

**Annual Financial Statements &  
Other N-CSR Items**

# John Hancock ESG Core Bond Fund

Fixed income

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# Fund's investments

## AS OF 5-31-24

	Rate (%)	Maturity date	Par value^	Value
<b>U.S. Government and Agency obligations 37.4%</b>				<b>\$15,272,787</b>
(Cost \$15,615,192)				
<b>U.S. Government 34.7%</b>				<b>14,155,684</b>
U.S. Treasury Bond	4.750	02-15-37	780,000	802,608
Note	0.375	11-30-25	525,000	490,260
Note	0.500	05-31-27	1,540,000	1,362,539
Note	0.625	12-31-27	1,095,000	952,564
Note	0.625	08-15-30	655,000	518,985
Note	0.750	03-31-26	995,000	923,368
Note	0.875	11-15-30	800,000	639,594
Note	1.625	09-30-26	1,615,000	1,504,221
Note	2.250	02-15-27	1,530,000	1,435,630
Note	2.375	05-15-29	2,230,000	2,020,326
Note	2.875	08-15-28	1,515,000	1,418,419
Note	3.375	05-15-33	1,215,000	1,115,142
Note	3.875	08-15-33	1,020,000	972,028
<b>U.S. Government Agency 2.7%</b>				<b>1,117,103</b>
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. 30 Yr Pass Thru	3.500	03-01-48	174,340	155,887
Federal National Mortgage Association 30 Yr Pass Thru	3.000	05-01-48	159,672	138,272
30 Yr Pass Thru	3.500	02-01-45	82,731	75,219
30 Yr Pass Thru	3.500	09-01-46	192,562	173,203
30 Yr Pass Thru	3.500	07-01-47	105,362	93,913
30 Yr Pass Thru	4.000	07-01-44	66,555	62,556
30 Yr Pass Thru	4.000	10-01-47	139,052	129,105
30 Yr Pass Thru	4.500	01-01-46	107,184	102,828
30 Yr Pass Thru	4.500	03-01-47	67,175	64,256
30 Yr Pass Thru	5.000	11-01-39	122,371	121,864
<b>Corporate bonds 38.6%</b>				<b>\$15,735,437</b>
(Cost \$16,508,989)				
<b>Communication services 2.4%</b>				<b>971,265</b>
<b>Diversified telecommunication services 1.3%</b>				
AT&T, Inc.	4.300	02-15-30	270,000	257,353
Verizon Communications, Inc.	4.329	09-21-28	285,000	276,164
<b>Entertainment 0.5%</b>				
The Walt Disney Company	2.000	09-01-29	240,000	206,929
<b>Media 0.6%</b>				
Comcast Corp.	5.300	06-01-34	231,000	230,819

	Rate (%)	Maturity date	Par value <sup>^</sup>	Value
<b>Consumer discretionary 1.9%</b>				<b>\$764,509</b>
<b>Automobiles 0.7%</b>				
American Honda Finance Corp.	1.200	07-08-25	295,000	281,797
<b>Specialty retail 0.8%</b>				
Lowe's Companies, Inc.	4.400	09-08-25	135,000	133,294
Lowe's Companies, Inc.	4.500	04-15-30	175,000	169,234
<b>Textiles, apparel and luxury goods 0.4%</b>				
Tapestry, Inc.	7.350	11-27-28	174,000	180,184
<b>Energy 1.2%</b>				<b>499,616</b>
<b>Oil, gas and consumable fuels 1.2%</b>				
Enbridge, Inc.	1.600	10-04-26	192,000	175,882
Enbridge, Inc.	4.250	12-01-26	140,000	136,289
TotalEnergies Capital International SA	3.455	02-19-29	200,000	187,445
<b>Financials 14.9%</b>				<b>6,069,355</b>
<b>Banks 10.8%</b>				
Bank of America Corp. (1.898% to 7-23-30, then Overnight SOFR + 1.530%)	1.898	07-23-31	265,000	216,386
Bank of America Corp. (3.419% to 12-20-27, then 3 month CME Term SOFR + 1.302%)	3.419	12-20-28	200,000	187,249
Citigroup, Inc. (1.122% to 1-28-26, then Overnight SOFR + 0.765%)	1.122	01-28-27	475,000	441,821
Citizens Bank NA (6.064% to 10-24-24, then Overnight SOFR + 1.450%)	6.064	10-24-25	344,000	344,104
Fifth Third Bancorp (6.361% to 10-27-27, then SOFR Compounded Index + 2.192%)	6.361	10-27-28	224,000	228,198
HSBC Holdings PLC (6.254% to 3-9-33, then Overnight SOFR + 2.390%)	6.254	03-09-34	290,000	301,972
International Bank for Reconstruction & Development	0.625	04-22-25	320,000	307,203
JPMorgan Chase & Co. (3.702% to 5-6-29, then 3 month CME Term SOFR + 1.422%)	3.702	05-06-30	180,000	167,332
JPMorgan Chase & Co. (6.070% to 10-22-26, then Overnight SOFR + 1.330%)	6.070	10-22-27	270,000	274,441
Lloyds Banking Group PLC (1.627% to 5-11-26, then 1 Year CMT + 0.850%)	1.627	05-11-27	335,000	310,210
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc. (2.309% to 7-20-31, then 1 Year CMT + 0.950%)	2.309	07-20-32	345,000	282,884
Royal Bank of Canada	2.050	01-21-27	400,000	370,726
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc.	1.902	09-17-28	320,000	278,799
The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.	1.150	08-13-26	302,000	276,112
The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. (5.068% to 1-24-33, then Overnight SOFR + 1.933%)	5.068	01-24-34	160,000	153,603
Westpac Banking Corp.	1.150	06-03-26	290,000	268,024
<b>Capital markets 2.9%</b>				
BlackRock Funding, Inc.	5.000	03-14-34	245,000	241,809

