



*John Hancock* Investment Management

Annual report

# John Hancock Mid Cap Growth Fund

U.S. equity

March 31, 2022

# *A message* to shareholders



Dear shareholder,

The U.S. stock market delivered positive performance for the 12 months ended March 31, 2022, but most of the gains occurred in the first half of the period. During this time, equities generally moved higher behind a backdrop of steady economic growth, robust corporate earnings, and supportive U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed) policy. The picture changed from late November onward, as rising inflation prompted the Fed to wind down its quantitative easing policies and begin raising interest rates in March 2022. The conflict between Russia and Ukraine further weighed on sentiment by creating uncertainty about the economy and fueling expectations for still-higher inflation. Although the stock market sold off sharply after the start of the clash, it recovered much of the lost ground by the end of the reporting period.

In these uncertain times, your financial professional can assist with positioning your portfolio so that it's sufficiently diversified to help meet your long-term objectives and to withstand the inevitable bouts of market volatility along the way.

On behalf of everyone at John Hancock Investment Management, I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome new shareholders and thank existing shareholders for the continued trust you've placed in us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Arnott". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

**Andrew G. Arnott**

President and CEO,  
John Hancock Investment Management  
Head of Wealth and Asset Management,  
United States and Europe

This commentary reflects the CEO's views as of this report's period end and are subject to change at any time. Diversification does not guarantee investment returns and does not eliminate risk of loss. All investments entail risks, including the possible loss of principal. For more up-to-date information, you can visit our website at [jihinvestments.com](http://jihinvestments.com).

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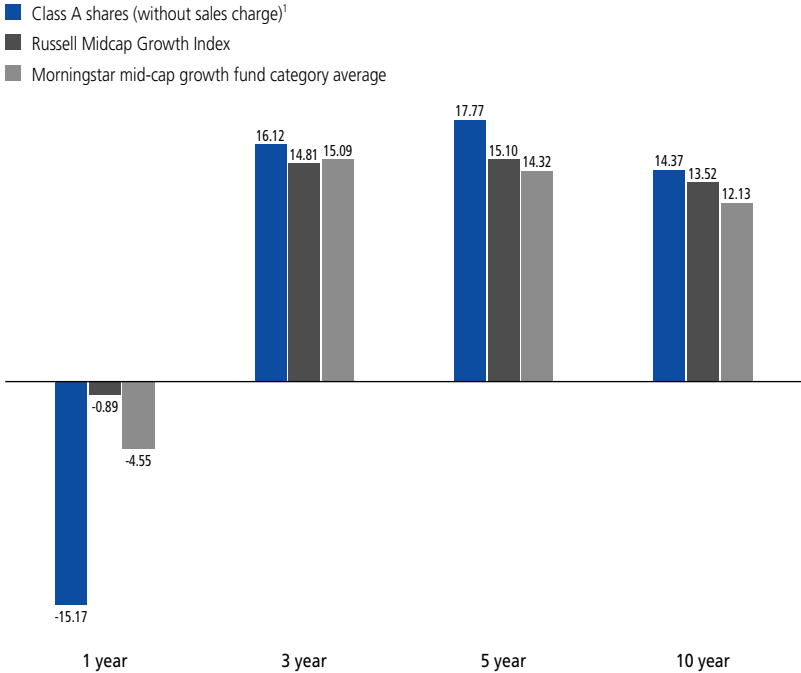
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# Your fund at a glance

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The fund seeks long-term growth and capital appreciation.

## AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS AS OF 3/31/2022 (%)



The Russell Midcap Growth Index tracks the performance of publicly traded mid-cap companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values.

It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Index figures do not reflect expenses or sales charges, which would result in lower returns.

The fund's Morningstar category average is a group of funds with similar investment objectives and strategies and is the equal-weighted return of all funds per category. Morningstar places funds in certain categories based on their historical portfolio holdings. Figures from Morningstar, Inc. include reinvested distributions and do not take into account sales charges. Actual load-adjusted performance is lower.

<sup>1</sup>Effective 10-15-21, John Hancock Funds II Mid Cap Stock Fund (the Accounting Survivor) merged into the newly created John Hancock Mid Cap Growth Fund. The Mid Cap Growth Fund adopted the performance and accounting history of the Accounting Survivor. Class 1 of the Accounting Survivor commenced operations on 10-17-05. Class R6 shares of the fund were first offered on 10-18-21. Class A shares of the fund were first offered on 11-5-21. Class A returns prior to 10-18-21 are those of Class 1 shares of the Accounting Survivor and returns from 10-18-21 to Class A launch are those of Class R6 shares of the fund that have not been adjusted for class-specific expenses; otherwise, returns would vary.

The past performance shown here reflects reinvested distributions and the beneficial effect of any expense reductions, and does not guarantee future results. Performance of the other share classes will vary based on the difference in the fees and expenses of those classes. Shares will fluctuate in value and, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current month-end performance may be lower or higher than the performance cited, and can be found at [jhinvestments.com](http://jhinvestments.com) or by calling 800-225-5291. For further information on the fund's objectives, risks, and strategy, see the fund's prospectus.

**PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS OVER THE FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2022**

**The U.S. equity market posted flat returns**

Inflation, supply chain issues, and a conflict between Russia and Ukraine were among the key events that caused market volatility during the abbreviated period.

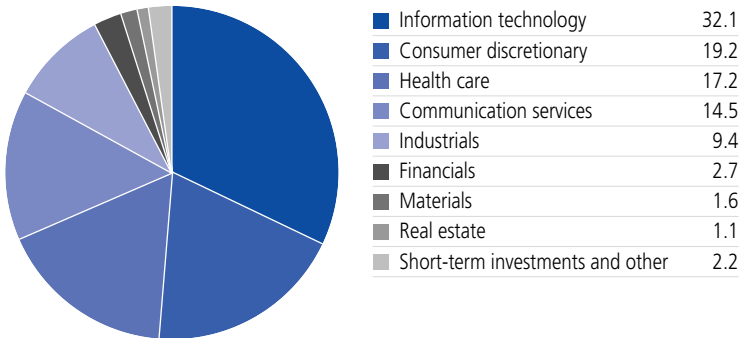
**The fund posted a loss and underperformed its benchmark, the Russell Midcap Growth Index**

Sector allocation, particularly an overweight in communication services and a lack of exposure to the energy sector, was a key detriment.

**Stock selection also had a negative effect on performance**

Weak selection in the healthcare and industrial sectors affected returns.

**SECTOR COMPOSITION AS OF 3/31/2022 (% of net assets)**



**Notes about risk**

The fund is subject to various risks as described in the fund's prospectus. Political tensions and armed conflicts, including the Russian invasion of Ukraine, and any resulting economic sanctions on entities and/or individuals of a particular country could lead such a country into an economic recession. The COVID-19 disease has resulted in significant disruptions to global business activity. A widespread health crisis such as a global pandemic could cause substantial market volatility, exchange-trading suspensions, and closures, which may lead to less liquidity in certain instruments, industries, sectors, or the markets, generally, and may ultimately affect fund performance. For more information, please refer to the "Principal risks" section of the prospectus.

# Management's discussion of fund performance

**Note: John Hancock Mid Cap Growth Fund acquired John Hancock Funds II Mid Cap Stock Fund effective at the close of business October 15, 2021. John Hancock Funds II Mid Cap Stock Fund (Accounting Survivor) was the accounting survivor in the reorganization. The Accounting Survivor's fiscal year end was August 31 and the fund's fiscal year end is March 31.**

## **How did the markets perform during the period from September 1, 2021, through March 31, 2022?**

U.S. equities posted positive results over most of the period; however, during the first three months of 2022, equities registered their first quarterly loss in two years. Fears about the economic implications of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine and the prospect of aggressive monetary policy tightening by the U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed) drove markets into correction territory in February. Robust consumer demand combined with stretched supply chains and soaring commodity prices caused prices to rise faster than anticipated. Inflation soared to a four-decade high, as the Consumer Price Index rose 7.9% annually in February. Stocks rebounded sharply in March amid strong equity inflows, the belief that the United States can resist current economic headwinds better than other nations, and Fed Chair Jerome Powell's assessment that the U.S. economy is strong enough to withstand higher interest rates without slipping into recession.

### **TOP 10 HOLDINGS**

#### **AS OF 3/31/2022 (% of net assets)**

Palo Alto Networks, Inc.	4.3
Lululemon Athletica, Inc.	4.1
Arista Networks, Inc.	4.0
Ulta Beauty, Inc.	3.2
Match Group, Inc.	3.2
Veeva Systems, Inc., Class A	3.1
Exact Sciences Corp.	2.8
DexCom, Inc.	2.8
Paycom Software, Inc.	2.7
MongoDB, Inc.	2.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32.8</b>

Cash and cash equivalents are not included.

### **COUNTRY COMPOSITION**

#### **AS OF 3/31/2022 (% of net assets)**

United States	89.5
Canada	4.1
Israel	3.2
Sweden	2.6
Other countries	0.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## How did the fund perform during the period?

The fund posted a loss and underperformed its benchmark for the abbreviated period. Sector allocation, a fallout of our bottom-up stock selection process, drove the underperformance. An overweight allocation to the communication services sector and lack of exposure to energy detracted.

Stock selection also detracted from relative performance. Weak selection in the healthcare and industrials sectors was partially offset by strong selection in the information technology and communication services sectors.

