its long investments based on proprietary research, fundamental security selection decisions, and a strict bottom-up process. As a result, the aggregate fund portfolio will represent a wide range of investment philosophies, companies, industries, and market capitalizations. Synthetic short exposures may be selected based on fundamental research, and will be utilized to reduce equity market exposures and to help protect against macro factors. When considered appropriate, synthetic short exposures may also be selected as part of a cyclical view on a sector or when a sector is considered overvalued. In both scenarios, synthetic short exposures are implemented by a range of market vehicles.

The manager considers environmental, social, and/or governance (ESG) factors, alongside other relevant factors, as part of its investment process. ESG factors may include, but are not limited to, matters regarding board diversity, climate change policies, and supply chain and human rights policies. The ESG characteristics utilized in the fund's investment process may change over time and one or more characteristics may not be relevant with respect to all issuers that are eligible fund investments. Because ESG factors are considered alongside other relevant factors, the manager may determine that an investment is appropriate notwithstanding its relative ESG characteristics.

In addition to physical and synthetic long positions and synthetic short exposures, the manager may invest in debt instruments, which include, but are not limited to, bonds, bank loans (including loan participations), asset-backed securities, mortgage-backed securities, convertible securities, foreign currency-denominated foreign securities, U.S. and foreign government securities, hybrid securities (including convertible bonds, contingent convertible/capital securities, and similarly structured securities), derivatives, currencies, and reverse repurchase agreements. Direct investments in loans may be illiquid and holding a loan could expose the fund to the risks of being a direct lender. The fund also may invest in derivatives, which would have the effect of magnifying gains and losses from the fund's investments.

The fund may actively trade its portfolio securities.

The fund may invest in cash or money market instruments for the purpose of meeting redemption requests or making other anticipated cash payments.

A fund may deviate from its principal investment strategies during transition periods, which may include the reassignment of portfolio management, a change in investment objective or strategy, a reorganization or liquidation, or the occurrence of large inflows or outflows.

#### **Securities lending**

The fund may lend its securities so long as such loans do not represent more than 331/3% of the fund's total assets. The borrower will provide collateral to the lending portfolio so that the value of the loaned security will be fully collateralized. The collateral may consist of cash, cash equivalents, or securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government or its agencies or instrumentalities. The borrower must also agree to increase the collateral if the value of the loaned securities increases. As with other extensions of credit, there are risks of delay in recovery or even loss of rights in the collateral should the borrower of the securities fail financially.

# Temporary defensive investing

A fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in cash, money market instruments, or other investment-grade short-term securities for the purpose of protecting the fund in the event the manager determines that market, economic, political, or other conditions warrant a defensive posture.

To the extent that the fund is in a defensive position, its ability to achieve its investment objective will be limited.

# **Small Cap Core Fund**

Investment Objective: The fund seeks long-term capital appreciation.

The Board of Trustees can change the fund's investment objective and strategies without shareholder approval. The fund will provide written notice to shareholders at least 60 days prior to a change in its 80% investment policy.

Under normal market conditions, the fund invests at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in equity securities of small-capitalization companies. The fund considers small-capitalization companies to be those companies that, at the time of investment, are in the capitalization range of the Russell 2000 Index, which had a maximum market capitalization of \$14.77 billion as of December 31, 2024. The fund generally will not invest in companies that, at the time of purchase, have market capitalizations of \$5 billion or more. Equity securities include common and preferred stocks, rights, warrants, and depositary receipts (including ADRs, American Depositary Shares, European Depositary Receipts, and Global Depositary Receipts).

In managing the fund, the manager emphasizes a bottom-up approach to individual stock selection. The manager looks for companies with durable, niche business models that have the potential to allow them to earn high returns on capital and that are trading at a significant discount to the manager's estimate of fair value. With the aid of proprietary financial models, companies are screened based on a number of factors, including balance sheet quality, profitability, liquidity, size, and risk profile.

The manager then conducts in-depth fundamental research of individual companies to locate companies that have particular attributes, such as cash flow and earnings growth visibility, manageable risks, including business risk and financial risk, and above-average return on capital. Stocks considered for inclusion in the portfolio may also be experiencing some type of temporary weakness or short-term mispricing due to various factors, such as an inflection point in earnings power, turnaround situations, or a near-term earnings event.

The fund intends to invest in a number of different sectors. The sectors in which the fund invests are primarily a result of stock selection and may, therefore, vary significantly from its benchmark. The fund may focus its investments in a particular sector or sectors of the economy. The fund may invest up to 10% of its total assets in foreign securities, including in emerging markets, which includes securities for which the relevant

reference entity is domiciled outside of the United States, such as ADRs, which trade on U.S. exchanges.

The manager considers environmental, social, and/or governance (ESG) factors, alongside other relevant factors, as part of its investment process. ESG factors may include, but are not limited to, matters regarding board diversity, climate change policies, and supply chain and human rights policies. The ESG characteristics utilized in the fund's investment process may change over time and one or more characteristics may not be relevant with respect to all issuers that are eligible fund investments. Because ESG factors are considered alongside other relevant factors, the manager may determine that an investment is appropriate notwithstanding its relative ESG characteristics.

The fund may invest in initial public offerings (IPOs). The fund may also purchase real estate investment trusts (REITs) or other real estate-related equity securities, and certain exchange-traded funds (ETFs). The fund may also purchase warrants and rights on certain underlying securities, both U.S. dollar-denominated and otherwise.

The fund normally will invest 10% or less of its total assets in cash and cash equivalents, including repurchase agreements, money market securities, U.S. government securities, and other short-term investments. The fund may, to a limited extent, engage in derivatives transactions that include futures contracts and foreign currency forward contracts, in each case for the purposes of reducing risk and/or obtaining efficient market exposure.

The fund may invest in cash or money market instruments for the purpose of meeting redemption requests or making other anticipated cash payments.

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# Temporary defensive investing

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To the extent that the fund is in a defensive position, its ability to achieve its investment objective will be limited.

# **Principal risks of investing**

An investment in a fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. Each fund's shares will go up and down in price, meaning that you could lose money by investing in the fund. Many factors influence a fund's performance. A fund's investment strategy may not produce the intended results.

Instability in the financial markets has led many governments, including the U.S. government, to take a number of unprecedented actions designed to support certain financial institutions and segments of the financial markets that have experienced extreme volatility and, in some cases, a lack of liquidity. Federal, state, and other governments, and their regulatory agencies or self-regulatory organizations, may take actions that affect the regulation of the instruments in which a fund invests, or the issuers of such instruments, in ways that are unforeseeable. Legislation or regulation may also change the way in which each fund itself is regulated. Such legislation or regulation could limit or preclude each fund's ability to achieve its investment objective. In addition, political events within the United States and abroad could negatively impact financial markets and each fund's performance. Further, certain municipalities of the United States and its territories are financially strained and may face the possibility of default on their debt obligations, which could directly or indirectly detract from each fund's performance.

Governments or their agencies may also acquire distressed assets from financial institutions and acquire ownership interests in those institutions. The implications of government ownership and disposition of these assets are unclear, and such a program may have positive or negative effects on the liquidity, valuation, and performance of each fund's portfolio holdings. Furthermore, volatile financial markets can expose each fund to greater market and liquidity risk, increased transaction costs, and potential difficulty in valuing portfolio instruments held by each fund.

The principal risks of investing in each fund are summarized in its fund summary above. Below are descriptions of the main factors that may play a role in shaping a fund's overall risk profile. The descriptions appear in alphabetical order, not in order of importance. For further details about fund risks, including additional risk factors that are not discussed in this prospectus because they are not considered primary factors, see the funds' Statement of Additional Information (SAI).

#### Asset allocation risk

Although asset allocation among different asset categories generally limits risk and exposure to any one category, the risk remains that the subadvisor may favor an asset category that performs poorly relative to the other asset categories. To the extent that alternative asset categories underperform the general stock market, the fund would perform poorly relative to a fund invested primarily in the general stock market.

#### Biotechnology industry risk

The biotechnology industry is affected by government regulatory requirements, regulatory approval for new drugs and medical products, patent considerations, product liability, and similar matters, which could have a negative effect on the price, profitability, and availability of products and services. In addition, this industry is characterized by competition and rapid technological developments that may make a company's products or services obsolete in a short period of time. Regulations have been proposed to increase the availability and affordability of prescription drugs, including proposals to increase access to generic drugs and to increase the rebates paid by drug manufacturers in exchange for Medicaid coverage of their products. Whether such proposals will be adopted cannot be predicted. In addition, such companies face increasing competition from existing generic drugs, the termination of their patent protection for certain drugs, and technological advances that render their products or services obsolete. The research and development costs required to bring a drug to market

are substantial and may include a lengthy review by the government, with no guarantee that the product will ever be brought to market or show a profit.

In the past, the biotechnology sector experienced considerable volatility in reaction to research and other business developments that may affect only one or a few companies within the sector. The market values of investments in the biotechnology industry are often based upon speculation and expectations about future products, research progress, and new product filings with regulatory authorities. In addition, compared with more developed industries, there may be a thin trading market in biotechnology securities.

#### Cash and cash equivalents risk

Under certain market conditions, such as during a rising stock market, rising interest rate or rising credit spread markets, the use of cash and/or cash equivalents, including money market instruments, could have a negative effect on the fund's ability to achieve its investment objective and may negatively impact the fund's performance. To the extent that the fund invests in a money market fund, the fund will indirectly bear a proportionate share of the money market fund's expenses, in addition to the operating expenses of the fund, which are borne directly by fund shareholders. In addition, while money market funds seek to maintain a stable net asset value, the value of a money market fund is not guaranteed and investors in money market funds can lose money, which could detract from the fund's performance.

#### **Commodity risk**

The market price of commodity investments may be volatile due to fluctuating demand, supply disruption, speculation, and other factors. Certain commodity investments may have no active trading market at times. The value of commodities investments will generally be affected by overall market movements and factors specific to a particular industry or commodity, which may include weather, pandemics, epidemics, embargoes, tariffs, and health, political, international and regulatory developments. Economic and other events (whether real or perceived) can reduce the demand for commodities, which may reduce market prices and cause the value of shares of the fund to fall. Exposure to commodities and commodities markets may subject the fund to greater volatility than investments in traditional securities. Certain types of commodities instruments (such as total return swaps and commodity-linked notes) are subject to the risk that the counterparty to the instrument will not perform or will be unable to perform in accordance with the terms of the instrument. To the extent commodity-related investments are held through the Subsidiary, the Subsidiary is not subject to U.S. laws (including securities laws) and their protections. The Subsidiary is subject to the laws of the Cayman Islands, a foreign jurisdiction, and may be affected by developments in that jurisdiction.

#### **Concentration risk**

When a fund's investments are focused in one or more industries or sectors of the economy, they are less broadly invested across industries or sectors than other funds. This means that concentrated funds tend to be more volatile than other funds, and the values of their investments tend to go up and down more rapidly. In addition, a fund that invests in particular industries or sectors is particularly susceptible to the impact of market, economic, political, regulatory, and other conditions and risks affecting those industries or sectors. From time to time, a small number of companies may represent a large portion of a single industry or sector or a group of related industries or sectors as a whole.

# **Convertible securities risk**

Convertible securities are subject to certain risks of both equity and debt securities. Convertible securities may be converted or exchanged (by the holder or by the issuer) into shares of the underlying common stock (or cash or securities of equivalent value) at a stated exchange ratio. A convertible security may also be called for redemption or conversion by the issuer after a particular date and under certain circumstances (including a specified price) established upon issue. Convertible securities generally offer lower interest or dividend yields than nonconvertible fixed-income securities of similar credit quality because of the potential for capital appreciation. The market values of convertible securities tend to decline as interest rates increase and, conversely, to increase as interest rates decline. However, a convertible security's market value also tends to reflect the market price of common stock of the issuing company, particularly when that stock price is greater than the convertible security's conversion price. The conversion price is defined as the predetermined price or exchange ratio at which the convertible security can be converted or exchanged for the underlying common stock. As the market price of the underlying common stock declines below the conversion price, the price of the convertible security tends to be increasingly influenced by the yield of the convertible security. Thus, it may not decline in price to the same extent as the underlying common stock. In the event of a liquidation of the issuing company, convertible securities generally entail less risk than the company's common stock.

# Credit and counterparty risk

This is the risk that an issuer of a U.S. government security, the issuer or guarantor of a fixed-income security, the counterparty to an over-the-counter (OTC) derivatives contract (see "Hedging, derivatives, and other strategic transactions risk"), or a borrower of a fund's securities will be unable or unwilling to make timely principal, interest, or settlement payments, or otherwise honor its obligations. Credit risk associated with investments in fixed-income securities relates to the ability of the issuer to make scheduled payments of principal and interest on an obligation. A fund that invests in fixed-income securities is subject to varying degrees of risk that the issuers of the securities will have their credit ratings downgraded or will default, potentially reducing the fund's share price and income level. Nearly all fixed-income securities are subject to some credit risk, which may vary depending upon whether the issuers of the securities are corporations, domestic or foreign governments, or their subdivisions or instrumentalities. U.S. government securities are subject to varying degrees of credit risk depending upon whether the securities are supported by the full faith and credit of the United States; supported by the ability to borrow from the U.S. Treasury; supported only by the credit of the issuing U.S. government agency, instrumentality, or corporation; or otherwise supported by the United States. For example, issuers of many types of U.S. government securities (e.g., the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac), Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae), and Federal

Home Loan Banks), although chartered or sponsored by Congress, are not funded by congressional appropriations, and their fixed-income securities, including asset-backed and mortgage-backed securities, are neither guaranteed nor insured by the U.S. government. An agency of the U.S. government has placed Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac into conservatorship, a statutory process with the objective of returning the entities to normal business operations. It is unclear what effect this conservatorship will have on the securities issued or guaranteed by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac. As a result, these securities are subject to more credit risk than U.S. government securities that are supported by the full faith and credit of the United States (e.g., U.S. Treasury bonds). When a fixed-income security is not rated, a manager may have to assess the risk of the security itself. Asset-backed securities, whose principal and interest payments are supported by pools of other assets, such as credit card receivables and automobile loans, are subject to further risks, including the risk that the obligors of the underlying assets default on payment of those assets.

Funds that invest in below-investment-grade securities, also called junk bonds (e.g., fixed-income securities rated Ba or lower by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or BB or lower by S&P Global Ratings or Fitch Ratings, as applicable, at the time of investment, or determined by a manager to be of comparable quality to securities so rated) are subject to increased credit risk. The sovereign debt of many foreign governments, including their subdivisions and instrumentalities, falls into this category. Below-investment-grade securities offer the potential for higher investment returns than higher-rated securities, but they carry greater credit risk: their issuers' continuing ability to meet principal and interest payments is considered speculative, they are more susceptible to real or perceived adverse economic and competitive industry conditions, and they may be less liquid than higher-rated securities.

In addition, a fund is exposed to credit risk to the extent that it makes use of OTC derivatives (such as forward foreign currency contracts and/or swap contracts) and engages to a significant extent in the lending of fund securities or the use of repurchase agreements. OTC derivatives transactions can be closed out with the other party to the transaction. If the counterparty defaults, a fund will have contractual remedies, but there is no assurance that the counterparty will be able to meet its contractual obligations or that, in the event of default, a fund will succeed in enforcing them. A fund, therefore, assumes the risk that it may be unable to obtain payments owed to it under OTC derivatives contracts or that those payments may be delayed or made only after the fund has incurred the costs of litigation. While the manager intends to monitor the creditworthiness of contract counterparties, there can be no assurance that the counterparty will be in a position to meet its obligations, especially during unusually adverse market conditions.

# Economic and market events risk

Events in certain sectors historically have resulted, and may in the future result, in an unusually high degree of volatility in the financial markets, both domestic and foreign. These events have included, but are not limited to: bankruptcies, corporate restructurings, and other similar events; bank failures; governmental efforts to limit short selling and high frequency trading; measures to address U.S. federal and state budget deficits; social, political, and economic instability in Europe; economic stimulus by the Japanese central bank; dramatic changes in energy prices and currency exchange rates; and China's economic slowdown. Interconnected global economies and financial markets increase the possibility that conditions in one country or region might adversely impact issuers in a different country or region. Both domestic and foreign equity markets have experienced increased volatility and turmoil, with issuers that have exposure to the real estate, mortgage, and credit markets particularly affected. Financial institutions could suffer losses as interest rates rise or economic conditions deteriorate.

In addition, relatively high market volatility and reduced liquidity in credit and fixed-income markets may adversely affect many issuers worldwide. Actions taken by the U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed) or foreign central banks to stimulate or stabilize economic growth, such as interventions in currency markets, could cause high volatility in the equity and fixed-income markets. Reduced liquidity may result in less money being available to purchase raw materials, goods, and services from emerging markets, which may, in turn, bring down the prices of these economic staples. It may also result in emerging-market issuers having more difficulty obtaining financing, which may, in turn, cause a decline in their securities prices.

In response to certain economic conditions, including periods of high inflation, governmental authorities and regulators may respond with significant fiscal and monetary policy changes such as raising interest rates. The fund may be subject to heightened interest rate risk when the Federal Reserve Board (Fed) raises interest rates. Recent and potential future changes in government monetary policy may affect interest rates. It is difficult to accurately predict the timing, frequency or magnitude of potential interest rate increases or decreases by the Fed and the evaluation of macro-economic and other conditions that could cause a change in approach in the future. If the Fed and other central banks increase the federal funds rate and equivalent rates, such increases generally will cause market interest rates to rise and could cause the value of a fund's investments, and the fund's net asset value (NAV), to decline, potentially suddenly and significantly. As a result, the fund may experience high redemptions and, as a result, increased portfolio turnover, which could increase the costs that the fund incurs and may negatively impact the fund's performance.

In addition, as the Fed increases the target Fed funds rate, any such rate increases, among other factors, could cause markets to experience continuing high volatility. A significant increase in interest rates may cause a decline in the market for equity securities. These events and the possible resulting market volatility may have an adverse effect on the fund.

Political turmoil within the United States and abroad may also impact the fund. Although the U.S. government has honored its credit obligations, it remains possible that the United States could default on its obligations. While it is impossible to predict the consequences of such an unprecedented event, it is likely that a default by the United States would be highly disruptive to the U.S. and global securities markets and could significantly impair the value of the fund's investments. Similarly, political events within the United States at times have resulted, and may in the future result, in a shutdown of government services, which could negatively affect the U.S. economy, decrease the value of many fund investments, and increase uncertainty in or impair the operation of the

U.S. or other securities markets. In recent years, the U.S. renegotiated many of its global trade relationships and imposed or threatened to impose significant import tariffs. These actions could lead to price volatility and overall declines in U.S. and global investment markets.

Uncertainties surrounding the sovereign debt of a number of European Union (EU) countries and the viability of the EU have disrupted and may in the future disrupt markets in the United States and around the world. If one or more countries leave the EU or the EU dissolves, the global securities markets likely will be significantly disrupted. On January 31, 2020, the United Kingdom (UK) left the EU, commonly referred to as "Brexit," the UK ceased to be a member of the EU, and the UK and EU entered into a Trade and Cooperation Agreement. While the full impact of Brexit is unknown, Brexit has already resulted in volatility in European and global markets. There remains significant market uncertainty regarding Brexit's ramifications, and the range and potential implications of possible political, regulatory, economic, and market outcomes are difficult to predict.

A widespread health crisis such as a global pandemic could cause substantial market volatility, exchange trading suspensions and closures, which may lead to less liquidity in certain instruments, industries, sectors or the markets generally, and may ultimately affect fund performance. For example, the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has resulted and may continue to result in significant disruptions to global business activity and market volatility due to disruptions in market access, resource availability, facilities operations, imposition of tariffs, export controls and supply chain disruption, among others. While many countries have lifted some or all restrictions related to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and the United States ended the public health emergency and national emergency declarations relating to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on May 11, 2023, the continued impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) and related variants is uncertain. The impact of a health crisis and other epidemics and pandemics that may arise in the future, could affect the global economy in ways that cannot necessarily be foreseen at the present time. A health crisis may exacerbate other pre-existing political, social and economic risks. Any such impact could adversely affect the fund's performance, resulting in losses to your investment.