	Rate (%)	Maturity date	Par value^	Value
<b>Financials (continued)</b>				
<b>Capital markets (continued)</b>				
Morgan Stanley (1.593% to 5-4-26, then Overnight SOFR + 0.879%)	1.593	05-04-27	300,000	\$278,269
Morgan Stanley (6.342% to 10-18-32, then Overnight SOFR + 2.560%)	6.342	10-18-33	165,000	174,455
The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. (1.093% to 12-9-25, then Overnight SOFR + 0.789%)	1.093	12-09-26	500,000	466,735
<b>Consumer finance 0.6%</b>				
American Express Company	3.950	08-01-25	215,000	211,383
American Express Company (5.098% to 2-16-27, then Overnight SOFR + 1.000%)	5.098	02-16-28	50,000	49,710
<b>Insurance 0.6%</b>				
Aon Corp.	2.800	05-15-30	273,000	237,930
<b>Health care 4.9%</b>				<b>1,999,287</b>
<b>Biotechnology 1.3%</b>				
AbbVie, Inc.	3.200	11-21-29	310,000	282,630
Amgen, Inc.	5.250	03-02-33	253,000	251,076
<b>Health care providers and services 2.5%</b>				
CommonSpirit Health	5.205	12-01-31	250,000	245,392
CVS Health Corp.	4.300	03-25-28	340,000	327,680
Elevance Health, Inc.	5.150	06-15-29	184,000	183,672
Seattle Children's Hospital	1.208	10-01-27	325,000	278,037
<b>Pharmaceuticals 1.1%</b>				
Astrazeneca Finance LLC	4.875	03-03-28	180,000	179,143
Merck & Company, Inc.	4.300	05-17-30	260,000	251,657
<b>Industrials 4.0%</b>				<b>1,620,294</b>
<b>Aerospace and defense 0.5%</b>				
Northrop Grumman Corp.	3.250	01-15-28	230,000	216,195
<b>Building products 0.4%</b>				
Carrier Global Corp.	2.700	02-15-31	200,000	171,180
<b>Ground transportation 0.8%</b>				
Ryder System, Inc.	1.750	09-01-26	342,000	315,459
<b>Machinery 1.5%</b>				
CNH Industrial Capital LLC	1.450	07-15-26	440,000	405,285
John Deere Capital Corp.	5.150	09-08-33	200,000	200,465
<b>Trading companies and distributors 0.8%</b>				
AerCap Ireland Capital DAC	3.000	10-29-28	345,000	311,710
<b>Information technology 0.5%</b>				<b>205,146</b>
<b>Semiconductors and semiconductor equipment 0.5%</b>				
Intel Corp.	2.450	11-15-29	235,000	205,146

	Rate (%)	Maturity date	Par value^	Value
<b>Materials 0.5%</b>				<b>\$192,934</b>
<b>Metals and mining 0.5%</b>				
BHP Billiton Finance USA, Ltd.	4.750	02-28-28	195,000	192,934
<b>Real estate 2.5%</b>				<b>1,022,677</b>
<b>Industrial REITs 0.6%</b>				
Prologis LP	5.000	03-15-34	240,000	234,026
<b>Office REITs 0.6%</b>				
Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc.	4.900	12-15-30	255,000	248,480
<b>Retail REITs 0.7%</b>				
Simon Property Group LP	1.375	01-15-27	301,000	273,081
<b>Specialized REITs 0.6%</b>				
American Tower Corp.	3.375	10-15-26	280,000	267,090
<b>Utilities 5.8%</b>				<b>2,390,354</b>
<b>Electric utilities 4.6%</b>				
American Electric Power Company, Inc.	4.300	12-01-28	280,000	268,492
DTE Electric Company	2.250	03-01-30	350,000	299,736
Eversource Energy	1.650	08-15-30	330,000	263,463
Exelon Corp.	3.400	04-15-26	278,000	268,856
National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corp.	1.350	03-15-31	257,000	199,820
NextEra Energy Capital Holdings, Inc.	4.900	02-28-28	310,000	306,304
Xcel Energy, Inc.	4.000	06-15-28	275,000	261,667
<b>Multi-utilities 1.2%</b>				
Public Service Electric & Gas Company	4.900	12-15-32	251,000	245,021
Sempra	3.400	02-01-28	295,000	276,995
<b>Municipal bonds 3.3%</b>				<b>\$1,330,519</b>
(Cost \$1,495,000)				
Bloomfield Township Board of Education (New Jersey)	1.523	09-01-27	155,000	138,914
California Health Facilities Financing Authority	1.829	06-01-29	250,000	217,135
California State University	1.740	11-01-30	210,000	173,173
Kent Hospital Finance Authority (Michigan)	2.821	07-15-29	310,000	278,613
San Francisco City & County Airport Commission (California)	2.583	05-01-30	300,000	264,751
State Board of Administration Finance Corp. (Florida)	1.258	07-01-25	270,000	257,933
<b>Collateralized mortgage obligations 7.4%</b>				<b>\$3,021,262</b>
(Cost \$3,069,589)				
<b>Commercial and residential 3.8%</b>				<b>1,558,747</b>
Bank5 Series 2023-5YR3, Class A3 (A)	6.724	09-15-56	259,000	270,276
BMO Mortgage Trust Series 2023-5C2, Class A3 (A)	7.055	11-15-56	273,000	289,973

