



Prospectus Supplement

**John Hancock Funds III**

**John Hancock Global Shareholder Yield Fund (the fund)**

**Supplement dated January 23, 2025 to the current Summary Prospectus, as may be supplemented (the Summary Prospectus)**

As previously disclosed, TD Bank N.A. and its parent company, TD Bank US Holding Company (collectively, "TD Bank") pleaded guilty to various violations of federal anti-money laundering laws. The fund's sub-adviser, Epoch Investment Partners, Inc. ("Epoch"), is an affiliate of TD Bank. At that time, Epoch informed the fund and John Hancock Investment Management LLC, the fund's investment advisor, that the conduct underlying TD Bank's guilty plea did not relate to Epoch, any Epoch employee or Epoch's investment advisory business. Nevertheless, because of its affiliation with TD Bank, Epoch was required to obtain an exemptive order from the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") to remain eligible to serve as an investment adviser to registered investment companies, including the fund. On January 17, 2025, Epoch received a permanent order from the SEC permitting Epoch to continue to provide sub-advisory services to the fund and other registered investment companies notwithstanding TD Bank's plea.

*You should read this supplement in conjunction with the Summary Prospectus and retain it for your future reference.*

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## Prospectus Supplement

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John Hancock Global Shareholder Yield Fund (the fund)

**Supplement dated October 18, 2024 to the current Summary Prospectus, as may be supplemented (the Summary Prospectus)**

On October 10, 2024, TD Bank N.A. and its parent company, TD Bank US Holding Company (collectively, “TD Bank”) pleaded guilty to various violations of federal anti-money laundering laws. The fund’s sub-adviser, Epoch Investment Partners, Inc. (“Epoch”), is an affiliate of TD Bank. Epoch has informed the fund and John Hancock Investment Management LLC, the fund’s investment advisor, that the conduct underlying TD Bank’s guilty plea does not relate to Epoch, any Epoch employee or Epoch’s investment advisory business. Nevertheless, because of its affiliation with TD Bank, Epoch must obtain an exemptive order from the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) to remain eligible to serve as an investment adviser to registered investment companies. Epoch is seeking an order from the SEC to permit Epoch to continue to provide sub-advisory services to the fund and other registered investment companies notwithstanding TD Bank’s plea. While there can be no assurance that the requested order will be granted, the SEC has granted this type of relief in the past. John Hancock Investment Management LLC will hold sub-advisory fees otherwise payable to Epoch in escrow until any exemption is granted. In the meantime, Epoch will continue to provide sub-advisory services to the fund, consistent with its fiduciary duty.

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## Summary prospectus

# John Hancock Global Shareholder Yield Fund

Before you invest, you may want to review the fund's prospectus, which contains more information about the fund and its risks. You can find the fund's prospectus and other information about the fund, including the Statement of Additional Information and most recent reports, online at [www.jhinvestments.com/prospectuses](http://www.jhinvestments.com/prospectuses). You can also get this information at no cost by calling 800-225-5291 (Class A and Class C) or 888-972-8696 (Class I, Class R2, and Class R6) or by sending an email request to [info@jhinvestments.com](mailto:info@jhinvestments.com). The fund's prospectus and Statement of Additional Information, both dated August 1, 2024, as may be supplemented, and most recent financial highlights information included in the shareholder report, dated March 31, 2024, are incorporated by reference into this summary prospectus.

## Tickers

A: JGYAX C: JGYCX I: JGYIX R2: JGSRX R6: JGRSX

## Investment objective

The primary objective of the fund is to seek to provide a high level of income. Capital appreciation is a secondary investment objective.

## Fees and expenses

This table describes the fees and expenses you may pay if you buy, hold, and sell shares of the fund. **You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the tables and examples below.** You may qualify for sales charge discounts on Class A shares if you and your family invest, or agree to invest in the future, at least \$50,000 in the John Hancock family of funds. Intermediaries may have different policies and procedures regarding the availability of front-end sales charge waivers or contingent deferred sales charge (CDSC) waivers (See Appendix 1 - Intermediary sales charge waivers, which includes information about specific sales charge waivers applicable to the intermediaries identified therein). More information about these and other discounts is available from your financial professional and beginning on page 23 of the prospectus under "Sales charge reductions and waivers" or page 101 of the fund's Statement of Additional Information under "Sales Charges on Class A and Class C Shares."