Political and military events, including in Ukraine, North Korea, Russia, Venezuela, Iran, Syria, and other areas of the Middle East, and nationalist unrest in Europe and South America, also may cause market disruptions.

As a result of continued political tensions and armed conflicts, including the Russian invasion of Ukraine commencing in February of 2022, the extent and ultimate result of which are unknown at this time, the United States and the EU, along with the regulatory bodies of a number of countries, have imposed economic sanctions on certain Russian corporate entities and individuals, and certain sectors of Russia's economy, which may result in, among other things, the continued devaluation of Russian currency, a downgrade in the country's credit rating, and/or a decline in the value and liquidity of Russian securities, property or interests. These sanctions could also result in the immediate freeze of Russian securities and/or funds invested in prohibited assets, impairing the ability of a fund to buy, sell, receive or deliver those securities and/or assets. These sanctions or the threat of additional

sanctions could also result in Russia taking counter measures or retaliatory actions, which may further impair the value and liquidity of Russian securities. The United States and other nations or international organizations may also impose additional economic sanctions or take other actions that may adversely affect Russia-exposed issuers and companies in various sectors of the Russian economy. Any or all of these potential results could lead Russia's economy into a recession. Economic sanctions and other actions against Russian institutions, companies, and individuals resulting from the ongoing conflict may also have a substantial negative impact on other economies and securities markets both regionally and globally, as well as on companies with operations in the conflict region, the extent to which is unknown at this time. The United States and the EU have also imposed similar sanctions on Belarus for its support of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Additional sanctions may be imposed on Belarus and other countries that support Russia. Any such sanctions could present substantially similar risks as those resulting from the sanctions imposed on Russia, including substantial negative impacts on the regional and global economies and securities markets.

In addition, there is a risk that the prices of goods and services in the United States and many foreign economies may decline over time, known as deflation. Deflation may have an adverse effect on stock prices and creditworthiness and may make defaults on debt more likely. If a country's economy slips into a deflationary pattern, it could last for a prolonged period and may be difficult to reverse. Further, there is a risk that the present value of assets or income from investments will be less in the future, known as inflation. Inflation rates may change frequently and drastically as a result of various factors, including unexpected shifts in the domestic or global economy, and a fund's investments may be affected, which may reduce a fund's performance. Further, inflation may lead to the rise in interest rates, which may negatively affect the value of debt instruments held by the fund, resulting in a negative impact on a fund's performance. Generally, securities issued in emerging markets are subject to a greater risk of inflationary or deflationary forces, and more developed markets are better able to use monetary policy to normalize markets.

# **Energy sector risk**

The energy sector is cyclical and highly dependent on commodities prices. The market values of companies in the energy sector could be adversely affected by, among other factors, levels and volatility of global energy prices, commodity price volatility, energy supply and demand, changes in exchange rates and interest rates, imposition of import controls, increased competition, capital expenditures on exploration and production, depletion of resources, development of alternative energy sources and energy conservation efforts, technological developments, tax treatment, and labor relations. Companies in this sector are subject to substantial government regulation and contractual fixed pricing, which may increase the cost of business and limit these companies' earnings, and a significant portion of their revenues depends on a relatively small number of customers, including governmental entities and utilities. As a result, governmental budget constraints may have a material adverse effect on the stock prices of companies in this industry. Energy companies may also operate in or engage in transactions involving countries with less-developed regulatory regimes or a history of expropriation, nationalization, or other adverse policies. Energy

companies also face a significant risk of civil liability from accidents resulting in injury or loss of life or property, pollution or other environmental mishaps, equipment malfunctions or mishandling of materials, and a risk of loss from terrorism, political strife, and natural disasters. Any such event could have serious consequences for the general population of the area affected and result in a material adverse impact to the fund's holdings and the performance of the fund.

#### **Environmentally focused investing risk**

The fund's environmental criteria limit the available investments compared with funds with no such criteria. Under certain economic conditions, this could cause the fund to underperform funds that invest in a broader array of investments. Additionally, the application of the fund's environmentally responsible investment themes may affect the fund's exposure to certain sectors or types of investments and may impact the fund's investment performance depending on whether such sectors or investments are in or out of favor with the market. Certain investments may be dependent on U.S. and foreign government policies, including tax incentives and subsidies, as well as on political support for certain environmental initiatives and developments. The data provided by third parties may be incomplete, inaccurate or unavailable, which could cause the manager to incorrectly assess environmental data related to a particular company.

#### Equity securities risk

Common and preferred stocks represent equity ownership in a company. Stock markets are volatile. The price of equity securities will fluctuate, and can decline and reduce the value of a fund investing in equities. The price of equity securities fluctuates based on changes in a company's financial condition and overall market and economic conditions. The value of equity securities purchased by a fund could decline if the financial condition of the companies in which the fund is invested declines, or if overall market and economic conditions deteriorate. An issuer's financial condition could decline as a result of poor management decisions, competitive pressures, technological obsolescence, undue reliance on suppliers, labor issues, shortages, corporate restructurings, fraudulent disclosures, irregular and/or unexpected trading activity among retail investors, or other factors. Changes in the financial condition of a single issuer can impact the market as a whole.

Even a fund that invests in high-quality, or blue chip, equity securities, or securities of established companies with large market capitalizations (which generally have strong financial characteristics), can be negatively impacted by poor overall market and economic conditions. Companies with large market capitalizations may also have less growth potential than smaller companies and may be less able to react quickly to changes in the marketplace.

A fund generally does not attempt to time the market. Because of its exposure to equities, the possibility that stock market prices in general will decline over short or extended periods subjects the fund to unpredictable declines in the value of its investments, as well as periods of poor performance.

**Growth investment style risk.** Certain equity securities (generally referred to as growth securities) are purchased primarily because a manager believes that these securities will experience relatively rapid

earnings growth. Growth securities typically trade at higher multiples of current earnings than other securities. Growth securities are often more sensitive to market fluctuations than other securities because their market prices are highly sensitive to future earnings expectations. At times when it appears that these expectations may not be met, growth stock prices typically fall.

Value investment style risk. Certain equity securities (generally referred to as value securities) are purchased primarily because they are selling at prices below what the manager believes to be their fundamental value and not necessarily because the issuing companies are expected to experience significant earnings growth. The fund bears the risk that the companies that issued these securities may not overcome the adverse business developments or other factors causing their securities to be perceived by the manager to be underpriced or that the market may never come to recognize their fundamental value. A value security may not increase in price, as anticipated by the manager investing in such securities, if other investors fail to recognize the company's value and bid up the price or invest in markets favoring faster growing companies. The fund's strategy of investing in value securities also carries the risk that in certain markets, value securities will underperform growth securities. In addition, securities issued by U.S. entities with substantial foreign operations may involve risks relating to economic, political or regulatory conditions in foreign countries.

#### **ESG** integration risk

The manager considers ESG factors that it deems relevant or additive, along with other material factors and analysis, when managing a fund. The portion of a fund's investments for which a manager considers these ESG factors may vary, and could increase or decrease over time. A manager may consider these ESG factors on all or a meaningful portion of a fund's investments. In certain situations, the extent to which these ESG factors may be applied according to the manager's integrated investment process may not include U.S. Treasuries, government securities, or other asset classes. ESG factors may include, but are not limited to, matters regarding board diversity, climate change policies, and supply chain and human rights policies. Incorporating ESG criteria and making investment decisions based on certain ESG characteristics, as determined by the manager, carries the risk that a fund may perform differently, including underperforming, funds that do not utilize ESG criteria, or funds that utilize different ESG criteria. Integration of ESG factors into a fund's investment process may result in a manager making different investments for a fund than for a fund with a similar investment universe and/or investment style that does not incorporate such considerations in its investment strategy or processes, and a fund's investment performance may be affected. Because ESG factors are one of many considerations for a fund, the manager may nonetheless include companies with low ESG characteristics or exclude companies with high ESG characteristics in a fund's investments.

The ESG characteristics utilized in a fund's investment process may change over time, and different ESG characteristics may be relevant to different investments. Although the manager has established its own structure to oversee ESG integration in accordance with the fund's investment objective and strategies, successful integration of ESG factors will depend on the manager's skill in researching, identifying, and applying these factors, as well as on the availability of relevant data. The method of evaluating ESG factors and subsequent impact on portfolio composition, performance, proxy voting decisions and other factors, is subject to the interpretation of the manager in accordance with the fund's investment objective and strategies. ESG factors may be evaluated differently by different managers, and may not carry the same meaning to all investors and managers. The manager may employ active shareowner engagement to raise ESG issues with the management of select portfolio companies. The regulatory landscape with respect to ESG investing in the United States is evolving and any future rules or regulations may require a fund to change its investment process with respect to ESG integration.

#### **ESG** investing risk

Incorporating ESG criteria and investing primarily in instruments that have certain ESG characteristics, as determined by the manager, carries the risk that a fund may perform differently, including underperforming, funds that do not utilize an ESG investment strategy, or funds that utilize different ESG criteria. The application of ESG investment principles may affect a fund's exposure to certain sectors or types of investments and may impact a fund's investment performance. In certain situations, ESG criteria and characteristics may not apply equally to U.S. Treasuries, government securities, or other asset classes. A company's ESG performance or the manager's assessment of a company's ESG performance may change over time. In evaluating a company, the manager is reliant upon information and data that may turn out to be incomplete, inaccurate or unavailable, which may negatively impact the manager's assessment of a company's ESG performance. Although the manager has established its own process for evaluation of ESG factors, successful application of a fund's sustainable investment strategy will depend on the manager's skill in researching, identifying, and analyzing material ESG issues, as well as on the availability of relevant data. ESG factors may be evaluated differently by different managers, and may not carry the same meaning to all investors and managers.

The risk that a fund may forego opportunities to buy certain instruments when it might otherwise be advantageous to do so, or sell securities for ESG-related reasons when it might be otherwise disadvantageous for it to do so is heightened when ESG exclusionary criteria is applied. The manager may employ active shareowner engagement to raise ESG issues with the management of select portfolio companies. Throughout this process, the manager uses a variety of methods which may include engaging in dialogue with portfolio company management, participating in shareholder proposal filings, voting proxies in accordance with their proxy voting guidelines, and actively participating in the annual shareholder meeting process, among others. The manager will vote proxies in a manner that is consistent with its ESG investment criteria, which may not always be consistent with maximizing short-term performance of an issuer. The regulatory landscape with respect to ESG investing in the United States is evolving and any future rules or regulations may require a fund to change its investment process with respect to ESG integration.

#### Exchange-traded funds (ETFs) risk

ETFs are a type of investment company bought and sold on a securities exchange. A fund could purchase shares of an ETF to gain exposure to a

portion of the U.S. or a foreign market. The risks of owning shares of an ETF include the risks of directly owning the underlying securities and other instruments the ETF holds. A lack of liquidity in an ETF (e.g., absence of an active trading market) could result in the ETF being more volatile than its underlying securities. The existence of extreme market volatility or potential lack of an active trading market for an ETF's shares could result in the ETF's shares trading at a significant premium or discount to its net asset value (NAV). An ETF has its own fees and expenses, which are indirectly borne by the fund. A fund may also incur brokerage and other related costs when it purchases and sells ETFs. Also, in the case of passively-managed ETFs, there is a risk that an ETF may fail to closely track the index or market segment that it is designed to track due to delays in the ETF's implementation of changes to the composition of the index or other factors.

# Financial services sector risk

A fund investing principally in securities of companies in the financial services sector is particularly vulnerable to events affecting that sector. Companies in the financial services sector may include, but are not limited to, commercial and industrial banks, savings and loan associations and their holding companies, consumer and industrial finance companies, diversified financial services companies, investment banking, securities brokerage and investment advisory companies, leasing companies, and insurance companies. The types of companies that compose the financial services sector may change over time. These companies are all subject to extensive regulation, rapid business changes, volatile performance dependent upon the availability and cost of capital, prevailing interest rates, and significant competition. General economic conditions significantly affect these companies. Credit and other losses resulting from the financial difficulty of borrowers or other third parties have a potentially adverse effect on companies in this sector. Investment banking, securities brokerage, and investment advisory companies are particularly subject to government regulation and the risks inherent in securities trading and underwriting activities. In addition, certain financial services companies face shrinking profit margins due to new competitors, the cost of new technology, and the pressure to compete globally.

#### **Fixed-income securities risk**

Fixed-income securities are generally subject to two principal types of risk, as well as other risks described below: (1) interest-rate risk and (2) credit quality risk.

**Interest-rate risk.** Fixed-income securities are affected by changes in interest rates. When interest rates decline, the market value of fixed-income securities generally can be expected to rise. Conversely, when interest rates rise, the market value of fixed-income securities generally can be expected to decline. The longer the duration or maturity of a fixed-income security, the more susceptible it is to interest-rate risk. Duration is a measure of the price sensitivity of a debt security, or a fund that invests in a portfolio of debt securities, to changes in interest rates, whereas the maturity of a security measures the time until final payment is due. Duration measures sensitivity more accurately than maturity because it takes into account the time value of cash flows generated over the life of a debt security.

In response to certain economic conditions, including periods of high inflation, governmental authorities and regulators may respond with significant fiscal and monetary policy changes such as raising interest rates. The fund may be subject to heightened interest rate risk when the Federal Reserve Board (Fed) raises interest rates. Recent and potential future changes in government monetary policy may affect interest rates. It is difficult to accurately predict the timing, frequency or magnitude of potential interest rate increases or decreases by the Fed and the evaluation of macro-economic and other conditions that could cause a change in approach in the future. If the Fed and other central banks increase the federal funds rate and equivalent rates, such increases generally will cause market interest rates to rise and could cause the value of a fund's investments, and the fund's net asset value (NAV), to decline, potentially suddenly and significantly. As a result, the fund may experience high redemptions and, as a result, increased portfolio turnover, which could increase the costs that the fund incurs and may negatively impact the fund's performance.

In certain market conditions, governmental authorities and regulators may considerably lower interest rates, which, in some cases could result in negative interest rates. These actions, including their reversal or potential ineffectiveness, could further increase volatility in securities and other financial markets and reduce market liquidity. To the extent the fund has a bank deposit or holds a debt instrument with a negative interest rate to maturity, the fund would generate a negative return on that investment. Similarly, negative rates on investments by money market funds and similar cash management products could lead to losses on investments, including on investments of the fund's uninvested cash.

**Credit quality risk.** Fixed-income securities are subject to the risk that the issuer of the security will not repay all or a portion of the principal borrowed and will not make all interest payments. If the credit quality of a fixed-income security deteriorates after a fund has purchased the security, the market value of the security may decrease and lead to a decrease in the value of the fund's investments. An issuer's credit quality could deteriorate as a result of poor management decisions, competitive pressures, technological obsolescence, undue reliance on suppliers, labor issues, shortages, corporate restructurings, fraudulent disclosures, or other factors. Funds that may invest in lower-rated fixed-income securities, commonly referred to as junk securities, are riskier than funds that may invest in higher-rated fixed-income securities.

Investment-grade fixed-income securities in the lowest rating category risk. Investment-grade fixed-income securities in the lowest rating category (such as Baa by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or BBB by S&P Global Ratings or Fitch Ratings, as applicable, and comparable unrated securities) involve a higher degree of risk than fixed-income securities in the higher rating categories. While such securities are considered investment-grade quality and are deemed to have adequate capacity for payment of principal and interest, such securities lack outstanding investment characteristics and have speculative characteristics as well. For example, changes in economic conditions or other circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity to make principal and interest payments than is the case with higher-grade securities.

**Prepayment of principal risk.** Many types of debt securities, including floating-rate loans, are subject to prepayment risk. Prepayment risk is the risk that, when interest rates fall, certain types of obligations will be paid off by the borrower more quickly than originally anticipated and the fund may have to invest the proceeds in securities with lower yields. Securities subject to prepayment risk can offer less potential for gains when the credit quality of the issuer improves.

# Foreign securities risk

Funds that invest in securities traded principally in securities markets outside the United States are subject to additional and more varied risks, as the value of foreign securities may change more rapidly and extremely than the value of U.S. securities. Less information may be publicly available regarding foreign issuers, including foreign government issuers. Foreign securities may be subject to foreign taxes and may be more volatile than U.S. securities. Currency fluctuations and political and economic developments may adversely impact the value of foreign securities. The securities markets of many foreign countries are relatively small, with a limited number of companies representing a small number of industries. Additionally, issuers of foreign securities may not be subject to the same degree of regulation as U.S. issuers. Reporting, accounting, and auditing standards of foreign countries differ, in some cases significantly, from U.S. standards. There are generally higher commission rates on foreign portfolio transactions, transfer taxes, higher custodial costs, and the possibility that foreign taxes will be charged on dividends and interest payable on foreign securities, some or all of which may not be reclaimable. Also, adverse changes in investment or exchange control regulations (which may include suspension of the ability to transfer currency or assets from a country); political changes; or diplomatic developments could adversely affect a fund's investments. In the event of nationalization, expropriation, confiscatory taxation, or other confiscation, the fund could lose a substantial portion of, or its entire investment in, a foreign security. Some of the foreign securities risks are also applicable to funds that invest a material portion of their assets in securities of foreign issuers traded in the United States.

Depositary receipts are subject to most of the risks associated with investing in foreign securities directly because the value of a depositary receipt is dependent upon the market price of the underlying foreign equity security. Depositary receipts are also subject to liquidity risk. Additionally, the Holding Foreign Companies Accountable Act (HFCAA) could cause securities of foreign companies, including American depositary receipts, to be delisted from U.S. stock exchanges if the companies do not allow the U.S. government to oversee the auditing of their financial information. Although the requirements of the HFCAA apply to securities of all foreign issuers, the SEC has thus far limited its enforcement efforts to securities of Chinese companies. If securities are delisted, a fund's ability to transact in such securities may decline. The fund may also need to seek other markets in which to transact in such securities, which could increase the fund's costs.

**Currency risk.** Currency risk is the risk that fluctuations in exchange rates may adversely affect the U.S. dollar value of a fund's investments. Currency risk includes both the risk that currencies in which a fund's investments are traded, or currencies in which a fund

has taken an active investment position, will decline in value relative to the U.S. dollar and, in the case of hedging positions, that the U.S. dollar will decline in value relative to the currency being hedged. Currency rates in foreign countries may fluctuate significantly for a number of reasons, including the forces of supply and demand in the foreign exchange markets, actual or perceived changes in interest rates, intervention (or the failure to intervene) by U.S. or foreign governments or central banks, or currency controls or political developments in the United States or abroad. Certain funds may engage in proxy hedging of currencies by entering into derivative transactions with respect to a currency whose value is expected to correlate to the value of a currency the fund owns or wants to own. This presents the risk that the two currencies may not move in relation to one another as expected. In that case, the fund could lose money on its investment and also lose money on the position designed to act as a proxy hedge. Certain funds may also take active currency positions and may cross-hedge currency exposure represented by their securities into another foreign currency. This may result in a fund's currency exposure being substantially different than that suggested by its securities investments. All funds with foreign currency holdings and/or that invest or trade in securities denominated in foreign currencies or related derivative instruments may be adversely affected by changes in foreign currency exchange rates. Derivative foreign currency transactions (such as futures, forwards, and swaps) may also involve leveraging risk, in addition to currency risk. Leverage may disproportionately increase a fund's portfolio losses and reduce opportunities for gain when interest rates, stock prices, or currency rates are changing.