	Rate (%)	Maturity date	Par value^	Value
<b>Commercial and residential (continued)</b>				
Commercial Mortgage Trust (Deutsche Bank AG) Series 2016-DC2, Class A5	3.765	02-10-49	324,000	\$313,462
Morgan Stanley Bank of America Merrill Lynch Trust Series 2015-C23, Class A4	3.719	07-15-50	194,000	189,492
Series 2015-C24, Class A4	3.732	05-15-48	508,000	495,544
<b>U.S. Government Agency 3.6%</b>				<b>1,462,515</b>
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. Series K513, Class A2 (A)	4.724	12-25-28	416,000	412,368
Series K514, Class A2	4.572	12-25-28	555,000	546,794
Federal National Mortgage Association Series 2012-56, Class WB	3.500	05-25-42	114,171	102,103
Series 2013-31, Class NG	2.250	04-25-33	205,650	186,511
Series 2013-34, Class PA	2.000	08-25-42	195,174	176,749
Series 2016-36, Class BC	2.500	03-25-43	39,083	37,990
<b>Asset backed securities 11.9%</b> (Cost \$4,946,809)				<b>\$4,847,483</b>
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CarMax Auto Owner Trust Series 2021-1, Class A3	0.340	12-15-25	43,420	43,069
Series 2022-2, Class A3	3.490	02-16-27	127,033	125,201
Series 2023-4, Class A3	6.000	07-17-28	242,000	244,491
CNH Equipment Trust Series 2021-B, Class A3	0.440	08-17-26	78,344	76,247
Series 2021-C, Class A3	0.810	12-15-26	162,539	158,022
Series 2022-A, Class A3	2.830	07-15-27	109,812	107,297
Series 2022-B, Class A3	3.890	08-16-27	216,000	212,290
Daimler Trucks Retail Trust Series 2023-1, Class A3	5.900	03-15-27	220,000	220,455
Series 2024-1, Class A3	5.490	12-15-27	216,000	216,157
Fifth Third Auto Trust Series 2023-1, Class A3	5.530	08-15-28	231,000	231,394
Ford Credit Auto Owner Trust Series 2022-C, Class A3	4.480	12-15-26	195,278	193,841
GM Financial Automobile Leasing Trust Series 2023-3, Class A3	5.380	11-20-26	304,000	303,658
Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Trust Series 2023-A, Class A3	5.050	12-15-27	190,000	188,931
Series 2024-A, Class A3	5.370	03-15-29	171,000	171,074
Honda Auto Receivables Owner Trust Series 2022-2, Class A3	3.730	07-20-26	191,935	189,568
John Deere Owner Trust Series 2021-B, Class A3	0.520	03-16-26	60,515	59,273
Series 2022-A, Class A3	2.320	09-16-26	126,875	124,476
Series 2022-C, Class A3	5.090	06-15-27	237,000	236,017
Mercedes-Benz Auto Receivables Trust Series 2022-1, Class A3	5.210	08-16-27	200,000	199,479

	Rate (%)	Maturity date	Par value <sup>^</sup>	Value
<b>Asset backed securities (continued)</b>				
U.S. Small Business Administration				
Series 2022-20E, Class 1	3.820	05-01-42	273,618	\$251,217
Series 2022-20F, Class 1	3.890	06-01-42	336,632	311,642
Series 2022-20G, Class 1	3.810	07-01-42	130,706	120,168
Series 2022-20J, Class 1	4.890	10-01-42	172,208	167,292
Series 2022-20K, Class 1	4.980	11-01-42	187,611	183,206
Series 2023-20E, Class 1	4.600	05-01-43	322,071	308,450
Verizon Master Trust				
Series 2022-7, Class A1A (5.230% to 11-20-24, then 5.980% thereafter)	5.230	11-22-27	205,000	204,568
		<b>Yield (%)</b>	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Value</b>
<b>Short-term investments 1.2%</b>				<b>\$466,959</b>
(Cost \$466,959)				
<b>Short-term funds 1.2%</b>				<b>466,959</b>
JPMorgan U.S. Government Money Market Fund, Institutional Class		5.1980(B)	466,959	466,959
<b>Total investments (Cost \$42,102,538) 99.8%</b>				<b>\$40,674,447</b>
<b>Other assets and liabilities, net 0.2%</b>				<b>99,944</b>
<b>Total net assets 100.0%</b>				<b>\$40,774,391</b>

The percentage shown for each investment category is the total value of the category as a percentage of the net assets of the fund.

<sup>^</sup>All par values are denominated in U.S. dollars unless otherwise indicated.

#### **Security Abbreviations and Legend**

CME CME Group Published Rates

CMT Constant Maturity Treasury

SOFR Secured Overnight Financing Rate

(A) Variable or floating rate security, the interest rate of which adjusts periodically based on a weighted average of interest rates and prepayments on the underlying pool of assets. The interest rate shown is the current rate as of period end.

(B) The rate shown is the annualized seven-day yield as of 5-31-24.

At 5-31-24, the aggregate cost of investments for federal income tax purposes was \$42,283,329. Net unrealized depreciation aggregated to \$1,608,882, of which \$96,223 related to gross unrealized appreciation and \$1,705,105 related to gross unrealized depreciation.



# Financial statements

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES 5-31-24

<b>Assets</b>	
Unaffiliated investments, at value (Cost \$42,102,538)	\$40,674,447
Dividends and interest receivable	231,219
Receivable for fund shares sold	173,522
Receivable from affiliates	1,353
Other assets	34,804
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>41,115,345</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Distributions payable	134,796
Payable for fund shares repurchased	127,096
Payable to affiliates	
Accounting and legal services fees	2,228
Transfer agent fees	4,124
Trustees' fees	50
Other liabilities and accrued expenses	72,660
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>340,954</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>\$40,774,391</b>
<b>Net assets consist of</b>	
Paid-in capital	\$47,950,683
Total distributable earnings (loss)	(7,176,292)
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>\$40,774,391</b>
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	
Based on net asset value and shares outstanding - the fund has an unlimited number of shares authorized with no par value	
Class A (\$2,837,247 ÷ 312,300 shares) <sup>1</sup>	\$9.09
Class I (\$37,038,784 ÷ 4,076,121 shares)	\$9.09
Class R6 (\$898,360 ÷ 98,788 shares)	\$9.09
<b>Maximum offering price per share</b>	
Class A (net asset value per share ÷ 96%) <sup>2</sup>	\$9.47

<sup>1</sup> Redemption price per share is equal to net asset value less any applicable contingent deferred sales charge.

