# John Hancock Investment Management

# Model portfolios Investor fact sheet

# John Hancock Multimanager Model Portfolios

# Strategy

#### Multimanager approach

Tapping a broad range of industry talent in and outside of John Hancock for each asset class and investment style

## **Diversification potential**

Investing beyond traditional asset classes and investment styles, including exposure to nontraditional and alternative strategies

# Actively managed

Employing a rigorous process that offers the potential to benefit from global investment opportunities as they arise

# Managed by

## **Manulife** Investment Management

Established asset manager with global resources and expertise extending across equity, fixed-income, and alternative investments as well as asset allocation strategies



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# Integrating asset allocation and manager research

For more than 30 years, our Multi-Asset Solutions Team has combined asset allocation with manager research and oversight to seek better outcomes for investors.



#### **Multi-Asset Solutions Team**

- Portfolio managers/strategists
- Model portfolio construction and delivery

61 investment professionals

- 34 CFA charterholders
- 3 Ph.D.s

#### Manager research team

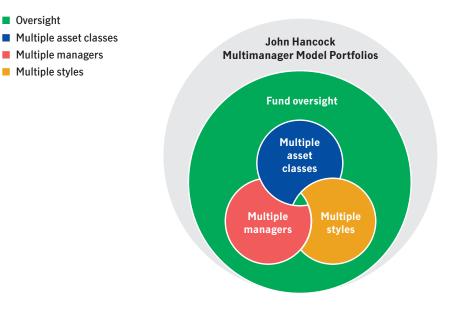
Investment manager due diligence and oversight



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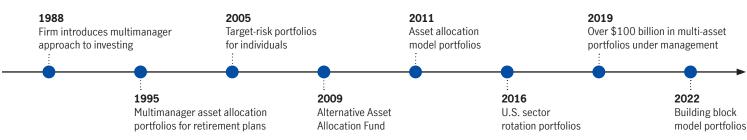
# Blending complementary managers from around the world

Our method delivers three layers of diversification for investors in our asset allocation portfolios.



# A leader in asset allocation

# Multimanager approach since 1988 and model portfolios since 2011



# **Quarterly commentary**

# Highlights

- Global financial markets produced mixed results in the fourth quarter amid the shifting outlook for economic growth and interest rates.
- The portfolios experienced a modest absolute gain and outperformed the blended benchmarks.

## Market review and outlook

Broad-based measures of global equity performance, such as the MSCI World Index, were roughly flat in the fourth quarter. U.S. stocks strongly outperformed their developed-market peers due to faster economic growth in the United States, an election outcome perceived to be market friendly, and a continued rally in the country's mega-cap technology sector; on the other hand, the overseas markets posted sizable losses. European and emerging-market stocks lost ground, reflecting slowing global growth and rising protectionism in the United States. Developed Asia, while suffering a loss in absolute terms, outperformed Europe.

Bonds suffered negative total returns in the quarter amid waning optimism about the potential for significant interest-rate cuts by the U.S. Federal Reserve in 2025. Rate-sensitive assets generally produced the weakest returns, but credit-oriented market segments were well supported by the backdrop of positive economic growth and hearty investor risk appetites.

# **Contributors and detractors**

The portfolios underperformed in the quarter, but this was within expectations given that market returns remained highly concentrated in a narrow group of U.S. technology stocks. Our goal is to deliver portfolios that provide an appropriate risk and return profile over the long term; we therefore maintained a steady, diversified approach in managing the portfolios rather than attempting to chase short-term momentum in certain areas of the market. Along this line, the portfolios' underweight in U.S. large-cap stocks and corresponding overweights in defensive equities and the international markets detracted from relative performance. An allocation to a real assets portfolio, intended to provide a buffer against the impact of inflation over time, was an additional detractor due to weakness in real estate investment and commodities. The bond allocation within the portfolios experienced a loss and slightly underperformed the fixed-income portion of the benchmark. While positions in short-term bonds and the credit sectors contributed, a downturn in rate-sensitive longer duration bonds was a headwind for returns. Reflecting a lower anticipated diversification benefit as a higher term premium environment is likely to increase its correlation with equities, longer duration bonds have been an underweight position across the portfolios, which has dampened the negative impact from the asset class. Underlying manager results were a net positive, with most of the advantage occurring on the equity side.