Shareholder fees (%) (fees paid directly from your investment)	A	C	I	R2	R6
Maximum front-end sales charge (load) on purchases, as a % of purchase price	5.00	None	None	None	None
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) as a % of purchase or sale price, whichever is less	1.00 (on certain purchases, including those of \$1 million or more)	1.00	None	None	None
Small account fee (for fund account balances under \$1,000) (\$)	20	20	None	None	None

**Annual fund operating expenses (%)** (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

	A	C	I	R2	R6
Management fee	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80
Distribution and service (Rule 12b-1) fees	0.30	1.00	0.00	0.25	0.00
Other expenses					
Service plan fee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.25 <sup>1</sup>	0.00
Additional other expenses	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.09	0.09
Total other expenses	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.34	0.09
<b>Total annual fund operating expenses</b>	<b>1.31</b>	<b>2.01</b>	<b>1.01</b>	<b>1.39</b>	<b>0.89</b>
Contractual expense reimbursement	-0.22 <sup>2</sup>	-0.17 <sup>2</sup>	-0.17 <sup>2</sup>	-0.15 <sup>2</sup>	-0.15 <sup>2</sup>
<b>Total annual fund operating expenses after expense reimbursements</b>	<b>1.09</b>	<b>1.84</b>	<b>0.84</b>	<b>1.24</b>	<b>0.74</b>

<sup>1</sup> "Service plan fee" has been restated to reflect maximum allowable fees.

<sup>2</sup> The advisor contractually agrees to reduce its management fee or, if necessary, make payment to the applicable class in an amount equal to the amount by which expenses of Class A, Class C, Class I, Class R2 and Class R6 shares, as applicable, exceed 1.09%, 1.84%, 0.84%, 1.24% and 0.74%, respectively, of average daily net assets attributable to the applicable class. For purposes of this agreement, "expenses of Class A, Class C, Class I, Class R2 and Class R6 shares" means all class expenses (including fund expenses attributable to the class), excluding (a) taxes; (b) portfolio brokerage commissions; (c) interest; (d) litigation and indemnification expenses and other extraordinary expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of the fund's business; (e) acquired fund fees and expenses paid indirectly; and (f) short dividend expense. The 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 also contractually agrees to waive a portion of its management fee and/or reimburse expenses for the fund and certain other John Hancock funds according to an asset level breakpoint schedule that is based on the aggregate net assets of all the funds participating in the waiver or reimbursement, including the fund (the participating portfolios). This waiver equals, on an annualized basis, 0.0100% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$75 billion but is less than or equal to \$125 billion; 0.0125% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$125 billion but is less than or equal to \$150 billion; 0.0150% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating

portfolios that exceeds \$150 billion but is less than or equal to \$175 billion; 0.0175% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$175 billion but is less than or equal to \$200 billion; 0.0200% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$200 billion but is less than or equal to \$225 billion; and 0.0225% of that portion of the aggregate net assets of all the participating portfolios that exceeds \$225 billion. The amount of the reimbursement is calculated daily and allocated among all the participating portfolios in proportion to the daily net assets of each participating portfolio. During its most recent fiscal year, the fund's reimbursement amounted to 0.01% of the fund's average daily net assets. This agreement expires on July 31, 2026, 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.

## Expense example

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. Please see below a hypothetical example showing the expenses of a \$10,000 investment for the time periods indicated and then, except as shown below, assuming you sell all of your shares at the end of those periods. The example assumes a 5% average annual return and that fund expenses will not change over the periods. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions, your costs would be:

Expenses (\$)	Shares Sold					Shares Not Sold
	A	C	I	R2	R6	C
1 year	606	287	86	126	76	187
3 years	874	614	305	425	269	614
5 years	1,162	1,067	541	746	478	1,067
10 years	1,982	2,144	1,221	1,656	1,082	2,144

## Portfolio turnover

The fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the fund's performance. During its most recent fiscal year, the fund's portfolio turnover rate was 21% of the average value of its portfolio.