Emerging-market risk. Investments in the securities of issuers based in countries with emerging-market economies are subject to greater levels of risk and uncertainty than investments in more-developed foreign markets, since emerging-market securities may present market, credit, currency, liquidity, legal, political, and other risks greater than, or in addition to, the risks of investing in developed foreign countries. These risks include high currency exchange-rate fluctuations; increased risk of default (including both government and private issuers); greater social, economic, and political uncertainty and instability (including the risk of war); more substantial governmental involvement in the economy; less governmental supervision and regulation of the securities markets and participants in those markets; controls on foreign investment and limitations on repatriation of invested capital and on a fund's ability to exchange local currencies for U.S. dollars; unavailability of currency hedging techniques in certain emerging-market countries; the fact that companies in emerging-market countries may be newly organized, smaller, and less seasoned; the difference in, or lack of, auditing and financial reporting requirements or standards, which may result in the unavailability of material information about issuers; different clearance and settlement procedures, which may be unable to keep pace with the volume of securities transactions or otherwise make it difficult to engage in such transactions; difficulties in obtaining and/or enforcing legal judgments against non-U.S. companies and non-U.S. persons, including company directors and officers, in foreign jurisdictions; and significantly smaller market capitalizations of emerging-market issuers. In

addition, shareholders of emerging market issuers, such as the fund, often have limited rights and few practical remedies in emerging markets. Finally, the risks associated with investments in emerging markets often are significant, and vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction and company to company.

# Hong Kong Stock Connect Program (Stock Connect)

**risk.** Trading in China A-Shares listed and traded on certain Chinese stock exchanges through Stock Connect, a mutual market access program designed to, among other things, enable foreign investment in the People's Republic of China (PRC) via brokers in Hong Kong, is subject to both a number of restrictions imposed by Chinese securities regulations and local exchange listing rules as well as certain risks. Securities listed on Stock Connect may lose purchase eligibility, which could adversely affect the fund's performance. Trading through Stock Connect is subject to trading, clearance, and settlement procedures that may continue to develop as the program matures. Any changes in laws, regulations and policies applicable to Stock Connect may affect China A-Share prices. These risks are heightened by the underdeveloped state of the PRC's investment and banking systems in general.

**Frontier-market risk.** Frontier-market countries generally have smaller economies and less-developed capital markets or legal, regulatory, and political systems than traditional emerging-market countries. As a result, the risks of investing in emerging-market countries are magnified in frontier-market countries. Potential circumstances that may result in magnified risks in frontier-market countries include (i) extreme price volatility and illiquidity, (ii) government ownership or control of parts of the private sector or other protectionist measures, (iii) large currency fluctuations, (iv) limited investment opportunities, and (v) inadequate investor protections and regulatory enforcement. In certain frontier-market countries, fraud and corruption may be more prevalent than in developed-market countries.

Greater China risk. Although they are larger and/or more established than many emerging markets, the markets of the Greater China region function in many ways as emerging markets and carry the high levels of risks associated with emerging market economies. In addition, there are risks particular to the region, including less developed trading markets, acute political risks such as possible negative repercussions resulting from China's relationship with Taiwan or Hong Kong, and restrictions on monetary repatriation or other adverse government actions. In addition, investments in Taiwan could be adversely affected by its political relationship with China and because Taiwan does not exercise the same level of control over its economy as the government of the People's Republic of China (PRC) does with respect to Mainland China's economy, changes to its political and economic relationship with the PRC could adversely impact a fund's investments. Further, the attitude of the PRC toward growth and capitalism is uncertain, and the markets of Hong Kong and Mainland China could be hurt significantly by any government interference or any material change in government policy. For example, a government may restrict investment in companies or industries considered important to national interests, or intervene in the financial markets, such as by imposing trading restrictions, or banning or curtailing short selling. A small number of companies and

industries may represent a relatively large portion of the Greater China market as a whole. All of these factors combined mean that the fund is more likely to experience greater price volatility and lower liquidity than a portfolio that invests substantially in equity securities of U.S. issuers.

Variable Interest Entities (VIEs) are widely used by China-based companies where China restricts or prohibits foreign ownership in certain sectors, including telecommunications, technology, media, and education. In a typical VIE structure, a shell company is set up in an offshore jurisdiction and enters into contractual arrangements with a China-based operating company. The VIE lists on a U.S. exchange and investors then purchase the stock issued by a VIE. VIE structures do not offer the same level of investor protections as direct ownership and investors may experience losses if VIE structures are altered, contractual disputes emerge, or the legal status of the VIE structure is prohibited under Chinese law.

**Continental Europe.** European securities may be affected significantly by economic, regulatory, or political developments affecting European issuers. All countries in Europe may be significantly affected by fiscal and monetary controls implemented by the European Economic and Monetary Union. Eastern European markets are relatively undeveloped and may be particularly sensitive to economic and political events affecting those countries.

#### **Geographic focus risk**

A fund's performance will be closely tied to the market, currency, political, economic, regulatory, geopolitical, and other conditions in the countries and regions in which the fund's assets are invested. These conditions include anticipated or actual government budget deficits or other financial difficulties, levels of inflation and unemployment, fiscal and monetary controls, and political and social instability in such countries and regions. To the extent the fund focuses its investments in a single country, a small number of countries, or a particular geographic region, its performance may be driven largely by country or region performance and could fluctuate more widely than if the fund were more geographically diversified.

#### Healthcare sector risk

Companies in this sector are subject to the additional risks of increased competition within the healthcare industry; changes in legislation or government regulations; reductions in government funding; the uncertainty of governmental approval of a particular product, product liability, or other litigation; patent expirations; and the obsolescence of popular products. The prices of the securities of health sciences companies may fluctuate widely due to government regulation and approval of their products and services, which may have a significant effect on their price and availability. In addition, the types of products or services produced or provided by these companies may quickly become obsolete. Moreover, liability for products that are later alleged to be harmful or unsafe may be substantial and may have a significant impact on a company's market value or share price.

#### Hedging, derivatives, and other strategic transactions risk

The ability of a fund to utilize hedging, derivatives, and other strategic transactions to benefit the fund will depend in part on its manager's

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ability to predict pertinent market movements and market risk, counterparty risk, credit risk, interest-rate risk, and other risk factors, none of which can be assured. The skills required to utilize hedging and other strategic transactions are different from those needed to select a fund's securities. Even if the manager only uses hedging and other strategic transactions in a fund primarily for hedging purposes or to gain exposure to a particular securities market, if the transaction does not have the desired outcome, it could result in a significant loss to a fund. The amount of loss could be more than the principal amount invested. These transactions may also increase the volatility of a fund and may involve a small investment of cash relative to the magnitude of the risks assumed, thereby magnifying the impact of any resulting gain or loss. For example, the potential loss from the use of futures can exceed a fund's initial investment in such contracts. In addition, these transactions could result in a loss to a fund if the counterparty to the transaction does not perform as promised.

A fund may invest in derivatives, which are financial contracts with a value that depends on, or is derived from, the value of underlying assets, reference rates, or indexes. Derivatives may relate to stocks, bonds, interest rates, currencies or currency exchange rates, and related indexes. A fund may use derivatives for many purposes, including for hedging and as a substitute for direct investment in securities or other assets. Derivatives may be used in a way to efficiently adjust the exposure of a fund to various securities, markets, and currencies without a fund actually having to sell existing investments and make new investments. This generally will be done when the adjustment is expected to be relatively temporary or in anticipation of effecting the sale of fund assets and making new investments over time. Further, since many derivatives have a leverage component, adverse changes in the value or level of the underlying asset, reference rate, or index can result in a loss substantially greater than the amount invested in the derivative itself. Certain derivatives have the potential for unlimited loss, regardless of the size of the initial investment. When a fund uses derivatives for leverage, investments in that fund will tend to be more volatile, resulting in larger gains or losses in response to market changes. To limit risks associated with leverage, a fund is required to comply with Rule 18f-4 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the Derivatives Rule) as outlined below. For a description of the various derivative instruments the fund may utilize, refer to the SAI.

The regulation of the U.S. and non-U.S. derivatives markets has undergone substantial change in recent years and such change may continue. In particular, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, and regulations promulgated or proposed thereunder require many derivatives to be cleared and traded on an exchange, expand entity registration requirements, impose business conduct requirements on dealers that enter into swaps with a pension plan, endowment, retirement plan or government entity, and required banks to move some derivatives trading units to a non-guaranteed affiliate separate from the deposit-taking bank or divest them altogether. Although the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) has released final rules relating to clearing, reporting, recordkeeping and registration requirements under the legislation, many of the provisions are subject to further final rule making, and thus its ultimate impact remains unclear. New regulations could, among other things, restrict a fund's ability to engage in derivatives transactions (for example, by making certain types of derivatives transactions no longer available to the fund) and/or increase the costs of such derivatives transactions (for example, by increasing margin or capital requirements), and a fund may be unable to fully execute its investment strategies as a result. Limits or restrictions applicable to the counterparties with which a fund engages in derivative transactions also could prevent the fund from using these instruments or affect the pricing or other factors relating to these instruments, or may change the availability of certain investments.

The Derivatives Rule mandates that a fund adopt and/or implement: (i) value-at-risk limitations (VaR); (ii) a written derivatives risk management program; (iii) new Board oversight responsibilities; and (iv) new reporting and recordkeeping requirements. In the event that a fund's derivative exposure is 10% or less of its net assets, excluding certain currency and interest rate hedging transactions, it can elect to be classified as a limited derivatives user (Limited Derivatives User) under the Derivatives Rule, in which case the fund is not subject to the full requirements of the Derivatives Rule. Limited Derivatives risk management program, and certain Board oversight and reporting requirements mandated by the Derivatives Rule. However, a Limited Derivatives User is still required to implement written compliance policies and procedures reasonably designed to manage its derivatives risks.

The Derivatives Rule also provides special treatment for reverse repurchase agreements, similar financing transactions and unfunded commitment agreements. Specifically, a fund may elect whether to treat reverse repurchase agreements and similar financing transactions as "derivatives transactions" subject to the requirements of the Derivatives Rule or as senior securities equivalent to bank borrowings for purposes of Section 18 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. In addition, when-issued or forward settling securities transactions that physically settle within 35-days are deemed not to involve a senior security.

At any time after the date of this prospectus, legislation may be enacted that could negatively affect the assets of a fund. Legislation or regulation may change the way in which a fund itself is regulated. The advisor cannot predict the effects of any new governmental regulation that may be implemented, and there can be no assurance that any new governmental regulation will not adversely affect a fund's ability to achieve its investment objectives.

The use of derivative instruments may involve risks different from, or potentially greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other, more traditional assets. In particular, the use of derivative instruments exposes a fund to the risk that the counterparty to an OTC derivatives contract will be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments or otherwise honor its obligations. OTC derivatives transactions typically can only be closed out with the other party to the transaction, although either party may engage in an offsetting transaction that puts that party in the same economic position as if it had closed out the transaction with the counterparty or may obtain the other party's consent to assign the transaction to a third party. If the counterparty defaults, the fund will have contractual remedies, but there is no assurance that the counterparty will meet its contractual obligations or that, in the event of default, the fund will succeed in

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enforcing them. For example, because the contract for each OTC derivatives transaction is individually negotiated with a specific counterparty, a fund is subject to the risk that a counterparty may interpret contractual terms (e.g., the definition of default) differently than the fund when the fund seeks to enforce its contractual rights. If that occurs, the cost and unpredictability of the legal proceedings required for the fund to enforce its contractual rights may lead it to decide not to pursue its claims against the counterparty. The fund, therefore, assumes the risk that it may be unable to obtain payments owed to it under OTC derivatives contracts or that those payments may be delayed or made only after the fund has incurred the costs of litigation. While a manager intends to monitor the creditworthiness of counterparties, there can be no assurance that a counterparty will meet its obligations, especially during unusually adverse market conditions. To the extent a fund contracts with a limited number of counterparties, the fund's risk will be concentrated and events that affect the creditworthiness of any of those counterparties may have a pronounced effect on the fund. Derivatives are also subject to a number of other risks, including market risk, liquidity risk and operational risk. Since the value of derivatives is calculated and derived from the value of other assets, instruments, or references, there is a risk that they will be improperly valued. Derivatives also involve the risk that changes in their value may not correlate perfectly with the assets, rates, or indexes they are designed to hedge or closely track. Suitable derivatives transactions may not be available in all circumstances. The fund is also subject to the risk that the counterparty closes out the derivatives transactions upon the occurrence of certain triggering events. In addition, a manager may determine not to use derivatives to hedge or otherwise reduce risk exposure. Government legislation or regulation could affect the use of derivatives transactions and could limit a fund's ability to pursue its investment strategies.

A detailed discussion of various hedging and other strategic transactions appears in the SAI. To the extent that a fund utilizes the following list of certain derivatives and other strategic transactions, it will be subject to associated risks. The main risks of each appear below.

**Credit default swaps.** Counterparty risk, liquidity risk (i.e., the inability to enter into closing transactions), interest-rate risk, risk of default of the underlying reference obligation, and risk of disproportionate loss are the principal risks of engaging in transactions involving credit default swaps.

**Currency options.** Counterparty risk, liquidity risk (i.e., the inability to enter into closing transactions), and risk of disproportionate loss are the principal risks of engaging in transactions involving currency options.

**Foreign currency forward contracts.** Counterparty risk, liquidity risk (i.e., the inability to enter into closing transactions), foreign currency risk, and risk of disproportionate loss are the principal risks of engaging in transactions involving foreign currency forward contracts.

**Futures contracts.** Counterparty risk, liquidity risk (i.e., the inability to enter into closing transactions), and risk of disproportionate loss are the principal risks of engaging in transactions involving futures contracts.

**Interest-rate swaps.** Counterparty risk, liquidity risk (i.e., the inability to enter into closing transactions), interest-rate risk, and risk of disproportionate loss are the principal risks of engaging in transactions involving interest-rate swaps.

**Options.** Counterparty risk, liquidity risk (i.e., the inability to enter into closing transactions), and risk of disproportionate loss are the principal risks of engaging in transactions involving options. Counterparty risk does not apply to exchange-traded options.

**Options on futures.** Counterparty risk, liquidity risk (i.e., the inability to enter into closing transactions), and risk of disproportionate loss are the principal risks of engaging in transactions involving options on futures. Counterparty risk does not apply to exchange-traded options.

**Reverse repurchase agreements.** An event of default or insolvency of the counterparty to a reverse repurchase agreement could result in delays or restrictions with respect to the fund's ability to dispose of the underlying securities. A reverse repurchase agreement may be considered a form of leverage and may, therefore, increase fluctuations in the fund's net asset value per share (NAV).

**Swaps.** Counterparty risk, liquidity risk (i.e., the inability to enter into closing transactions), interest-rate risk, settlement risk, risk of default of the underlying reference obligation, and risk of disproportionate loss are the principal risks of engaging in transactions involving swaps.

**Total return swaps.** Counterparty risk, liquidity risk (i.e., the inability to enter into closing transactions), market risk, interest-rate risk, settlement risk, risk of default of the underlying reference obligation, and risk of disproportionate loss are the principal risks of engaging in total return swaps.

# High portfolio turnover risk

A high fund portfolio turnover rate (over 100%) generally involves correspondingly greater brokerage commission and tax expenses, which must be borne directly by a fund and its shareholders, respectively. The portfolio turnover rate of a fund may vary from year to year, as well as within a year.

#### Hybrid instrument risk

Hybrid instruments (a type of potentially high-risk derivative) combine the elements of futures contracts or options with those of debt, preferred equity or a depository instrument. The risks of investing in hybrid instruments are a combination of the risks of investing in securities, options, futures and currencies. Therefore, an investment in a hybrid instrument may include significant risks not associated with a similar investment in a traditional debt instrument. The risks of a particular hybrid instrument will depend upon the terms of the instrument, but may include, without limitation, the possibility of significant changes in the benchmark for the hybrid instrument or the prices of underlying assets to which the instrument is linked. These risks generally depend upon factors unrelated to the operations or credit quality of the issuer of the hybrid instrument and that may not be readily foreseen by the purchaser. Such factors include economic and political events, the supply and demand for the underlying assets, and interest rate movements. In recent years, various benchmarks and prices for underlying assets have been highly volatile, and such volatility may be expected in the future. Hybrid

instruments may bear interest or pay preferred dividends at below-market (or even relatively nominal) rates. Hybrid instruments may also carry liquidity risk since the instruments are often "customized" to meet the needs of a particular investor. Therefore, the number of investors that would be willing and able to buy such instruments in the secondary market may be smaller than for more traditional debt securities.

# Illiquid and restricted securities risk

Certain securities are considered illiquid or restricted due to a limited trading market, legal or contractual restrictions on resale or transfer, or are otherwise illiquid because they cannot be sold or disposed of in seven calendar days or less without the sale or disposition significantly changing the market value of the investment. Securities that have limitations on their resale are referred to as "restricted securities." Certain restricted securities that are eligible for resale to gualified institutional purchasers may not be regarded as illiquid. Illiquid and restricted securities may be difficult to value and may involve greater risks than liquid securities. Market quotations for such securities may be volatile and/or subject to large spreads between bid and ask price. Illiquidity may have an adverse impact on market price and the fund's ability to sell particular securities when necessary to meet the fund's liquidity needs or in response to a specific economic event. The fund may incur additional expense when disposing of illiquid or restricted securities, including all or a portion of the cost to register the securities.

# Information technology companies risk

Information technology companies can be significantly affected by rapid obsolescence, short product cycles, competition from new market entrants, and heightened cybersecurity risk, among other factors.

# Initial public offerings (IPOs) risk

Certain funds may invest a portion of their assets in shares of IPOs. IPOs may have a magnified impact on the performance of a fund with a small asset base. The impact of IPOs on a fund's performance will likely decrease as the fund's asset size increases, which could reduce the fund's returns. IPOs may not be consistently available to a fund for investing, particularly as the fund's asset base grows. IPO shares are frequently volatile in price due to the absence of a prior public market, the small number of shares available for trading, and limited information about the issuer. Therefore, a fund may hold IPO shares for a very short period of time. This may increase the turnover of a fund and may lead to increased expenses for a fund, such as commissions and transaction costs. In addition, IPO shares can experience an immediate drop in value if the demand for the securities does not continue to support the offering price.

# Investment company securities risk

Fund shareholders indirectly bear their proportionate share of the expenses of any investment company in which the fund invests. The total return on such investments will be reduced by the operating expenses and fees of such other investment companies, including advisory fees. Investments in closed-end funds may involve the payment of substantial premiums above the value of such investment companies' portfolio securities.

# Large company risk

Larger, more established companies may be unable to respond quickly to new competitive challenges such as changes in technology and consumer tastes. Many larger companies also may not be able to attain the high growth rate of successful smaller companies, especially during extended periods of economic expansion. For purposes of the fund's investment policies, the market capitalization of a company is based on its capitalization at the time the fund purchases the company's securities. Market capitalizations of companies change over time. The fund is not obligated to sell a company's security simply because, subsequent to its purchase, the company's market capitalization has changed to be outside the capitalization range, if any, in effect for the fund.

# Leveraging risk

A fund's use of derivatives may cause its portfolio to be leveraged (i.e., the fund's exposure to underlying securities, assets or currencies exceeds its net asset value). Leveraging tends to magnify, sometimes significantly, the effect of any increase or decrease in the fund's exposure to an asset class and may cause the fund's net asset value per share (NAV) to experience greater volatility. For example, if the fund seeks to gain enhanced exposure to a specific asset class through an instrument providing leveraged exposure to the asset class and that instrument increases in value, the gain to the fund will be magnified; however, if that investment decreases in value, the loss to the fund will be magnified. A decline in the fund's assets due to losses magnified by these instruments providing leveraged exposure may require the fund to liquidate portfolio positions to satisfy its obligations, including to meet redemption requests, when it likely will not be advantageous to do so.