# Portfolio changes

We continued to trim the overweight in equities. We maintained a position in defensive equities, which we believe should provide ballast if the economy continues to slow. Although U.S. large-cap stocks featured strong fundamentals and offered exposure to key innovation themes, we think much of the positive outlook has already been factored into prices. In our view, this makes the case for continued diversification in the portfolio. On the fixed-income side, we reduced the allocations to the credit sectors as yield spreads compressed toward historic lows. We believe an emphasis on higher-quality bonds is appropriate at this stage of the economic cycle.

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# **Distinguishing features**

- Active mutual fund implementation to deliver additional potential for alpha
- Diversified across multiple distinct asset managers

## Strategy allocation (%)

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Manager	Underlying fund	Ticker	Conservative	Moderate	Balanced	Growth	Aggressive
Equity							
Wellington Management	John Hancock U.S. Growth Fund	JSGIX	3.18	6.71	11.50	16.14	18.57
Manulife Investment Management	John Hancock Fundamental Large Cap Core Fund	JLVIX	2.85	8.12	11.06	13.59	16.02
Boston Partners	John Hancock Disciplined Value Mid Cap Fund	JVMIX	2.73	3.46	5.89	7.07	9.05
Boston Partners	John Hancock Disciplined Value Fund	JVLIX	2.48	5.35	11.13	15.43	17.51
Epoch Investment Partners	John Hancock Global Shareholder Yield Fund	JGYIX	1.94		_		_
Manulife Investment Management	John Hancock Emerging Markets Equity Fund	JEMMX	1.91	2.90	4.27	5.84	6.74
Boston Partners	John Hancock Disciplined Value International Fund	JDVIX	1.83	3.38	4.74	6.61	7.84
Axiom Investors	John Hancock International Dynamic Growth Fund	JIJIX	_	3.92	5.24	7.10	8.22
Manulife Investment Management	John Hancock Small Cap Core Fund	JCCIX	—	2.33	2.64	3.88	5.18
Dimensional Fund Advisors	John Hancock International Small Company Fund	JSCIX	—	_	1.95	2.04	3.04
Total equity			16.91	36.16	58.42	77.71	92.17
Fixed income							
Manulife Investment Management	John Hancock Bond Fund	JHBIX	25.21	18.05	9.81	4.01	_
Allspring	Allspring Core Bond Fund	MBFIX	23.15	14.30	9.33	3.57	_
Manulife Investment Management	John Hancock Strategic Income Opportunities Fund	JIPIX	7.89	6.91	4.61	2.00	_
Manulife Investment Management	John Hancock High Yield Fund	JYHIX	6.50	4.91	2.78	2.07	_
Manulife Investment Management	John Hancock Emerging Markets Debt Fund	JMKIX	3.41	2.15	2.00	2.20	_
BlackRock Fund Advisors	iShares Short-Term TIPS Bond Index Fund	BIIPX	3.12	2.21	2.21	_	_
Manulife Investment Management	John Hancock Short Duration Bond Fund	JSNIX	2.55	2.13	_	_	
Bain Capital Credit	John Hancock Floating Rate Income Fund	JFIIX	2.06	2.16	2.10	—	—
Total fixed income			73.89	52.82	32.84	13.86	_
Alternatives							
Manulife Investment Management	John Hancock Alternative Asset Allocation Fund	JAAIX	4.97	4.55	4.70	4.40	3.79
Manulife Investment Management	John Hancock Infrastructure Fund	JEEIX	2.18	2.42	_	_	_
Parametric Portfolio Associates	Parametric Commodity Strategy Fund	EIPCX	_	2.01	2.01	2.01	2.01
Total alternatives			7.15	8.98	6.71	6.41	5.80
Cash			2.04	2.04	2.04	2.03	2.03
Total underlying exp	enses <sup>1</sup>		0.56	0.63	0.69	0.76	0.80

See the conflicts disclosure on the last page for further information.

**1** Morningstar, as of the date of the material. Weighted average annual net expense ratio is provided based on aggregation of the underlying fund fees. Share classes used for calculation may not be available to all investors, and expense ratios charged may vary.

