

# John Hancock Marathon Asset-Based Lending Fund

Prior to 3/1/25, the fund was named John Hancock Asset-Based Lending Fund.

## Objective

Seeks to provide high current income and, to a lesser extent, capital appreciation

## Use for

Enhancing yield within a broader fixed-income portfolio and as a diversifier within private credit allocations

## Strategy

### All-weather strategy

Alpha generation through sourcing, less efficient markets, limited competition, complexity and illiquidity premiums, and proprietary manager insight

### Private credit

Differentiated private credit access in a registered investment company vehicle through an experienced manager with specialized expertise

### Risk management

The fund seeks to achieve its objective by investing in a broad portfolio of secured assets

## Managed by

## MARATHON

Established global credit manager that invests across private and public credit markets through multiple credit cycles



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CIO, Managing Partner  
Portfolio Manager  
With Marathon since 1998



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## Characteristics of asset-based lending

Private credit has existed in institutional markets for decades and is gaining traction among private investors looking to complement existing portfolios.



### Asset based

Asset-based lending investments are loans secured by hard or financial assets



### Differentiated returns

Complexity and liquidity premium potential due to sourcing, underwriting, and originating private loans



### Contractual cash flows

Asset-based lending has contractual cash flows, which have the potential to create diversified income for investors



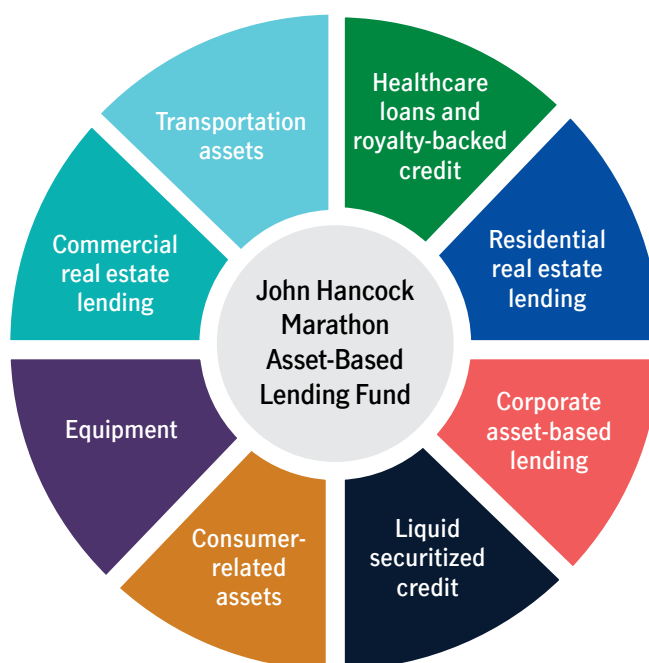
### Structural security

Deals typically include protective loan covenants and ownership of collateral, which aim to protect investors

## Dynamic portfolio allocation

Marathon has deployed over \$30 billion across multiple asset-based lending sectors since the early 2000s.

- Flexible asset allocation adapts to changing economic environments
- Provides clients with attractive portfolio diversification through exposure to a broader private credit opportunity set and diversified pools of hard and financial assets with varying borrower profiles
- A focus on areas of the specialty finance and asset-based market in which Marathon has specialized teams and expertise
- Seeks to opportunistically identify mispriced assets and funding gaps in areas of the market that are underserved by traditional lenders
- Specialty financings sourced through nontraditional niche channels



**Overview of investments**

Sector	Target sector allocations	Active investor since (Marathon Asset Management) <sup>1</sup>	Sector overview
Commercial real estate lending	10%–25%	2003	The origination and acquisition of commercial real estate loans secured by housing-related and traditional commercial real estate property types
Residential real estate lending	10%–25%	2002	The origination and acquisition of residential real estate loans, legacy mortgage loan pools, including distressed or nonperforming loans, and newly originated nonagency mortgage loans
Transportation assets	10%–25%	2005	Transportation assets such as loans and leases backed by commercial aircraft, aircraft engines, shipping vessels, and other transportation and equipment
Corporate asset-based credit	10%–25%	2002	Asset-based corporate credit secured by real estate, equipment, receivables, inventory, and intellectual property rights, among other assets
Consumer-related assets	0%–25%	2002	Acquisition of consumer loans, including distressed loans, and high-yield asset-backed securities backed by various forms of non-mortgage household debt largely focused on select market segments such as automobile loans and leases, credit cards, personal installment loans, and other types of consumer loans
Equipment	0%–25%	2005	The leasing, financing, or lending against a wide range of equipment that is mission critical to an operator; equipment may include, injection molding machines, industrial cranes, earth moving equipment, titled and nontitled vehicles, but wouldn't include equipment that would be categorized as transportation assets
Healthcare loans and royalty-backed credit	0%–25%	2006	Healthcare loans secured by revenue, intellectual property rights, and royalty streams on primarily FDA-approved drugs and devices
Liquid securitized credit	At least 10%	2003	Securities backed by residential real estate, commercial real estate, collateralized mortgage obligations, secure corporate loans, and asset-backed securities

**Current composition (%)**

Sector	Current allocation
Liquid securitized credit	20.04
Residential real estate lending	19.68
Transportation assets	13.41
Consumer-related assets	13.11
Commercial real estate lending	12.65
Corporate asset-based credit	8.58
Cash and cash equivalents	6.47
Equipment	6.06
Healthcare loans and royalty-backed credit	—

Portfolio composition weightings are expressed as a percentage of total market value of investments and subject to change at any time.

