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John Hancock Closed-End Funds Announce Annual Shareholder Meeting and Record Dates

BOSTON, MA (September 25, 2026) – The nine John Hancock closed-end funds listed below announced today that each fund’s Annual Meeting of Shareholders (“Annual Meeting”) will be held on February 16, 2027, at 2:00 p.m., Eastern Time, at the offices of the funds, 200 Berkeley Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02116:

- John Hancock Financial Opportunities Fund (NYSE: BTO)
- John Hancock Diversified Income Fund (NYSE: HEQ)
- John Hancock Income Securities Trust (NYSE: JHS)
- John Hancock Investors Trust (NYSE: JHI)
- John Hancock Preferred Income Fund (NYSE: HPI)
- John Hancock Preferred Income Fund II (NYSE: HPF)
- John Hancock Preferred Income Fund III (NYSE: HPS)
- John Hancock Premium Dividend Fund (NYSE: PDT)
- John Hancock Tax-Advantaged Dividend Income Fund (NYSE: HTD)

Shareholders of record of each fund as of the close of business on November 24, 2026 are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting and at any adjournment thereof. The notice for the Annual Meeting will be mailed to shareholders on or about December 28, 2026. At the Annual Meeting, shareholders of the funds will be asked to elect Trustees of the funds.

Statements in this press release that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements as defined by the United States securities laws. You should exercise caution in interpreting and relying on forward-looking statements because they are subject to uncertainties and other factors which are, in some cases, beyond the Fund’s control and could cause actual results to differ materially from those set forth in the forward-looking statements.

An investor should consider a Fund’s investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses carefully before investing.

About Manulife John Hancock Investments

At Manulife John Hancock Investments, we serve investors through a specialized multimanager approach, complementing our extensive in-house investment capabilities with a broad network of unaffiliated asset managers, backed by some of the most rigorous oversight in the industry. As a result, we're able to offer a variety of options in each investment category, an approach that we believe truly serves the best interests of our clients. Our powerful combination of global expertise, strategic partnerships, and robust stewardship is designed to help investors pursue better portfolio outcomes.

About Manulife Wealth & Asset Management

As part of Manulife Financial Corporation, Manulife Wealth & Asset Management's mission is to make decisions easier and lives better by helping people invest confidently to pursue a more secure financial future. Our strength comes from the diversity of our global asset management expertise and distribution capabilities. Our global investment teams span equities, fixed income, alternative credit, private markets, and multi-asset solutions. We provide investment, financial advice, and retirement plan services to millions of individuals, institutions, and retirement plan members worldwide. At the heart of our approach are three cultural pillars: Partner for Progress, Trust through Transparency, and Intellectual Curiosity. These values shape how we build long term relationships, develop differentiated investment strategies, and empower advisors and clients to seek meaningful financial outcomes. Whether through cutting-edge technology, AI innovation, personalized advice, or sustainable stewardship, Manulife Wealth & Asset Management is a trusted partner helping clients navigate complexity and invest with confidence. Not all offerings are available in all jurisdictions. For additional information, please visit [manulifeim.com](https://www.manulifeim.com).