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							Inception
Average annual total returns (%)	QTD	YTD	1 year	3 year	5 year	10 year	11/1/19
Multimanager Conservative Model Portfolio Wrap Composite, gross of fees	-1.94	5.60	5.60	0.66	2.89		3.10
Multimanager Conservative Model Portfolio Wrap Composite, net of fees	-2.67	2.47	2.47	-2.32	-0.16	_	0.05
Blended conservative benchmark <sup>2</sup>	-1.92	5.51	5.51	0.31	2.71	_	2.91
Multimanager Moderate Model Portfolio Wrap Composite, gross of fees	-1.36	8.88	8.88	1.61	5.13	_	5.55
Multimanager Moderate Model Portfolio Wrap Composite, net of fees	-2.10	5.66	5.66	-1.40	2.02	_	2.43
Blended moderate benchmark <sup>3</sup>	-1.53	8.56	8.56	1.80	4.83	_	5.21
Multimanager Balanced Model Portfolio Wrap Composite, gross of fees	-0.97	11.62	11.62	2.90	7.03	_	7.64
Multimanager Balanced Model Portfolio Wrap Composite, net of fees	-1.71	8.32	8.32	-0.14	3.87	_	4.45
Blended balanced benchmark <sup>4</sup>	-1.14	11.66	11.66	3.26	6.91	_	7.47
Multimanager Growth Model Portfolio Wrap Composite, gross of fees	-0.68	14.32	14.32	3.82	8.56	_	9.34
Multimanager Growth Model Portfolio Wrap Composite, net of fees	-1.43	10.94	10.94	0.75	5.34	_	6.10
Blended growth benchmark <sup>5</sup>	-0.75	14.83	14.83	4.69	8.95	_	9.69
Multimanager Aggressive Model Portfolio Wrap Composite, gross of fees	-0.54	15.98	15.98	4.39	9.59	_	10.51
Multimanager Aggressive Model Portfolio Wrap Composite, net of fees	-1.28	12.55	12.55	1.30	6.35	_	7.24
Blended aggressive benchmark <sup>6</sup>	-0.52	17.15	17.15	5.70	10.39	_	11.28

All data is from Manulife Investment Management (a Manulife company) as of the date shown on page 1, unless otherwise indicated.

2 This custom blended benchmark comprises 60% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, 15% ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index, 13% Russell 3000 Index, 5% MSCI ACWI ex USA Index, 5% Wilshire Liquid Alternative Index, and 2% FTSE 3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index. 3 This custom blended benchmark comprises 44% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, 11% MSCI ACWI ex USA Index, 5% Wilshire Liquid Alternative Index, and 2% FTSE 3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index. 4 This custom blended benchmark comprises 41% Russell 3000 Index, 28% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, 17% MSCI ACWI ex USA Index, 5% Wilshire Liquid Alternative Index, and 2% FTSE 3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index. 4 This custom blended benchmark comprises 41% Russell 3000 Index, 28% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, 17% MSCI ACWI ex USA Index, 5% Wilshire Liquid Alternative Index, 7% ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index, 5% Wilshire Liquid Alternative Index, 7% ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index, 5% Wilshire Liquid Alternative Index, 7% ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index, 5% Wilshire Liquid Alternative Index, 7% ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index, 5% Wilshire Liquid Alternative Index, 7% ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index, 5% Wilshire Liquid Alternative Index, 7% ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index, 5% Wilshire Liquid Alternative Index, 7% ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index, 5% Wilshire Liquid Alternative Index, 7% ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index, 5% Wilshire Liquid Alternative Index, 5% Wilshire Liquid Alternative Index, 7% ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index, 5% Wilshire Liquid Alternative Index, 5% Wilshire Liquid Alternative Index, 7% ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index, 5% Wilshire Liquid Alternative Index, 5% ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index, 6% ICE BofA US H benchmark comprises 65% Russell 3000 Index, 28% MSCI ACWI ex-U.S. Index, 5% Wilshire Liquid Alternative Index, and 2% FTSE 3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index.

A custom blended benchmark reflects the portfolio's asset allocation under normal conditions. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

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