

## Report of Organizational Actions Affecting Basis of Securities

▶ See separate instructions.

<b>Part I Reporting Issuer</b>		<b>2 Issuer's employer identification number (EIN)</b>	
JHF III - Small Company Fund		52-1698683	
<b>3 Name of contact for additional information</b>	<b>4 Telephone No. of contact</b>	<b>5 Email address of contact</b>	
John Hancock Investments	800-225-5291	https://www.jhinvestments.com/ContactUs.aspx	
<b>6 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) of contact</b>		<b>7 City, town, or post office, state, and ZIP code of contact</b>	
601 Congress Street		Boston, MA 02201-2805	
<b>8 Date of action</b>		<b>9 Classification and description</b>	
March 23, 2018		Regulated Investment Company Fund Merger	
<b>10 CUSIP number</b>	<b>11 Serial number(s)</b>	<b>12 Ticker symbol</b>	<b>13 Account number(s)</b>
See Attachment		See Attachment	

**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 March 23, 2018 the JHF III - Small Company Fund (EIN: 52-1698683) merged into the John Hancock Small Cap Core Fund (EIN: 46-3929698)

**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 ▶  
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 ▶  
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 ▶  
See Attachment

Lined area for listing applicable Internal Revenue Code sections and subsections.

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

Lined area for providing information regarding tax-free reorganization under IRC Section 368(a).

19 Provide any other information necessary to implement the adjustment, such as the reportable tax year ▶  
The reportable tax year is 2018.

Lined area for providing any other information necessary to implement the adjustment.

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.

**Sign Here**

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

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

Title ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**Paid Preparer Use Only**

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

**John Hancock Funds III - Small Company Fund**  
**Merger Date: March 23, 2018**

RETIRING FUND INFORMATION										ACQUIRING FUND INFORMATION									
CUSIP	TICKER	FUND NAME	Class / Series	TNA	Shares	4 Digit NAV	CUSIP	TICKER	FUND NAME	Class / Series	TNA	SHARES	4 Digit NAV	Conversion Ratio					
47803W109	JCSAX	JHF III SMALL COMPANY FUND	A	228,384,396.750	10,466,696.365	21.8201	47803P575	JCCAX	JHF SMALL CAP CORE FUND	A	17,985,680.92	1,494,390.623	12.0355	1.81297827					
47803W307	JCSDX	JHF III SMALL COMPANY FUND	ADV	28,887.660	1,309.337	22.0628	47803P567	JCCIX	JHF SMALL CAP CORE FUND	I	7,549,706.94	628,327.086	12.0156	1.83617963					
47803W208	JCSIX	JHF III SMALL COMPANY FUND	I	11,935,234.910	527,262.735	22.6362							1.88390093						
47803U475	JCSHX	JHF III SMALL COMPANY FUND	R3	232,816.620	11,004.703	21.1561	47803P138	JORSX	JHF SMALL CAP CORE FUND	R6	13,971,619.43	1,161,849.731	12.0253	1.75929914					
47803U467	JCSFX	JHF III SMALL COMPANY FUND	R4	78,370.150	3,535.535	22.1664							1.84331368						
47803U459	JCSVX	JHF III SMALL COMPANY FUND	R5	98,717.040	4,349.873	22.6942							1.88720448						
47803U483	JCSOX	JHF III SMALL COMPANY FUND	R1	360,990.630	17,273.108	20.8990							1.73791922						
47803W851	JCSWX	JHF III SMALL COMPANY FUND	R6	52,855,337.950	2,312,462.876	22.8567							1.90071765						
47803U319	JCSPX	JHF III SMALL COMPANY FUND	R2	755,574.960	34,636.407	21.8145	47803P542	n/a	JHF SMALL CAP CORE FUND	NAV	166,272,994.71	13,837,089.869	12.0165	1.81406038					

**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 shareholder 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.