## Principal investment strategies

The fund seeks to achieve its objectives by investing in a diversified portfolio consisting primarily of global equity securities that have a history of attractive dividend yields and positive growth in free cash flow.

Under normal circumstances, the fund invests at least 80% of its total assets in equity securities of dividend-paying companies located throughout the world. At least 40% of the fund's net assets will be invested in securities of issuers located throughout the world, excluding the United States ("Foreign Companies"), unless the manager deems market conditions and/or company valuations to be less favorable to Foreign Companies, in which case, the fund will invest at least 30% of its net assets in Foreign Companies. The fund may also invest up to 20% of its assets in securities issued by companies located in emerging markets when the manager believes they represent attractive investment opportunities. Securities held by the fund may be denominated in both U.S. dollars and foreign currencies.

The manager seeks to produce an efficient portfolio on a risk/return basis with a dividend yield exceeding that of the MSCI World Index. By assembling a diversified portfolio of securities that, in the aggregate, possesses a high cash dividend, positive growth of free cash flow, share buyback programs, and net debt reductions, the fund seeks to provide an attractive prospective return with inherently less volatility than the global equity market as a whole. The stocks the manager finds attractive generally have valuations lower than the manager's perception of their fundamental value, as reflected in price-to-free cash flow, price-to-book ratios, or other stock valuation measures.

Although the fund may invest in global equity investments of any market capitalization, the fund will generally invest in companies with a market capitalization of \$250 million or greater at the time of purchase. Additionally, the fund may at any given time invest a significant portion of its assets in companies of one particular market capitalization category when the manager believes such companies offer attractive opportunities.

The fund may invest up to 20% of its net assets in debt securities, including high-yield fixed-income securities rated below investment grade, also known as junk bonds. The fund's investment policies are based on credit ratings at the time of purchase.

The fund may also invest up to 15% of its net assets in illiquid investments. The fund may also make limited use of certain derivative instruments, including futures and options (investments whose value is based on securities, indexes, or currencies) for the purposes of generally reducing risk, and/or obtaining efficient market exposure. The fund may invest in other types of equity securities and foreign stocks. The fund may trade securities actively.

## Principal risks

An investment in the fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. Many factors affect performance, and fund shares will fluctuate in price, meaning you could lose money. The fund's investment strategy may not produce the intended results.

The fund's main risks are listed below in alphabetical order, not in order of importance. *Before investing, be sure to read the additional descriptions of these risks beginning on page 6 of the prospectus.*

**Changing distribution levels risk.** The fund may cease or reduce the level of its distribution if income or dividends paid from its investments declines.

**Credit and counterparty risk.** The issuer or guarantor of a fixed-income security, the counterparty to an over-the-counter derivatives contract, or a borrower of fund securities may not make timely payments or otherwise honor its obligations. A downgrade or default affecting any of the fund's securities could affect the fund's performance.

**Economic and market events risk.** Events in the U.S. and global financial markets, including actions taken by the U.S. Federal Reserve or foreign central banks to stimulate or stabilize economic growth, may at times result in unusually high market volatility, which could negatively impact performance. Reduced liquidity in credit and fixed-income markets could adversely affect issuers worldwide. Banks and financial services companies could suffer losses if interest rates rise or economic conditions deteriorate.

**Equity securities risk.** The price of equity securities may decline due to changes in a company's financial condition or overall market conditions. Growth company securities may fluctuate more in price than other securities because of the greater emphasis on earnings expectations. Securities the manager believes are undervalued may never realize their full potential value, and in certain markets value stocks may underperform the market as a whole.

**Fixed-income securities risk.** A rise in interest rates typically causes bond prices to fall. The longer the average maturity or duration of the bonds held by a fund, the more sensitive it will likely be to interest-rate fluctuations. An issuer may not make all interest payments or repay all or any of the principal borrowed. Changes in a security's credit quality may adversely affect fund performance.

**Foreign securities risk.** Less information may be publicly available regarding foreign issuers, including foreign government issuers. Foreign securities may be subject to foreign taxes and may be more volatile than U.S. securities. Currency fluctuations and political and economic developments may adversely impact the value of foreign securities. The risks of investing in foreign securities are magnified in emerging markets.