A top detractor from relative performance was DraftKings, Inc., an online sports betting company. Shares of DraftKings lost value as increased competition in the online sports betting market weighed on the stock. Other detractors included RingCentral, Inc., a cloud-based communication solutions provider, and an out-of-benchmark position in GoodRx Holdings, Inc., a telemedicine platform operator. We sold the fund's holdings in GoodRx prior to period end.

A top contributor to relative performance was Arista Networks, Inc., a cloud networking solutions company. Shares of the company rose over the period after it beat estimates for its third-quarter earnings and projected stronger-than-expected fourth-quarter guidance. Other contributors included an out-of-benchmark position in Marvell Technology, Inc. and DocuSign, Inc. We sold the fund's holdings in Marvell Technology prior to period end.

## How was the fund positioned at the end of the period?

The fund's largest overweight allocations were to the communication services and consumer discretionary sectors. The industrials and financials sectors represented its largest underweights.

The views expressed in this report are exclusively those of Wellington Management LLC and are subject to change. They are not meant as investment advice. Please note that the holdings discussed in this report may not have been held by the fund for the entire period. Portfolio composition is subject to review in accordance with the fund's investment strategy and may vary in the future. Current and future portfolio holdings are subject to risk.

## MANAGED BY

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# A look at performance

## TOTAL RETURNS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED MARCH 31, 2022

	Average annual total returns (%) with maximum sales charge			Cumulative total returns (%) with maximum sales charge	
	1-year	5-year	10-year	5-year	10-year
Class A <sup>1</sup>	-19.41	16.57	13.78	115.29	263.73
Class C <sup>1</sup>	-16.06	17.71	14.34	125.94	281.81
Class I <sup>1,2</sup>	-15.08	17.80	14.38	126.86	283.36
Class R6 <sup>1,2</sup>	-15.08	17.80	14.38	126.86	283.36
Class NAV <sup>1,2</sup>	-15.03	17.81	14.39	126.99	283.58
Index <sup>†</sup>	-0.89	15.10	13.52	102.04	255.35

Performance figures assume all distributions have been reinvested. Figures reflect maximum sales charge on Class A shares of 5%, and the applicable contingent deferred sales charge (CDSC) on Class C shares. Class C shares sold within one year of purchase are subject to a 1% CDSC. Sales charges are not applicable to Class I, Class R6, and Class NAV shares.

The expense ratios of the fund, both net (including any fee waivers and/or expense limitations) and gross (excluding any fee waivers and/or expense limitations), are set forth according to the most recent publicly available prospectuses for the fund and may differ from those disclosed in the Financial highlights tables in this report. Net expenses reflect contractual fee waivers and expense limitations in effect until July 31, 2023 and are subject to change. Had the contractual fee waivers and expense limitations not been in place, gross expenses would apply. The expense ratios are as follows:

	Class A	Class C	Class I	Class R6	Class NAV
Gross (%)	1.24	1.99	0.99	0.88	0.87
Net (%)	1.16	1.91	0.91	0.80	0.79

Please refer to the most recent prospectus and annual or semiannual report for more information on expenses and any expense limitation arrangements for each class.

The returns reflect past results and should not be considered indicative of future performance. The return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Due to market volatility and other factors, the fund's current performance may be higher or lower than the performance shown. For current to the most recent month-end performance data, please call 800-225-5291 or visit the fund's website at [jihinvestments.com](http://jihinvestments.com).

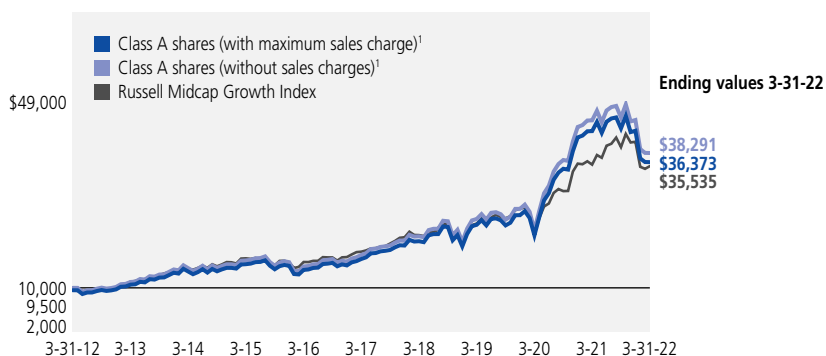
The performance table above and the chart on the next page do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on fund distributions or the redemption of fund shares. The fund's performance results reflect any applicable fee waivers or expense reductions, without which the expenses would increase and results would have been less favorable.

<sup>†</sup> Russell Midcap Growth Index.

See the following page for footnotes.



This chart and table show what happened to a hypothetical \$10,000 investment in John Hancock Mid Cap Growth Fund for the share classes and periods indicated, assuming all distributions were reinvested. For comparison, we've shown the same investment in the Russell Midcap Growth Index.



	Start date	With maximum sales charge (\$)	Without sales charge (\$)	Index (\$)
Class C <sup>1,3</sup>	3-31-12	38,181	38,181	35,535
Class I <sup>1,2</sup>	3-31-12	38,336	38,336	35,535
Class R6 <sup>1,2</sup>	3-31-12	38,336	38,336	35,535
Class NAV <sup>1,2</sup>	3-31-12	38,358	38,358	35,535

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#### Footnotes related to performance pages

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<sup>2</sup> For certain types of investors, as described in the fund's prospectuses.

<sup>3</sup> The contingent deferred sales charge is not applicable.

# Your expenses

These examples are intended to help you understand your ongoing operating expenses of investing in the fund so you can compare these costs with the ongoing costs of investing in other mutual funds.

## Understanding fund expenses

As a shareholder of the fund, you incur two types of costs:

- **Transaction costs**, which include sales charges (loads) on purchases or redemptions (varies by share class), minimum account fee charge, etc.
- **Ongoing operating expenses**, including management fees, distribution and service fees (if applicable), and other fund expenses.

We are presenting only your ongoing operating expenses here.

## Actual expenses/actual returns

The first line of each share class in the table on the following page is intended to provide information about the fund's actual ongoing operating expenses, and is based on the fund's actual return. It assumes an account value of \$1,000.00 on October 1, 2021, with the same investment held until March 31, 2022.

Together with the value of your account, you may use this information to estimate the operating expenses that you paid over the period. Simply divide your account value at March 31, 2022, by \$1,000.00, then multiply it by the "expenses paid" for your share class from the table. For example, for an account value of \$8,600.00, the operating expenses should be calculated as follows:

### Example

$$\left[ \frac{\text{My account value}}{\$8,600.00} / \$1,000.00 = 8.6 \right] \times \$ \left[ \begin{array}{c} \text{"expenses paid"} \\ \text{from table} \end{array} \right] = \text{My actual expenses}$$

## Hypothetical example for comparison purposes

The second line of each share class in the table on the following page allows you to compare the fund's ongoing operating expenses with those of any other fund. It provides an example of the fund's hypothetical account values and hypothetical expenses based on each class's actual expense ratio and an assumed 5% annualized return before expenses (which is not the class's actual return). It assumes an account value of \$1,000.00 on October 1, 2021, with the same investment held until March 31, 2022. Look in any other fund shareholder report to find its hypothetical example and you will be able to compare these expenses. Please remember that these hypothetical account values and expenses may not be used to estimate the actual ending account balance or expenses you paid for the period.

Remember, these examples do not include any transaction costs, therefore, these examples will not help you to determine the relative total costs of owning different funds. If transaction costs were included, your expenses would have been higher. See the prospectuses for details regarding transaction costs.

		Account value on 10-1-2021	Ending value on 3-31-2022	Expenses paid during period ended 3-31-2022 <sup>1</sup>	Annualized expense ratio
<b>Class A</b>	Actual expenses/actual returns <sup>2</sup>	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 774.30	\$4.09	1.17%
	Hypothetical example	1,000.00	1,019.10	5.89	1.17%
<b>Class C</b>	Actual expenses/actual returns <sup>2</sup>	1,000.00	772.10	6.71	1.92%
	Hypothetical example	1,000.00	1,015.40	9.65	1.92%
<b>Class I</b>	Actual expenses/actual returns <sup>2</sup>	1,000.00	775.20	3.22	0.92%
	Hypothetical example	1,000.00	1,020.30	4.63	0.92%
<b>Class R6</b>	Actual expenses/actual returns	1,000.00	838.10	3.71	0.81%
	Hypothetical example	1,000.00	1,020.90	4.08	0.81%
<b>Class NAV</b>	Actual expenses/actual returns	1,000.00	838.50	3.67	0.80%
	Hypothetical example	1,000.00	1,020.90	4.03	0.80%

<sup>1</sup> Expenses are equal to the annualized expense ratio, multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by 182/365 (to reflect the one-half year period).

<sup>2</sup> The inception date for Class A, Class C and Class I shares is 11-5-21. Actual Expenses are equal to the class' annualized expense ratio, multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by 144/365 (to reflect the period).