Because many derivatives have a leverage component (i.e., a notional value in excess of the assets needed to establish and/or maintain the derivative position), adverse changes in the value or level of the underlying asset, rate, or index may result in a loss substantially greater than the amount invested in the derivative itself. In the case of swaps, the risk of loss generally is related to a notional principal amount, even if the parties have not made any initial investment. Some derivatives have the potential for unlimited loss, regardless of the size of the initial investment.

# Liquidity risk

The extent (if at all) to which a security may be sold or a derivative position closed without negatively impacting its market value may be impaired by reduced market activity or participation, legal restrictions, or other economic and market impediments. Funds with principal investment strategies that involve investments in securities of companies with smaller market capitalizations, foreign securities, derivatives, or securities with substantial market and/or credit risk tend to have the greatest exposure to liquidity risk. Exposure to liquidity risk may be heightened for funds that invest in securities of emerging markets and related derivatives that are not widely traded, and that may be subject to purchase and sale restrictions.

The capacity of traditional dealers to engage in fixed-income trading has not kept pace with the bond market's growth. As a result, dealer inventories of corporate bonds, which indicate the ability to "make markets," i.e., buy or sell a security at the quoted bid and ask price, respectively, are at or near historic lows relative to market size. Because market makers provide stability to fixed-income markets, the significant reduction in dealer inventories could lead to decreased liquidity and increased volatility, which may become exacerbated during periods of economic or political stress.

# Loan participations risk

A fund's ability to receive payments of principal and interest and other amounts in connection with loans (whether through participations, assignments, or otherwise) will depend primarily on the financial condition of the borrower. The failure by a fund to receive scheduled interest or principal payments on a loan or a loan participation, because of a default, bankruptcy, or any other reason, would adversely affect the income of the fund and would likely reduce the value of its assets. Transactions in loan investments may take a significant amount of time (i.e., seven days or longer) to settle. This could pose a liquidity risk to the fund and, if the fund's exposure to such investments is substantial, could impair the fund's ability to meet shareholder redemptions in a timely manner. Investments in loan participations and assignments present the possibility that a fund could be held liable as a co-lender under emerging legal theories of lender liability. Even with secured loans, there is no assurance that the collateral securing the loan will be sufficient to protect a fund against losses in value or a decline in income in the event of a borrower's nonpayment of principal or interest, and in the event of a bankruptcy of a borrower, the fund could experience delays or limitations in its ability to realize the benefits of any collateral securing the loan. Unless, under the terms of the loan or other indebtedness, a fund has direct recourse against the corporate borrower, the fund may have to rely on the agent bank or other financial intermediary to apply appropriate credit remedies against a corporate borrower. Furthermore, the value of any such collateral may decline and may be difficult to liquidate. The amount of public information available with respect to loans may be less extensive than that available for registered or exchange-listed securities. Because a significant percent of loans and loan participations are not generally rated by independent credit rating agencies, a decision by a fund to invest in a particular loan or loan participation could depend exclusively on the manager's credit analysis of the borrower, and in the case of a loan participation, the intermediary. A fund may have limited rights to enforce the terms of an underlying loan.

It is unclear whether U.S. federal securities laws afford protections against fraud and misrepresentation, as well as market manipulation, to investments in loans and other forms of direct indebtedness under certain circumstances. In the absence of definitive regulatory guidance, a fund relies on the manager's research in an attempt to avoid situations where fraud, misrepresentation, or market manipulation could adversely affect the fund.

A fund also may be in possession of material non-public information about a borrower as a result of owning a floating-rate instrument issued by such borrower. Because of prohibitions on trading in securities of issuers while in possession of such information, a fund might be unable to enter into a transaction in a publicly traded security issued by that borrower when it would otherwise be advantageous to do so.

# Lower-rated and high-yield fixed-income securities risk

Lower-rated fixed-income securities are defined as securities rated below investment grade (such as Ba and below by Moody's Investors Service,

Inc. and BB and below by S&P Global Ratings and Fitch Ratings, as applicable) (also called junk bonds). The general risks of investing in these securities are as follows:

**Risk to principal and income.** Investing in lower-rated fixed-income securities is considered speculative. While these securities generally provide greater income potential than investments in higher-rated securities, there is a greater risk that principal and interest payments will not be made. Issuers of these securities may even go into default or become bankrupt.

**Price volatility.** The price of lower-rated fixed-income securities may be more volatile than securities in the higher-rated categories. This volatility may increase during periods of economic uncertainty or change. The price of these securities is affected more than higher-rated fixed-income securities by the market's perception of their credit quality, especially during times of adverse publicity. In the past, economic downturns or increases in interest rates have, at times, caused more defaults by issuers of these securities and may do so in the future. Economic downturns and increases in interest rates have an even greater effect on highly leveraged issuers of these securities.

**Liquidity.** The market for lower-rated fixed-income securities may have more limited trading than the market for investment-grade fixed-income securities. Therefore, it may be more difficult to sell these securities, and these securities may have to be sold at prices below their market value in order to meet redemption requests or to respond to changes in market conditions.

**Dependence on manager's own credit analysis.** While a manager may rely on ratings by established credit rating agencies, it will also supplement such ratings with its own independent review of the credit quality of the issuer. Therefore, the assessment of the credit risk of lower-rated fixed-income securities is more dependent on the manager's evaluation than the assessment of the credit risk of higher-rated securities.

Additional risks regarding lower-rated corporate fixed-income securities. Lower-rated corporate fixed-income securities (and comparable unrated securities) tend to be more sensitive to individual corporate developments and changes in economic conditions than higher-rated corporate fixed-income securities. Issuers of lower-rated corporate fixed-income securities may also be highly leveraged, increasing the risk that principal and income will not be repaid.

Additional risks regarding lower-rated foreign government fixed-income securities. Lower-rated foreign government fixed-income securities are subject to the risks of investing in foreign countries described under "Foreign securities risk." In addition, the ability and willingness of a foreign government to make payments on debt when due may be affected by the prevailing economic and political conditions within the country. Emerging-market countries may experience high inflation, interest rates, and unemployment, as well as exchange-rate fluctuations which adversely affect trade and political uncertainty or instability. These factors increase the risk that a foreign government will not make payments when due.

# Master limited partnership (MLP) risk

Investing in MLPs involves certain risks related to investing in the underlying assets of MLPs and risks associated with pooled investment vehicles. MLPs holding credit-related investments are subject to interest-rate risk and the risk of default on payment obligations by debt securities. In addition, investments in the debt and securities of MLPs involve certain other risks, including risks related to limited control and limited rights to vote on matters affecting MLPs, risks related to potential conflicts of interest between an MLP and the MLP's general partner, cash flow risks, dilution risks and risks related to the general partner's right to require unit-holders to sell their common units at an undesirable time or price. The fund's investments in MLPs may be subject to legal and other restrictions on resale or may be less liquid than publicly traded securities. Certain MLP securities may trade in lower volumes due to their smaller capitalizations, and may be subject to more abrupt or erratic price movements and may lack sufficient market liquidity to enable the fund to effect sales at an advantageous time or without a substantial drop in price. If the fund is one of the largest investors in an MLP, it may be more difficult for the fund to buy and sell significant amounts of such investments without an unfavorable impact on prevailing market prices. Larger purchases or sales of MLP investments by the fund in a short period of time may cause abnormal movements in the market price of these investments. As a result, these investments may be difficult to dispose of at an advantageous price when the fund desires to do so. During periods of interest rate volatility, these investments may not provide attractive returns, which may adversely impact the overall performance of the fund.

MLPs in which the fund may invest operate oil, natural gas, petroleum, or other facilities within the energy sector. As a result, the fund will be susceptible to adverse economic, environmental, or regulatory occurrences impacting the energy sector. MLPs and other companies operating in the energy sector are subject to specific risks, including, among others, fluctuations in commodity prices; reduced consumer demand for commodities such as oil, natural gas, or petroleum products; reduced availability of natural gas or other commodities for transporting, processing, storing, or delivering; slowdowns in new construction; extreme weather or other natural disasters; and threats of attack by terrorists on energy assets. Additionally, changes in the regulatory environment for energy companies may adversely impact their profitability. Over time, depletion of natural gas reserves and other energy reserves may also affect the profitability of energy companies.

Global oil prices declined significantly at the beginning of 2020 and have experienced significant price volatility, including a period where an oil-price futures contract fell into negative territory for the first time in history, as demand for oil slowed and oil storage facilities reached their storage capacities. Varying levels of demand and production and continued oil price volatility may continue to adversely impact MLPs and energy infrastructure companies.

#### Merger and restructuring investment risk

A merger or other restructuring, tender offer, or exchange offer proposed or pending at the time a fund invests in a merger arbitrage transaction may not be completed on the terms contemplated, resulting in losses to the fund. The completion of mergers, tender offers, or exchange offers can be impacted by a variety of factors, including: (i) regulatory and antitrust restrictions; (ii) political concerns; (iii) industry weakness; (iv) stock specific events; (v) financing limitations; and (vi) general market declines, increasing the risk of losses to the fund.

#### Midstream energy infrastructure sector risk

Midstream energy infrastructure companies, such as companies that provide crude oil, refined product, and natural gas services, are subject to supply-and-demand fluctuations in the markets they serve, which may be impacted by a wide range of factors. These factors include fluctuating commodity prices, weather, increased conservation or use of alternative fuel sources, increased governmental or environmental regulation, depletion, rising interest rates, declines in domestic or foreign production, accidents or catastrophic events, and economic conditions, among others.

#### Mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities risk

**Mortgage-backed securities.** Mortgage-backed securities represent participating interests in pools of residential mortgage loans, which are guaranteed by the U.S. government, its agencies, or its instrumentalities. However, the guarantee of these types of securities relates to the principal and interest payments, and not to the market value of such securities. In addition, the guarantee only relates to the mortgage-backed securities held by a fund and not the purchase of shares of the fund.

Mortgage-backed securities are issued by lenders, such as mortgage bankers, commercial banks, and savings and loan associations. Such securities differ from conventional debt securities, which provide for the periodic payment of interest in fixed amounts (usually semiannually) with principal payments at maturity or on specified dates. Mortgage-backed securities provide periodic payments which are, in effect, a pass-through of the interest and principal payments (including any prepayments) made by the individual borrowers on the pooled mortgage loans. A mortgage-backed security will mature when all the mortgages in the pool mature or are prepaid. Therefore, mortgage-backed securities do not have a fixed maturity and their expected maturities may vary when interest rates rise or fall.

When interest rates fall, homeowners are more likely to prepay their mortgage loans. An increased rate of prepayments on a fund's mortgage-backed securities will result in an unforeseen loss of interest income to the fund as the fund may be required to reinvest assets at a lower interest rate. Because prepayments increase when interest rates fall, the prices of mortgage-backed securities do not increase as much as other fixed-income securities when interest rates fall.

When interest rates rise, homeowners are less likely to prepay their mortgage loans. A decreased rate of prepayments lengthens the expected maturity of a mortgage-backed security. Therefore, the prices of mortgage-backed securities may decrease more than prices of other fixed-income securities when interest rates rise.

The yield of mortgage-backed securities is based on the average life of the underlying pool of mortgage loans. The actual life of any particular pool may be shortened by unscheduled or early payments of principal and interest. Principal prepayments may result from the sale of the underlying property or the refinancing or foreclosure of underlying mortgages. The occurrence of prepayments is affected by a wide range of economic, demographic, and social factors and, accordingly, it is not possible to accurately predict the average life of a particular pool. The actual prepayment experience of a pool of mortgage loans may cause the yield realized by a fund to differ from the yield calculated on the basis of the average life of the pool. In addition, if a fund purchases mortgage-backed securities at a premium, the premium may be lost in the event of early prepayment, which may result in a loss to the fund.

Prepayments tend to increase during periods of falling interest rates, while during periods of rising interest rates, prepayments are likely to decline. Monthly interest payments received by a fund have a compounding effect, which will increase the yield to shareholders as compared to debt obligations that pay interest semiannually. Because of the reinvestment of prepayments of principal at current rates, mortgage-backed securities may be less effective than U.S. Treasury bonds of similar maturity at maintaining yields during periods of declining interest rates. Also, although the value of debt securities may increase as interest rates decline, the value of these pass-through types of securities may not increase as much, due to their prepayment feature.

**Collateralized mortgage obligations (CMOs)**. A fund may invest in mortgage-backed securities called CMOs. CMOs are issued in separate classes with different stated maturities. As the mortgage pool experiences prepayments, the pool pays off investors in classes with shorter maturities first. By investing in CMOs, a fund may manage the prepayment risk of mortgage-backed securities. However, prepayments may cause the actual maturity of a CMO to be substantially shorter than its stated maturity.

Asset-backed securities. Asset-backed securities include interests in pools of debt securities, commercial or consumer loans, or other receivables. The value of these securities depends on many factors, including changes in interest rates, the availability of information concerning the pool and its structure, the credit quality of the underlying assets, the market's perception of the servicer of the pool, and any credit enhancement provided. In addition, asset-backed securities have prepayment risks similar to mortgage-backed securities.

#### Natural resources industry risk

The natural resources industry can be significantly affected by events relating to international political and economic developments, energy conservation, the success of exploration projects, natural disasters or other extreme weather conditions, commodity prices, and taxes and other governmental regulations.

#### **Operational and cybersecurity risk**

With the increased use of technologies, such as mobile devices and "cloud"-based service offerings and the dependence on the internet and computer systems to perform necessary business functions, the fund's service providers are susceptible to operational and information or cybersecurity risks that could result in losses to the fund and its shareholders. Intentional cybersecurity breaches include unauthorized access to systems, networks, or devices (such as through "hacking"

activity or "phishing"); infection from computer viruses or other malicious software code; and attacks that shut down, disable, slow, or otherwise disrupt operations, business processes, or website access or functionality. Cyber-attacks can also be carried out in a manner that does not require gaining unauthorized access, such as causing denial-of-service attacks on the service providers' systems or websites rendering them unavailable to intended users or via "ransomware" that renders the systems inoperable until appropriate actions are taken. In addition, unintentional incidents can occur, such as the inadvertent release of confidential information (possibly resulting in the violation of applicable privacy laws).

A cybersecurity breach could result in the loss or theft of customer data or funds, loss or theft of proprietary information or corporate data, physical damage to a computer or network system, or costs associated with system repairs. Such incidents could cause a fund, the advisor, a manager, or other service providers to incur regulatory penalties, reputational damage, additional compliance costs, litigation costs or financial loss. In addition, such incidents could affect issuers in which a fund invests, and thereby cause the fund's investments to lose value.

Cyber-events have the potential to materially affect the fund and the advisor's relationships with accounts, shareholders, clients, customers, employees, products, and service providers. The fund has established risk management systems reasonably designed to seek to reduce the risks associated with cyber-events. There is no guarantee that the fund will be able to prevent or mitigate the impact of any or all cyber-events.

The fund is exposed to operational risk arising from a number of factors, including, but not limited to, human error, processing and communication errors, errors of the fund's service providers, counterparties, or other third parties, failed or inadequate processes and technology or system failures.

In addition, other disruptive events, including (but not limited to) natural disasters and public health crises may adversely affect the fund's ability to conduct business, in particular if the fund's employees or the employees of its service providers are unable or unwilling to perform their responsibilities as a result of any such event. Even if the fund's employees and the employees of its service providers are able to work remotely, those remote work arrangements could result in the fund's business operations being less efficient than under normal circumstances, could lead to delays in its processing of transactions, and could increase the risk of cyber-events.

#### Participatory notes risk

Participatory notes (p-notes) represent interests in securities listed on certain foreign exchanges. The return on a p-note is linked to the performance of the issuers of the underlying securities. The performance of p-notes will not replicate exactly the performance of the issuers that they seek to replicate due to transaction costs and other expenses. P-notes are subject to counterparty risk since the notes constitute general unsecured contractual obligations of the financial institutions issuing the notes, and the fund is relying on the creditworthiness of such institutions and has no rights under the notes against the issuers of the underlying securities. In addition, p-notes are subject to liquidity risk.

# Preferred and convertible securities risk

Unlike interest on debt securities, preferred stock dividends are payable only if declared by the issuer's board. Also, preferred stock may be subject to optional or mandatory redemption provisions. The market values of convertible securities tend to fall as interest rates rise and rise as interest rates fall. The value of convertible preferred stock can depend heavily upon the value of the security into which such convertible preferred stock is converted, depending on whether the market price of the underlying security exceeds the conversion price.

# Quantitative modeling risk

Use of quantitative models carries the risk that the fund may underperform funds that do not utilize such models. The use of quantitative models may affect the fund's exposure to certain sectors or types of investments and may impact the fund's relative investment performance depending on whether such sectors or investments are in or out of favor in the market. Successful application of a quantitative model is dependent on the manager's skill in building and implementing the model. For example, human judgment plays a role in building, utilizing, testing, modifying, and implementing the financial algorithms and formulas used in these models. Quantitative models are subject to technical issues including programming and data inaccuracies, are based on assumptions, and rely on data that is subject to limitations (e.g., inaccuracies, staleness), any of which could adversely affect their effectiveness or predictive value. Quantitative models may not accurately predict future market movements or characteristics due to the fact that market performance can be affected by non-quantitative factors that are not easily integrated into quantitative analysis, among other factors.

# Real estate investment trust (REIT) risk

REITs are subject to risks associated with the ownership of real estate. Some REITs experience market risk and liquidity risk due to investment in a limited number of properties, in a narrow geographic area, or in a single property type, which increases the risk that such REIT could be unfavorably affected by the poor performance of a single investment or investment type. These companies are also sensitive to factors such as changes in real estate values and property taxes, interest rates, cash flow of underlying real estate assets, supply and demand, and the management skill and creditworthiness of the issuer. Borrowers could default on or sell investments that a REIT holds, which could reduce the cash flow needed to make distributions to investors. In addition, REITs may also be affected by tax and regulatory requirements impacting the REITs' ability to qualify for preferential tax treatments or exemptions. REITs require specialized management and pay management expenses. REITs also are subject to physical risks to real property, including weather, natural disasters, terrorist attacks, war, or other events that destroy real property.

REITs include equity REITs and mortgage REITs. Equity REITs may be affected by changes in the value of the underlying property owned by the trusts, while mortgage REITs may be affected by the quality of any credit extended. Further, equity and mortgage REITs are dependent upon management skills and generally may not be diversified. Equity and mortgage REITs are also subject to heavy cash flow dependency, defaults by borrowers or lessees, and self-liquidations. In addition, equity and mortgage REITs could possibly fail to qualify for tax-free pass-through of income under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), or to maintain their exemptions from registration under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. The above factors may also adversely affect a borrower's or a lessee's ability to meet its obligations to the REIT. In the event of a default by a borrower or lessee, the REIT may experience delays in enforcing its rights as a mortgagee or lessor and may incur substantial costs associated with protecting its investments. In addition, even many of the larger REITs in the industry tend to be small to medium-sized companies in relation to the equity markets as a whole. Moreover, shares of REITs may trade less frequently and, therefore, are subject to more erratic price movements than securities of larger issuers.

#### **Real estate securities risk**

Investing in securities of companies in the real estate industry subjects a fund to the risks associated with the direct ownership of real estate. These risks include:

- Declines in the value of real estate
- Risks related to general and local economic conditions
- Possible lack of availability of mortgage funds
- Overbuilding
- Extended vacancies of properties
- Increased competition
- Increases in property taxes and operating expenses
- Changes in zoning laws
- Losses due to costs resulting from the cleanup of environmental problems
- Liability to third parties for damages resulting from environmental problems
- Casualty or condemnation losses
- Limitations on rents
- Changes in neighborhood values and the appeal of properties to tenants
- Changes in interest rates and
- Liquidity risk

Therefore, for a fund investing a substantial amount of its assets in securities of companies in the real estate industry, the value of the fund's shares may change at different rates compared with the value of shares of a fund with investments in a mix of different industries.