**Hedging, derivatives, and other strategic transactions risk.** Hedging, derivatives, and other strategic transactions may increase a fund's volatility and could produce disproportionate losses, potentially more than the fund's principal investment. Risks of these transactions are different from and possibly greater than risks of investing directly in securities and other traditional instruments. Under certain market conditions, derivatives could become harder to value or sell and may become subject to liquidity risk (i.e., the inability to enter into closing transactions). Derivatives and other strategic transactions that the fund intends to utilize include: futures contracts and options. Futures contracts and options generally are subject to counterparty risk.

**High portfolio turnover risk.** Trading securities actively and frequently can increase transaction costs (thus lowering performance) and taxable distributions.

**Illiquid and restricted securities risk.** Illiquid and restricted securities may be difficult to value and may involve greater risks than liquid securities. Illiquidity may have an adverse impact on a particular security's market price and the fund's ability to sell the security.

**Large company risk.** Larger companies may grow more slowly than smaller companies or be slower to respond to business developments. Large-capitalization securities may underperform the market as a whole.

**Liquidity risk.** The extent (if at all) to which a security may be sold or a derivative position closed without negatively impacting its market value may be impaired by reduced market activity or participation, legal restrictions, or other economic and market impediments. Liquidity risk may be magnified in rising interest rate environments due to higher than normal redemption rates. Widespread selling of fixed-income securities to satisfy redemptions during periods of reduced demand may adversely impact the price or salability of such securities. Periods of heavy redemption could cause the fund to sell assets at a loss or depressed value, which could negatively affect performance. Redemption risk is heightened during periods of declining or illiquid markets.

**Lower-rated and high-yield fixed-income securities risk.** Lower-rated and high-yield fixed-income securities (junk bonds) are subject to greater credit quality risk, risk of default, and price volatility than higher-rated fixed-income securities, may be considered speculative, and can be difficult to resell.

**Operational and cybersecurity risk.** Cybersecurity breaches may allow an unauthorized party to gain access to fund assets, customer data, or proprietary information, or cause a fund or its service providers to suffer data corruption or lose operational functionality. Similar incidents affecting issuers of a fund's securities may negatively impact performance. Operational risk may arise from human error, error by third parties, communication errors, or technology failures, among other causes.

**Small and mid-sized company risk.** Small and mid-sized (including microcap) companies are generally less established and may be more volatile than larger companies. Small and/or mid-capitalization securities may underperform the market as a whole.

## Past performance

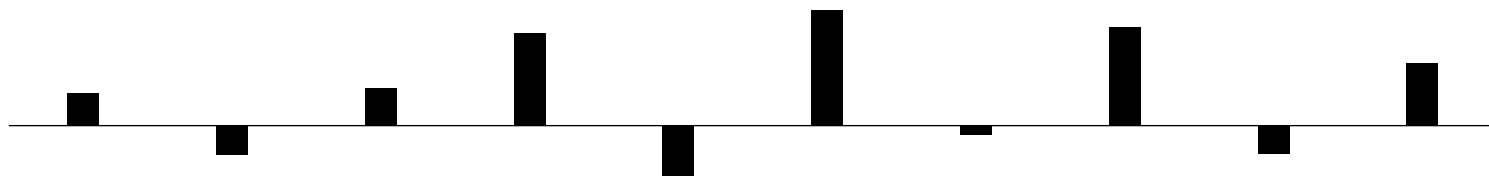
The following information illustrates the variability of the fund's returns and provides some indication of the risks of investing in the fund by showing changes in the fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the fund's average annual returns compared with a broad-based securities market index. Past performance (before and after taxes) does not indicate future results. All figures assume dividend reinvestment. Performance information is updated daily, monthly, and quarterly and may be obtained at our website, [jhinvestments.com](http://jhinvestments.com), or by calling 800-225-5291 (Class A and Class C), Monday to Thursday, 8:00 A.M.—7:00 P.M., and Friday, 8:00 A.M.—6:00 P.M., Eastern time, or 888-972-8696 (Class I, Class R2, and Class R6) between 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Eastern time, on most business days.