# Fund's investments

AS OF 3-31-22

	Shares	Value
<b>Common stocks 95.7%</b>		<b>\$1,623,160,362</b>
(Cost \$1,567,089,095)		
<b>Communication services 14.5%</b>		<b>245,935,575</b>
<b>Entertainment 8.1%</b>		
Electronic Arts, Inc.	186,261	23,563,879
Live Nation Entertainment, Inc. (A)	214,423	25,224,722
Roku, Inc. (A)	350,947	43,963,131
Spotify Technology SA (A)	291,554	44,030,485
<b>Interactive media and services 6.4%</b>		
Match Group, Inc. (A)	500,375	54,410,778
Snap, Inc., Class A (A)	704,021	25,337,716
ZoomInfo Technologies, Inc. (A)	492,214	29,404,864
<b>Consumer discretionary 19.2%</b>		<b>325,065,379</b>
<b>Automobiles 1.5%</b>		
Thor Industries, Inc.	317,670	25,000,629
<b>Diversified consumer services 2.0%</b>		
2U, Inc. (A)	377,252	5,009,907
Chegg, Inc. (A)	796,857	28,909,972
<b>Hotels, restaurants and leisure 1.6%</b>		
Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc. (A)	2,203	3,485,212
DraftKings, Inc., Class A (A)(B)	1,252,288	24,382,047
<b>Household durables 2.0%</b>		
Lennar Corp., A Shares	409,882	33,270,122
<b>Internet and direct marketing retail 2.2%</b>		
Etsy, Inc. (A)	296,682	36,871,639
<b>Leisure products 1.2%</b>		
Peloton Interactive, Inc., Class A (A)	741,940	19,602,055
<b>Specialty retail 4.6%</b>		
Floor & Decor Holdings, Inc., Class A (A)	286,837	23,233,797
Ulta Beauty, Inc. (A)	137,761	54,859,185
<b>Textiles, apparel and luxury goods 4.1%</b>		
Lululemon Athletica, Inc. (A)	192,867	70,440,814
<b>Financials 1.2%</b>		<b>21,139,701</b>
<b>Capital markets 1.2%</b>		
Ares Management Corp., Class A	260,245	21,139,701
<b>Health care 17.2%</b>		<b>292,556,101</b>
<b>Biotechnology 4.0%</b>		
Apellis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (A)	194,903	9,903,021
Ascendis Pharma A/S, ADR (A)	83,084	9,750,738

	Shares	Value
<b>Health care (continued)</b>		
<b>Biotechnology (continued)</b>		
Exact Sciences Corp. (A)	683,484	\$47,789,201
Kodiak Sciences, Inc. (A)	153,566	1,185,530
<b>Health care equipment and supplies 5.3%</b>		
ABIOMED, Inc. (A)	130,158	43,113,536
DexCom, Inc. (A)	92,541	47,343,976
<b>Health care technology 5.1%</b>		
Inspire Medical Systems, Inc. (A)	133,662	34,309,699
Veeva Systems, Inc., Class A (A)	241,969	51,408,734
<b>Life sciences tools and services 2.7%</b>		
Agilent Technologies, Inc.	181,889	24,069,371
Illumina, Inc. (A)	64,328	22,476,203
<b>Pharmaceuticals 0.1%</b>		
Reata Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Class A (A)	36,816	1,206,092
<b>Industrials 9.4%</b>		<b>159,925,101</b>
<b>Building products 1.7%</b>		
Johnson Controls International PLC	456,974	29,963,785
<b>Commercial services and supplies 1.9%</b>		
Copart, Inc. (A)	258,358	32,416,178
<b>Machinery 2.7%</b>		
Kornit Digital, Ltd. (A)	213,490	17,653,488
The Middleby Corp. (A)	171,185	28,064,069
<b>Professional services 2.1%</b>		
CoStar Group, Inc. (A)	527,179	35,115,393
<b>Trading companies and distributors 1.0%</b>		
WESCO International, Inc. (A)	128,417	16,712,188
<b>Information technology 31.5%</b>		<b>534,044,393</b>
<b>Communications equipment 4.0%</b>		
Arista Networks, Inc. (A)	488,210	67,851,426
<b>IT services 5.6%</b>		
Block, Inc. (A)	170,608	23,134,445
MongoDB, Inc. (A)	101,865	45,186,295
Okta, Inc. (A)	176,299	26,614,097
<b>Semiconductors and semiconductor equipment 4.0%</b>		
Ambarella, Inc. (A)	10,100	1,059,692
MKS Instruments, Inc.	148,643	22,296,450
SolarEdge Technologies, Inc. (A)	70,233	22,641,012
Universal Display Corp.	128,741	21,493,310
<b>Software 17.9%</b>		
DocuSign, Inc. (A)	167,289	17,919,998

	Shares	Value
<b>Information technology (continued)</b>		
<b>Software (continued)</b>		
Fair Isaac Corp. (A)	26,231	\$12,235,712
Five9, Inc. (A)	298,849	32,992,930
IronSource, Ltd., Class A (A)	2,875,557	13,802,674
Palo Alto Networks, Inc. (A)	117,309	73,026,024
Paycom Software, Inc. (A)	131,449	45,531,305
RingCentral, Inc., Class A (A)	248,998	29,185,056
UiPath, Inc., Class A (A)	898,802	19,405,135
Varonis Systems, Inc. (A)	414,435	19,702,240
Workday, Inc., Class A (A)	166,903	39,966,592
<b>Materials 1.6%</b>		<b>26,319,504</b>
<b>Chemicals 1.6%</b>		
Albemarle Corp.	119,012	26,319,504
<b>Real estate 1.1%</b>		<b>18,174,608</b>
<b>Equity real estate investment trusts 1.0%</b>		
AvalonBay Communities, Inc.	67,507	16,766,714
<b>Real estate management and development 0.1%</b>		
WeWork, Inc., Class A (A)(B)	206,436	1,407,894
<b>Preferred securities 0.6%</b>		<b>\$9,959,750</b>
(Cost \$9,360,258)		
<b>Information technology 0.6%</b>		<b>9,959,750</b>
<b>Software 0.6%</b>		
Essence Group Holdings Corp. (A)(C)(D)	2,958,957	5,977,093
Lookout, Inc., Series F (A)(C)(D)	392,767	3,982,657
<b>Exchange-traded funds 1.5%</b>		<b>\$26,601,848</b>
(Cost \$24,211,954)		
iShares Russell Mid-Cap Growth ETF (B)	264,695	26,601,848
	<b>Yield (%)</b>	<b>Shares</b>
<b>Short-term investments 3.1%</b>		<b>Value</b>
(Cost \$52,970,268)		
<b>Short-term funds 3.1%</b>		<b>52,972,484</b>
John Hancock Collateral Trust (E)	0.3592(F)	1,582,813
State Street Institutional U.S. Government Money Market Fund, Premier Class	0.3058(F)	37,146,256
<b>Total investments (Cost \$1,653,631,575) 100.9%</b>		<b>\$1,712,694,444</b>
<b>Other assets and liabilities, net (0.9%)</b>		<b>(16,101,472)</b>
<b>Total net assets 100.0%</b>		<b>\$1,696,592,972</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.

### **Security Abbreviations and Legend**

ADR American Depositary Receipt

- (A) Non-income producing security.
- (B) All or a portion of this security is on loan as of 3-31-22.
- (C) Restricted security as to resale. For more information on this security refer to the Notes to financial statements.
- (D) Security is valued using significant unobservable inputs and is classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy. Refer to Note 2 to the financial statements.
- (E) Investment is an affiliate of the fund, the advisor and/or subadvisor. This security represents the investment of cash collateral received for securities lending.
- (F) The rate shown is the annualized seven-day yield as of 3-31-22.

At 3-31-22, the aggregate cost of investments for federal income tax purposes was \$1,666,167,859. Net unrealized appreciation aggregated to \$46,526,585, of which \$238,361,144 related to gross unrealized appreciation and \$191,834,559 related to gross unrealized depreciation.

# Financial statements

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES 3-31-22

<b>Assets</b>	
Unaffiliated investments, at value (Cost \$1,637,807,563) including \$15,516,001 of securities loaned	\$1,696,868,216
Affiliated investments, at value (Cost \$15,824,012)	15,826,228
<b>Total investments, at value (Cost \$1,653,631,575)</b>	<b>1,712,694,444</b>
Dividends and interest receivable	323,123
Receivable for fund shares sold	391,525
Receivable for investments sold	2,939,854
Receivable for securities lending income	7,095
Other assets	132,492
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>1,716,488,533</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Payable for fund shares repurchased	3,741,042
Payable upon return of securities loaned	15,829,099
Payable to affiliates	
Accounting and legal services fees	74,761
Transfer agent fees	3,424
Trustees' fees	5,181
Other liabilities and accrued expenses	242,054
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>19,895,561</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>\$1,696,592,972</b>
<b>Net assets consist of</b>	
Paid-in capital	\$1,557,383,540
Total distributable earnings (loss)	139,209,432
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>\$1,696,592,972</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 (\$4,597,877 ÷ 266,349 shares) <sup>1</sup>	\$17.26
Class C (\$48,655 ÷ 2,827 shares) <sup>1</sup>	\$17.21
Class I (\$4,277,365 ÷ 247,535 shares)	\$17.28
Class R6 (\$398,990,449 ÷ 23,078,220 shares)	\$17.29
Class NAV (\$1,288,678,626 ÷ 74,538,703 shares)	\$17.29
<b>Maximum offering price per share</b>	
Class A (net asset value per share ÷ 95%) <sup>2</sup>	\$18.17

<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 \$50,000. On sales of \$50,000 or more and on group sales the offering price is reduced.



## STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	For the Period Ended 3-31-22 <sup>1</sup>	For the Year ended 8-31-21
<b>Investment income</b>		
Dividends	\$1,744,887	\$3,661,991
Interest	10,234	14,190
Securities lending	34,154	203,418
<b>Total investment income</b>	<b>1,789,275</b>	<b>3,879,599</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Investment management fees	9,125,976	16,699,739
Distribution and service fees	39,995	313,562
Accounting and legal services fees	130,652	289,215
Transfer agent fees	20,083	—
Trustees' fees	18,101	35,165
Custodian fees	143,404	221,459
State registration fees	38,251	—
Printing and postage	16,177	15,301
Professional fees	57,908	114,117
Other	52,328	63,915
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>9,642,875</b>	<b>17,752,473</b>
Less expense reductions	(688,630)	(169,906)
<b>Net expenses</b>	<b>8,954,245</b>	<b>17,582,567</b>
<b>Net investment loss</b>	<b>(7,164,970)</b>	<b>(13,702,968)</b>
<b>Realized and unrealized gain (loss)</b>		
<b>Net realized gain (loss) on</b>		
Unaffiliated investments	132,468,308	636,169,677
Affiliated investments	10,640	23,204
	<b>132,478,948</b>	<b>636,192,881</b>
<b>Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of</b>		
Unaffiliated investments and translation of assets and liabilities in foreign currencies	(548,245,873)	(40,582,956)
Affiliated investments	(18,685)	(33,449)
	<b>(548,264,558)</b>	<b>(40,616,405)</b>
<b>Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)</b>	<b>(415,785,610)</b>	<b>595,576,476</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) in net assets from operations</b>	<b>\$(422,950,580)</b>	<b>\$581,873,508</b>

<sup>1</sup> For the seven-month period ended 3-31-22. John Hancock Funds II Mid Cap Stock Fund's (the "Accounting Survivor") fiscal year end was August 31 and the fund's fiscal year end is March 31.

## STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Period ended 3-31-22 <sup>1</sup>	Year ended 8-31-21	Year ended 8-31-20
<b>Increase (decrease) in net assets</b>			
<b>From operations</b>			
Net investment loss	\$(7,164,970)	\$(13,702,968)	\$(7,548,649)
Net realized gain	132,478,948	636,192,881	378,123,836
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	(548,264,558)	(40,616,405)	229,210,337
<b>Increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations</b>	<b>(422,950,580)</b>	<b>581,873,508</b>	<b>599,785,524</b>
<b>Distributions to shareholders</b>			
From earnings			
Class R6 <sup>2</sup>	(141,941,775)	—	—
Class 1 <sup>3</sup>	—	(149,685,105)	(51,552,722)
Class NAV <sup>3</sup>	(380,500,343)	(307,295,923)	(139,556,442)
<b>Total distributions</b>	<b>(522,442,118)</b>	<b>(456,981,028)</b>	<b>(191,109,164)</b>
<b>From fund share transactions</b>	<b>496,465,026</b>	<b>179,671,998</b>	<b>(158,836,130)</b>
<b>Total increase (decrease)</b>	<b>(448,927,672)</b>	<b>304,564,478</b>	<b>249,840,230</b>
<b>Net assets</b>			
Beginning of year	2,145,520,644	1,840,956,166	1,591,115,936
<b>End of year</b>	<b>\$1,696,592,972</b>	<b>\$2,145,520,644</b>	<b>\$1,840,956,166</b>

<sup>1</sup> For the seven-month period ended 3-31-22. The Accounting Survivor's fiscal year end was August 31 and the fund's fiscal year end is March 31.

<sup>2</sup> The inception date for Class R6 shares is 10-18-21.

<sup>3</sup> Activity presented prior to close of business on October 15, 2021 represents the historical operating results of the Accounting Survivor. At the close of business on October 15, 2021, the Accounting Survivor was reorganized into the fund. Refer to Note 1 and Note 11 for further details.

# Financial highlights

CLASS A SHARES Period ended	3-31-22 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Per share operating performance</b>	
<b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b>	<b>\$22.29</b>
Net investment loss <sup>2</sup>	(0.07)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(4.96)
<b>Total from investment operations</b>	<b>(5.03)</b>
<b>Less distributions</b>	
From net realized gain	—
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	<b>\$17.26</b>
<b>Total return (%)<sup>3,4</sup></b>	<b>(22.57)<sup>5</sup></b>
<b>Ratios and supplemental data</b>	
Net assets, end of period (in millions)	\$5
Ratios (as a percentage of average net assets):	
Expenses before reductions	1.24 <sup>6</sup>
Expenses including reductions	1.17 <sup>6</sup>
Net investment loss	(0.98) <sup>6</sup>
Portfolio turnover (%)	69 <sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The inception date for Class A shares is 11-5-21.

<sup>2</sup> Based on average daily shares outstanding.

<sup>3</sup> Total returns would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced during the period.

<sup>4</sup> Does not reflect the effect of sales charges, if any.

<sup>5</sup> Not annualized.

<sup>6</sup> Annualized. Certain expenses are presented unannualized.

<sup>7</sup> Portfolio turnover is shown for the period from 9-1-21 to 3-31-22.

CLASS C SHARES Period ended	3-31-22 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Per share operating performance</b>	
<b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b>	<b>\$22.29</b>
Net investment loss <sup>2</sup>	(0.13)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(4.95)
<b>Total from investment operations</b>	<b>(5.08)</b>
<b>Less distributions</b>	
From net realized gain	—
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	<b>\$17.21</b>
<b>Total return (%)<sup>3,4</sup></b>	<b>(22.79)<sup>5</sup></b>
<b>Ratios and supplemental data</b>	
Net assets, end of period (in millions)	\$— <sup>6</sup>
Ratios (as a percentage of average net assets):	
Expenses before reductions	1.98 <sup>7</sup>
Expenses including reductions	1.92 <sup>7</sup>
Net investment loss	(1.77) <sup>7</sup>
Portfolio turnover (%)	69 <sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The inception date for Class C shares is 11-5-21.

<sup>2</sup> Based on average daily shares outstanding.

<sup>3</sup> Total returns would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced during the period.

<sup>4</sup> Does not reflect the effect of sales charges, if any.

<sup>5</sup> Not annualized.

<sup>6</sup> Less than \$500,000.

<sup>7</sup> Annualized. Certain expenses are presented unannualized.

<sup>8</sup> Portfolio turnover is shown for the period from 9-1-21 to 3-31-22.

<b>CLASS I SHARES Period ended</b>	<b>3-31-22<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>Per share operating performance</b>	
<b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b>	<b>\$22.29</b>
Net investment loss <sup>2</sup>	(0.05)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(4.96)
<b>Total from investment operations</b>	<b>(5.01)</b>
<b>Less distributions</b>	
From net realized gain	—
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	<b>\$17.28</b>
<b>Total return (%)<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>(22.48)<sup>4</sup></b>
<b>Ratios and supplemental data</b>	
Net assets, end of period (in millions)	\$4
Ratios (as a percentage of average net assets):	
Expenses before reductions	0.99 <sup>5</sup>
Expenses including reductions	0.92 <sup>5</sup>
Net investment loss	(0.80) <sup>5</sup>
Portfolio turnover (%)	69 <sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The inception date for Class I shares is 11-5-21.

<sup>2</sup> Based on average daily shares outstanding.

<sup>3</sup> Total returns would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced during the period.

<sup>4</sup> Not annualized.

<sup>5</sup> Annualized. Certain expenses are presented unannualized.

<sup>6</sup> Portfolio turnover is shown for the period from 9-1-21 to 3-31-22.

<b>CLASS R6 SHARES</b> Period ended	<b>3-31-22<sup>1,2</sup></b>	<b>8-31-21<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>8-31-20<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>8-31-19<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>8-31-18<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>8-31-17<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>Per share operating performance</b>						
<b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b>	<b>\$28.81</b>	<b>\$27.74</b>	<b>\$22.24</b>	<b>\$25.90</b>	<b>\$22.14</b>	<b>\$18.86</b>
Net investment loss <sup>3</sup>	(0.08)	(0.20)	(0.11)	(0.12)	(0.10)	(0.03)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(4.17)	8.88	8.38	0.28	6.01	3.40
<b>Total from investment operations</b>	<b>(4.25)</b>	<b>8.68</b>	<b>8.27</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>5.91</b>	<b>3.37</b>
<b>Less distributions</b>						
From net realized gain	(7.27)	(7.61)	(2.77)	(3.82)	(2.15)	(0.09)
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	<b>\$17.29</b>	<b>\$28.81</b>	<b>\$27.74</b>	<b>\$22.24</b>	<b>\$25.90</b>	<b>\$22.14</b>
<b>Total return (%)<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>(20.41)<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>33.87</b>	<b>41.40</b>	<b>5.71</b>	<b>28.68</b>	<b>17.86</b>
<b>Ratios and supplemental data</b>						
Net assets, end of period (in millions)	\$399	\$631	\$547	\$438	\$447	\$365
Ratios (as a percentage of average net assets):						
Expenses before reductions	0.88 <sup>6</sup>	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92
Expenses including reductions	0.82 <sup>6</sup>	0.91	0.92	0.92	0.91	0.91
Net investment loss	(0.65) <sup>6</sup>	(0.72)	(0.51)	(0.54)	(0.44)	(0.16)
Portfolio turnover (%)	69	91	86	61 <sup>7</sup>	67	89

<sup>1</sup> For the seven-month period ended 3-31-22. The inception date for Class R6 shares is 10-18-21. The Accounting Survivor's fiscal year end was August 31 and the fund's fiscal year end is March 31.

<sup>2</sup> Financial highlights presented prior to close of business on October 15, 2021 represents the historical operating results of the Accounting Survivor. At the close of business on October 15, 2021, the Accounting Survivor was reorganized into the fund. On the date of reorganization, the accounting and performance history of the Accounting Survivor was retained as that of the fund. Refer to Note 1 and Note 11 for further details.

