

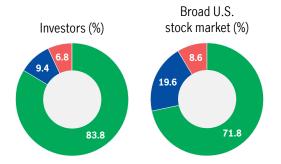
# Does your portfolio have sufficient exposure to mid-cap stocks?

Midsize companies often combine the growth potential of a young firm with the financial stability of a company that's survived beyond its early years, yet many investors tend to overlook this compelling segment of the equity market. An investment in mid-cap stocks over the past 30 years would have outperformed both large- and small-cap stocks, and mid caps recently had attractive valuation and dividend yield characteristics relative to large and small caps.

# Mid-cap stocks have outperformed large- and small-cap stocks over time¹ (\$) Growth of \$10,000 (April 1994–March 2025) Mid-cap stocks Large-cap stocks Small-cap stocks 300,000 250,000 150,000 50,000 4/94 3/01 3/13 3/25

	Small-cap stocks	Mid-cap stocks	Large-cap stocks
Annualized return (%)	8.40	10.73	10.60
Price-to-earnings ratio ex-negative earnings	16.50	20.34	24.43
Dividend yield (%)	1.47	1.65	1.33

The average investor has a smaller allocation to mid-cap stock funds than market-weighted indexes would suggest<sup>2</sup>



Mid-cap stocks are generally defined as shares of companies with market capitalizations of between \$1 billion and \$20 billion. Price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio ex-negative earnings is a valuation measure comparing the ratio of a stock's price with its earnings per share, excluding those companies that are index constituents and reported negative earnings. Dividend yield is a dividend expressed as a percentage of a current share price. Mid-cap stocks are represented by the Russell Midcap Index, which tracks the performance of approximately 800 mid-cap companies in the United States; large-cap stocks are represented by the Russell 1000 Index, which tracks the performance of 1,000 large-cap companies in the United States; and small-cap stocks are represented by the Russell 2000 Index, which tracks the performance of approximately 2,000 small-cap companies in the United States. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

<sup>1</sup> Morningstar Direct, 3/31/25. 2 Morningstar Direct, December 2024. Numbers may not equal 100% due to rounding. The broad U.S. stock market is represented by the Russell 3000 Index, which tracks the performance of 3,000 large-, mid-, and small-cap companies in the United States. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. The average U.S. equity investor's allocation is based on Morningstar category data and includes both mutual funds and ETFs; it excludes funds of funds and sector funds. Past performance does not guarantee future results.

# John Hancock Disciplined Value Mid Cap Fund has a proven performance record

The fund is an all-weather mid-cap value fund that seeks to outperform over time by limiting downside risk in falling markets while keeping pace in rising markets.

John Hancock Disciplined Value Mid Cap Fund						Since	Expe ratios	
Managed by Boston Partners Average annual total returns as of 3/31/25 <sup>3</sup> (%)	YTD	1 year	3 year	5 year	10 year	inception 6/2/97	Gross	Net⁴
Class R6	-1.67	-0.47	5.82	17.82	8.72	9.79	0.76	0.75
Class I (without sales charge)	-1.67	-0.57	5.71	17.71	8.61	9.87	0.88	0.87
Class A (without sales charge)	-1.73	-0.83	5.45	17.41	8.34	9.60	1.13	1.12
Class A (with 5.0% maximum sales charge)	-6.65	-5.79	3.67	16.22	7.79	9.40	1.13	1.12
Russell Midcap Value Index	-2.11	2.27	3.78	16.70	7.62	9.54	_	_
Morningstar mid-cap value fund category	-1.68	1.30	4.71	17.57	7.36	_	_	_
Share classes: A: JVMAX I: JVMIX	R6: JVMRX							

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 ininvestments.com.

The Russell Midcap Value Index tracks the performance of publicly traded mid-cap companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. The index shown demonstrates how the fund's performance compares against the returns of similar investments, which may differ from the broad-based securities index shown in the fund's prospectus.

Morningstar ratings <sup>5</sup> Class R6 as of 3/31/25				
Overall	***			
Category	Mid-cap value			
Medalist Rating <sup>6</sup>	R-MANSON GOLD			
Number of funds	389			

Overall Class R6 rating is as of 3/31/25 out of 392 mid-cap value funds. Based on 3-, 5-, and 10-year Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Returns, accounting for variation in monthly performance.

## Why this fund?

The fund targets mid-cap companies with: Attractive relative valuations | Strong fundamentals | Positive business momentum

### All funds may experience periods of negative performance.

3 Returns prior to the commencement date of Class A and Class I shares are those of Robeco Boston Partners Mid Cap Value Fund (the predecessor fund) and have not been adjusted for expenses; otherwise, returns would vary. 4 Represents the effect of a contractual fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement through 7731/26, and is subject to change. 5 For each managed product, including mutual funds, variable annuity and variable life subaccounts, exchange-traded funds, closed-end funds, and separate accounts, with at least a 3-year history, Morningstar calculates a Morningstar Risk Adjusted Return that accounts for variation in a funds monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. Exchange-traded funds and open-end mutual funds are considered a single population for comparative purposes. The top 10,0% of funds in each category, the next 22.5%, 35.0%, 22.5%, and bottom 10.0% receive 5, 4, 3, 2, or 1 star(s), respectively. The overall Morningstar Rating for a managed product is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its 3, 5, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. The rating formula most heavily weights the 3-year rating, using the following calculation: 100% 3-year rating for 36 to 59 months of total returns, 60% 5-year rating for 120 or more months of total returns. Star ratings do not reflect the effect of any applicable sales load. As of 3/31/25, the fund was rated 4, 3, and 4 stars out of 389, 366, and 282 mid-cap value funds for the 3, 5, and 10-year periods, respectively. Please note that Class R6 shares may not be available to all investors and that performance of other share classes may vary. 6 The Morningstar Medalist Ratings invited that performance of other share classes may vary. 6 The Morningstar Medalist Rating invited and the performance of the share classes in a star of the share and the performance of the share classes may vary. 6 The Morningstar Medalist Rating invited and the perform

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