

**Closed-end fixed-income fund** Investor fact sheet

# John Hancock Preferred Income Fund III

CE: HPS

**Summary**
**Objective**

High current income and capital preservation

**Use for**

Diversifying sources of income

**Morningstar category**

Preferred Stock

**Strategy**
**Dynamic asset class**

Focusing on preferred stocks and preferred convertible securities, which share characteristics of both equities and bonds

**High-quality portfolio**

Investing at least 50% of the portfolio in investment-grade securities

**Emphasis on income**

Offering exposure to income-producing securities from a variety of sectors

**Managed by**
**Manulife**  
 Investment Management

Established asset manager with global resources and expertise extending across equity, fixed-income, and alternative investments as well as asset allocation strategies


**Joseph H. Bozoyan, CFA**  
 On the fund since 2015.  
 Investing since 1993

**Caryn E. Rothman, CFA**  
 On the fund since 2022.  
 Investing since 1996

**Jonas Grazulis, CFA**  
 On the fund since 2022.  
 Investing since 2011

**James Gearhart, CFA**  
 On the fund since 2022.  
 Investing since 2011

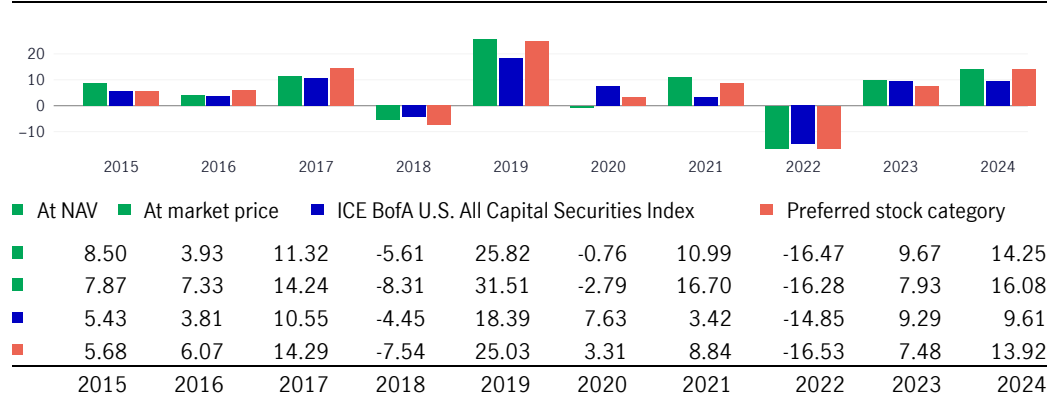
**Average annual total returns<sup>1</sup>**

	Qtd	Ytd	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr	Since inception	Inception date
Net Asset Value	-0.31	-0.31	6.56	2.86	10.21	5.11	6.27	6/20/03
Market Price	2.10	2.10	6.16	3.13	10.96	6.22	6.29	6/20/03
ICE BofA U.S. All Capital Securities Index	0.58	0.58	5.46	3.08	5.22	4.25	—	—
Blended Benchmark	1.07	1.07	5.16	2.06	3.60	3.47	—	—
Preferred stock category	0.96	0.96	8.85	3.22	9.01	5.19	—	—

**Expense ratios<sup>2</sup>**

	Gross	Net (what you pay)	Contractual through
HPS	5.16%	5.14%	7/31/2026

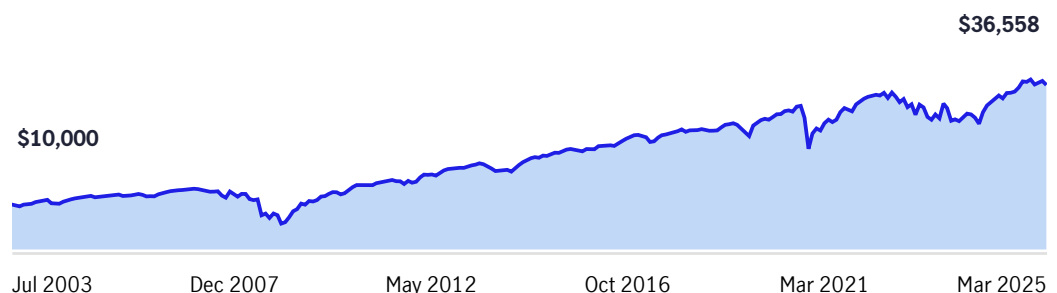
The performance data shown represents past performance, which does not guarantee future results. Returns for periods shorter than one year are cumulative. Shares will fluctuate in value and, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance cited. Performance figures assume that all distributions are reinvested. For the most recent month-end performance, visit [jhinvestments.com](http://jhinvestments.com).