<sup>3</sup> Based on average daily shares outstanding.

<sup>4</sup> Total returns would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced during the period.

<sup>5</sup> Not annualized.

<sup>6</sup> Annualized. Certain expenses are presented unannualized.

<sup>7</sup> Excludes merger activity.

<b>CLASS NAV SHARES</b> Period ended	<b>3-31-22<sup>1,2</sup></b>	<b>8-31-21<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>8-31-20<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>8-31-19<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>8-31-18<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>8-31-17<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>Per share operating performance</b>						
<b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b>	<b>\$28.81</b>	<b>\$27.61</b>	<b>\$22.09</b>	<b>\$25.66</b>	<b>\$21.90</b>	<b>\$18.64</b>
Net investment loss <sup>3</sup>	(0.08)	(0.19)	(0.10)	(0.11)	(0.09)	(0.02)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(4.17)	8.86	8.34	0.29	5.95	3.36
<b>Total from investment operations</b>	<b>(4.25)</b>	<b>8.67</b>	<b>8.24</b>	<b>0.18</b>	<b>5.86</b>	<b>3.34</b>
<b>Less distributions</b>						
From net realized gain	(7.27)	(7.47)	(2.72)	(3.75)	(2.10)	(0.08)
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	<b>\$17.29</b>	<b>\$28.81</b>	<b>\$27.61</b>	<b>\$22.09</b>	<b>\$25.66</b>	<b>\$21.90</b>
<b>Total return (%)<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>(20.37)<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>33.91</b>	<b>41.47</b>	<b>5.74</b>	<b>28.75</b>	<b>17.99</b>
<b>Ratios and supplemental data</b>						
Net assets, end of period (in millions)	\$1,289	\$1,515	\$1,294	\$1,153	\$1,258	\$1,245
Ratios (as a percentage of average net assets):						
Expenses before reductions	0.87 <sup>6</sup>	0.87	0.87	0.87	0.87	0.87
Expenses including reductions	0.81 <sup>6</sup>	0.86	0.87	0.87	0.86	0.86
Net investment loss	(0.65) <sup>6</sup>	(0.67)	(0.46)	(0.49)	(0.39)	(0.12)
Portfolio turnover (%)	69	91	86	61 <sup>7</sup>	67	89

<sup>1</sup> For the seven-month period ended 3-31-22. The Accounting Survivor's fiscal year end was August 31 and the fund's fiscal year end is March 31.

<sup>2</sup> Financial highlights presented prior to close of business on October 15, 2021 represents the historical operating results of the Accounting Survivor. At the close of business on October 15, 2021, the Accounting Survivor was reorganized into the fund. On the date of reorganization, the accounting and performance history of the Accounting Survivor was retained as that of the fund. As a result, the per share operating performance has been adjusted for the prior periods presented to reflect the transaction. The conversion ratio used was 0.98073, as the Accounting Survivor's net asset value was \$28.7711 while the fund's net asset value was \$28.2165 on the date of reorganization. Refer to Note 1 and Note 11 for further details.

<sup>3</sup> Based on average daily shares outstanding.

<sup>4</sup> Total returns would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced during the period.

<sup>5</sup> Not annualized.

<sup>6</sup> Annualized. Certain expenses are presented unannualized.

<sup>7</sup> Excludes merger activity.

# Notes to financial statements

## Note 1 — Organization

John Hancock Mid Cap Growth Fund (the fund) is a series of John Hancock Investment 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 long-term growth and capital appreciation.

The fund may offer multiple classes of shares. The shares currently outstanding are detailed in the Statement of assets and liabilities. Class A and Class C 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. Class NAV shares are offered to John Hancock affiliated funds of funds, retirement plans for employees of John Hancock and/or Manulife Financial Corporation, and certain 529 plans. Class C shares convert to Class A shares eight years after purchase (certain exclusions may apply). 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.

The fund acquired the assets and liabilities of John Hancock Funds II Mid Cap Stock Fund effective at the close of business October 15, 2021. John Hancock Funds II Mid Cap Stock Fund ("Accounting Survivor") was the accounting survivor in the reorganization and as such, the financial statements and financial highlights for Class R6 and Class NAV reflect the financial information of the Accounting Survivor through October 15, 2021. The Accounting Survivor's fiscal year end was August 31 and the fund's fiscal year end is March 31. See Note 11 for additional information.

Class R6 and Class NAV of the fund were first offered on October 18, 2021.

Class A, Class C and Class I were first offered on November 5, 2021.

## 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 fund's Valuation Policies and Procedures.

In order to value the securities, the fund uses the following valuation techniques: Equity securities, including exchange-traded or closed-end funds, are typically valued at the last sale price or official closing price on the exchange or principal market where the security trades. In the event there were no sales during the day or closing prices are not available, the securities are valued using the last available bid price. Investments by the fund in open-end mutual funds, including John Hancock Collateral Trust (JHCT), are valued at their respective NAVs each business day.



In certain instances, the Pricing Committee may determine to value equity securities using prices obtained from another exchange or market if trading on the exchange or market on which prices are typically obtained did not open for trading as scheduled, or if trading closed earlier than scheduled, and trading occurred as normal on another exchange or market.

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 fund's Pricing Committee following procedures established 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 fund's own 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 March 31, 2022, by major security category or type:

	Total value at 3-31-22	Level 1 quoted price	Level 2 significant observable inputs	Level 3 significant unobservable inputs
<b>Investments in securities:</b>				
<b>Assets</b>				
Common stocks	\$1,623,160,362	\$1,623,160,362	—	—
Preferred securities	9,959,750	—	—	\$9,959,750
Exchange-traded funds	26,601,848	26,601,848	—	—
Short-term investments	52,972,484	52,972,484	—	—
<b>Total investments in securities</b>	<b>\$1,712,694,444</b>	<b>\$1,702,734,694</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>\$9,959,750</b>

**Real estate investment trusts.** The fund may invest in real estate investment trusts (REITs). Distributions from REITs may be recorded as income and subsequently characterized by the REIT at the end of their fiscal year as a reduction of cost of investments and/or as a realized gain. As a result, the fund will estimate the components of distributions from these securities. Such estimates are revised when the actual components of the distributions are known.

**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. 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.

**Securities lending.** The fund may lend its securities to earn additional income. The fund receives collateral from the borrower in an amount not less than the market value of the loaned securities. The fund may invest its cash collateral in JHCT, an affiliate of the fund, which has a floating NAV and is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as an investment company. JHCT invests in short-term money market investments. The fund will receive the benefit of any gains and bear any losses generated by JHCT with respect to the cash collateral. Effective November 19, 2021, JHCT converted to a prime money market fund.

The fund has the right to recall loaned securities on demand. If a borrower fails to return loaned securities when due, then the lending agent is responsible and indemnifies the fund for the lent securities. The lending agent uses the collateral received from the borrower to purchase replacement securities of the same issue, type, class and series of the loaned securities. If the value of the collateral is less than the purchase cost of replacement securities, the lending agent is responsible for satisfying the shortfall but only to the extent that the shortfall is not due to any decrease in the value of JHCT.

Although the risk of loss on securities lent is mitigated by receiving collateral from the borrower and through lending agent indemnification, the fund could experience a delay in recovering securities or could experience a lower than expected return if the borrower fails to return the securities on a timely basis. During the existence of the loan, the fund will receive from the borrower amounts equivalent to any dividends, interest or other distributions on the loaned securities, as well as interest on such amounts. The fund receives compensation for lending its securities by retaining a portion of the return on the investment of the collateral and compensation from fees earned from borrowers of the securities. Securities lending income received by the fund is net of fees retained by the securities lending agent. Net income received from JHCT is a component of securities lending income as recorded on the Statement of operations.

Obligations to repay collateral received by the fund are shown on the Statement of assets and liabilities as Payable upon return of securities loaned and are secured by the loaned securities. As of March 31, 2022, the fund loaned securities valued at \$15,516,001 and received \$15,829,099 of cash collateral.

**Foreign investing.** Assets, including investments, and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollar values each day at the prevailing exchange rate. Purchases and sales of securities, income and expenses are translated into U.S. dollars at the prevailing exchange rate on the date of the transaction. The effect of changes in foreign currency exchange rates on the value of securities is reflected as a component of the realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments. Foreign investments are subject to a decline in the value of a foreign currency versus the U.S. dollar, which reduces the dollar value of securities denominated in that currency.

Funds that invest internationally generally carry more risk than funds that invest strictly in U.S. securities. Risks can result from differences in economic and political conditions, regulations, market practices (including higher transaction costs), accounting standards and other factors.

**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 period ended March 31, 2022, the fund had no borrowings under the line of credit. Commitment fees for the period ended March 31, 2022 were \$5,931.

**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.

As of March 31, 2022, 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 and pays dividends annually. Capital gain distributions, if any, are typically distributed annually.

The tax character of distributions for the period ended March 31, 2022 and for the year ended 2021 was as follows:

	March 31, 2022	August 31, 2021	August 31, 2020
Ordinary income	\$263,596,968	\$221,835,590	—
Long-term capital gains	258,845,150	235,145,438	\$191,109,164
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$522,442,118</b>	<b>\$456,981,028</b>	<b>\$191,109,164</b>

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 March 31, 2022, the components of distributable earnings on a tax basis consisted of \$92,682,758 of undistributed long-term capital gains.

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 net operating losses and wash sale loss deferrals.

