

# John Hancock Bond Fund

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## Monthly commentary

### Broad market overview

Throughout May, yields on 10-year U.S. Treasuries trended upward, ending the month at 4.41%. Credit segments were positive with both high-yield bonds and emerging-market debt seeing gains. Securitized debt and mortgage-backed securities were negative for the month. Against this backdrop, the fund exhibited a loss for the month of May, outperforming the benchmark Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index<sup>1</sup> as well as the Morningstar peer group average.

### Fund positioning highlights

- As of the end of the month, the portfolio's duration, which measures the sensitivity of the price of bonds to a change in interest rates, was just above that of the benchmark index, 6.2 years versus 6.1 years, respectively. This is generally reflective of the team's belief that security and sector selection and yield curve positioning are more meaningful drivers of returns than taking a large stance on the direction of interest rates.

- The fund continued to hold a moderate position in securitized debt, with 5% of the portfolio invested in asset-backed securities and nearly 4% invested in collateralized mortgage obligations.
- Within credit sectors, the fund held 26% in investment-grade corporates, 9% in high-yield corporates, and a minimal allocation to preferred securities.
- Within government holdings, the fund had around 19% of the portfolio invested in U.S. government bonds—a sizable underweight compared with its benchmark, which held about 46% in that segment.
- The fund's exposure to U.S. government agency bonds was higher than that of the benchmark, with allocations of roughly 36% versus 25%, respectively.

Asset mix <sup>2</sup>	(%)	10 largest issuers <sup>3</sup>	(%)	Quality composition <sup>4</sup>	(%)
U.S. government agency	36.39	Federal National Mortgage Association	22.63	AAA	3.73
Corporate bond	35.80	United States of America	18.83	AA	0.64
U.S. government	18.90	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.	13.62	A	6.36
Asset backed	4.69	Government National Mortgage Association	1.00	BBB	20.78
Collateralized mortgage obligations	3.63	Bank of America Corp.	0.84	BB	7.38
Term loans	0.30	Ford Motor Credit Company LLC	0.83	B	4.38
Cash and cash equivalents	0.20	JPMorgan Chase and Company	0.72	CCC and below	0.19
Preferred securities	0.05	Wells Fargo and Company	0.59	Equity	0.01
Municipal bonds	0.04	Energy Transfer LP	0.57	Not rated	1.06
Common stock	0.01	United Airlines, Inc.	0.54	Short-term investments and other	0.20
				U.S. government and agency obligations	55.29

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Average annual total returns<sup>5</sup>

%

Month-end performance  
as of 5/31/25

	1 mo	3 mo	QTD	YTD	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr	Life of fund	Life of fund date
Class I (without sales charge)	-0.37	-0.67	-0.38	2.32	5.64	1.90	0.15	2.10	6.62	11/9/73
Class A (without sales charge)	-0.40	-0.67	-0.43	2.20	5.32	1.62	-0.15	1.80	6.44	11/9/73
Class A (with 4% max. sales charge)	-4.37	-4.67	-4.39	-1.86	1.12	0.24	-0.96	1.38	6.35	11/9/73
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index <sup>1</sup>	-0.72	-0.29	-0.33	2.45	5.46	1.49	-0.90	1.49	—	—
Intermediate core-plus bond category	-0.44	-0.69	-0.22	2.00	5.30	1.85	0.05	1.76	—	—

Quarter-end performance  
as of 3/31/25

Class I (without sales charge)	-0.29	2.71	2.71	2.71	5.22	0.66	1.10	2.13	6.65	11/9/73
Class A (without sales charge)	-0.25	2.63	2.63	2.63	4.91	0.36	0.80	1.82	6.47	11/9/73
Class A (with 4% max. sales charge)	-4.26	-1.44	-1.44	-1.44	0.71	-1.01	-0.02	1.41	6.38	11/9/73
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index <sup>1</sup>	0.04	2.78	2.78	2.78	4.88	0.52	-0.40	1.46	—	—
Intermediate core-plus bond category	-0.13	2.59	2.59	2.59	5.22	0.87	0.98	1.78	—	—

## Expense ratios (%)

	Gross	Net (what you pay)	Contractual through
Class I	0.48	0.47	7/31/26
Class A	0.78	0.77	7/31/26

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 [jhinvestments.com](http://jhinvestments.com).

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