<sup>1</sup> Denotes Marathon Asset Management's active years of investment in the space.

**Average annual total returns  
(%)**

	QTD	YTD	1yr	3yr	5yr	10yr	Life of fund 7/11/22
Class I (without sales charge)	1.64	1.64	8.20	—	—	—	6.44
Class D (without sales charge)	1.72	1.72	7.55	—	—	—	6.26
Class D (with 1.5% sales charge)	0.19	0.19	5.93	—	—	—	5.69
Class S (without sales charge)	1.52	1.52	7.41	—	—	—	5.81
Class S (with 3.5% sales charge)	-2.03	-2.03	3.67	—	—	—	4.43

**The past performance shown here reflects reinvested distributions and the beneficial effect of any expense reductions, and does not guarantee future results. Returns for periods shorter than one year are cumulative, and results for other share classes will vary. Shares will fluctuate in value and, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance cited. For the most recent month-end performance, visit [jhinvestments.com](http://jhinvestments.com).**

As of the current prospectus, the fund's net annual operating expense ratios are 4.12% for Class I, 4.37% for Class D, and 4.97% for Class S shares; and the gross operating expense ratios are 5.15% for Class I, 5.40% for Class D, and 6.00% for Class S shares. The net annual operating expense ratio represents the effect of a contractual fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement through 2/28/26 and is subject to change.

**Fund terms**

Structure	This fund is a continuously offered unlisted closed-end tender offer fund registered under the Securities Act of 1933 and Investment Company Act of 1940
Investment objective	To seek high current income as a primary objective; secondary objective is capital appreciation
Subscription frequency	Monthly
NAV frequency	Monthly
Redemption policy	The fund expects to have quarterly tenders of up to 5% of shares outstanding, subject to board approval
Distributions	Quarterly
Tax reporting	1099
Investor qualification	Accredited investors
Management fee <sup>2</sup>	1.35% on managed assets
Incentive fee	12.5% over a 5.0% hurdle on pre-incentive fee net investment income subject to a catch-up feature
Total managed assets	\$269.72 million

<sup>2</sup> The management fee is shown as a percentage of net assets, which reflects the effective management fee rate borne by shareholders based on the fund's net assets and expected level of investment leverage. The advisor receives the management fee at the end of each calendar month at the annual rate of 1.35% of the average monthly value of the managed assets of the fund. The term managed assets means the total assets of the fund (including any assets attributable to any preferred shares that may be issued or to indebtedness), minus the fund's liabilities incurred in the normal course of operations other than liabilities relating to indebtedness. The effective fee rate borne by shareholders based on net assets would increase if the actual amount of investment leverage is greater than expected and would decrease if the amount of actual leverage is less than expected.

Share classes

	Class I (ABLFX)	Class D (ABLGX)	Class S (ABLHX)
Availability	Through fee-based (wrap) programs, registered investment advisers, and other institutional and fiduciary accounts		Through transactional/ brokerage accounts
Initial and subsequent investment minimums	\$1,000,000/\$100,000 <sup>3</sup>	\$10,000/\$5,000	\$10,000/\$5,000
Up-front fee (commission)	None	Up to 1.5%	Up to 3.5%
Distribution/servicing fee	None	0.25%	0.85%

Minimum investment amounts may be reduced or waived by the fund at its sole discretion. All shares repurchased less than one year after the date of purchase are subject to a 2% early repurchase fee regardless of share class. Any sales load will reduce the amount of an investor's initial or subsequent investment in the fund and will not form part of an investor's investment in the fund. The sales load may be waived in certain circumstances at the advisor's discretion. Please see the fund's prospectus for more information.

3 Class I minimums may be reduced to \$10,000 for certain investors.

What you should know before investing

*Fund shares are illiquid and, therefore, an investment in the fund should be considered a speculative investment that entails substantial risks. Investors could lose all or substantially all of their investment. Shares of the fund are not listed on any securities exchange, and it is not anticipated that a secondary market for the fund's shares will develop; therefore, an investment in the fund may not be suitable for investors who may need the money they invest in a specified timeframe. The amount of distributions that the fund may pay, if any, is uncertain. Annual distributions may consist of all or part of your original investment, and therefore may not consist of a return of net investment income. The fund's use of leverage may not be successful and may create additional risks, including the risk of magnified return volatility and the potential for unlimited loss. Exposure to investments in commercial real estate, residential real estate, transportation, healthcare loans, and royalty-backed credit and other asset-based lending, including distressed loans, may also subject the fund to greater volatility than investments in traditional securities. Investments in distressed loans subject to the risks associated with below-investment-grade securities. In addition, 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 fund's investment strategy may not produce the intended results. Please see the fund's prospectus for additional risks.*

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