

Closed-end international equity fund Investor fact sheet

John Hancock Hedged Equity & Income Fund

CE: HEQ

Summary

Objective

Capital appreciation and current income

Use for

Diversifying sources of income

Morningstar category

Global Allocation

Strategy

Income potential

Seeks total return consisting of both income and capital gains

Equity exposure

Investing at least 80% of the portfolio in a diverse selection of equities across market capitalizations

Managing downside risk

Employing options strategies to mitigate capital losses in periods when equity markets decline

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Roberto J. Isch, CFA
On the fund since 2019.
Investing since 2007

Average annual total returns¹

	Qtd	Ytd	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr	Life of fund	Life of fund date
Net Asset Value	-3.23	10.14	10.14	6.11	5.30	5.58	5.93	5/26/11
Market Price	-4.67	11.61	11.61	1.68	2.49	5.36	4.56	5/26/11
MSCI ACWI	-0.99	17.49	17.49	5.44	10.06	9.23	8.98	—
Global allocation category	-2.06	12.74	12.74	3.04	6.07	6.00	—	—

Expense ratios²

	Gross	Net (what you pay)	Contractual through
HEQ	1.23%	1.23%	4/30/2025

The performance data shown represents past performance, which does not guarantee future results. Returns for periods shorter than one year are cumulative. 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. Performance figures assume that all distributions are reinvested. For the most recent month-end performance, visit jhinvestments.com.

Growth of a hypothetical \$10,000 investment

6/1/11 – 12/31/24



Calendar year returns

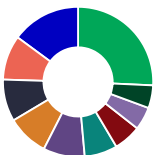
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
At NAV	1.56	10.46	15.15	-9.61	13.89	-2.99	11.69	-0.96	9.53	10.14
MSCI ACWI	-2.36	7.86	23.97	-9.42	26.60	16.25	18.54	-18.36	22.20	17.49
Global allocation category	-2.91	7.81	20.14	-13.64	22.85	3.01	19.13	-15.26	14.51	12.74

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¹ It is not possible to invest in an index. Index definitions can be found within the "What you should know before Investing" section on the last page of this fact sheet. ² Net expenses ratio reflect any applicable voluntary or contractual fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements/recoupment, which may be discontinued at any time. For more information on fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements, please see the expense table and footnotes in the prospectus.

Sector composition³

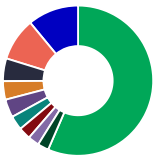
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Financials	24.65	Energy	8.56
Information Technology	14.27	Industrials	6.79
Consumer Staples	9.20	Real Estate	5.65
Health Care	8.67	Utilities	4.75
Consumer Discretionary	8.57	Communication Services	4.69

10 largest countries⁶

%



United States	49.24	France	3.41
Japan	9.57	Germany	2.68
United Kingdom	8.04	Spain	2.27
Canada	4.26	China	2.11
South Korea	3.47	South Africa	2.06

What you should know before investing

As is the case with all exchange-traded closed-end funds, an investment in this fund may trade at a discount or premium to the fund's net asset value (NAV) and is subject to investment and market risks, including the possible loss of principal. Distribution levels are subject to change and may include a substantial return of capital, which is a return of some or all of a shareholder's investment in the fund. Fixed-income investments are subject to interest-rate and credit risk; their value will normally decline as interest rates rise or if a creditor, grantor, or counterparty is unable or unwilling to make principal, interest, or settlement payments. An issuer of securities held by the fund may default, have its credit rating downgraded, or otherwise perform poorly, which may affect fund performance. Investments in higher-yielding, lower-rated securities are subject to a higher risk of default. Liquidity may be impaired by reduced trading volume, heightened volatility, rising interest rates, and other market conditions. The fund's use of leverage may not be successful and create additional risks, including heightened price and return volatility.

The MSCI All Country (AC) World Index tracks the performance of publicly traded large- and mid-cap stocks of companies in 23 developed markets and 23 emerging markets. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

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Key facts

NAV (\$M)	11.64
Market price (\$)	10.21
Premium/discount ⁴ (%)	-12.29%
Total net assets ⁵	\$140.79 m
Total managed assets (\$M)	\$140.79 m
52-week market price range, high (\$)	\$11.11
52-week market price range, low (\$)	\$9.66
Number of holdings	492

10 largest holdings⁶

%

1. Philip Morris International, Inc.	1.70
2. JPMorgan Chase & Company	1.58
3. Johnson & Johnson	1.50
4. Cisco Systems, Inc.	1.30
5. Iberdrola SA	1.12
6. Canon, Inc.	1.11
7. Merck & Company, Inc.	1.10
8. Exxon Mobil Corp.	1.10
9. Bristol-Myers Squibb Company	1.04
10. Pfizer, Inc.	0.94

3 Holdings, sector weightings, market capitalization and portfolio characteristics are subject to change at any time. There is no guarantee the fund will maintain the portfolio characteristics, or the future profitability of the securities identified and set forth herein. **4** Closed-end fund shares are not redeemable, but instead are traded in the secondary market and frequently trade at a discount to net asset value. Specialized funds may carry additional risks. **5** The difference between total managed assets and total net assets is due primarily to the fund's use of leverage through borrowings; net assets do not include borrowings. **6** Listed holdings reflect the largest portions of the fund's total and may change at any time. They are not recommendations to buy or sell any security. Data is expressed as a percentage of net assets and excludes cash and cash equivalents.