<sup>2</sup> On single retail sales of less than \$100,000. On sales of \$100,000 or more and on group sales the offering price is reduced.

**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS** For the year ended 5-31-24

<b>Investment income</b>	
Interest	\$2,006,047
Dividends	39,799
<b>Total investment income</b>	<b>2,045,846</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Investment management fees	244,547
Distribution and service fees	6,220
Accounting and legal services fees	10,698
Transfer agent fees	63,308
Trustees' fees	1,868
Custodian fees	46,003
State registration fees	62,226
Printing and postage	12,363
Professional fees	74,737
Other	14,701
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>536,671</b>
Less expense reductions	(222,426)
<b>Net expenses</b>	<b>314,245</b>
<b>Net investment income</b>	<b>1,731,601</b>
<b>Realized and unrealized gain (loss)</b>	
<b>Net realized gain (loss) on</b>	
Unaffiliated investments	(1,881,262)
	<b>(1,881,262)</b>
<b>Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of</b>	
Unaffiliated investments	1,585,034
	<b>1,585,034</b>
<b>Net realized and unrealized loss</b>	<b>(296,228)</b>
<b>Increase in net assets from operations</b>	<b>\$1,435,373</b>

## STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Year ended 5-31-24	Year ended 5-31-23
<b>Increase (decrease) in net assets</b>		
<b>From operations</b>		
Net investment income	\$1,731,601	\$1,479,157
Net realized loss	(1,881,262)	(2,851,838)
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	1,585,034	566,999
<b>Increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations</b>	<b>1,435,373</b>	<b>(805,682)</b>
<b>Distributions to shareholders</b>		
From earnings		
Class A	(77,356)	(51,838)
Class I	(1,705,372)	(1,598,240)
Class R6	(19,701)	(6,171)
<b>Total distributions</b>	<b>(1,802,429)</b>	<b>(1,656,249)</b>
<b>From fund share transactions</b>	<b>(19,013,972)</b>	<b>1,400,496</b>
<b>Total decrease</b>	<b>(19,381,028)</b>	<b>(1,061,435)</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		
Beginning of year	60,155,419	61,216,854
<b>End of year</b>	<b>\$40,774,391</b>	<b>\$60,155,419</b>

# Financial highlights

CLASS A SHARES Period ended	5-31-24	5-31-23	5-31-22	5-31-21	5-31-20
<b>Per share operating performance</b>					
<b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b>	<b>\$9.13</b>	<b>\$9.43</b>	<b>\$10.39</b>	<b>\$10.65</b>	<b>\$10.14</b>
Net investment income <sup>1</sup>	0.27	0.19	0.09	0.15	0.18
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(0.03)	(0.28)	(0.81)	(0.15)	0.54
<b>Total from investment operations</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>(0.09)</b>	<b>(0.72)</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>0.72</b>
<b>Less distributions</b>					
From net investment income	(0.28)	(0.21)	(0.16)	(0.18)	(0.21)
From net realized gain	—	—	(0.08)	(0.08)	—
<b>Total distributions</b>	<b>(0.28)</b>	<b>(0.21)</b>	<b>(0.24)</b>	<b>(0.26)</b>	<b>(0.21)</b>
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	<b>\$9.09</b>	<b>\$9.13</b>	<b>\$9.43</b>	<b>\$10.39</b>	<b>\$10.65</b>
<b>Total return (%)<sup>2,3</sup></b>	<b>2.69</b>	<b>(0.89)</b>	<b>(7.04)</b>	<b>(0.03)</b>	<b>7.16</b>
<b>Ratios and supplemental data</b>					
Net assets, end of period (in millions)	\$3	\$2	\$2	\$1	\$6
Ratios (as a percentage of average net assets):					
Expenses before reductions	1.23	1.16	1.10	1.12	1.15
Expenses including reductions	0.82	0.82	0.86	0.87	0.87
Net investment income	2.98	2.08	0.94	1.37	1.76
Portfolio turnover (%)	56	75	47	50	34

<sup>1</sup> Based on average daily shares outstanding.

<sup>2</sup> Total returns would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced during the applicable periods.

<sup>3</sup> Does not reflect the effect of sales charges, if any.

<b>CLASS I SHARES</b> Period ended	<b>5-31-24</b>	<b>5-31-23</b>	<b>5-31-22</b>	<b>5-31-21</b>	<b>5-31-20</b>
<b>Per share operating performance</b>					
<b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b>	<b>\$9.13</b>	<b>\$9.43</b>	<b>\$10.39</b>	<b>\$10.64</b>	<b>\$10.14</b>
Net investment income <sup>1</sup>	0.29	0.21	0.12	0.16	0.21
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(0.03)	(0.27)	(0.81)	(0.12)	0.52
<b>Total from investment operations</b>	<b>0.26</b>	<b>(0.06)</b>	<b>(0.69)</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>0.73</b>
<b>Less distributions</b>					
From net investment income	(0.30)	(0.24)	(0.19)	(0.21)	(0.23)
From net realized gain	—	—	(0.08)	(0.08)	—
<b>Total distributions</b>	<b>(0.30)</b>	<b>(0.24)</b>	<b>(0.27)</b>	<b>(0.29)</b>	<b>(0.23)</b>
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	<b>\$9.09</b>	<b>\$9.13</b>	<b>\$9.43</b>	<b>\$10.39</b>	<b>\$10.64</b>
<b>Total return (%)<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>2.95</b>	<b>(0.64)</b>	<b>(6.83)</b>	<b>0.34</b>	<b>7.32</b>
<b>Ratios and supplemental data</b>					
Net assets, end of period (in millions)	\$37	\$58	\$58	\$61	\$58
Ratios (as a percentage of average net assets):					
Expenses before reductions	0.98	0.91	0.85	0.87	0.90
Expenses including reductions	0.57	0.57	0.61	0.62	0.62
Net investment income	3.19	2.30	1.19	1.53	2.01
Portfolio turnover (%)	56	75	47	50	34

<sup>1</sup> Based on average daily shares outstanding.