Securities of companies in the real estate industry have been and may continue to be negatively affected by widespread health crises such as a global pandemic. Potential impacts on the real estate market may include lower occupancy rates, decreased lease payments, defaults and foreclosures, among other consequences. These impacts could adversely affect corporate borrowers and mortgage lenders, the value of mortgage-backed securities, the bonds of municipalities that depend on tax revenues and tourist dollars generated by such properties, and insurers of the property and/or of corporate, municipal or mortgage-backed securities. It is not known how long such impacts, or any future impacts of other significant events, will last.

Securities of companies in the real estate industry include equity REITs and mortgage REITs. Equity REITs may be affected by changes in the value of the underlying property owned by the REIT, while mortgage REITs may be affected by the quality of any credit extended. Further, equity and mortgage REITs are dependent upon management skills and generally may not be diversified. Equity and mortgage REITs are also subject to heavy cash flow dependency, defaults by borrowers or lessees, and self-liquidations. In addition, equity and mortgage REITs could possibly fail to qualify for tax-free pass through of income under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code) or to maintain their exemptions from registration under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. The above factors may also adversely affect a borrower's or a lessee's ability to meet its obligations to a REIT. In the event of a default by a borrower or lessee, a REIT may experience delays in enforcing its rights as a mortgagee or lessor and may incur substantial costs associated with protecting its investments.

In addition, even the larger REITs in the industry tend to be small to medium-sized companies in relation to the equity markets as a whole. Moreover, shares of REITs may trade less frequently and, therefore, are subject to more erratic price movements than securities of larger issuers.

#### **Repurchase agreements risk**

The risk of a repurchase agreement transaction is limited to the ability of the seller to pay the agreed-upon sum on the delivery date. In the event of bankruptcy or other default by the seller, the instrument purchased may decline in value, interest payable on the instrument may be lost and there may be possible difficulties and delays in obtaining collateral and delays and expense in liquidating the instrument. If an issuer of a repurchase agreement fails to repurchase the underlying obligation, the loss, if any, would be the difference between the repurchase price and the underlying obligation's market value. The fund might also incur certain costs in liquidating the underlying obligation. Moreover, if bankruptcy or other insolvency proceedings are commenced with respect to the seller, realization upon the underlying obligation might be delayed or limited.

#### Sector risk

When a fund's investments are focused in one or more sectors of the economy, they are less broadly invested across industries or sectors than other funds. This means that focused funds tend to be more volatile than other funds, and the values of their investments tend to go up and down more rapidly. In addition, a fund that invests in particular sectors is particularly susceptible to the impact of market, economic, political, regulatory, and other conditions and risks affecting those sectors. From time to time, a small number of companies may represent a large portion of a single sector or a group of related sectors as a whole. The industrials sector may be affected by general economic conditions, environmental and other government regulations, and technological developments, among other factors.

#### Short sales risk

A fund may make short sales of securities. This means a fund may sell a security that it does not own in anticipation of a decline in the market value of the security. A fund generally borrows the security to deliver to the buyer in a short sale. The fund must then buy the security at its

market price when the borrowed security must be returned to the lender. Short sales involve costs and risk. The fund must pay the lender interest on a security it borrows, and the fund will lose money if the price of the borrowed security increases between the time of the short sale and the date when the fund replaces the borrowed security. Further, if other short positions of the same security are closed out at the same time, a "short squeeze" can occur where demand exceeds the supply for the security sold short. A short squeeze makes it more likely that the fund will need to replace the borrowed security at an unfavorable price. A fund may also make short sales "against the box." In a short sale against the box, at the time of sale, the fund owns or has the right to acquire the identical security, or one equivalent in kind or amount, at no additional cost.

Subject to regulatory requirements, until a fund closes its short position or replaces a borrowed security, a fund will comply with all applicable regulatory requirements, including the Derivatives Rule.

#### Small and mid-sized company risk

Market risk and liquidity risk may be pronounced for securities of companies with medium-sized market capitalizations and are particularly pronounced for securities of companies with smaller market capitalizations. These companies may have limited product lines, markets, or financial resources, or they may depend on a few key employees. The securities of companies with medium and smaller market capitalizations may trade less frequently and in lesser volume than more widely held securities, and their value may fluctuate more sharply than those securities. They may also trade in the OTC market or on a regional exchange, or may otherwise have limited liquidity. Investments in less-seasoned companies with medium and smaller market capitalizations may present greater opportunities for growth and capital appreciation, but also involve greater risks than are customarily associated with more established companies with larger market capitalizations. These risks apply to all funds that invest in the securities of companies with smaller- or medium-sized market capitalizations. For purposes of the fund's investment policies, the market capitalization of a company is based on its capitalization at the time the fund purchases the company's securities. Market capitalizations of companies change over time. The fund is not obligated to sell a company's security simply because, subsequent to its purchase, the company's market capitalization has changed to be outside the capitalization range, if any, in effect for the fund.

#### Subsidiary investment risk

By investing in the Subsidiary, a fund is indirectly exposed to the risks associated with the Subsidiary's investments and operations. The commodity-linked derivative instruments and other investments held by the Subsidiary are similar to those that are permitted to be held by the fund and, therefore, present the same risks whether they are held by the fund or the Subsidiary. The Subsidiary is not subject to U.S. laws, including securities laws and their protections. The Subsidiary is subject to the laws of the Cayman Islands, which can be affected by developments in that country.

Because the Subsidiary is not registered under U.S. federal securities laws, it may not be able to negotiate terms with its counterparties that are equivalent to those a registered fund may negotiate. As a result, the Subsidiary may have greater exposure to those counterparties than a registered fund. Changes in the laws of the United States and/or the Cayman Islands could result in the inability of the Subsidiary to operate as described in this prospectus and the SAI, and could adversely affect the fund's investment approach.

# Synthetic short exposure risk

The fund will gain synthetic short exposure through a forward commitment through a swap agreement. If the price of the reference security has increased during this time, then the fund will incur a loss equal to the increase in price from the time that the short exposure was entered into plus any transaction costs (i.e., premiums and interest) paid to the broker-dealer to borrow securities. Therefore, synthetic short exposures involve the risk that losses may be exaggerated, potentially losing more money than the actual cost of the investment.

# Tax risk

In order for a fund to satisfy tax requirements applicable to regulated investment companies, the fund must derive at least 90% of its gross income each taxable year from certain qualifying sources of income. Commodity-related investments generally generate income that is not from a qualified source for purposes of meeting this 90% test. The rules regarding the extent to which income, if any, realized by a wholly owned non-U.S. subsidiary of a fund (such as the Subsidiary) and included in the fund's annual income for U.S. federal income tax purposes, but that is not currently repatriated to the fund, will constitute qualifying income have been clarified by Regulations issued by the IRS. Those Regulations provide that the annual net profit, if any, realized by such a subsidiary, in which the fund invests in connection with its business of investing securities, and imputed for income tax purposes to the fund will constitute qualifying income whether or not the imputed income is distributed by the subsidiary to the fund. The Regulations remove the uncertainty that existed as a result of previously proposed regulations that provided a different conclusion. The tax treatment of commodity-related investments and income from the Subsidiary may be adversely affected by future legislation, Treasury Regulations and/or guidance issued by the IRS that could affect the character, timing and/or amount of a fund's taxable income or any gains and distributions made by a fund.

# Technology companies risk

A fund investing in technology companies, including companies engaged in Internet-related activities, is subject to the risk of short product cycles and rapid obsolescence of products and services and competition from new and existing companies. Investments in the technology sector may be susceptible to heightened risk of cybersecurity breaches, which may allow an unauthorized party to gain access to personally identifiable information and other customer data. The realization of any one of these risks may result in significant earnings loss and price volatility. Some technology companies also have limited operating histories and are subject to the risks of a small or unseasoned company described under "Small and mid-sized company risk."

# **Telecommunications sector risk**

Companies in the telecommunications sector are subject to the additional risks of rapid obsolescence, lack of standardization or compatibility with existing technologies, an unfavorable regulatory environment, and a dependency on patent and copyright protection. The prices of the securities of companies in the telecommunications sector may fluctuate widely due to both federal and state regulations governing rates of return and services that may be offered, fierce competition for market share, and competitive challenges in the United States from foreign competitors engaged in strategic joint ventures with U.S. companies and in foreign markets from both U.S. and foreign competitors. In addition, recent industry consolidation trends may lead to increased regulation of telecommunications companies in their primary markets.

# Thematic investing risk

Thematic investing involves the risk that long-term market themes are incorrectly identified or that the securities chosen to represent those themes underperform.

# **Transportation sector risk**

The transportation sector, including airports, airlines, ports, and other transportation facilities, can be significantly affected by changes in the economy, fuel prices, maintenance, labor relations, insurance costs, and government regulation. The stock prices of companies in the transportation sector are affected by both supply and demand for their specific products and services.

# **Utilities sector risk**

Issuers in the utilities sector are subject to many risks, including: increases in fuel and other operating costs; increased costs and delays as a result of environmental and safety regulations; difficulty in obtaining approval of rate increases; the negative impact of regulation; the potential impact of natural and man-made disaster; and technological innovations that may render existing plants, equipment, or products obsolete. Because utility companies are faced with the same obstacles, issues, and regulatory burdens, their securities may react similarly and more in unison to these or other market conditions.

# Warrants risk

Warrants are rights to purchase securities at specific prices and are valid for a specific period of time. Warrant prices do not necessarily move parallel to the prices of the underlying securities, and warrant holders receive no dividends and have no voting rights or rights with respect to the assets of an issuer. The price of a warrant may be more volatile than the price of its underlying security, and a warrant may offer greater potential for capital appreciation as well as capital loss. Warrants cease to have value if not exercised prior to the expiration date. These factors can make warrants more speculative than other types of investments.

# Who's who

The following are the names of the various entities involved with each fund's investment and business operations, along with brief descriptions of the role each entity performs.

# **Board of Trustees**

The Trustees oversee each fund's business activities and retain the services of the various firms that carry out the funds' operations.

# Investment advisor

The investment advisor manages the funds' business and investment activities.

#### John Hancock Investment Management LLC 200 Berkeley Street Boston, MA 02116

Founded in 1968, the advisor is an indirect principally owned subsidiary of John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.), which in turn is a subsidiary of Manulife Financial Corporation.

The advisor's parent company has been helping individuals and institutions work toward their financial goals since 1862. The advisor offers investment solutions managed by leading institutional money managers, taking a disciplined team approach to portfolio management and research, leveraging the expertise of seasoned investment professionals. As of December 31, 2024, the advisor had total assets under management of approximately \$165.2 billion.

Subject to general oversight by the Board of Trustees, the advisor manages and supervises the investment operations and business affairs of each fund. The advisor selects, contracts with and compensates one or more subadvisors to manage all or a portion of each fund's portfolio assets, subject to oversight by the advisor. In this role, the advisor has supervisory responsibility for managing the investment and reinvestment of the funds' portfolio assets through proactive oversight and monitoring of the subadvisors and the funds, as described in further detail below. The advisor is responsible for developing overall investment strategies for the funds and overseeing and implementing the funds' continuous investment programs and provides a variety of advisory oversight and investment research services. The advisor also provides management and transition services associated with certain fund events (e.g., strategy, portfolio manager, or subadvisor changes) and coordinates and oversees services provided under other agreements.

The advisor has ultimate responsibility to oversee a subadvisor and recommend to the Board of Trustees its hiring, termination, and replacement. In this capacity, the advisor, among other things: (i) monitors on a daily basis the compliance of the subadvisors with the investment objectives and related policies of each fund; (ii) monitors significant changes that may impact the subadvisors' overall business and regularly performs due diligence reviews of the subadvisors; (iii) reviews the performance of the Subadvisors; and (iv) reports periodically on such performance to the Board of Trustees. The advisor employs a team of investment professionals who provide these ongoing research and monitoring services.

Each fund relies on an order from the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) permitting the advisor, subject to approval by the Board of Trustees, to appoint a subadvisor or change the terms of a subadvisory agreement without obtaining shareholder approval. Each fund, therefore, is able to change subadvisors or the fees paid to a subadvisor, from time to time, without the expense and delays associated with obtaining shareholder approval of the change. This order does not, however, permit the advisor to appoint a subadvisor that is an affiliate of the advisor or the fund (other than by reason of serving as a subadvisor to the fund), or to increase the subadvisory fee of an affiliated subadvisor, without the approval of the shareholders.

#### Management fee for Disciplined Value International Fund

The fund pays the advisor a management fee for its services to the fund. The advisor in turn pays the fees of the subadvisor. The management fee is stated as an annual percentage of the aggregate net assets of the fund (together with the assets of any other applicable fund identified in the advisory agreement) determined in accordance with the following schedule, and that rate is applied to the average daily net assets of the fund. The fee schedule that follows became effective December 12, 2024.

Average daily net assets (\$)	Annual rate (%)
First 500 million	0.710
Next 500 million	0.690
Next 1 billion	0.680
Next 1 billion	0.670
Next 2 billion	0.660
Excess over 5 billion	0.650

#### **Management fee for Diversified Macro Fund**

The fund pays the advisor a management fee for its services to the fund. The advisor in turn pays the fees of the subadvisor. The management fee is stated as an annual percentage of the aggregate net assets of the fund (together with the assets of any other applicable fund identified in the advisory agreement) determined in accordance with the following schedule, and that rate is applied to the average daily net assets of the fund.

Average daily net assets (\$)	Annual rate (%)
First 1 billion	1.200
Excess over 1 billion	1.150

#### Management fee for Emerging Markets Equity Fund

The fund pays the advisor a management fee for its services to the fund. The advisor in turn pays the fees of the subadvisor. The management fee is stated as an annual percentage of the aggregate net assets of the fund (together with the assets of any other applicable fund identified in the advisory agreement) determined in accordance with the following schedule, and that rate is applied to the average daily net assets of the fund.

Average daily net assets (\$)	Annual rate (%)
First 500 million	1.050
Next 500 million	1.000
Excess over 1 billion*	0.950
Excess over 2 billion**	0.900

 If aggregate net assets exceed \$1 billion, but are less than or equal to \$2 billion, the rate applies retroactively to all assets.

\*\* If aggregate net assets exceed \$2 billion, the rate applies retroactively to all assets.

#### Management fee for ESG Large Cap Core Fund

The fund pays the advisor a management fee for its services to the fund. The advisor in turn pays the fees of the subadvisor. The management fee is stated as an annual percentage of the aggregate net assets of the fund (together with the assets of any other applicable fund identified in the advisory agreement) determined in accordance with the following schedule, and that rate is applied to the average daily net assets of the fund.

Average daily net assets (\$)	Annual rate (%)
First 250 million	0.750
Next 250 million	0.725
Next 500 million	0.700
Excess over 1 billion	0.700
If net assets exceed \$1 billion, the following fee schedule shall a	apply:
Average daily net assets (\$)	Annual rate (%)
All asset levels	0.700

#### **Management fee for Financial Industries Fund**

The fund pays the advisor a management fee for its services to the fund. The advisor in turn pays the fees of the subadvisor. The management fee is stated as an annual percentage of the aggregate net assets of the fund (together with the assets of any other applicable fund identified in the advisory agreement) determined in accordance with the following schedule, and that rate is applied to the average daily net assets of the fund.

Average daily net assets (\$)	Annual rate (%)
First 250 million	0.800
Next 250 million	0.775
Next 500 million	0.750
Excess over 1 billion	0.725

#### Management fee for Fundamental Large Cap Core Fund

The fund pays the advisor a management fee for its services to the fund. The advisor in turn pays the fees of the subadvisor. The management fee is stated as an annual percentage of the aggregate net assets of the fund (together with the assets of any other applicable fund identified in the advisory agreement) determined in accordance with the following schedule, and that rate is applied to the average daily net assets of the fund.

Average daily net assets (\$)	Annual rate (%)
First 3 billion	0.625
Excess over 3 billion	0.600

#### Management fee for Global Environmental Opportunities Fund

The fund pays the advisor a management fee for its services to the fund. The advisor in turn pays the fees of the subadvisor. The management fee is stated as an annual percentage of the aggregate net assets of the fund (together with the assets of any other applicable fund identified in the advisory agreement) determined in accordance with the following schedule, and that rate is applied to the average daily net assets of the fund.

Average daily net assets (\$)	Annual rate (%)
First 250 million	0.840
Next 250 million	0.815

Average daily net assets (\$)	Annual rate (%)
Next 500 million	0.790
Next 1 billion*	0.750
Over 2 billion*	0.730

When aggregate net assets exceed \$1 billion, but are less than or equal to \$2 billion, the advisory fee rate is 0.750% on all net assets of the fund. When aggregate net assets exceed \$2 billion, the advisory fee rate is 0.730% on all net assets of the fund.

#### Management fee for Global Thematic Opportunities Fund

The fund pays the advisor a management fee for its services to the fund. The advisor in turn pays the fees of the subadvisor. The management fee is stated as an annual percentage of the aggregate net assets of the fund (together with the assets of any other applicable fund identified in the advisory agreement) determined in accordance with the following schedule, and that rate is applied to the average daily net assets of the fund.

Average daily net assets (\$)	Annual rate (%)
First 250 million	0.840
Next 250 million	0.815
Next 500 million	0.790
Next 1 billion*	0.750
Over 2 billion*	0.730

When aggregate net assets exceed \$1 billion, but are less than or equal to \$2 billion, the advisory fee rate is 0.750% on all net assets of the fund. When aggregate net assets exceed \$2 billion, the advisory fee rate is 0.730% on all net assets of the fund.

#### Management fee for Infrastructure Fund

The fund pays the advisor a management fee for its services to the fund. The advisor in turn pays the fees of the subadvisor. The management fee is stated as an annual percentage of the aggregate net assets of the fund (together with the assets of any other applicable fund identified in the advisory agreement) determined in accordance with the following schedule, and that rate is applied to the average daily net assets of the fund.

Average daily net assets (\$)	Annual rate (%)
First 250 million	0.800
Excess over 250 million	0.750

#### Management fee for International Dynamic Growth Fund

The fund pays the advisor a management fee for its services to the fund. The advisor in turn pays the fees of the subadvisor. The management fee is stated as an annual percentage of the aggregate net assets of the fund (together with the assets of any other applicable fund identified in the advisory agreement) determined in accordance with the following schedule, and that rate is applied to the average daily net assets of the fund.

Average daily net assets (\$)	Annual rate (%)
First 500 million	0.800
Next 500 million	0.790
Next 1 billion*	0.750
Next 1 billion	0.730

Average daily net assets (\$)	Annual rate (%)
Excess over 3 billion	0.710

\* When aggregate net assets exceed \$1 billion on any day, the annual rate of advisory fee is 0.750% on the first \$1 billion of aggregate net assets.

#### Management fee for Seaport Long/Short Fund

The fund pays the advisor a management fee for its services to the fund. The advisor in turn pays the fees of the subadvisor. The management fee is stated as an annual percentage of the aggregate net assets of the fund (together with the assets of any other applicable fund identified in the advisory agreement) determined in accordance with the following schedule, and that rate is applied to the average daily net assets of the fund.

Average daily net assets (\$)	Annual rate (%)
First 250 million	1.450
Next 750 million	1.400
Next 1 billion	1.375
Excess over 2 billion	1.350

# Management fee for Small Cap Core Fund

The fund pays the advisor a management fee for its services to the fund. The advisor in turn pays the fees of the subadvisor. The management fee is stated as an annual percentage of the aggregate net assets of the fund (together with the assets of any other applicable fund identified in the advisory agreement) determined in accordance with the following schedule, and that rate is applied to the average daily net assets of the fund.