**Calendar year returns**


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**Growth of a hypothetical \$10,000 investment**

7/1/03 – 3/31/25

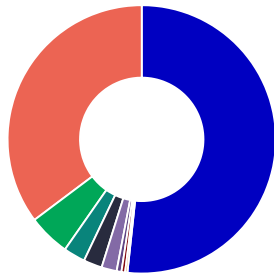


This chart illustrates the growth of a hypothetical \$10,000 investment based on net asset value beginning on the date noted with all distributions reinvested. Performance data shown excludes fees and expenses. The performance data would be lower if such fees and expenses were included. Past performance does not guarantee future results. Returns for periods shorter than one year are cumulative.

**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.

**Quality composition**<sup>3,4</sup>

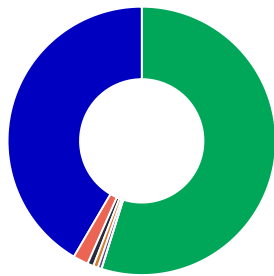
%



■ A	5.06
■ BBB	51.71
■ BB	35.25
■ B	2.24
■ CCC & Below	0.27
■ Equity	0.58
■ Not Rated	2.62
■ Short-Term Investments & Other	0.44
■ U.S. Government & Agency Obligations	1.83

**Asset mix**<sup>7</sup>

%



■ Preferred Securities	54.85
■ Corporate Bonds	41.56
■ U.S. Government Agency	1.83
■ Convertible Bonds	0.73
■ Foreign Stock	0.58
■ Cash & Cash Equivalents	0.44
■ Other	0.00

**Distribution rate**<sup>5,6</sup>

Fund at NAV	9.35%
Fund at market price	8.80%

**Distribution history**<sup>6</sup>

\$

PAYMENT DATE	DISTRIBUTION PER SHARE
2025-03-31	0.11
2025-02-28	0.11
2025-01-31	0.11
2024-12-31	0.11
2024-11-29	0.11
2024-10-31	0.11
2024-09-30	0.11
2024-08-30	0.11
2024-07-31	0.11
2024-06-28	0.11

**10 largest issuers**<sup>8</sup>

%

1. Wells Fargo & Company	5.43	6. Athene Holding Ltd.	4.15
2. Bank of America Corp.	5.02	7. The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.	3.70
3. Morgan Stanley	4.93	8. Energy Transfer LP	3.66
4. CMS Energy Corp.	4.47	9. Citizens Financial Group, Inc.	3.20
5. Vistra Corp.	4.33	10. SBL Holdings, LLC	3.20

**3** Ratings are from Moody's, if available, and from Standard & Poor's or Fitch, respectively, if not. Securities in the Not rated category have not been rated by a rating agency; however, the subadvisor performs its own credit analysis for many of these securities and assigns comparable ratings that are used for compliance with applicable investment policies. Prior to June 30, 2021, internal ratings provided by the subadvisor were included. Ratings composition will change. Individual bonds are rated by the creditworthiness of their issuers; these ratings do not apply to the fund or its shares. U.S. government and agency obligations are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government. All other bonds are rated on a scale from AAA (extremely strong financial security characteristics) down to CCC and below (having a very high degree of speculative characteristics). "Short-term investments and other," if applicable, may include security or portfolio receivables, payables, and certain derivatives. **4** 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. **5** The current distribution rate reflects the most recent distribution annualized and divided by the net asset value (NAV) as of the most recent quarter end. **6** The fund's distributions may be from ordinary income, return of capital, or short- or long-term capital gains. **7** The asset mix excludes any negative exposures that may result from the use of futures or forward contracts. **8** 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.

**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—the extent to which a security may be sold or a derivative position closed without negatively affecting its market value, if at all—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 creates additional risks, including heightened price and return volatility. The fund normally invests 25% of its total assets in utilities-related industries, including telecommunications. Companies in these industries are capital intensive and can be hurt by higher costs due to rising rates or new regulations, as well as by economic declines, surplus capacity, and increased competition. Foreign investing, especially in emerging markets, has additional risks, such as currency and market volatility and political and social instability.*

**Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) Bank of America (BofA) US All Capital Securities Index** tracks all fixed- to floating-rate, perpetual callable and capital securities of the ICE BofA US Corporate Index. **The Blended Benchmark** comprises 65% ICE Bank of America US All Capital Securities Index and 35% Bloomberg Investment Grade Utilities Index. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

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**Distribution details**

Payment date	03/31/2025
Ordinary income	0.11
Total	0.11

*Details regarding the sources of distribution are based on estimates and are subject to change. Shareholders will receive a Form 1099-DIV each calendar year with final details that explain how to report these distributions for tax purposes.*

**Key facts**

<b>NAV (\$M)</b>	14.12
<b>Market price (\$)</b>	15
<b>Premium/discount<sup>9</sup> (%)</b>	6.23%
<b>Total net assets<sup>10</sup></b>	\$452.88 m
<b>Total managed assets (\$M)</b>	\$727.18 m
<b>52-week market price range, high (\$)</b>	\$17.24
<b>52-week market price range, low (\$)</b>	\$14.10
<b>% of total fund assets (leverage)</b>	37.72%
<b>Number of holdings</b>	153

**9** 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. **10** 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.



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