<sup>2</sup> Total returns would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced during the applicable periods.

<b>CLASS R6 SHARES</b> Period ended	<b>5-31-24</b>	<b>5-31-23</b>	<b>5-31-22</b>	<b>5-31-21</b>	<b>5-31-20</b>
<b>Per share operating performance</b>					
<b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b>	<b>\$9.14</b>	<b>\$9.43</b>	<b>\$10.39</b>	<b>\$10.65</b>	<b>\$10.14</b>
Net investment income <sup>1</sup>	0.31	0.19	0.13	0.17	0.22
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(0.05)	(0.23)	(0.81)	(0.13)	0.54
<b>Total from investment operations</b>	<b>0.26</b>	<b>(0.04)</b>	<b>(0.68)</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>0.76</b>
<b>Less distributions</b>					
From net investment income	(0.31)	(0.25)	(0.20)	(0.22)	(0.25)
From net realized gain	—	—	(0.08)	(0.08)	—
<b>Total distributions</b>	<b>(0.31)</b>	<b>(0.25)</b>	<b>(0.28)</b>	<b>(0.30)</b>	<b>(0.25)</b>
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	<b>\$9.09</b>	<b>\$9.14</b>	<b>\$9.43</b>	<b>\$10.39</b>	<b>\$10.65</b>
<b>Total return (%)<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>2.94</b>	<b>(0.42)</b>	<b>(6.73)</b>	<b>0.35</b>	<b>7.54</b>
<b>Ratios and supplemental data</b>					
Net assets, end of period (in millions)	\$1	\$— <sup>3</sup>	\$1	\$1	\$1
Ratios (as a percentage of average net assets):					
Expenses before reductions	0.86	0.80	0.75	0.77	0.79
Expenses including reductions	0.46	0.46	0.51	0.51	0.51
Net investment income	3.41	2.09	1.30	1.63	2.13
Portfolio turnover (%)	56	75	47	50	34

<sup>1</sup> Based on average daily shares outstanding.

<sup>2</sup> Total returns would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced during the applicable periods.

<sup>3</sup> Less than \$500,000.

# Notes to financial statements

## Note 1 — Organization

John Hancock ESG Core Bond Fund (the fund) is a series of John Hancock Bond Trust (the Trust), an open-end management investment company organized as a Massachusetts business trust and registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act). The investment objective of the fund is to seek total return consisting of income and capital appreciation consistent with preservation of capital and maintenance of liquidity.

The fund may offer multiple classes of shares. The shares currently outstanding are detailed in the Statement of assets and liabilities. Class A shares are offered to all investors. Class I shares are offered to institutions and certain investors. Class R6 shares are only available to certain retirement plans, institutions and other investors. Shareholders of each class have exclusive voting rights to matters that affect that class. The distribution and service fees, if any, and transfer agent fees for each class may differ.

## Note 2 — Significant accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAP), which require management to make certain estimates and assumptions as of the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates and those differences could be significant. The fund qualifies as an investment company under Topic 946 of Accounting Standards Codification of US GAAP.

Events or transactions occurring after the end of the fiscal period through the date that the financial statements were issued have been evaluated in the preparation of the financial statements. The following summarizes the significant accounting policies of the fund:

**Security valuation.** Investments are stated at value as of the scheduled close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), normally at 4:00 P.M., Eastern Time. In case of emergency or other disruption resulting in the NYSE not opening for trading or the NYSE closing at a time other than the regularly scheduled close, the net asset value (NAV) may be determined as of the regularly scheduled close of the NYSE pursuant to the Valuation Policies and Procedures of the Advisor, John Hancock Investment Management LLC.

In order to value the securities, the fund uses the following valuation techniques: Debt obligations are typically valued based on evaluated prices provided by an independent pricing vendor. Independent pricing vendors utilize matrix pricing, which takes into account factors such as institutional-size trading in similar groups of securities, yield, quality, coupon rate, maturity, type of issue, trading characteristics and other market data, as well as broker supplied prices. Investments by the fund in open-end mutual funds are valued at their respective NAVs each business day.

Other portfolio securities and assets, for which reliable market quotations are not readily available, are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by the Pricing Committee following procedures established by the Advisor and adopted by the Board of Trustees. The frequency with which these fair valuation procedures are used cannot be predicted and fair value of securities may differ significantly from the value that would have been used had a ready market for such securities existed.

The fund uses a three tier hierarchy to prioritize the pricing assumptions, referred to as inputs, used in valuation techniques to measure fair value. Level 1 includes securities valued using quoted prices in active markets for identical securities, including registered investment companies. Level 2 includes securities valued using other significant observable inputs. Observable inputs may include quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds and credit risk. Prices for securities valued using these inputs are received from independent pricing vendors and brokers and are based on an evaluation of the inputs described. Level 3 includes securities valued using significant unobservable inputs when market prices are not readily available or reliable, including the Advisor's assumptions in determining the fair value of investments. Factors used in determining value may include market or issuer specific events or trends, changes in interest rates and credit quality. The inputs or methodology

used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risks associated with investing in those securities. Changes in valuation techniques and related inputs may result in transfers into or out of an assigned level within the disclosure hierarchy.