Average daily net assets (\$)	Annual rate (%)
First 300 million	0.870
Next 300 million	0.830
Next 300 million	0.815
Excess over 900 million	0.800

During its most recent fiscal period, each fund paid the advisor a management fee as a percentage of average daily net assets, including any waivers or reimbursements, as follows:

Disciplined Value International Fund: 0.68%

Diversified Macro Fund: 1.17%

Emerging Markets Equity Fund: 0.79%

ESG International Equity Fund: 0.63%

ESG Large Cap Core Fund: 0.54%

Financial Industries Fund: 0.77%

Fundamental Large Cap Core Fund: 0.61%

Global Environmental Opportunities Fund: 0.42%

Global Thematic Opportunities Fund: 0.68%

Infrastructure Fund: 0.76%

International Dynamic Growth Fund: 0.74%

Seaport Long/Short Fund: 1.42%

#### Small Cap Core Fund: 0.81%

The basis for the Board of Trustees' approval of the advisory fees, and of the investment advisory agreement overall, including the subadvisory agreements, is discussed in the fund's most recent Form N-CSR filing for the period ended October 31.

#### Additional information about fund expenses

Each fund's annual operating expenses will likely vary throughout the period and from year to year. Each fund's expenses for the current fiscal year may be higher than the expenses listed in the fund's "Annual fund operating expenses" table, for some of the following reasons: (i) a significant decrease in average net assets may result in a higher advisory fee rate if any advisory fee breakpoints are not achieved; (ii) a significant decrease in average net assets may result in an increase in the expense ratio because certain fund expenses do not decrease as asset levels decrease; or (iii) fees may be incurred for extraordinary events such as fund tax expenses.

The advisor voluntarily agrees to reduce its management fee for Emerging Markets Equity Fund and Infrastructure Fund, or if necessary make payment to Emerging Markets Equity Fund and Infrastructure Fund, as applicable, in an amount equal to the amount by which the "other expenses" of each fund exceed 0.25% of the average daily net assets of the fund. The advisor also voluntarily agrees to reduce its management fee for Fundamental Large Cap Core Fund, Seaport Long/Short Fund, and Small Cap Core Fund, or if necessary make payment to Fundamental Large Cap Core Fund, Seaport Long/Short Fund, and Small Cap Core Fund, as applicable, in an amount equal to the amount by which the expenses of each fund exceed 0.20% of the average daily net assets of the fund. For purposes of these agreements, "other expenses" means all the expenses of each fund, as applicable, excluding (a) taxes, (b) brokerage commissions, (c) interest expense, (d) litigation and indemnification expenses and other extraordinary expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of a fund's business, (e) investment management fees, (f) class-specific expenses, (g) borrowing costs, (h) prime brokerage fees, (i) acquired fund fees and expenses paid indirectly, and (j) short dividend expense. These agreements will continue in effect until terminated at any time by the advisor on notice to the relevant fund.

# Subadvisors

The subadvisors handle the funds' portfolio management activities, subject to oversight by the advisor.

Disciplined Value International Fund Boston Partners Global Investors, Inc. One Beacon Street 30th Floor Boston, MA 02108

Boston Partners Global Investors, Inc. (Boston Partners) is an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of ORIX Corporation of Japan. As of December 31, 2024, Boston Partners had approximately \$104.6 billion assets under management.

The following are brief biographical profiles of the leaders of the fund's investment management team, in alphabetical order. These managers are jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of

the fund's portfolio. These managers are employed by Boston Partners. For more details about these individuals, including information about their compensation, other accounts they manage, and any investments they may have in the fund, see the SAI.

# Christopher K. Hart, CFA

- Portfolio Manager
- Managed the fund and the predecessor fund since 2011
- Joined Boston Partners in 2002

# Joshua M. Jones, CFA

- Portfolio Manager
- Managed the fund and the predecessor fund since 2013
- Joined Boston Partners in 2006

# Soyoun Song

- Portfolio Manager
- Managed the fund since 2024
- Joined Boston Partners in 2019
- Began business career in 2005

# Diversified Macro Fund Graham Capital Management, L.P. 40 Highland Avenue Rowayton, CT 06853

Graham Capital Management, L.P. (Graham) is a limited partnership organized under the laws of Delaware in May 1994. The principal owners of Graham are KGT, Inc., a Delaware corporation which serves as the general partner of Graham and of which Kenneth G. Tropin is the president and ultimate sole shareholder, and KGT Investment Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership of which KGT, Inc. is also a general partner and in which Kenneth G. Tropin and members of his immediate family are significant beneficial owners. As of December 31, 2024, Graham provided discretionary investment advisory services to certain private investment funds and managed futures accounts with aggregate net assets of approximately \$19.6 billion.

The following are brief biographical profiles of the leaders of the fund's investment management team, in alphabetical order. These managers are jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the fund's portfolio. These managers are also jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Subsidiary's portfolio. These managers are employed by Graham. For more details about these individuals, including information about their compensation, other accounts they manage, and any investments they may have in the fund, see the SAI.

# Pablo E. Calderini

- Co-Portfolio Manager, President and Chief Investment Officer
- Managed the fund since 2019
- Joined Graham in 2010

# Kenneth G. Tropin

• Co-Portfolio Manager and Chairman

- Managed the fund since 2019
- Founded Graham in 1994

# Emerging Markets Equity Fund Manulife Investment Management (US) LLC 197 Clarendon Street Boston, MA 02116

Manulife Investment Management (US) LLC (Manulife IM (US)) provides investment advisory services to individual and institutional investors. Manulife IM (US) is a wholly owned subsidiary of John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) (a subsidiary of Manulife Financial Corporation) and, as of December 31, 2024, had total assets under management of approximately \$218.65 billion.

The following are brief biographical profiles of the leaders of the fund's investment management team, in alphabetical order. These managers are jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the fund's portfolio. These managers are employed by Manulife IM (US). References to Manulife IM (US) below refer to its predecessor or affiliate organizations and entities. For more details about these individuals, including information about their compensation, other accounts they manage, and any investments they may have in the fund, see the SAI.

# Bryony Deuchars, CFA, FCA

- Portfolio Manager
- Managed the fund since 2023
- Joined Manulife IM (US) in 2021
- Began business career in 2000

# David Dugdale, PhD, CFA

- Portfolio Manager
- Managed the fund since 2023
- Joined Manulife IM (US) in 2002

# **Charlie Dutton**

- Senior Portfolio Manager
- Managed the fund since 2024
- Joined Manulife IM (US) in 2024
- Began business career in 1997

# Kathryn Langridge<sup>1</sup>

- Senior Portfolio Manager
- Managed the fund since 2015
- Joined Manulife IM (US) in 2014
- Co-Portfolio Manager, Jupiter Asset Management (2010–2014)

# Bhupinder Sachdev, CFA

- Portfolio Manager
- Managed the fund since 2023
- Joined Manulife IM (US) in 2019
- Began business career in 2014

# Talib Saifee

- Portfolio Manager
- Managed the fund since 2021
- Joined Manulife IM (US) in 2019
- Analyst and Portfolio Manager, HSBC Asset Management (2013-2019)
- 1 Effective October 31, 2025, Kathryn Langridge no longer serves as a portfolio manager of the fund.

# ESG Large Cap Core Fund Trillium Asset Management, LLC One Congress Street, Suite 3101 Boston, MA 02114

Trillium Asset Management, LLC (Trillium) is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Delaware and is registered as an investment advisor under the Advisers Act. As of December 31, 2024, Trillium had approximately \$4.92 billion in assets under management.

The following are brief biographical profiles of the leaders of the fund's investment management team, in alphabetical order. These managers are jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the fund's portfolio. These managers are employed by Trillium. For more details about these individuals, including information about their compensation, other accounts they manage, and any investments they may have in the fund, see the SAI.

# Kathleen Bochman, CFA

- Portfolio Manager
- Managed the fund since 2025
- Joined Trillium in 2024
- Began business career in 1989

# Mitali Prasad, CFA

- Portfolio Manager
- Managed the fund since 2021
- Joined Trillium in 2016

# Cheryl I. Smith, Ph.D., CFA

- Lead Portfolio Manager
- Managed the fund since 2016
- Joined Trillium in 1997

# Financial Industries Fund Manulife Investment Management (US) LLC 197 Clarendon Street Boston, MA 02116

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The following are brief biographical profiles of the leaders of the fund's investment management team, in alphabetical order. These managers

are jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the fund's portfolio. These managers are employed by Manulife IM (US). For more details about these individuals, including information about their compensation, other accounts they manage, and any investments they may have in the fund, see the SAI.

# Susan A. Curry

- Senior Portfolio Manager
- Managed the fund since 2008
- Joined Manulife IM (US) in 1998

# Ryan P. Lentell, CFA

- Portfolio Manager
- Managed the fund since 2015
- Joined Manulife IM (US) in 2008

# Fundamental Large Cap Core Fund Manulife Investment Management (US) LLC 197 Clarendon Street Boston, MA 02116

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The following are brief biographical profiles of the leaders of the fund's investment management team, in alphabetical order. These managers are jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the fund's portfolio. These managers are employed by Manulife IM (US). For more details about these individuals, including information about their compensation, other accounts they manage, and any investments they may have in the fund, see the SAI.

# Emory W. (Sandy) Sanders, Jr., CFA

- Senior Portfolio Manager
- Managed the fund since 2011
- Joined Manulife IM (US) in 2010

# Jonathan T. White, CFA

- Senior Portfolio Manager
- Managed the fund since 2015
- Joined Manulife IM (US) in 2011

# Global Environmental Opportunities Fund Pictet Asset Management SA 60, route des Acacias 1211 Geneva 73 Switzerland

Pictet Asset Management SA (Pictet AM SA) manages the fund's investments subject to the supervision of the advisor and the Board. Pictet AM SA is wholly owned by Pictet Asset Management Holding SA (Pictet Asset Management), Geneva that is ultimately owned by Pictet & Partners SCA, a Swiss Holding Company and Pictet Canada LP, a Canadian Investment dealer. Pictet Asset Management managed approximately \$288.4 billion of client assets on a discretionary basis as of December 31, 2024.

The following are brief biographical profiles of the leaders of the fund's investment management team, in alphabetical order. These managers are jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the fund's portfolio. These managers are employed by Pictet AM SA. For more details about these individuals, including information about their compensation, other accounts they manage, and any investments they may have in the fund, see the SAI.

# Luciano Diana

- Portfolio Manager
- Managed the fund since 2021
- Joined Pictet AM SA in 2009

# Katie Self, PhD

- Portfolio Manager
- Managed the fund since 2023
- Joined Pictet AM SA in 2022
- Began business career in 2016

# Global Thematic Opportunities Fund Pictet Asset Management SA 60, route des Acacias 1211 Geneva 73 Switzerland

Pictet Asset Management SA (Pictet AM SA) manages the fund's investments subject to the supervision of the advisor and the Board. Pictet AM SA is wholly owned by Pictet Asset Management Holding SA (Pictet Asset Management), Geneva that is ultimately owned by Pictet & Partners SCA, a Swiss Holding Company and Pictet Canada LP, a Canadian Investment dealer. Pictet Asset Management managed approximately \$288.4 billion of client assets on a discretionary basis as of December 31, 2024.

The following are brief biographical profiles of the leaders of the fund's investment management team, in alphabetical order. These managers are jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the fund's portfolio. These managers are employed by Pictet AM SA. For more details about these individuals, including information about their compensation, other accounts they manage, and any investments they may have in the fund, see the SAI.

# **Hans Peter Portner, CFA**

- Head and Senior Portfolio Manager
- Managed the fund since 2018
- Head and Senior Investment Manager, Thematic Equities Team
- Joined Pictet AM SA in 1997

#### Gertjan van der Geer

- Senior Portfolio Manager
- Managed the fund since 2018

- Senior Investment Manager, Thematic Equities Team
- Joined Pictet AM SA in 2008

# Infrastructure Fund Wellington Management Company LLP 280 Congress Street Boston, MA 02210

Wellington Management Company LLP (Wellington Management) is a Delaware limited liability partnership. Wellington Management is a professional investment counseling firm which provides investment services to investment companies, employee benefit plans, endowments, foundations, and other institutions. Wellington Management and its predecessor organizations have provided investment advisory services for over 90 years. Wellington Management is owned by the partners of Wellington Management Group LLP, a Massachusetts limited liability partnership. As of December 31, 2024, Wellington Management and its investment advisory affiliates had investment management authority with respect to approximately \$1.2 trillion in assets.

The following is a brief biographical profile of the fund's portfolio manager who is primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the fund's portfolio. This manager is employed by Wellington Management. For more details about this individual, including information about his compensation, other accounts he manages, and any investments he may have in the fund, see the SAI.

#### **G. Thomas Levering**

- Senior Managing Director and Global Industry Analyst
- Managed the fund since 2013
- Joined Wellington Management in 2000
- Began business career in 1993

# International Dynamic Growth Fund Axiom Investors LLC 33 Benedict Place Greenwich, CT 06830

Axiom Investors LLC (Axiom) was formed on September 1, 1998, as an independent investment advisor specialized in managing international equity portfolios. Axiom has been registered as an investment advisor with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) since inception. Axiom is the operating subsidiary of Axiom Investors, L.P., the principal owner of which is Andrew Jacobson. As of December 31, 2024, its assets under management were \$24,180.90 million. Axiom conducts its business as "Axiom Investors." Axiom seeks to consistently provide top-tier investment performance by implementing its investment philosophy rigorously across all products while monitoring its growth levels to ensure that Axiom meets its objectives. Axiom's targeted markets include institutions, pension plans, investment companies, government entities, and banking institutions.

The following are brief biographical profiles of the leaders of the fund's investment management team, in alphabetical order. These managers are jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the fund's portfolio. The managers are employed by the subadvisor. For more details about these individuals, including information about their

compensation, other accounts they manage, and any investments they may have in the fund, see the SAI.

# **Bradley Amoils**

- Managing Director and Portfolio Manager
- Managed the fund since 2019
- Joined Axiom in 2002

# Dean Bumbaca, CFA

- Associate Portfolio Manager
- Managed the fund since 2022
- Joined Axiom in 2010

# Andrew Jacobson, CFA

- CEO and Chief Investment Officer
- Managed the fund since 2019
- Joined Axiom in 1998

# Seaport Long/Short Fund Wellington Management Company LLP 280 Congress Street Boston, MA 02210

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The following are brief biographical profiles of the leaders of the fund's investment management team, in alphabetical order. These managers are jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the fund's portfolio. These managers are employed by Wellington Management. For more details about these individuals, including information about their compensation, other accounts they manage, and any investments they may have in the fund, see the SAI.

# Jennifer N. Berg, CFA

- Senior Managing Director and Global Industry Analyst
- Managed the fund since 2013
- Joined Wellington Management as an investment professional in 2002

# **Bruce L. Glazer**

- Senior Managing Director and Global Industry Analyst
- Managed the fund since 2013
- Joined Wellington Management as an investment professional in 1997

# Rebecca D. Sykes, CFA

• Senior Managing Director and Global Industry Analyst

- Managed the fund since 2021
- Joined Wellington Management in 2007

# Michael G. Toman

- Managing Director and Portfolio Manager
- Managed the fund since 2022
- Joined Wellington Management as an investment professional in 2022
- Began investment career in 2009

# Keith E. White

- Senior Managing Director and Portfolio Manager
- Managed the fund since 2016
- Joined Wellington Management as an investment professional in 2007

# Small Cap Core Fund Manulife Investment Management (US) LLC 197 Clarendon Street Boston, MA 02116

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The following are brief biographical profiles of the leaders of the fund's investment management team, in alphabetical order. These managers are jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the fund's portfolio. These managers are employed by Manulife IM (US). For more details about these individuals, including information about their compensation, other accounts they manage, and any investments they may have in the fund, see the SAI.

# Ryan Davies, CFA

- Portfolio Manager
- Managed the fund since 2022
- Joined Manulife IM (US) in 2018

# Joseph Nowinski

- Senior Portfolio Manager
- Managed the fund since 2022
- Joined Manulife IM (US) in 2013

# Bill Talbot, CFA

- Senior Portfolio Manager, Head of US Small Cap Equities
- Managed the fund since 2013
- Joined Manulife IM (US) in 2013

# Custodian

The custodian holds the funds' assets, settles all portfolio trades, and collects most of the valuation data required for calculating each fund's net asset value.

*State Street Bank and Trust Company is the custodian for Infrastructure Fund, Seaport Long/Short Fund, and Small Cap Core Fund.* 

#### State Street Bank and Trust Company One Congress Street, Suite 1 Boston, MA 02114

Citibank, N.A. is the custodian for Disciplined Value International Fund, Diversified Macro Fund, Emerging Markets Equity Fund, ESG International Equity Fund, ESG Large Cap Core Fund, Fundamental Large Cap Core Fund, Global Environmental Opportunities Fund, Global Thematic Opportunities Fund, and International Dynamic Growth Fund.

# Citibank, N.A. 388 Greenwich Street New York, NY 10013

# **Principal distributor**

The principal distributor markets the funds and distributes shares through selling brokers, financial planners, and other financial professionals.

#### John Hancock Investment Management Distributors LLC 200 Berkeley Street Boston, MA 02116

# Additional information

Each fund has entered into contractual arrangements with various parties that provide services to the fund, which may include, among others, the advisor, subadvisor, custodian, principal distributor, and transfer agent, as described above and in the SAI. Fund shareholders are not parties to, or intended or "third-party" beneficiaries of, any of these contractual arrangements. These contractual arrangements are not intended to, nor do they, create in any individual shareholder or group of shareholders any right, either directly or on behalf of the fund, to either: (a) enforce such contracts against the service providers; or (b) seek any remedy under such contracts against the service providers.

This prospectus provides information concerning the funds that you should consider in determining whether to purchase shares of the funds. Each of this prospectus, the SAI, or any contract that is an exhibit to the funds' registration statement, is not intended to, nor does it, give rise to an agreement or contract between the funds and any investor. Each such document also does not give rise to any contract or create rights in any individual shareholder, group of shareholders, or other person. The foregoing disclosure should not be read to suggest any waiver of any rights conferred by federal or state securities laws.

# **Financial highlights**

These tables detail the financial performance of Class NAV shares of the funds whose Class NAV shares have commenced operations, and the financial performance of Class A shares of the funds whose Class NAV shares have not commenced operations as of the last reporting period, as indicated below, including total return information showing how much an investment in the fund has increased or decreased for the periods shown below (assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions). Certain information reflects financial results for a single fund share. Because Class NAV shares have different expenses than Class A shares, financial highlights for Class NAV shares would have differed.

The financial statements of the funds as of October 31, 2024, including the consolidated financials of John Hancock Diversified Macro Fund, which includes the accounts of its Subsidiary, have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC), the funds' independent registered public accounting firm. The report of PwC, along with the funds' financial statements in each fund's Form N-CSR filing for the fiscal period ended October 31, 2024, has been incorporated by reference into the SAI. Copies of each fund's most recent Form N-CSR filing are available upon request.