### 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) 0.875% of the first \$200 million of the fund's aggregate net assets; (b) 0.850% of the next \$300 million of the fund's aggregate net assets; (c) 0.825% of the next \$2.70 billion of the fund's aggregate net assets; (d) 0.800% of the next \$500 million of the fund's aggregate net assets; (e) 0.775% of the next \$500 million of the fund's aggregate net assets and (f) 0.755% of the fund's aggregate net assets in excess of \$4.20 billion. Prior to October 16, 2021, the fees were as follows: a) 0.875% of the first \$200 million of aggregate net assets; b) 0.850% of the next \$300 million of aggregate net assets; and c) 0.825% of the excess over \$500 million of aggregate net assets. Aggregate net assets include net assets of the fund and Mid Cap Growth Trust, a series of John Hancock Variable Insurance Trust. The Advisor has a subadvisory agreement with Wellington Management Company, LLP. The fund is not responsible for payment of the subadvisory fees.

Effective October 16, 2021, the Advisor contractually agreed to reduce its management fee by an annual rate of 0.07% of the fund's average daily net assets. This agreement expires on July 31, 2023, 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 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 period ended March 31, 2022, this waiver amounted to 0.01% of the fund's average daily net assets, on an annualized basis. This arrangement expires on July 31, 2023, 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.

For the period ended March 31, 2022, the expense reductions described above amounted to the following:

Class	Expense reduction	Class	Expense reduction
Class A	\$643	Class R6	\$176,339
Class C	13	Class NAV	510,956
Class I	679	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$688,630</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 period ended March 31, 2022, were equivalent to a net annual effective rate of 0.77% 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 period ended March 31, 2022, amounted to an annual rate of 0.01% 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%
Class C	1.00%
Class 1 <sup>1</sup>	0.05%

<sup>1</sup> Share Class of Accounting Survivor. Please refer to Note 11 for further details.

**Sales charges.** Class A shares may be subject to up-front sales charges. For the period ended March 31, 2022, no sales charges were assessed.

Class A and Class C shares may be subject to contingent deferred sales charges (CDSCs). Certain Class A shares purchased, including those that are acquired through purchases of \$1 million or more, and redeemed within one year of purchase are subject to a 1.00% sales charge. Class C shares that are redeemed within one year of purchase are subject to a 1.00% CDSC. 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 period ended March 31, 2022, there were no CDSCs received by the Distributor for Class A and Class C 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 period ended March 31, 2022 were as follows:

Class	Distribution and service fees	Transfer agent fees
Class A	\$1,984	\$908
Class C	170	19
Class I	—	975
Class R6	—	18,181

Class	Distribution and service fees	Transfer agent fees
Class 1 <sup>1</sup>	\$37,841	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$39,995</b>	<b>\$20,083</b>

<sup>1</sup> Share Class of Accounting Survivor. Please refer to Note 11 for further details.

**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 period ended March 31, 2022 and years ended August 31, 2021 and August 31, 2020 were as follows:

	Period Ended 3-31-22 <sup>1</sup>		Year ended 8-31-21		Year ended 8-31-20	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
<b>Class A shares<sup>2</sup></b>						
Sold	328,326	\$6,027,881	—	—	—	—
Repurchased	(61,977)	(1,138,578)	—	—	—	—
<b>Net increase</b>	<b>266,349</b>	<b>\$4,889,303</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Class C shares<sup>2</sup></b>						
Sold	2,827	\$60,000	—	—	—	—
<b>Net increase</b>	<b>2,827</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Class I shares<sup>2</sup></b>						
Sold	252,138	\$4,902,914	—	—	—	—
Repurchased	(4,603)	(74,643)	—	—	—	—
<b>Net increase</b>	<b>247,535</b>	<b>\$4,828,271</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Class R6 shares<sup>3</sup></b>						
Sold	162,552	\$3,079,089	—	—	—	—
Issued in reorganization	19,705,096	556,008,842	—	—	—	—
Distributions reinvested	6,370,816	141,941,775	—	—	—	—
Repurchased	(3,160,244)	(61,627,074)	—	—	—	—
<b>Net increase</b>	<b>23,078,220</b>	<b>\$639,402,632</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Class 1 shares<sup>4</sup></b>						
Sold	34,008	\$964,219	1,286,989	\$36,936,063	1,627,719	\$37,366,386
Distributions reinvested	—	—	5,689,286	149,685,105	2,537,043	51,552,722
Repurchased	(763,258)	(21,273,235)	(4,822,216)	(132,632,186)	(4,142,181)	(87,074,848)
Redeemed in reorganization	(21,160,712)	(597,080,839)	—	—	—	—
<b>Net increase (decrease)</b>	<b>(21,889,962)</b>	<b>\$(617,389,855)</b>	<b>2,154,059</b>	<b>\$53,988,982</b>	<b>22,581</b>	<b>\$1,844,260</b>

	Period Ended 3-31-22 <sup>1</sup>		Year ended 8-31-21		Year ended 8-31-20	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
<b>Class NAV shares<sup>4</sup></b>						
Sold	6,777,824	\$126,581,857	9,615,843	\$265,194,414	4,541,586	\$91,200,433
Issued in reorganization	53,096,244	1,498,190,173	—	—	—	—
Distributions reinvested	17,078,112	380,500,343	11,457,715	307,295,923	6,771,298	139,556,442
Repurchased	(3,329,866)	(83,479,522)	(15,469,646)	(446,807,321)	(16,538,736)	(391,437,265)
Redeemed in reorganization	(50,645,278)	(1,457,118,176)	—	—	—	—
<b>Net increase (decrease)</b>	<b>22,977,036</b>	<b>\$464,674,675</b>	<b>5,603,912</b>	<b>\$125,683,016</b>	<b>(5,225,852)</b>	<b>\$160,680,390</b>
<b>Total net increase (decrease)</b>	<b>24,682,005</b>	<b>\$496,465,026</b>	<b>7,757,971</b>	<b>\$179,671,998</b>	<b>(5,203,271)</b>	<b>\$(158,836,130)</b>

- 1 For the seven-month period ended 3-31-22. The Accounting Survivor's fiscal year end was August 31 and the fund's fiscal year end is March 31.
- 2 The inception date for Class A, Class C and Class I shares is 11-5-21.
- 3 The inception date for Class R6 shares is 10-18-21.
- 4 Activity presented prior to close of business on October 15, 2021 represents the historical operating results of the Accounting Survivor. At the close of business on October 15, 2021, the Accounting Survivor was reorganized into the fund. Refer to Note 1 and Note 11 for further details.

Affiliates of the fund owned 79% and 100% of shares of Class C and Class NAV, respectively, on March 31, 2022. Such concentration of shareholders' capital could have a material effect on the fund if such shareholders redeem from the fund.

#### Note 6 — Purchase and sale of securities

Purchases and sales of securities, other than short-term investments, amounted to \$1,283,764,998 and \$1,307,803,965, respectively, for the period ended March 31, 2022.

#### Note 7 — Industry or sector risk

The fund may invest a large percentage of its assets in one or more particular industries or sectors of the economy. If a large percentage of the fund's assets are economically tied to a single or small number of industries or sectors of the economy, the fund will be less diversified than a more broadly diversified fund, and it may cause the fund to underperform if that industry or sector underperforms. In addition, focusing on a particular industry or sector may make the fund's NAV more volatile. Further, a fund that invests in particular industries or sectors is particularly susceptible to the impact of market, economic, regulatory and other factors affecting those industries or sectors.

#### Note 8 — Investment by affiliated funds

Certain investors in the fund are affiliated funds that are managed by the Advisor and its affiliates. The affiliated funds do not invest in the fund for the purpose of exercising management or control; however, this investment may represent a significant portion of the fund's net assets. At March 31, 2022, funds within the John Hancock group of funds complex held 73.9% of the fund's net assets. The following fund(s) had an affiliate ownership of 5% or more of the fund's net assets:

Portfolio	Affiliated Concentration
John Hancock Funds II Multimanager Lifestyle Growth Portfolio	25.2%
John Hancock Funds II Multimanager Lifestyle Balanced Portfolio	16.8%

**Portfolio****Affiliated Concentration**

John Hancock Funds II Multimanager Lifestyle Aggressive Portfolio

11.2%

**Note 9 — Investment in affiliated underlying funds**

The fund may invest in affiliated underlying funds that are managed by the Advisor and its affiliates. Information regarding the fund's fiscal year to date purchases and sales of the affiliated underlying funds as well as income and capital gains earned by the fund, if any, is as follows:

Affiliate	Ending share amount	Beginning value	Cost of purchases	Proceeds from shares sold	Realized gain (loss)	Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	Dividends and distributions		Ending value
							Income distributions received	Capital gain distributions received	
John Hancock Collateral Trust*	1,582,813	\$60,471,652	\$186,954,141	\$(231,591,520)	\$10,640	\$(18,685)	\$34,154	—	\$15,826,228

\* Refer to the Securities lending note within Note 2 for details regarding this investment.

**Note 10 — Restricted securities**

The fund may hold restricted securities which are restricted as to resale and the fund has limited rights to registration under the Securities Act of 1933. Disposal may involve time-consuming negotiations and expenses, and prompt sale at an acceptable price may be difficult to achieve. The following table summarizes the restricted securities held at March 31, 2022:

Issuer, Description	Original acquisition date	Acquisition cost	Beginning share amount	Shares purchased	Shares sold	Ending share amount	Value as a percentage of net assets	Ending value
Essence Group Holdings Corp.	5-1-14 <sup>1</sup>	\$5,083,384	2,958,957	—	—	2,958,957	0.4%	\$ 5,977,093
Lookout, Inc., Series F	7-31-14 <sup>1</sup>	4,276,874	392,767	—	—	392,767	0.2%	3,982,657
								<b>\$9,959,750</b>

<sup>1</sup> Reflects original acquisition date of security transferred in a merger with John Hancock Funds II Mid Cap Growth Fund which took place after market close on 10-15-21.