The following is a summary of the values by input classification of the fund's investments as of May 31, 2024, by major security category or type:

	Total value at 5-31-24	Level 1 quoted price	Level 2 significant observable inputs	Level 3 significant unobservable inputs
<b>Investments in securities:</b>				
<b>Assets</b>				
U.S. Government and Agency obligations	\$15,272,787	—	\$15,272,787	—
Corporate bonds	15,735,437	—	15,735,437	—
Municipal bonds	1,330,519	—	1,330,519	—
Collateralized mortgage obligations	3,021,262	—	3,021,262	—
Asset backed securities	4,847,483	—	4,847,483	—
Short-term investments	466,959	\$466,959	—	—
<b>Total investments in securities</b>	<b>\$40,674,447</b>	<b>\$466,959</b>	<b>\$40,207,488</b>	<b>—</b>

**Mortgage and asset backed securities.** The fund may invest in mortgage-related securities, such as mortgage-backed securities, and other asset-backed securities, which are debt obligations that represent interests in pools of mortgages or other income-bearing assets, such as consumer loans or receivables. Such securities often involve risks that are different from the risks associated with investing in other types of debt securities. Mortgage-backed and other asset-backed securities are subject to changes in the payment patterns of borrowers of the underlying debt. When interest rates fall, borrowers are more likely to refinance or prepay their debt before its stated maturity. This may result in the fund having to reinvest the proceeds in lower yielding securities, effectively reducing the fund's income. Conversely, if interest rates rise and borrowers repay their debt more slowly than expected, the time in which the mortgage-backed and other asset-backed securities are paid off could be extended, reducing the fund's cash available for reinvestment in higher yielding securities. The timely payment of principal and interest of certain mortgage-related securities is guaranteed with the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government. Pools created and guaranteed by non-governmental issuers, including government-sponsored corporations (e.g., FNMA), may be supported by various forms of insurance or guarantees, but there can be no assurance that private insurers or guarantors can meet their obligations under the insurance policies or guarantee arrangements. The fund is also subject to risks associated with securities with contractual cash flows including asset-backed and mortgage related securities such as collateralized mortgage obligations, mortgage pass-through securities and commercial mortgage-backed securities. The value, liquidity and related income of these securities are sensitive to changes in economic conditions, including real estate value, pre-payments, delinquencies and/or defaults, and may be adversely affected by shifts in the market's perception of the issuers and changes in interest rates.

**Security transactions and related investment income.** Investment security transactions are accounted for on a trade date plus one basis for daily NAV calculations. However, for financial reporting purposes, investment transactions are reported on trade date. Interest income is accrued as earned. Interest income includes coupon interest and amortization/accretion of premiums/discounts on debt securities. Debt obligations may be placed in a non-accrual status and related interest income may be reduced by stopping current accruals and writing off interest receivable when the collection of all or a portion of interest has become doubtful. Dividend income is recorded on ex-date, except for dividends of certain foreign securities where the dividend may not be known until



after the ex-date. In those cases, dividend income, net of withholding taxes, is recorded when the fund becomes aware of the dividends. Non-cash dividends, if any, are recorded at the fair market value of the securities received. Gains and losses on securities sold are determined on the basis of identified cost and may include proceeds from litigation.

**Overdraft.** The fund may have the ability to borrow from banks for temporary or emergency purposes, including meeting redemption requests that otherwise might require the untimely sale of securities. Pursuant to the fund's custodian agreement, the custodian may loan money to the fund to make properly authorized payments. The fund is obligated to repay the custodian for any overdraft, including any related costs or expenses. The custodian may have a lien, security interest or security entitlement in any fund property that is not otherwise segregated or pledged, to the extent of any overdraft, and to the maximum extent permitted by law.

**Line of credit.** The fund and other affiliated funds have entered into a syndicated line of credit agreement with Citibank, N.A. as the administrative agent that enables them to participate in a \$1 billion unsecured committed line of credit. Excluding commitments designated for a certain fund and subject to the needs of all other affiliated funds, the fund can borrow up to an aggregate commitment amount of \$750 million, subject to asset coverage and other limitations as specified in the agreement. A commitment fee payable at the end of each calendar quarter, based on the average daily unused portion of the line of credit, is charged to each participating fund based on a combination of fixed and asset-based allocations and is reflected in Other expenses on the Statement of operations. For the year ended May 31, 2024, the fund had no borrowings under the line of credit. Commitment fees for the year ended May 31, 2024 were \$2,776.

**Expenses.** Within the John Hancock group of funds complex, expenses that are directly attributable to an individual fund are allocated to such fund. Expenses that are not readily attributable to a specific fund are allocated among all funds in an equitable manner, taking into consideration, among other things, the nature and type of expense and the fund's relative net assets. Expense estimates are accrued in the period to which they relate and adjustments are made when actual amounts are known.

**Class allocations.** Income, common expenses and realized and unrealized gains (losses) are determined at the fund level and allocated daily to each class of shares based on the net assets of the class. Class-specific expenses, such as distribution and service fees, if any, and transfer agent fees, for all classes, are charged daily at the class level based on the net assets of each class and the specific expense rates applicable to each class.

**Federal income taxes.** The fund intends to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company by complying with the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and will not be subject to federal income tax on taxable income that is distributed to shareholders. Therefore, no federal income tax provision is required.

For federal income tax purposes, as of May 31, 2024, the fund has a short-term capital loss carryforward of \$1,316,866 and a long-term capital loss carryforward of \$4,269,682 available to offset future net realized capital gains. These carryforwards do not expire. Due to certain Internal Revenue Code rules, utilization of the capital loss carryforwards may be limited in future years.

As of May 31, 2024, the fund had no uncertain tax positions that would require financial statement recognition, derecognition or disclosure. The fund's federal tax returns are subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service for a period of three years.

**Distribution of income and gains.** Distributions to shareholders from net investment income and net realized gains, if any, are recorded on the ex-date. The fund generally declares dividends daily and pays them monthly. Capital gain distributions, if any, are typically distributed annually.