Per share operating performance Period e	nded 10-31-24	10-31-23	10-31-22	10-31-21	10-31-20
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$13.85	\$12.14	\$14.58	\$10.59	\$12.24
Net investment income <sup>1</sup>	0.33	0.32	0.31	0.38	0.20
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	2.30	1.73	(2.26)	3.81	(1.54)
Total from investment operations	2.63	2.05	(1.95)	4.19	(1.34)
Less distributions					
From net investment income	(0.31)	(0.28)	(0.49)	(0.20)	(0.31)
From net realized gain	(0.75)	(0.06)	_	_	_
Total distributions	(1.06)	(0.34)	(0.49)	(0.20)	(0.31)
Net asset value, end of period	\$15.42	\$13.85	\$12.14	\$14.58	\$10.59
Total return (%)²	19.54	17.06	(13.75)	39.80	(11.28)
Ratios and supplemental data					
Net assets, end of period (in millions)	\$1,434	\$1,321	\$1,277	\$1,655	\$1,254
Ratios (as a percentage of average net assets):					
Expenses before reductions	0.76	0.80	0.84	0.84	0.86
Expenses including reductions	0.75	0.79	0.83	0.83	0.85
Net investment income	2.13	2.28	2.34	2.73	1.82
Portfolio turnover (%)	91	71	70	76	99

# **Disciplined Value International Fund Class NAV Shares**

**1** Based on average daily shares outstanding.

2 Total returns would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced during the applicable periods.

**3** Excludes merger activity.

#### **Diversified Macro Fund Class NAV Shares**

Per share operating performance	Period ended	10-31-24	10-31-23	10-31-22	10-31-21	10-31-20
Net asset value, beginning of period		\$9.66	\$10.73	\$9.40	\$9.36	\$10.23
Net investment income (loss) <sup>1</sup>		0.29	0.21	(0.08)	(0.12)	(0.07)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on invest	stments	(0.73)	(0.26)	1.73	0.37	(0.43)
Total from investment operations		(0.44)	(0.05)	1.65	0.25	(0.50)
Less distributions						
From net investment income		(0.15)	(1.02)	(0.32)	(0.21)	_
From net realized gain		(0.21)	_	_	_	(0.37)
Total distributions		(0.36)	(1.02)	(0.32)	(0.21)	(0.37)
Net asset value, end of period		\$8.86	\$9.66	\$10.73	\$9.40	\$9.36
Total return (%) <sup>2</sup>		(4.67)	0.30	18.21	2.69	(5.09)
Ratios and supplemental data						
Net assets, end of period (in millions)		\$343	\$195	\$193	\$305	\$195
Ratios (as a percentage of average net ass	ets):					
Expenses before reductions		1.25	1.28	1.28	1.30	1.46
Expenses including reductions		1.24	1.27	1.27	1.29	1.33
Net investment income (loss)		3.12	2.26	(0.81)	(1.29)	(0.76)
Portfolio turnover (%)		0 <sup>3</sup>	0 <sup>3</sup>	0 <sup>3</sup>	0 <sup>3</sup>	03

**1** Based on average daily shares outstanding.

2 Total returns would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced during the applicable periods.

3 The calculation of portfolio turnover excludes amounts from securities whose maturities or expiration dates at the time of acquisition were one year or less, which represents a significant amount of the investments held by the fund. As a result, the portfolio turnover is 0%.

# **Emerging Markets Equity Fund Class NAV Shares**

Per share operating performance	Period ended	10-31-24	10-31-23	10-31-22	10-31-21	10-31-20
Net asset value, beginning of period		\$8.27	\$7.86	\$14.51	\$13.04	\$10.99
Net investment income <sup>1</sup>		0.10	0.11	0.12	0.10	0.05
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on invest	stments	1.49	0.42	(5.36)	1.98	2.27
Total from investment operations		1.59	0.53	(5.24)	2.08	2.32
Less distributions						
From net investment income		(0.15)	(0.12)	(0.05)	(0.12)	(0.27)
From net realized gain		_	_	(1.36)	(0.49)	_
Total distributions		(0.15)	(0.12)	(1.41)	(0.61)	(0.27)
Net asset value, end of period		\$9.71	\$8.27	\$7.86	\$14.51	\$13.04
Total return (%) <sup>2</sup>		19.27	6.75	(39.46)	15.79	21.62
Ratios and supplemental data						
Net assets, end of period (in millions)		\$1,344	\$1,283	\$1,339	\$1,982	\$1,830
Ratios (as a percentage of average net ass	sets):					
Expenses before reductions		1.05	1.06	1.01	0.98	1.02
Expenses including reductions		0.89	0.90	0.86	0.83	1.00
Net investment income		1.04	1.17	1.16	0.65	0.46
Portfolio turnover (%)		46	37	27	46	54

**1** Based on average daily shares outstanding.

2 Total returns would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced during the applicable periods.

# ESG Large Cap Core Fund Class A Shares

Per share operating performance	Period ended	10-31-24	10-31-23	10-31-22	10-31-21	10-31-20
Net asset value, beginning of period		\$18.87	\$17.70	\$22.34	\$15.63	\$14.48
Net investment income <sup>1</sup>		0.04	0.09	0.05	2	0.06
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on invest	ments	5.88	1.16	(4.04)	7.09	1.28
Total from investment operations		5.92	1.25	(3.99)	7.09	1.34
Less distributions						
From net investment income		(0.11)	(0.08)	<sup>2</sup>	(0.05)	(0.07
From net realized gain		_	_	(0.65)	(0.33)	(0.12
Total distributions		(0.11)	(0.08)	(0.65)	(0.38)	(0.19
Net asset value, end of period		\$24.68	\$18.87	\$17.70	\$22.34	\$15.63
Total return (%) <sup>3,4</sup>		31.49	7.10	(18.36)	46.10	9.29
Ratios and supplemental data						
Net assets, end of period (in millions)		\$32	\$25	\$22	\$20	\$5
Ratios (as a percentage of average net asse	ts):					
Expenses before reductions		1.33	1.31	1.26	1.30	1.46
Expenses including reductions		1.12	1.12	1.12	1.15	1.18
Net investment income		0.18	0.46	0.25	0.01	0.43
Portfolio turnover (%)		30	12	16	14 <sup>5</sup>	30

**1** Based on average daily shares outstanding.

**2** Less than \$0.005 per share.

3 Total returns would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced during the applicable periods.

**4** Does not reflect the effect of sales charges, if any.

**5** Excludes merger activity.

# **Financial Industries Fund Class NAV Shares**

Per share operating performance	Period ended	10-31-24	10-31-23	10-31-22	10-31-21	10-31-20
Net asset value, beginning of period		\$13.35	\$17.16	\$24.23	\$16.14	\$19.34
Net investment income <sup>1</sup>		0.22	0.31	0.25	0.23	0.21
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on invest	stments	5.79	(2.38)	(2.79)	8.92	(1.89)
Total from investment operations		6.01	(2.07)	(2.54)	9.15	(1.68)
Less distributions						
From net investment income		(0.33)	(0.20)	(0.50)	(0.29)	(0.31)
From net realized gain		(0.02)	(1.54)	(4.03)	(0.77)	(1.21)
Total distributions		(0.35)	(1.74)	(4.53)	(1.06)	(1.52)
Net asset value, end of period		\$19.01	\$13.35	\$17.16	\$24.23	\$16.14
Total return (%) <sup>2</sup>		45.67	(12.88)	(11.95)	58.83	(9.81)
Ratios and supplemental data						
Net assets, end of period (in millions)		\$205	\$184	\$288	\$414	\$330
Ratios (as a percentage of average net ass	ets):					
Expenses before reductions		0.87	0.86	0.84	0.83	0.85
Expenses including reductions		0.86	0.86	0.83	0.83	0.84
Net investment income		1.33	2.15	1.38	1.08	1.27
Portfolio turnover (%)		61	72	45	64	40

**1** Based on average daily shares outstanding.

2 Total returns would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced during the applicable periods.

# Fundamental Large Cap Core Fund Class NAV Shares

Per share operating performance	Period ended	10-31-24	10-31-23	10-31-22	10-31-21	10-31-20
Net asset value, beginning of period		\$60.13	\$57.77	\$80.29	\$53.62	\$49.02
Net investment income <sup>1</sup>		0.48	0.37	0.33	0.23	0.40
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on invest	stments	21.41	5.63	(17.06)	26.80	4.63
Total from investment operations		21.89	6.00	(16.73)	27.03	5.03
Less distributions						
From net investment income		(0.39)	(0.35)	(0.19)	(0.36)	(0.43)
From net realized gain		(3.99)	(3.29)	(5.60)	_	_
Total distributions		(4.38)	(3.64)	(5.79)	(0.36)	(0.43)
Net asset value, end of period		\$77.64	\$60.13	\$57.77	\$80.29	\$53.62
Total return (%)²		37.62	11.18	(22.47)	50.60	10.30
Ratios and supplemental data						
Net assets, end of period (in millions)		\$1,892	\$1,684	\$1,759	\$2,425	\$2,063
Ratios (as a percentage of average net ass	ets):					
Expenses before reductions		0.66	0.67	0.65	0.65	0.67
Expenses including reductions		0.65	0.66	0.65	0.64	0.66
Net investment income		0.67	0.61	0.49	0.33	0.78
Portfolio turnover (%)		19	19	26	16	19

**1** Based on average daily shares outstanding.

2 Total returns would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced during the applicable periods.

# **Global Environmental Opportunities Fund Class A Shares**

Per share operating performance	Period ended	10-31-24	10-31-23	10-31-22	10-31-21 <sup>1</sup>
Net asset value, beginning of period		\$8.51	\$7.94	\$10.67	\$10.00
Net investment loss <sup>2</sup>		(0.02)	(0.01)	(0.04)	(0.02)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments		2.26	0.58 <sup>3</sup>	(2.69)	0.69
Total from investment operations		2.24	0.57	(2.73)	0.67
Net asset value, end of period		\$10.75	\$8.51	\$7.94	\$10.67
Total return (%) <sup>4,5</sup>		26.32	7.31	(25.68)	6.70 <sup>6</sup>
Ratios and supplemental data					
Net assets, end of period (in millions)		\$—7	\$— <sup>7</sup>	\$—7	\$—7
Ratios (as a percentage of average net assets):					
Expenses before reductions		1.60	1.78	4.08	3.99 <sup>8</sup>
Expenses including reductions		1.21	1.21	1.21	1.22 <sup>8</sup>
Net investment loss		(0.18)	(0.08)	(0.43)	(0.73)
Portfolio turnover (%)		43	40	38	7

**1** Period from 7-21-21 (commencement of operations) to 10-31-21.

**2** Based on average daily shares outstanding.

3 The amount shown for a share outstanding does not correspond with the aggregate net gain (loss) on investments for the period due to the timing of the sales and repurchases of shares in relation to fluctuating market values of the investments of the fund.

4 Total returns would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced during the applicable periods.

**5** Does not reflect the effect of sales charges, if any.

6 Not annualized.

**7** Less than \$500,000.

8 Annualized. Certain expenses are presented unannualized.

9 Annualized.

# **Global Thematic Opportunities Fund Class NAV Shares**

Per share operating performance	Period ended	10-31-24	10-31-23	10-31-22	10-31-21	10-31-20
Net asset value, beginning of period		\$10.91	\$10.01	\$15.29	\$12.60	\$12.08
Net investment income <sup>1</sup>		0.02	0.05	0.03	0.03	0.09
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on invest	stments	3.39	0.90	(3.86)	3.49	0.93
Total from investment operations		3.41	0.95	(3.83)	3.52	1.02
Less distributions						
From net investment income		(0.10)	(0.05)	(0.02)	(0.09)	(0.10)
From net realized gain		—	_	(1.43)	(0.74)	(0.40)
Total distributions		(0.10)	(0.05)	(1.45)	(0.83)	(0.50)
Net asset value, end of period		\$14.22	\$10.91	\$10.01	\$15.29	\$12.60
Total return (%) <sup>2</sup>		31.32	9.50	(27.67)	28.86	8.62
Ratios and supplemental data						
Net assets, end of period (in millions)		\$166	\$232	\$282	\$398	\$332
Ratios (as a percentage of average net ass	ets):					
Expenses before reductions		0.99	0.99	0.89	0.92	0.96
Expenses including reductions		0.85	0.84	0.84	0.84	0.84
Net investment income		0.17	0.48	0.28	0.18	0.78
Portfolio turnover (%)		42	71	48	43	58

**1** Based on average daily shares outstanding.

2 Total returns would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced during the period.

# Infrastructure Fund Class NAV Shares

Per share operating performance	Period ended	10-31-24	10-31-23	10-31-22	10-31-21	10-31-20
Net asset value, beginning of period		\$11.98	\$12.11	\$15.08	\$12.02	\$13.43
Net investment income <sup>1</sup>		0.37	0.31	0.29	0.25	0.24
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on inves	tments	3.15	(0.14)	(2.29)	3.12	(1.01
Total from investment operations		3.52	0.17	(2.00)	3.37	(0.77
Less distributions						
From net investment income		(0.38)	(0.30)	(0.48)	(0.25)	(0.24
From net realized gain		_	_	(0.49)	(0.06)	(0.40
Total distributions		(0.38)	(0.30)	(0.97)	(0.31)	(0.64
Net asset value, end of period		\$15.12	\$11.98	\$12.11	\$15.08	\$12.02
Total return (%) <sup>2</sup>		29.69	1.29	(13.90)	28.29	(5.87
Ratios and supplemental data						
Net assets, end of period (in millions)		\$71	\$75	\$76	\$82	\$76
Ratios (as a percentage of average net asso	ets):					
Expenses before reductions		0.85	0.86	0.84	0.87	0.90
Expenses including reductions		0.85	0.85	0.83	0.86	0.89
Net investment income		2.70	2.43	2.15	1.76	1.95
Portfolio turnover (%)		27	20	33	27	34

**1** Based on average daily shares outstanding.

2 Total returns would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced during the period.

# International Dynamic Growth Fund Class NAV Shares

Per share operating performance	Period ended	10-31-24	10-31-23	10-31-22	10-31-21	10-31-20
Net asset value, beginning of period		\$9.28	\$8.53	\$17.50	\$13.28	\$10.50
Net investment income <sup>1</sup>		0.04	0.06	0.07	2	_2
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on inves	stments	3.97	0.77	(5.09)	5.04	2.81
Total from investment operations		4.01	0.83	(5.02)	5.04	2.81
Less distributions						
From net investment income		(0.03)	(0.08)	_	_	(0.03)
From net realized gain		_	_	(3.95)	(0.82)	
Total distributions		(0.03)	(0.08)	(3.95)	(0.82)	(0.03)
Net asset value, end of period		\$13.26	\$9.28	\$8.53	\$17.50	\$13.28
Total return (%) <sup>3</sup>		43.36	9.79	(35.91)	39.13	26.92
Ratios and supplemental data						
Net assets, end of period (in millions)		\$359	\$341	\$237	\$288	\$232
Ratios (as a percentage of average net ass	ets):					
Expenses before reductions		0.89	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.95
Expenses including reductions		0.83	0.83	0.83	0.83	0.83
Net investment income (loss)		0.31	0.59	0.67	0.01	(0.03)
Portfolio turnover (%)		83	85	94	133	135

**1** Based on average daily shares outstanding.

**2** Less than \$0.005 per share.

3 Total returns would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced during the applicable periods.

# Seaport Long/Short Fund Class NAV Shares

Per share operating performance	Period ended	10-31-24	10-31-23	10-31-22	10-31-21	10-31-20
Net asset value, beginning of period		\$11.12	\$11.06	\$13.18	\$11.96	\$11.35
Net investment income (loss) <sup>1</sup>		0.09	0.09	2	(0.10)	(0.04)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments		1.59	0.33	(1.30)	1.77	0.79
Total from investment operations		1.68	0.42	(1.30)	1.67	0.75
Less distributions						
From net investment income		(0.38)	(0.36)	_	_	(0.14)
From net realized gain		_	_	(0.82)	(0.45)	
Total distributions		(0.38)	(0.36)	(0.82)	(0.45)	(0.14)
Net asset value, end of period		\$12.42	\$11.12	\$11.06	\$13.18	\$11.96
Total return (%) <sup>3</sup>		15.44	3.87	(10.38)	14.12	6.64
Ratios and supplemental data						
Net assets, end of period (in millions)		\$86	\$81	\$74	\$57	\$59
Ratios (as a percentage of average net ass	sets):					
Expenses before reductions		1.56	1.53	1.52	1.55	1.58
Expenses including reductions		1.55	1.53	1.51	1.54	1.57
Net investment income (loss)		0.78	0.82	0.01	(0.78)	(0.35)
Portfolio turnover (%)		141	178	214	259	221

**1** Based on average daily shares outstanding.

**2** Less than \$0.005 per share.

3 Total returns would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced during the applicable periods.

# Small Cap Core Fund Class NAV Shares

Per share operating performance	Period ended	10-31-24	10-31-23	10-31-22	10-31-21	10-31-20
Net asset value, beginning of period		\$13.30	\$14.11	\$18.64	\$12.27	\$11.79
Net investment income (loss) <sup>1</sup>		0.05	0.04	(0.01)	(0.01)	0.02
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments		3.80	(0.72)	(2.45)	6.61	0.46
Total from investment operations		3.85	(0.68)	(2.46)	6.60	0.48
Less distributions						
From net investment income		(0.03)	_	(0.01)	(0.03)	
From net realized gain		(0.11)	(0.13)	(2.06)	(0.20)	
Total distributions		(0.14)	(0.13)	(2.07)	(0.23)	_
Net asset value, end of period		\$17.01	\$13.30	\$14.11	\$18.64	\$12.27
Total return (%) <sup>2</sup>		29.07	(4.79)	(14.65)	54.07	4.16
Ratios and supplemental data						
Net assets, end of period (in millions)		\$590	\$501	\$507	\$690	\$342
Ratios (as a percentage of average net asse	ts):					
Expenses before reductions		0.87	0.88	0.88	0.88	0.92
Expenses including reductions		0.86	0.88	0.87	0.87	0.91
Net investment income (loss)		0.31	0.29	(0.09)	(0.05)	0.15
Portfolio turnover (%)		56	56 <sup>3</sup>	64	64	82

**1** Based on average daily shares outstanding.

2 Total returns would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced during the applicable periods.

**3** Excludes in-kind transactions.

# Who can buy shares

Unless stated otherwise, references in this section to "the fund" apply to each fund described in this prospectus.

Class NAV shares are sold to certain affiliated funds, each of which is a fund of funds that invests in various other funds. Class NAV shares may also be sold to retirement plans for employees of John Hancock- and/or Manulife Financial Corporation-affiliated companies only, including John Hancock qualified plans and non-qualified deferred compensation plans and separate investment accounts of John Hancock and its insurance affiliates, and to the issuers of interests in the John Hancock Freedom 529 Plan, including the Education Trust of Alaska.

# **Class cost structure**

- No sales charges
- No distribution and service (Rule 12b-1) fees

Other share classes of the fund, which have their own expense structures, may be offered in separate prospectuses. Your broker-dealer or agent may charge you a fee to effect transactions in fund shares.

# Payments to financial intermediaries

Other share classes of the funds are primarily sold through financial intermediaries, such as brokers, banks, registered investment advisors, financial planners, and retirement plan administrators. These firms may be compensated for selling shares of the fund in two principal ways:

- directly, by the payment of sales commissions, if any; and
- indirectly, as a result of the fund paying Rule 12b-1 fees.

Class NAV shares do not carry sales commissions or pay Rule 12b-1 fees. However, certain firms may request, and the Distributor may agree to make, payments in addition to sales commissions and Rule 12b-1 fees, if applicable, out of the Distributor's own resources. These additional payments are sometimes referred to as revenue sharing. These payments assist in the distributor's efforts to promote the sale of the fund's shares. The distributor agrees with the firm on the methods for calculating any additional compensation, which may include the level of sales or assets attributable to the firm. Not all firms receive additional compensation, and the amount of compensation varies. These payments could be significant to a firm. The distributor determines which firms to support and the extent of the payments it is willing to make. The distributor generally chooses to compensate firms that have a strong capability to distribute shares of the fund and that are willing to cooperate with the distributor's promotional efforts.

The distributor hopes to benefit from revenue sharing by increasing the fund's net assets, which, as well as benefiting the fund, would result in additional management and other fees for the advisor and its affiliates. In consideration for revenue sharing, a firm may feature the fund in its sales system or give preferential access to members of its sales force or management. In addition, the firm may agree to participate in the distributor's marketing efforts by allowing the distributor or its affiliates to participate in conferences, seminars, or other programs attended by the intermediary's sales force. Although an intermediary may seek revenue-sharing payments to offset costs incurred by the firm in servicing its clients who have invested in the fund, the intermediary may

earn a profit on these payments. Revenue-sharing payments may provide your firm with an incentive to favor the fund.

The SAI discusses the distributor's revenue-sharing arrangements in more detail. Your intermediary may charge you additional fees other than those disclosed in this prospectus. You can ask your firm about any payments it receives from the distributor or the fund, as well as about fees and/or commissions it charges.

