

# Report of Organizational Actions Affecting Basis of Securities

▶ See separate instructions.

**Part I Reporting Issuer**

1 Issuer's name <u>JHF III - Core High Yield Fund</u>		2 Issuer's employer identification number (EIN) <u>26-4386874</u>	
3 Name of contact for additional information <u>John Hancock Investments</u>		4 Telephone No. of contact <u>800-225-5291</u>	5 Email address of contact <u>https://www.jhinvestments.com/ContactUs.aspx</u>
6 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) of contact <u>601 Congress Street</u>		7 City, town, or post office, state, and Zip code of contact <u>Boston, MA 02110-2805</u>	
8 Date of action <u>October 28, 2016</u>		9 Classification and description <u>Regulated Investment Company (RIC) - Fund Merger and ROC (shares A, C, I, R2, R4, R6)</u>	
10 CUSIP number <u>See Attachment</u>	11 Serial number(s)	12 Ticker symbol <u>See Attachment</u>	13 Account number(s)

**Part II Organizational Action** Attach additional statements if needed. See back of form for additional questions.

14 Describe the organizational action and, if applicable, the date of the action or the date against which shareholders' ownership is measured for the action ▶  
On October 28, 2016, JHF III - Core High Yield Fund (EIN: 26-4386874) merged into John Hancock High Yield Fund (formerly John Hancock Focused High Yield Fund EIN: 76-0230586)

As summarized on the attached statement, JHF III - Core High Yield Fund made seven distributions to shareholders that represented in part non-taxable returns of capital.

15 Describe the quantitative effect of the organizational action on the basis of the security in the hands of a U.S. taxpayer as an adjustment per share or as a percentage of old basis ▶ The return of capital portion in each distribution reduced the shareholder's tax basis in his or her shares held.  
Please see attachment.

16 Describe the calculation of the change in basis and the data that supports the calculation, such as the market values of securities and the valuation dates ▶ The tax basis of the shareholder's shares is decreased by the per share amount of each non-taxable return of capital multiplied by the number of shares held by the shareholder at the time of the corresponding distribution.  
Please see attachment.

**Part II Organizational Action** (continued)

**17** List the applicable Internal Revenue Code section(s) and subsection(s) upon which the tax treatment is based ▶ Pursuant to IRC Sec. 301(c)(1), the portion of a distribution which is a dividend (as defined in IRC Sec. 316), is includable in gross income. Pursuant to IRC Sec. 301(c)(2), the portion of a distribution which is not a dividend, shall be applied against and reduce the adjusted tax basis of the stock.

Please see attachment.

**18** Can any resulting loss be recognized? ▶ Tax-free reorganization under IRC Section 368(a). No gain or loss is recognized.

No loss is recognized on the return of capital distribution. The reduction in shareholder basis may affect the amount of gain or loss realized on the sale of the shares.

**19** Provide any other information necessary to implement the adjustment, such as the reportable tax year ▶ This organizational action is reportable with respect to the taxable year ended October 28, 2016.

**Sign Here**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Signature ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ Date ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

Print your name ▶ A signed copy is maintained by the issuer. Title ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

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Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
Firm's name ▶			Firm's EIN ▶	
Firm's address ▶			Phone no.	

JHF III Core High Yield Fund  
 Merger Date: October 28, 2016

Retiring Fund Information							Acquiring Fund Information							Conversion Ratio
CUSIP	TICKER	FUND NAME	Class / Series	TNA	Shares	4 Digit NAV	CUSIP	TICKER	FUND NAME	Class /Series	TNA	SHARES	4 Digit NAV	
41015K805	JYIAX	JHF III CORE HIGH YIELD FUND	CLASS A	230,507,652.260	24,083,130.972	9.5713	41014P839	JHHBX	JHF HIGH YIELD FUND	CLASS A	266,663,522.51	77,051,169.305	3.4609	2.76555231
47803W828	JYICX	JHF III CORE HIGH YIELD FUND	CLASS C	49,739,491.120	5,197,868.437	9.5692	41014P813	JHYCX	JHF HIGH YIELD FUND	CLASS C	81,101,970.53	23,448,825.245	3.4587	2.76670425
41015K862	JYIIX	JHF III CORE HIGH YIELD FUND	CLASS I	101,504,714.230	10,598,800.836	9.5770	41014P763	JYHIX	JHF HIGH YIELD FUND	CLASS I	37,069,277.35	10,730,196.711	3.4547	2.77216546
47803W711	JHCHX	JHF III CORE HIGH YIELD FUND	CLASS R6	97,721.540	10,212.686	9.5686	41014P532	JHFX	JHF HIGH YIELD FUND	CLASS R6				2.76917289
47803W760	N/A	JHF III CORE HIGH YIELD FUND	NAV CLASS	66,688,325.570	6,964,632.540	9.5753	41014P698	N/A	JHF HIGH YIELD FUND	NAV CLASS	303,572,845.13	87,855,869.353	3.4554	2.77114626
							41014P821	TSHYX	JHF HIGH YIELD FUND	CLASS B	16,935,503.14	4,888,303.980	3.4645	