The tax character of distributions for the years ended May 31, 2024 and 2023 was as follows:

	May 31, 2024	May 31, 2023
Ordinary income	\$1,802,429	\$1,656,249

Distributions paid by the fund with respect to each class of shares are calculated in the same manner, at the same time and in the same amount, except for the effect of class level expenses that may be applied differently to each class. As of May 31, 2024, the components of distributable earnings on a tax basis consisted of \$153,934 of undistributed ordinary income.

Such distributions and distributable earnings, on a tax basis, are determined in conformity with income tax regulations, which may differ from US GAAP. Distributions in excess of tax basis earnings and profits, if any, are reported in the fund's financial statements as a return of capital.

Capital accounts within the financial statements are adjusted for permanent book-tax differences. These adjustments have no impact on net assets or the results of operations. Temporary book-tax differences, if any, will reverse in a subsequent period. Book-tax differences are primarily attributable to wash sale loss deferrals, distributions payable, and amortization and accretion on debt securities.

### **Note 3 — Guarantees and indemnifications**

Under the Trust's organizational documents, its Officers and Trustees are indemnified against certain liabilities arising out of the performance of their duties to the Trust, including the fund. Additionally, in the normal course of business, the fund enters into contracts with service providers that contain general indemnification clauses. The fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown, as this would involve future claims that may be made against the fund that have not yet occurred. The risk of material loss from such claims is considered remote.

### **Note 4 — Fees and transactions with affiliates**

John Hancock Investment Management LLC (the Advisor) serves as investment advisor for the fund. John Hancock Investment Management Distributors LLC (the Distributor), an affiliate of the Advisor, serves as principal underwriter of the fund. The Advisor and the Distributor are indirect, principally owned subsidiaries of John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.), which in turn is a subsidiary of Manulife Financial Corporation.

**Management fee.** The fund has an investment management agreement with the Advisor under which the fund pays a daily management fee to the Advisor, equivalent on an annual basis, to the sum of: (a) 0.450% of the first \$250 million of the fund's average daily net assets, and (b) 0.400% of the fund's average daily net assets in excess of \$250 million. If net assets exceed \$250 million, then the advisory fee to be paid is 0.400% on all asset levels of average daily net assets. The Advisor has a subadvisory agreement with Breckinridge Capital Advisors, Inc. The fund is not responsible for payment of the subadvisory fees.

The Advisor has contractually agreed to waive a portion of its management fee and/or reimburse expenses for certain funds of the John Hancock group of funds complex, including the fund (the participating portfolios). This waiver is based upon aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios. The amount of the reimbursement is calculated daily and allocated among all the participating portfolios in proportion to the daily net assets of each fund. During the year ended May 31, 2024, this waiver amounted to 0.01% of the fund's average daily net assets. This agreement expires on July 31, 2025, unless renewed by mutual agreement of the fund and the Advisor based upon a determination that this is appropriate under the circumstances at that time.

The Advisor has contractually agreed to reduce its management fee or, if necessary, make payment to the fund in an amount equal to the amount by which expenses of the fund exceed 0.450% of average daily net assets of the fund. For purposes of this agreement, "expenses of the fund" means all fund expenses, excluding taxes, brokerage commissions, interest expense, litigation and indemnification expenses and other extraordinary expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of the fund's business, class-specific expenses, acquired fund fees and expenses paid indirectly, borrowing costs, prime brokerage fees, and short dividend expense. This agreement expires on September 30, 2024, unless renewed by mutual agreement of the Advisor and the fund based upon a determination that this is appropriate under the circumstances at that time.

For the year ended May 31, 2024, the expense reductions described above amounted to the following:

Class	Expense reduction	Class	Expense reduction
Class A	\$10,612	Class R6	\$2,509
Class I	209,305	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$222,426</b>

Expenses waived or reimbursed in the current fiscal period are not subject to recapture in future fiscal periods.

The investment management fees, including the impact of the waivers and reimbursements as described above, incurred for the year ended May 31, 2024, were equivalent to a net annual effective rate of 0.04% of the fund's average daily net assets.

**Accounting and legal services.** Pursuant to a service agreement, the fund reimburses the Advisor for all expenses associated with providing the administrative, financial, legal, compliance, accounting and recordkeeping services to the fund, including the preparation of all tax returns, periodic reports to shareholders and regulatory reports, among other services. These expenses are allocated to each share class based on its relative net assets at the time the expense was incurred. These accounting and legal services fees incurred, for the year ended May 31, 2024, amounted to an annual rate of 0.02% of the fund's average daily net assets.

**Distribution and service plans.** The fund has a distribution agreement with the Distributor. The fund has adopted distribution and service plans for certain classes as detailed below pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act, to pay the Distributor for services provided as the distributor of shares of the fund. The fund may pay up to the following contractual rates of distribution and service fees under these arrangements, expressed as an annual percentage of average daily net assets for each class of the fund's shares:

Class	Rule 12b-1 Fee
Class A	0.25%

**Sales charges.** Class A shares are assessed up-front sales charges, which resulted in payments to the Distributor amounting to \$8,146 for the year ended May 31, 2024. Of this amount, \$1,077 was retained and used for printing prospectuses, advertising, sales literature and other purposes and \$7,069 was paid as sales commissions to broker-dealers.

Class A shares may be subject to contingent deferred sales charges (CDSCs). Certain Class A shares purchased, including those that are acquired through purchases of \$500,000 or more, and redeemed within 18 months of purchase are subject to a 0.75% sales charge. Prior to March 1, 2024, certain Class A shares purchased of \$1 million or more and redeemed within one year of purchase were subject to a 1.00% sales charge. CDSCs are applied to the lesser of the current market value at the time of redemption or the original purchase cost of the shares being redeemed. Proceeds from CDSCs are used to compensate the Distributor for providing distribution-related services in connection with the sale of these shares. During the year ended May 31, 2024, there were no CDSCs received by the Distributor for Class A shares.