The distributor, advisor, and their affiliates may have other relationships with your firm relating to the provisions of services to the fund, such as providing omnibus account services, transaction-processing services, or effecting portfolio transactions for the fund. If your intermediary provides these services, the advisor or the fund may compensate the intermediary for these services. In addition, your intermediary may have other compensated relationships with the advisor or its affiliates that are not related to the fund.

For a description of these compensation and revenue-sharing arrangements, see the prospectuses and statement of additional information for the funds. The compensation paid to broker-dealers and the revenue-sharing arrangements may be derived, in whole or in part, through the advisor's profit on the advisory fee on the funds.

#### **Opening an account**

- **1** Read this prospectus carefully.
- 2 Determine if you are eligible by referring to "Who can buy shares."
- 3 Permitted entities generally may open an account and purchase Class NAV shares by contacting any broker-dealer or other financial service firm authorized to sell Class NAV shares of the fund. There are no minimum initial or subsequent investment requirements for Class NAV shares.

# **Transaction policies**

# Valuation of shares

The net asset value (NAV) for each class of shares of the fund is normally determined once daily as of the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) (typically 4:00 P.M., Eastern time, on each business day that the NYSE is open). In case of emergency or other disruption resulting in the NYSE not opening for trading or the NYSE closing at a time other than the regularly scheduled close, the NAV may be determined as of the regularly scheduled close of the NYSE pursuant to the advisor's Valuation Policies and Procedures. The time at which shares and transactions are priced and until which orders are accepted may vary to the extent permitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission and applicable regulations. On holidays or other days when the NYSE is closed, the NAV is not calculated and the fund does not transact purchase or redemption requests. Trading of securities that are primarily listed on foreign exchanges may take place on weekends and U.S. business holidays on which the fund's and Subsidiary's NAV is not calculated. Consequently, the fund's portfolio securities may trade and the NAV of the fund's and Subsidiary's shares may be significantly affected on days when a shareholder will not be able to purchase or redeem shares of the fund.

Each class of shares of the fund has its own NAV, which is computed by dividing the total assets, minus liabilities, allocated to each share class by the number of fund shares outstanding for that class. The current NAV of the fund is available on our website at jhinvestments.com.

#### **Valuation of securities**

The Board has designated the funds' advisor as the valuation designee to perform fair value functions for each fund in accordance with the advisor's valuation policies and procedures. As valuation designee, the advisor will determine the fair value, in good faith, of securities and other assets held by each fund for which market quotations are not readily available and, among other things, will assess and manage material risks associated with fair value determinations, select, apply and test fair value methodologies, and oversee and evaluate pricing services and other valuation agents used in valuing a fund's investments. The advisor is subject to Board oversight and reports to the Board information regarding the fair valuation process and related material matters. The advisor carries out its responsibilities as valuation designee through its Pricing Committee.

Portfolio securities are valued by various methods that are generally described below. Portfolio securities also may be fair valued by the advisor's Pricing Committee in certain instances pursuant to procedures established by the advisor and adopted by the Board of Trustees. Equity securities are generally valued at the last sale price or, for certain markets, the official closing price as of the close of the relevant exchange. Securities not traded on a particular day are valued using last available bid prices. A security that is listed or traded on more than one exchange is typically valued at the price on the exchange where the security was acquired or most likely will be sold. In certain instances, the Pricing Committee may determine to value equity securities using prices obtained from another exchange or market if trading on the exchange or market on which prices are typically obtained did not open for trading as scheduled, or if trading closed earlier than scheduled, and trading occurred as normal on another exchange or market. Equity securities traded principally in foreign markets are typically valued using the last sale price or official closing price in the relevant exchange or market, as adjusted by an independent pricing vendor to reflect fair value as of the close of the NYSE. On any day a foreign market is closed and the NYSE is open, any foreign securities will typically be valued using the last price or official closing price obtained from the relevant exchange on the prior business day adjusted based on information provided by an independent pricing vendor to reflect fair value as of the close of the NYSE. Debt obligations are typically valued based on evaluated prices provided by an independent pricing vendor. The value of securities denominated in foreign currencies is converted into U.S. dollars at the exchange rate supplied by an independent pricing vendor. Forward foreign currency contracts are valued at the prevailing forward rates which are based on foreign currency exchange spot rates and forward points supplied by an independent pricing vendor. Exchange-traded options are valued at the mid-price of the last quoted bid and ask prices. Futures contracts whose settlement prices are determined as of the close of the NYSE are typically valued based on the settlement price, while other futures contracts are typically valued at the last traded price on the exchange on which they trade as of the close of the NYSE. Foreign equity index futures that trade in the electronic trading market subsequent to the close of regular

trading may be valued at the last traded price in the electronic trading market as of the close of the NYSE, or may be fair valued based on fair value adjustment factors provided by an independent pricing vendor in order to adjust for events that may occur between the close of foreign exchanges or markets and the close of the NYSE. Swaps and unlisted options are generally valued using evaluated prices obtained from an independent pricing vendor. Shares of other open-end investment companies that are not exchange-traded funds (underlying funds) are valued based on the NAVs of such underlying funds. Shares of the Subsidiary will be valued at their NAV.

Pricing vendors may use matrix pricing or valuation models that utilize certain inputs and assumptions to derive values, including transaction data, broker-dealer quotations, credit quality information, general market conditions, news, and other factors and assumptions. The fund may receive different prices when it sells odd-lot positions than it would receive for sales of institutional round lot positions. Pricing vendors generally value securities assuming orderly transactions of institutional round lot sizes, but a fund may hold or transact in such securities in smaller, odd lot sizes.

The Pricing Committee engages in oversight activities with respect to pricing vendors, which includes, among other things, monitoring significant or unusual price fluctuations above predetermined tolerance levels from the prior day, back-testing of pricing vendor prices against actual trades, conducting periodic due diligence meetings and reviews, and periodically reviewing the inputs, assumptions and methodologies used by these vendors. Nevertheless, market quotations, official closing prices, or information furnished by a pricing vendor could be inaccurate, which could lead to a security being valued incorrectly.

If market quotations, official closing prices, or information furnished by a pricing vendor are not readily available or are otherwise deemed unreliable or not representative of the fair value of such security because of market- or issuer-specific events, a security will be valued at its fair value as determined in good faith by the Board's valuation designee, the advisor. In certain instances, therefore, the Pricing Committee may determine that a reported valuation does not reflect fair value, based on additional information available or other factors, and may accordingly determine in good faith the fair value of the assets, which may differ from the reported valuation.

Fair value pricing of securities is intended to help ensure that a fund's NAV reflects the fair market value of the fund's portfolio securities as of the close of regular trading on the NYSE (as opposed to a value that no longer reflects market value as of such close), thus limiting the opportunity for aggressive traders or market timers to purchase shares of the fund at deflated prices reflecting stale security valuations and promptly sell such shares at a gain, thereby diluting the interests of long-term shareholders. However, a security's valuation may differ depending on the method used for determining value, and no assurance can be given that fair value pricing of securities will successfully eliminate all potential opportunities for such trading gains.

The use of fair value pricing has the effect of valuing a security based upon the price the fund might reasonably expect to receive if it sold that security in an orderly transaction between market participants, but does not guarantee that the security can be sold at the fair value price. Further, because of the inherent uncertainty and subjective nature of fair valuation, a fair valuation price may differ significantly from the value that would have been used had a readily available market price for the investment existed and these differences could be material.

Regarding the fund's investment in an underlying fund that is not an ETF, which (as noted above) is valued at such underlying fund's NAV, the prospectus for such underlying fund explains the circumstances and effects of fair value pricing for that underlying fund.

# **Buy and sell prices**

When you buy shares, you pay the NAV. When you sell shares, you receive the NAV.

# **Execution of requests**

The fund is open for business when the NYSE is open, typically 9:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Eastern time, Monday through Friday. A purchase or redemption order received in good order by the fund prior to the close of regular trading on the NYSE, on a day the fund is open for business, will be effected at that day's NAV. An order received in good order after the fund close will generally be effected at the NAV determined on the next business day. In case of emergency or other disruption resulting in the NYSE not opening for trading or the NYSE closing at a time other than the regularly scheduled close, the time until which orders are accepted may vary to the extent permitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission and applicable regulations. This may result in the fund closing for business prior to the time at which the fund's NAV is determined. In this case, orders submitted after the fund closing may receive the NAV determined on the next business day.

The fund typically expects to mail or wire redemption proceeds between 1 and 3 business days following the receipt of the shareholder's redemption request. Processing time is not dependent on the chosen delivery method. In unusual circumstances, the fund may temporarily suspend the processing of sell requests or may postpone payment of proceeds for up to three business days or longer, as allowed by federal securities laws.

Under normal market conditions, the fund typically expects to meet redemption requests through holdings of cash or cash equivalents or through sales of portfolio securities, and may access other available liquidity facilities. In unusual or stressed market conditions, such as, for example, during a period of time in which a foreign securities exchange is closed, in addition to the methods used in normal market conditions, the fund may meet redemption requests through the use of its line of credit, interfund lending facility, redemptions in kind, or such other liquidity means or facilities as the fund may have in place from time to time.

# **Excessive trading**

The fund is intended for long-term investment purposes only and does not knowingly accept shareholders who engage in market timing or other types of excessive short-term trading. Short-term trading into and out of the fund can disrupt portfolio investment strategies and may increase fund expenses for all shareholders, including long-term shareholders who do not generate these costs.

#### Right to reject or restrict purchase and exchange orders

Purchases and exchanges should be made primarily for investment purposes. The fund reserves the right to restrict, reject, or cancel (with respect to cancellations within one day of the order), for any reason and without any prior notice, any purchase or exchange order, including transactions representing excessive trading and transactions accepted by any shareholder's financial intermediary. For example, the fund may, in its discretion, restrict, reject, or cancel a purchase or exchange order even if the transaction is not subject to a specific limitation on exchange activity, as described below, if the fund or its agent determines that accepting the order could interfere with the efficient management of the fund's portfolio, or otherwise not be in the fund's best interest in light of unusual trading activity related to your account. In the event that the fund rejects or cancels an exchange request, neither the redemption nor the purchase side of the exchange will be processed. If you would like the redemption request to be processed even if the purchase order is rejected, you should submit separate redemption and purchase orders rather than placing an exchange order. The fund reserves the right to delay for up to one business day, consistent with applicable law, the processing of exchange requests in the event that, in the fund's judgment, such delay would be in the fund's best interest, in which case both the redemption and purchase side of the exchange will receive the fund's NAV at the conclusion of the delay period. The fund, through its agents in their sole discretion, may impose these remedial actions at the account holder level or the underlying shareholder level.

# **Exchange limitation policies**

The Board of Trustees has adopted the following policies and procedures by which the fund, subject to the limitations described below, takes steps reasonably designed to curtail excessive trading practices.

# Limitation on exchange activity

The fund or its agent may reject or cancel a purchase order, suspend or terminate the exchange privilege, or terminate the ability of an investor to invest in John Hancock funds if the fund or its agent determines that a proposed transaction involves market timing or disruptive trading that it believes is likely to be detrimental to the fund. The fund or its agent cannot ensure that it will be able to identify all cases of market timing or disruptive trading, although it attempts to have adequate procedures in place to do so. The fund or its agent may also reject or cancel any purchase order (including an exchange) from an investor or group of investors for any other reason. Decisions to reject or cancel purchase orders (including exchanges) in the fund are inherently subjective and will be made in a manner believed to be in the best interest of the fund's shareholders. The fund does not have any arrangement to permit market timing or disruptive trading.

Exchanges made on the same day in the same account are aggregated for purposes of counting the number and dollar amount of exchanges made by the account holder. The exchange limits referenced above will not be imposed or may be modified under certain circumstances. For example, these exchange limits may be modified for accounts held by certain retirement plans to conform to plan exchange limits, ERISA considerations, or U.S. Department of Labor regulations. Certain automated or preestablished exchange, asset allocation, and dollar-cost-averaging programs are not subject to these exchange limits. These programs are excluded from the exchange limitation since the fund believes that they are advantageous to shareholders and do not offer an effective means for market timing or excessive trading strategies. These investment tools involve regular and predetermined purchase or redemption requests made well in advance of any knowledge of events affecting the market on the date of the purchase or redemption.

These exchange limits are subject to the fund's ability to monitor exchange activity, as discussed under "Limitation on the ability to detect and curtail excessive trading practices" below. Depending upon the composition of the fund's shareholder accounts, and in light of the limitations on the ability of the fund to detect and curtail excessive trading practices, a significant percentage of the fund's shareholders may not be subject to the exchange limitation policy described above. In applying the exchange limitation policy, the fund considers information available to it at the time and reserves the right to consider trading activity in a single account or multiple accounts under common ownership, control, or influence.

# Limitation on the ability to detect and curtail excessive trading practices

Shareholders seeking to engage in excessive trading practices sometimes deploy a variety of strategies to avoid detection and, despite the efforts of the fund to prevent excessive trading, there is no guarantee that the fund or its agent will be able to identify such shareholders or curtail their trading practices. The ability of the fund and its agent to detect and curtail excessive trading practices may also be limited by operational systems and technological limitations. Because the fund will not always be able to detect frequent trading activity, investors should not assume that the fund will be able to detect or prevent all frequent trading or other practices that disadvantage the fund. For example, the ability of the fund to monitor trades that are placed by omnibus or other nominee accounts is severely limited in those instances in which the financial intermediary, including a financial advisor, broker, retirement plan administrator, or fee-based program sponsor, maintains the records of the fund's underlying beneficial owners. Omnibus or other nominee account arrangements are common forms of holding shares of the fund, particularly among certain financial intermediaries, such as financial advisors, brokers, retirement plan administrators, or fee-based program sponsors. These arrangements often permit the financial intermediary to aggregate its clients' transactions and ownership positions and do not identify the particular underlying shareholder(s) to the fund. However, the fund will work with financial intermediaries as necessary to discourage shareholders from engaging in abusive trading practices and to impose restrictions on excessive trades. In this regard, the fund has entered into information-sharing agreements with financial intermediaries pursuant to which these intermediaries are required to provide to the fund, at the fund's request, certain information relating to their customers investing in the fund through omnibus or other nominee accounts. The fund will use this information to attempt to identify excessive trading practices. Financial intermediaries are contractually required to follow any instructions from the fund to restrict or prohibit future purchases from shareholders that are found to have engaged in excessive trading in violation of the fund's policies. The fund cannot guarantee the accuracy of the information provided to it from financial intermediaries and so cannot ensure that it will be able to detect abusive trading practices that occur

through omnibus or other nominee accounts. As a consequence, the fund's ability to monitor and discourage excessive trading practices in these types of accounts may be limited.

# **Excessive trading risk**

To the extent that the fund or its agent is unable to curtail excessive trading practices in the fund, these practices may interfere with the efficient management of the fund's portfolio and may result in the fund engaging in certain activities to a greater extent than it otherwise would, such as maintaining higher cash balances, using its line of credit, and engaging in increased portfolio transactions. Increased portfolio transactions and use of the line of credit would correspondingly increase the fund's operating costs and decrease the fund's investment performance. Maintenance of higher levels of cash balances would likewise result in lower fund investment performance during periods of rising markets.

While excessive trading can potentially occur in the fund, certain types of funds are more likely than others to be targets of excessive trading. For example:

- A fund that invests a significant portion of its assets in small- or mid-capitalization stocks or securities in particular industries that may trade infrequently or are fair valued as discussed under "Valuation of securities" entails a greater risk of excessive trading, as investors may seek to trade fund shares in an effort to benefit from their understanding of the value of those types of securities (referred to as price arbitrage).
- A fund that invests a material portion of its assets in securities of foreign issuers may be a potential target for excessive trading if investors seek to engage in price arbitrage based upon general trends in the securities markets that occur subsequent to the close of the primary market for such securities.
- A fund that invests a significant portion of its assets in below-investment-grade (junk) bonds that may trade infrequently or are fair valued as discussed under "Valuation of securities" incurs a greater risk of excessive trading, as investors may seek to trade fund shares in an effort to benefit from their understanding of the value of those types of securities (referred to as price arbitrage).

Any frequent trading strategies may interfere with efficient management of a fund's portfolio and raise costs. A fund that invests in the types of securities discussed above may be exposed to this risk to a greater degree than a fund that invests in highly liquid securities. These risks would be less significant, for example, in a fund that primarily invests in U.S. government securities, money market instruments, investment-grade corporate issuers, or large-capitalization U.S. equity securities. Any successful price arbitrage may cause dilution in the value of the fund shares held by other shareholders.

# **Dividends and account policies**

# Account statements

In general, you will receive account statements from your plan's recordkeeper. Every year you should also receive, if applicable, a Form 1099 tax information statement mailed by February 15 by your plan's recordkeeper.

# Dividends

Each fund typically declares and pays income dividends at least annually, except for Infrastructure Fund which typically declares income dividends and pays them quarterly. Capital gains for each fund, if any, are distributed at least annually, typically after the end of the fund's fiscal year.

# **Taxability of dividends**

For investors who are not exempt from federal income taxes, dividends you receive from a fund, whether reinvested or taken as cash, are generally considered taxable. Dividends from a fund's short-term capital gains are taxable as ordinary income. Dividends from a fund's long-term capital gains are taxable at a lower rate. Whether gains are short-term or long-term depends on a fund's holding period. Some dividends paid in January may be taxable as if they had been paid the previous December.

The Form 1099 that is mailed to you every February, if applicable, details your dividends and their federal tax category, although you should verify your tax liability with your tax professional.

# **Returns of capital**

If a fund's distributions exceed its taxable income and capital gains realized during a taxable year, all or a portion of the distributions made in the same taxable year may be recharacterized as a return of capital to shareholders. A return of capital distribution will generally not be taxable, but will reduce each shareholder's cost basis in the fund and result in a higher reported capital gain or lower reported capital loss when those shares on which the distribution was received are sold.

# **Taxability of transactions**

Any time you sell or exchange shares, it is considered a taxable event for you if you are not exempt from federal income taxes. Depending on the purchase price and the sale price of the shares you sell or exchange, you may have a gain or a loss on the transaction. You are responsible for any tax liabilities generated by your transactions.

# Additional investor services

# **Disclosure of fund holdings**

The following information for each fund is posted on the website, jhinvestments.com, generally on the fifth business day after month end: top 10 holdings; top 10 sector analysis; total return/yield; top 10 countries; average quality/maturity; beta/alpha; and top 10 portfolio composition. All of the holdings of each fund will be posted to the website no earlier than 15 days after each calendar month end, and will remain posted on the website for six months. All of the funds' holdings as of the end of the third month of every fiscal quarter will be disclosed on Form N-PORT within 60 days of the end of the fiscal quarter. All of the funds' holdings as of the end of the second and fourth fiscal quarters will be disclosed on Form N-CSR within 70 days of the end of such fiscal quarters. A description of each fund's policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of its portfolio securities is available in the SAI.

The following documents are available that offer further information on the fund:

# Annual/semiannual reports to shareholders

Additional information about a fund's investments is available in the fund's annual and semiannual reports to shareholders and in Form N-CSR. In a fund's annual report, you will find a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected the fund's performance during its last fiscal year. In Form N-CSR, you will find the fund's annual and semiannual financial statements.

# Statement of Additional Information (SAI)

The SAI contains more detailed information on all aspects of a fund and includes a summary of a fund's policy regarding disclosure of its portfolio holdings, as well as legal and regulatory matters. A current SAI has been filed with the SEC and is incorporated by reference into (and is legally a part of) this prospectus.

# To obtain a free copy of these documents or request other information

There are several ways you can get a current annual/semiannual report, Form N-CSR, other information such as fund financial statements that the fund files on Form N-CSR, prospectus, or SAI from John Hancock, request other information, or make inquiries:

**Online:** jhinvestments.com

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