**Note 11 — Reorganization**

On October 6, 2021, the shareholders of John Hancock Funds II (JHF II) Mid Cap Stock Fund (the Accounting Survivor) voted to approve an Agreement and Plan of Reorganization (the Agreement) which provided for an exchange of shares of Mid Cap Growth Fund (the Acquiring Fund) with a value equal to the net assets transferred. The Agreement provided for (a) the acquisition of all the assets, subject to all of the liabilities, of the Accounting Survivor in exchange for shares of the Acquiring Fund with a value equal to the net assets transferred; (b) the liquidation of the Accounting Survivor; and (c) the distribution to the Accounting Survivor's shareholders of such Acquiring Fund's shares. The reorganization was intended to achieve potential economies of scale and allow shareholders of the Accounting Survivor to pursue an identical investment objective and have continuity of management. The Acquiring Fund adopted the performance and accounting history of the Accounting Survivor upon completion of the reorganization.

The reorganization qualified as a tax-free reorganization for federal income tax purposes with no gain or loss recognized by the Accounting Survivor or their shareholders. Thus, the investments were transferred to the Acquiring Fund at the Accounting Survivor's identified cost. In addition, the Advisor bore the costs incurred in connection with the reorganization. The effective time of the reorganization occurred immediately after the close



of regularly scheduled trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) on October 15, 2021. Prior to the reorganization, the fund had not yet commenced operations and had no assets or liabilities. The following outlines the reorganization:

Acquiring Portfolio	Acquired Portfolio	Net Asset Value of the Acquired Portfolio	Appreciation of the Acquired Portfolio's Investments	Shares Redeemed by the Acquired Portfolio	Shares Issued by the Acquiring Portfolio	Acquiring Portfolio Net Assets Prior to Combination	Acquiring Portfolio Total Net Assets After Combination
Mid Cap Growth Fund	Mid Cap Stock Fund	\$2,054,199,015	\$557,181,556	71,805,990	72,801,340	—	\$2,054,199,015

The Reorganization was accomplished by a tax-free exchange of shares of the fund at the following conversion ratios:

Accounting Survivor's Share Class	Conversion Ratio	Fund's Share Class
Class 1	1.00000	Class R6
Class 1	1.00000	Class NAV
Class NAV	0.98073	Class NAV

See Note 5 for capital shares issued in connection with the above referenced reorganization.

#### Note 12 — Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic

The COVID-19 disease has resulted in significant disruptions to global business activity. A widespread health crisis such as a global pandemic could cause substantial market volatility, exchange-trading suspensions, and closures, which may lead to less liquidity in certain instruments, industries, sectors or the markets generally, and may ultimately affect fund performance.

## Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

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### To the Board of Trustees of John Hancock Investment Trust and Shareholders of John Hancock Mid Cap Growth Fund

#### *Opinion on the Financial Statements*

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the fund's investments, of John Hancock Mid Cap Growth Fund (one of the funds constituting John Hancock Investment Trust, referred to hereafter as the "Fund") as of March 31, 2022, the related statements of operations for the period September 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022 and the year ended August 31, 2021, the statements of changes in net assets for the period September 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022 and each of the two years in the period ended August 31, 2021, including the related notes, and the financial highlights for each of the periods indicated therein (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 March 31, 2022, the results of its operations for the period September 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022 and the year ended August 31, 2021, the changes in its net assets for the period September 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022 and each of the two years in the period ended August 31, 2021 and the financial highlights for each of the periods indicated therein 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 March 31, 2022 by correspondence with the custodian and transfer agents. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Boston, Massachusetts

May 9, 2022

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 period ended March 31, 2022.

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 paid \$258,845,150 in long term capital gain 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 2022 Form 1099-DIV in early 2023. This will reflect the tax character of all distributions paid in calendar year 2022.

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

## STATEMENT REGARDING LIQUIDITY RISK MANAGEMENT

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### Operation of the Liquidity Risk Management Program

This section describes operation and effectiveness of the Liquidity Risk Management Program (LRMP) established in accordance with Rule 22e-4 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the Liquidity Rule). The Board of Trustees (the Board) of each Fund in the John Hancock Group of Funds (each a Fund and collectively, the Funds) that is subject to the requirements of the Liquidity Rule has appointed John Hancock Investment Management LLC and John Hancock Variable Trust Advisers LLC (together, the Advisor) to serve as Administrator of the LRMP with respect to each of the Funds, including John Hancock Mid Cap Growth Fund, subject to the oversight of the Board. In order to provide a mechanism and process to perform the functions necessary to administer the LRMP, the Advisor established the Liquidity Risk Management Committee (the Committee). The Fund's subadvisor, Wellington Management Company LLP (the Subadvisor) executes the day-to-day investment management and security-level activities of the Fund in accordance with the requirements of the LRMP, subject to the supervision of the Advisor and the Board.

The Committee receives monthly reports and holds quarterly meetings to: (1) review the day-to-day operations of the LRMP; (2) monitor current market and liquidity conditions; (3) review and approve month-end liquidity classifications; (4) monitor illiquid investment levels against the 15% limit on illiquid investments and established Highly Liquid Investment Minimums (HLIMs), if any; (5) review quarterly testing and determinations, as applicable; (6) review redemption-in-kind activities; and (7) review other LRMP related material. The Advisor also conducts daily, monthly, quarterly, and annual quantitative and qualitative assessments of each subadvisor to a Fund that is subject to the requirements of the Liquidity Rule and is a part of the LRMP to monitor investment performance issues, risks and trends. In addition, the Advisor may conduct ad-hoc reviews and meetings with subadvisors as issues and trends are identified, including potential liquidity issues. The Committee also monitors global events, such as the ongoing COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic and amendments to the Office of Foreign Assets Control sanctioned company lists, that could impact the markets and liquidity of portfolio investments and their classifications.

The Committee provided the Board at a meeting held by videoconference on March 22-24, 2022 with a written report which addressed the Committee's assessment of the adequacy and effectiveness of the implementation and operation of the LRMP and any material changes to the LRMP. The report, which covered the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, included an assessment of important aspects of the LRMP including, but not limited to: (1) Security-level liquidity classifications; (2) Fund-level liquidity risk assessment; (3) Reasonably Anticipated Trade Size (RATS) determination; (4) HLIM determination; (5) Compliance with the 15% limit on illiquid investments; (6) Operation of the Fund's Redemption-In-Kind Procedures; and (7) Review of liquidity management facilities.

Additionally, the report included a discussion of notable changes and enhancements to the LRMP implemented during 2021 and key initiatives for 2022.

The report also covered material liquidity matters which occurred or were reported during this period applicable to the Fund, if any, and the Committee's actions to address such matters.

The report stated, in relevant part, that during the period covered by the report:

- The Fund's investment strategy remained appropriate for an open-end fund structure;
- The Fund was able to meet requests for redemption without significant dilution of remaining shareholders' interests in the Fund;
- The Fund did not report any breaches of the 15% limit on illiquid investments that would require reporting to the Securities and Exchange Commission;

- The Fund continued to qualify as a Primarily Highly Liquid Fund under the Liquidity Rule and therefore is not required to establish a HLIM; and
- The Chief Compliance Officer's office, as a part of their annual Rule 38a-1 assessment of the Fund's policies and procedures, reviewed the LRMP's control environment and deemed it to be operating effectively and in compliance with the Board approved procedures.

### **Adequacy and Effectiveness**

Based on the review and assessment conducted by the Committee, the Committee has determined that the LRMP has been implemented, and is operating in a manner that is adequate and effective at assessing and managing the liquidity risk of the Fund.

# Trustees and Officers

This chart provides information about the Trustees and Officers who oversee your John Hancock fund. Officers elected by the Trustees manage the day-to-day operations of the fund and execute policies formulated by the Trustees.