**Form 8937: Lines 15, 16 and 17:**

The merger is intended to be a tax-free reorganization pursuant to Section 368(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. The aggregate tax basis of the shares of the Acquiring Fund received by the shareholders will be the same as the aggregate tax basis of the shares of the Retiring Fund. The holding period of the shares of the Acquiring Fund received by the shareholder includes the holding period of the shares of the Retiring Fund. Total shares of the Retiring Fund should be multiplied by the merger ratio in order to calculate the shares in the Acquiring Fund. The information contained on this form is not intended to be used as tax advice. Consult your tax professional about tax consequences of a merger.

**JHF III - Core High Yield Fund**  
**26-4386874**  
**Fiscal Year ended October 28, 2016**  
**Supplemental Attachment to Form 8937**

<b>CUSIP</b>	<b>Ticker Symbol</b>	<b>Record Date</b>	<b>Ex-Dividend Date</b>	<b>Payable Date</b>	<b>Taxable Distribution Per Share</b>	<b>Non Taxable Return of Capital Per Share</b>	<b>Total Distribution Per Share</b>
41015K805	JYIAX	Daily	Daily	4/29/2016	0.042919	0.014553	0.057472
41015K805	JYIAX	Daily	Daily	5/31/2016	0.039638	0.013440	0.053078
41015K805	JYIAX	Daily	Daily	6/30/2016	0.035378	0.011996	0.047374
41015K805	JYIAX	Daily	Daily	7/29/2016	0.034022	0.011536	0.045558
41015K805	JYIAX	Daily	Daily	8/31/2016	0.032321	0.010959	0.043280
41015K805	JYIAX	Daily	Daily	9/30/2016	0.032200	0.010918	0.043118
41015K805	JYIAX	Daily	Daily	10/31/2016	0.029302	0.009936	0.039238
47803W828	JYICX	Daily	Daily	4/29/2016	0.038760	0.013142	0.051902
47803W828	JYICX	Daily	Daily	5/31/2016	0.035242	0.011949	0.047191
47803W828	JYICX	Daily	Daily	6/30/2016	0.031130	0.010555	0.041685
47803W828	JYICX	Daily	Daily	7/29/2016	0.029547	0.010019	0.039566
47803W828	JYICX	Daily	Daily	8/31/2016	0.027790	0.009423	0.037213
47803W828	JYICX	Daily	Daily	9/30/2016	0.027812	0.009430	0.037242
47803W828	JYICX	Daily	Daily	10/31/2016	0.025185	0.008539	0.033724
41015K862	JYIIX	Daily	Daily	4/29/2016	0.044358	0.015040	0.059398
41015K862	JYIIX	Daily	Daily	5/31/2016	0.041139	0.013949	0.055088
41015K862	JYIIX	Daily	Daily	6/30/2016	0.036911	0.012515	0.049426
41015K862	JYIIX	Daily	Daily	7/29/2016	0.035631	0.012082	0.047713
41015K862	JYIIX	Daily	Daily	8/31/2016	0.033926	0.011504	0.045430
41015K862	JYIIX	Daily	Daily	9/30/2016	0.033728	0.011436	0.045164
41015K862	JYIIX	Daily	Daily	10/31/2016	0.030794	0.010441	0.041235
47803W737	JCHYX	Daily	Daily	4/29/2016	0.043552	0.014767	0.058319
47803W737	JCHYX	Daily	Daily	5/31/2016	0.040220	0.013637	0.053857
47803W737	JCHYX	Daily	Daily	6/30/2016	0.036025	0.012215	0.048240
47803W737	JCHYX	Daily	Daily	7/29/2016	0.021000	0.007121	0.028121
47803W729	JCHRX	Daily	Daily	4/29/2016	0.044107	0.014955	0.059062
47803W729	JCHRX	Daily	Daily	5/31/2016	0.040800	0.013834	0.054634
47803W729	JCHRX	Daily	Daily	6/30/2016	0.036592	0.012407	0.048999
47803W729	JCHRX	Daily	Daily	7/29/2016	0.021367	0.007245	0.028613
47803W711	JHCHX	Daily	Daily	4/29/2016	0.044998	0.015257	0.060255
47803W711	JHCHX	Daily	Daily	5/31/2016	0.041792	0.014170	0.055962
47803W711	JHCHX	Daily	Daily	6/30/2016	0.037536	0.012727	0.050263
47803W711	JHCHX	Daily	Daily	7/29/2016	0.036297	0.012307	0.048604
47803W711	JHCHX	Daily	Daily	8/31/2016	0.034585	0.011727	0.046312
47803W711	JHCHX	Daily	Daily	9/30/2016	0.034351	0.011648	0.045999
47803W711	JHCHX	Daily	Daily	10/31/2016	0.031369	0.010636	0.042005