Please note that after-tax returns (shown for Class A shares only) reflect the highest individual federal marginal income-tax rate in effect as of the date provided and do not reflect any state or local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns may be different. After-tax returns are not relevant to shares held in an IRA, 401(k), or other tax-advantaged investment plan. After-tax returns for other share classes would vary.

# John Hancock Global Shareholder Yield Fund

## Calendar year total returns (%)—Class A (sales charges are not reflected in the bar chart and returns would have been lower if they were)

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
5.87	-5.15	6.75	16.50	-9.49	20.64	-1.72	17.53	-5.09	11.13



Year-to-date total return through:	Q2 2024	8.03%
Best quarter:	Q4 2022	14.52%
Worst quarter:	Q1 2020	-24.95%

## Average annual total returns (%)—as of 12/31/2023

	1 year	5 year	10 year
<b>Class A</b> (before tax)	5.59	6.90	4.67
after tax on distributions	4.54	5.33	3.29
after tax on distributions, with sale	4.01	5.25	3.49
<b>Class C</b>	9.27	7.19	4.43
<b>Class I</b>	11.35	8.26	5.49
<b>Class R2</b>	10.99	7.86	5.07
<b>Class R6</b>	11.49	8.37	5.60
MSCI World Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes, except foreign withholding taxes on dividends)	23.79	12.80	8.60

## Investment management

**Investment advisor** John Hancock Investment Management LLC

**Subadvisor** Epoch Investment Partners, Inc.

## Portfolio management

The following individuals are jointly and primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the fund's portfolio.

**Michael Jin, CFA**  
Managing Director and  
Portfolio Manager  
Managed the fund since  
2024

**Lin Lin, CFA**  
Managing Director and  
Portfolio Manager  
Managed the fund since  
2024

**John Tobin, Ph.D., CFA<sup>1</sup>**  
Managing Director and  
Portfolio Manager  
Managed the fund since  
2014

**Kera Van Valen, CFA**  
Managing Director and  
Portfolio Manager  
Managed the fund since  
2014

**Michael A. Welhoelter,  
CFA<sup>1</sup>**  
Portfolio Manager  
Managed the fund since  
2007

<sup>1</sup> Effective December 31, 2024, John Tobin and Michael A. Welhoelter will no longer serve as portfolio managers of the fund.

## Purchase and sale of fund shares

The minimum initial investment requirement for Class A and Class C shares is \$1,000 (\$250 for group investments), except that there is no minimum for certain group retirement plans, certain fee-based or wrap accounts, or certain other eligible investment product platforms. The minimum initial investment requirement for Class I shares is \$250,000, except that the fund may waive the minimum for any category of investors at the fund's sole discretion. There are no minimum initial investment requirements for Class R2 shares. The minimum initial investment requirement for Class R6 shares is \$1 million, except that there is no minimum for: qualified and nonqualified plan investors; certain eligible qualifying investment product platforms; Trustees, employees of the advisor or its affiliates, employees of the subadvisor, members of the fund's portfolio management team and the spouses and children (under age 21) of the aforementioned. There are no subsequent minimum investment requirements.

Class A, Class C, Class I, and Class R6 shares may be redeemed on any business day by mail: John Hancock Signature Services, Inc., P.O. Box 219909, Kansas City, MO 64121-9909; or for most account types through our website: [jhinvestments.com](http://jhinvestments.com); or by telephone: 800-225-5291 (Class A and Class C); 888-972-8696 (Class I and Class R6). Class R2 shares may be redeemed on any business day by contacting your retirement plan administrator or recordkeeper.

## Taxes

The fund's distributions are taxable, and will be taxed as ordinary income and/or capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax-deferred arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or individual retirement account. Withdrawals from such tax-deferred arrangements may be subject to tax at a later date.

### **Payments to broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries**

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If you purchase the fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank, registered investment advisor, financial planner, or retirement plan administrator), the fund and its related companies may pay the broker-dealer or other intermediary for the sale of fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the fund over another investment. These payments are not applicable to Class R6 shares. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.









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