**Transfer agent fees.** The John Hancock group of funds has a complex-wide transfer agent agreement with John Hancock Signature Services, Inc. (Signature Services), an affiliate of the Advisor. The transfer agent fees paid to Signature Services are determined based on the cost to Signature Services (Signature Services Cost) of providing recordkeeping services. It also includes out-of-pocket expenses, including payments made to third-parties for recordkeeping services provided to their clients who invest in one or more John Hancock funds. In addition, Signature Services Cost may be reduced by certain fees that Signature Services receives in connection with retirement and small accounts. Signature Services Cost is calculated monthly and allocated, as applicable, to five categories of share classes: Retail Share and Institutional Share Classes of Non-Municipal Bond Funds, Class R6 Shares, Retirement Share Classes and Municipal Bond Share Classes. Within each of these categories, the applicable costs are allocated to the affected John Hancock affiliated funds and/or classes, based on the relative average daily net assets.

**Class level expenses.** Class level expenses for the year ended May 31, 2024 were as follows:

Class	Distribution and service fees	Transfer agent fees
Class A	\$6,220	\$2,924
Class I	—	60,357
Class R6	—	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,220</b>	<b>\$63,308</b>

**Trustee expenses.** The fund compensates each Trustee who is not an employee of the Advisor or its affiliates. The costs of paying Trustee compensation and expenses are allocated to the fund based on its net assets relative to other funds within the John Hancock group of funds complex.

### Note 5 — Fund share transactions

Transactions in fund shares for the years ended May 31, 2024 and 2023 were as follows:

	Year Ended 5-31-24		Year Ended 5-31-23	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
<b>Class A shares</b>				
Sold	117,706	\$1,078,253	62,393	\$576,212
Distributions reinvested	8,509	77,231	5,664	51,819
Repurchased	(56,250)	(510,382)	(34,535)	(315,938)
<b>Net increase</b>	<b>69,965</b>	<b>\$645,102</b>	<b>33,522</b>	<b>\$312,093</b>
<b>Class I shares</b>				
Sold	1,722,131	\$15,564,019	3,766,925	\$34,638,050
Distributions reinvested	146,444	1,328,465	92,788	847,605
Repurchased	(4,125,289)	(37,345,609)	(3,716,637)	(33,626,597)
<b>Net increase (decrease)</b>	<b>(2,256,714)</b>	<b>\$(20,453,125)</b>	<b>143,076</b>	<b>\$1,859,058</b>
<b>Class R6 shares</b>				
Sold	90,081	\$820,758	13,398	\$122,218
Distributions reinvested	2,169	19,701	668	6,170
Repurchased	(5,110)	(46,408)	(95,987)	(899,043)
<b>Net increase (decrease)</b>	<b>87,140</b>	<b>\$794,051</b>	<b>(81,921)</b>	<b>\$(770,655)</b>
<b>Total net increase (decrease)</b>	<b>(2,099,609)</b>	<b>\$(19,013,972)</b>	<b>94,677</b>	<b>\$1,400,496</b>

### Note 6 — Purchase and sale of securities

Purchases and sales of securities, other than short-term investments and U.S. Treasury obligations, amounted to \$9,643,302 and \$24,164,043, respectively, for the year ended May 31, 2024. Purchases and sales of U.S. Treasury obligations aggregated \$19,967,076 and \$24,721,285, respectively, for the year ended May 31, 2024.

### Note 7 — Environmental, social, and governance (ESG) investing risk

Incorporating ESG criteria and investing primarily in instruments that have certain ESG characteristics, as determined by the manager, carries the risk that the fund may perform differently, including underperforming, funds that do not utilize an ESG investment strategy, or funds that utilize different ESG criteria. Although the manager has established its own process for evaluation of ESG factors, successful application of the fund's sustainable investment strategy will depend on the manager's skill in researching, identifying and analyzing

material ESG issues as well as on the availability of relevant data. ESG factors may be evaluated differently by different managers, and may not carry the same meaning to all investors and managers. The regulatory landscape with respect to ESG investing in the United States is evolving and any future rules or regulations may require the fund to change its investment process with respect to ESG integration.

## Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

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### To the Board of Trustees of John Hancock Bond Trust and Shareholders of John Hancock ESG Core Bond Fund

#### *Opinion on the Financial Statements*

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the Fund's investments, of John Hancock ESG Core Bond Fund (one of the funds constituting John Hancock Bond Trust, referred to hereafter as the "Fund") as of May 31, 2024, the related statement of operations for the year ended May 31, 2024, the statements of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period ended May 31, 2024, including the related notes, and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period ended May 31, 2024 (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as of May 31, 2024, the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period ended May 31, 2024 and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period ended May 31, 2024 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### *Basis for Opinion*

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Fund's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Fund in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits of these financial statements in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of May 31, 2024 by correspondence with the custodian and transfer agent. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Boston, Massachusetts

July 18, 2024

We have served as the auditor of one or more investment companies in the John Hancock group of funds since 1988.

# Tax information

(Unaudited)

For federal income tax purposes, the following information is furnished with respect to the distributions of the fund, if any, paid during its taxable year ended May 31, 2024.

The fund reports the maximum amount allowable of its net taxable income as eligible for the corporate dividends-received deduction.

The fund reports the maximum amount allowable of its net taxable income as qualified dividend income as provided in the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003.

The fund reports the maximum amount allowable as Section 163(j) Interest Dividends.

The fund reports the maximum amount allowable of its Section 199A dividends as defined in Proposed Treasury Regulation § 1.199A-3(d).

Eligible shareholders will be mailed a 2024 Form 1099-DIV in early 2025. This will reflect the tax character of all distributions paid in calendar year 2024.

**Please consult a tax advisor regarding the tax consequences of your investment in the fund.**



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