John Hancock Investment Management

All data is as of December 31, 2022 **Q4 - 2022**

U.S. equity fund Quarterly commentary

John Hancock Classic Value Fund

A: PZFVX C: JCVCX I: JCVIX R2: JCVSX R5: JCVVX R6: JCVWX

Objective	Use for	Morningstar category
Long-term growth of capital	Deep value strategy	Large Value

Quarterly commentary

Highlights

- The stock market advanced during the quarter, registering its first quarterly gain since 2021.
- The fund posted a positive return and outpaced its benchmark, the Russell 1000 Value Index.
- Holdings in the financials, consumer discretionary, and industrials sectors aided the fund's performance while holdings in healthcare and utilities were detractors.

Market review and outlook

The U.S. markets rallied in the fourth quarter but closed the year in negative territory. Value stocks continued to outperform the market, as various inflation indicators moderated and with it, fears of a deep recession. The financials, industrials, and energy sectors topped the list of contributors for the quarter, with no sectors detracting from absolute performance.

Contributors and detractors

The fund posted a gain for the quarter and outperformed its benchmark. General Electric Co. (GE)—producer of jet engines, electric power generators, and healthcare diagnostic equipment—was the largest contributor to performance, mostly driven by the change in sentiment around inflation and the economy. At the end of the quarter, GE spun off its healthcare business into a separate company, as part of management's continued quest to unlock value by splitting itself into three distinct companies. American International Group, Inc. (AIG), a multiline insurer, was another key contributor, as its core property and casualty business continued to improve, as the company continued to aggressively buy back stock. Shares of footwear manufacturer Skechers USA, Inc. rose with investor optimism regarding the possibility of inflation having peaked and a slowdown in rate increases by the U.S. Federal Reserve, both of which have weighed on consumers this year.

NRG Energy, Inc., the Texas-based power producer and retail sales company, was the largest detractor, with shares falling on the announcement of a large acquisition outside of its core industry, thereby increasing leverage and execution risk. Consumer products company Newell Brands, Inc. was another significant detractor. Newell's customers, which include big-box retailers, continue to manage down their own inventory amid softening demand, effectively reducing orders for Newell's products. Shares of Gildan Activewear, Inc. fell due to a decline in gross margins year over year.

Portfolio changes

We initiated a position in Magna International, Inc., the largest auto supplier in North America. Magna has a well-diversified product portfolio that touches nearly every aspect of the vehicle, with market-leading positions in body and chassis, exteriors, mechatronics, and complete vehicle manufacturing. Magna is well positioned for both the transition to electric vehicles—80% of its sales are powertrain agnostic—and the transition to autonomous driving with a leading position in advanced driver assistance systems. The stock weakened in 2022, as the semiconductor shortage led to global light vehicle production (LVP) shortfalls that, in turn, lowered Magna's sales. Operating margins also contracted, as unpredictable production schedules caused labor and other operational inefficiencies. Going forward, we expect global LVP to progressively improve as the semiconductor shortage eases, while pent-up demand could possibly offset any recession-induced decline in auto spend.

We also added to dialysis products and services provider Fresenius Medical Care AG & Company, chemical giant Dow Inc., and Capital One Financial Corp., all on weakness. We funded these purchases through the sale of Exxon Mobil Corp. and partial sales of NRG Energy, General Electric, and AIG.

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Richard S. Pzena
On the fund since 1996.
Investing since 1980

John J. Flynn
On the fund since 2017.
Investing since 2000

Benjamin S. Silver, CFA, CPA
On the fund since 2012.
Investing since 1991

Average annual total returns[1,2]

%

	Qtd	Ytd	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr	Life of fund	Life of fund date
Class I without sales charge	14.15	-6.77	-6.77	5.35	4.04	9.72	7.51	11/12/02
Class A without sales charge	14.08	-7.01	-7.01	5.10	3.79	9.44	7.65	6/25/96
Class A with sales charge	8.37	-11.66	-11.66	3.32	2.72	8.88	7.44	6/25/96
Russell 1000 Value Index	12.42	-7.54	-7.54	5.96	6.67	10.29	8.93	—
Large value category	12.78	-6.02	-6.02	6.76	6.81	9.86	—	—

Expense ratios[3]	Gross	Net (what you pay)	Contractual through
Class I	0.88%	0.87%	7/31/2023
Class A	1.13%	1.12%	7/31/2023

The past performance shown here reflects reinvested distributions and the beneficial effect of any expense reductions, and does not guarantee future results. The sales charge for Class A shares, reflects the maximum sales charge of 5.0%. For Class I shares, there is no sales charge. 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.

10 largest holdings[4]

%

1.	General Electric Company	5.52	6.	Newell Brands, Inc.	3.89
2.	Citigroup, Inc.	4.73	7.	Fresenius Medical Care AG & Company KGaA	3.73
3.	Dow, Inc.	4.72	8.	Capital One Financial Corp.	3.57
4.	Lear Corp.	4.69	9.	Cognizant Technology Solutions Corp.	3.49
5.	Wells Fargo & Company	4.44	10.	SS&C Technologies Holdings, Inc.	3.46

What you should know before investing

Value stocks may decline in price. Foreign investing, especially in emerging markets, has additional risks, such as currency and market volatility and political and social instability. A portfolio concentrated in one sector or that holds a limited number of securities may fluctuate more than a diversified portfolio. Please see the fund's prospectus for additional risks.

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1 On 11/8/02, the fund acquired all of the assets of the Pzena Focused Value Fund (predecessor fund), pursuant to a reorganization. Performance prior to 11/8/02 reflects the performance of the predecessor fund. **2** The Russell 1000 Value Index tracks the performance of publicly traded large-cap companies in the United States with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. **3** "Net (what you pay)" represents the effect of a contractual fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement and is subject to change. **4** Listed holdings reflect the largest portions of the fund's total and may change at any time. They are not recommendations to buy or sell any security. Data is expressed as a percentage of net assets and excludes cash and cash equivalents. Fund characteristics will vary over time.