## Independent Trustees

<b>Name, year of birth Position(s) held with Trust Principal occupation(s) and other directorships during past 5 years</b>	<b>Trustee of the Trust since<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Number of John Hancock funds overseen by Trustee</b>
<b>Hassell H. McClellan, Born: 1945</b> <i>Trustee and Chairperson of the Board</i> Director/Trustee, Virtus Funds (2008-2020); Director, The Barnes Group (2010-2021); Associate Professor, The Wallace E. Carroll School of Management, Boston College (retired 2013). Trustee (since 2005) and Chairperson of the Board (since 2017) of various trusts within the John Hancock Fund Complex.	<b>2012</b>	<b>191</b>
<b>James R. Boyle, Born: 1959</b> <i>Trustee</i> Foresters Financial, Chief Executive Officer (since 2018) and board member (since 2017). Manulife Financial and John Hancock, more than 20 years, retiring in 2012 as Chief Executive Officer, John Hancock and Senior Executive Vice President, Manulife Financial. Trustee of various trusts within the John Hancock Fund Complex (2005–2014 and since 2015).	<b>2015</b>	<b>191</b>
<b>Peter S. Burgess,<sup>2</sup> Born: 1942</b> <i>Trustee</i> Consultant (financial, accounting, and auditing matters) (since 1999); Certified Public Accountant; Partner, Arthur Andersen (independent public accounting firm) (prior to 1999); Director, Lincoln Educational Services Corporation (2004-2021); Director, Symetra Financial Corporation (2010–2016); Director, PMA Capital Corporation (2004–2010). Trustee of various trusts within the John Hancock Fund Complex (since 2005).	<b>2012</b>	<b>191</b>
<b>William H. Cunningham,<sup>2</sup> Born: 1944</b> <i>Trustee</i> Professor, University of Texas, Austin, Texas (since 1971); former Chancellor, University of Texas System and former President of the University of Texas, Austin, Texas; Chairman (since 2009) and Director (since 2006), Lincoln National Corporation (insurance); Director, Southwest Airlines (since 2000). Trustee of various trusts within the John Hancock Fund Complex (since 1986).	<b>1986</b>	<b>191</b>
<b>Grace K. Fey, Born: 1946</b> <i>Trustee</i> Chief Executive Officer, Grace Fey Advisors (since 2007); Director and Executive Vice President, Frontier Capital Management Company (1988–2007); Director, Fiduciary Trust (since 2009). Trustee of various trusts within the John Hancock Fund Complex (since 2008).	<b>2012</b>	<b>191</b>
<b>Deborah C. Jackson, Born: 1952</b> <i>Trustee</i> President, Cambridge College, Cambridge, Massachusetts (since 2011); Board of Directors, Amwell Corporation (since 2020); Board of Directors, Massachusetts Women's Forum (2018-2020); Board of Directors, National Association of Corporate Directors/New England (2015-2020); Board of Directors, Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Massachusetts (2014-2017); Chief Executive Officer, American Red Cross of Massachusetts Bay (2002–2011); Board of Directors of Eastern Bank Corporation (since 2001); Board of Directors of Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation (since 2001); Board of Directors of American Student Assistance Corporation (1996–2009); Board of Directors of Boston Stock Exchange (2002–2008); Board of Directors of Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare (health benefits company) (2007–2011). Trustee of various trusts within the John Hancock Fund Complex (since 2008).	<b>2008</b>	<b>191</b>

## Independent Trustees (continued)

Name, year of birth Position(s) held with Trust Principal occupation(s) and other directorships during past 5 years	Trustee of the Trust since <sup>1</sup>	Number of John Hancock funds overseen by Trustee
<b>Steven R. Pruchansky, Born: 1944</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>191</b>

### *Trustee and Vice Chairperson of the Board*

Managing Director, Pru Realty (since 2017); Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Greenscapes of Southwest Florida, Inc. (2014-2020); Director and President, Greenscapes of Southwest Florida, Inc. (until 2000); Member, Board of Advisors, First American Bank (until 2010); Managing Director, Jon James, LLC (real estate) (since 2000); Partner, Right Funding, LLC (2014-2017); Director, First Signature Bank & Trust Company (until 1991); Director, Mast Realty Trust (until 1994); President, Maxwell Building Corp. (until 1991). Trustee (since 1992), Chairperson of the Board (2011–2012), and Vice Chairperson of the Board (since 2012) of various trusts within the John Hancock Fund Complex.

<b>Frances G. Rathke,<sup>2</sup> Born: 1960</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>191</b>
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### Trustee

Director, Audit Committee Chair, Oatly Group AB (plant-based drink company) (since 2021); Director, Audit Committee Chair and Compensation Committee Member, Green Mountain Power Corporation (since 2016); Director, Treasurer and Finance & Audit Committee Chair, Flynn Center for Performing Arts (since 2016); Director, Audit Committee Chair and Compensation Committee Member, Planet Fitness (since 2016); Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Keurig Green Mountain, Inc. (2003-retired 2015). Trustee of various trusts within the John Hancock Fund Complex (since 2020).

<b>Gregory A. Russo, Born: 1949</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>191</b>
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### Trustee

Director and Audit Committee Chairman (2012-2020), and Member, Audit Committee and Finance Committee (2011-2020), NCH Healthcare System, Inc. (holding company for multi-entity healthcare system); Director and Member (2012-2018) and Finance Committee Chairman (2014-2018), The Moorings, Inc. (nonprofit continuing care community); Vice Chairman, Risk & Regulatory Matters, KPMG LLP (KPMG) (2002–2006); Vice Chairman, Industrial Markets, KPMG (1998–2002); Chairman and Treasurer, Westchester County, New York, Chamber of Commerce (1986–1992); Director, Treasurer, and Chairman of Audit and Finance Committees, Putnam Hospital Center (1989–1995); Director and Chairman of Fundraising Campaign, United Way of Westchester and Putnam Counties, New York (1990–1995). Trustee of various trusts within the John Hancock Fund Complex (since 2008).

## Non-Independent Trustees<sup>3</sup>

Name, year of birth Position(s) held with Trust Principal occupation(s) and other directorships during past 5 years	Trustee of the Trust since <sup>1</sup>	Number of John Hancock funds overseen by Trustee
<b>Andrew G. Arnott, Born: 1971</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>191</b>

### *President and Non-Independent Trustee*

Head of Wealth and Asset Management, United States and Europe, for John Hancock and Manulife (since 2018); Director and Executive Vice President, John Hancock Investment Management LLC (since 2005, including prior positions); Director and Executive Vice President, John Hancock Variable Trust Advisers LLC (since 2006, including prior positions); President, John Hancock Investment Management Distributors LLC (since 2004, including prior positions); President of various trusts within the John Hancock Fund Complex (since 2007, including prior positions). Trustee of various trusts within the John Hancock Fund Complex (since 2017).

### Non-Independent Trustees<sup>3</sup> (continued)

Name, year of birth Position(s) held with Trust Principal occupation(s) and other directorships during past 5 years	Trustee of the Trust since <sup>1</sup>	Number of John Hancock funds overseen by Trustee
<b>Marianne Harrison, Born: 1963</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>191</b>

#### *Non-Independent Trustee*

President and CEO, John Hancock (since 2017); President and CEO, Manulife Canadian Division (2013–2017); Member, Board of Directors, Boston Medical Center (since 2021); Member, Board of Directors, CAE Inc. (since 2019); Member, Board of Directors, MA Competitive Partnership Board (since 2018); Member, Board of Directors, American Council of Life Insurers (ACLI) (since 2018); Member, Board of Directors, Communitech, an industry-led innovation center that fosters technology companies in Canada (2017–2019); Member, Board of Directors, Manulife Assurance Canada (2015–2017); Board Member, St. Mary's General Hospital Foundation (2014–2017); Member, Board of Directors, Manulife Bank of Canada (2013– 2017); Member, Standing Committee of the Canadian Life & Health Assurance Association (2013–2017); Member, Board of Directors, John Hancock USA, John Hancock Life & Health, John Hancock New York (2012–2013). Trustee of various trusts within the John Hancock Fund Complex (since 2018).

### Principal officers who are not Trustees

Name, year of birth Position(s) held with Trust Principal occupation(s) during past 5 years	Current Position(s) with the Trust since
<b>Charles A. Rizzo, Born: 1957</b>	<b>2007</b>

#### *Chief Financial Officer*

Vice President, John Hancock Financial Services (since 2008); Senior Vice President, John Hancock Investment Management LLC and John Hancock Variable Trust Advisers LLC (since 2008); Chief Financial Officer of various trusts within the John Hancock Fund Complex (since 2007).

<b>Salvatore Schiavone, Born: 1965</b>	<b>2010</b>
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#### *Treasurer*

Assistant Vice President, John Hancock Financial Services (since 2007); Vice President, John Hancock Investment Management LLC and John Hancock Variable Trust Advisers LLC (since 2007); Treasurer of various trusts within the John Hancock Fund Complex (since 2007, including prior positions).

<b>Christopher (Kit) Sechler, Born: 1973</b>	<b>2018</b>
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#### *Secretary and Chief Legal Officer*

Vice President and Deputy Chief Counsel, John Hancock Investment Management (since 2015); Assistant Vice President and Senior Counsel (2009–2015), John Hancock Investment Management; Assistant Secretary of John Hancock Investment Management LLC and John Hancock Variable Trust Advisers LLC (since 2009); Chief Legal Officer and Secretary of various trusts within the John Hancock Fund Complex (since 2009, including prior positions).

<b>Trevor Swanberg, Born: 1979</b>	<b>2020</b>
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#### *Chief Compliance Officer*

Chief Compliance Officer, John Hancock Investment Management LLC and John Hancock Variable Trust Advisers LLC (since 2020); Deputy Chief Compliance Officer, John Hancock Investment Management LLC and John Hancock Variable Trust Advisers LLC (2019–2020); Assistant Chief Compliance Officer, John Hancock Investment Management LLC and John Hancock Variable Trust Advisers LLC (2016–2019); Vice President, State Street Global Advisors (2015–2016); Chief Compliance Officer of various trusts within the John Hancock Fund Complex (since 2016, including prior positions).

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- <sup>2</sup> Member of the Audit Committee.
- <sup>3</sup> The Trustee is a Non-Independent Trustee due to current or former positions with the Advisor and certain affiliates.

# More information

## Trustees

Hassell H. McClellan, *Chairperson*  
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James R. Boyle  
Peter S. Burgess\*  
William H. Cunningham<sup>†</sup>  
Grace K. Fey  
Marianne Harrison<sup>†</sup>  
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Frances G. Rathke\*  
Gregory A. Russo

## Officers

Andrew G. Arnott  
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Charles A. Rizzo  
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Salvatore Schiavone  
*Treasurer*  
Christopher (Kit) Sechler  
*Secretary and Chief Legal Officer*  
Trevor Swanberg  
*Chief Compliance Officer*

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\* Member of the Audit Committee

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All of the fund's holdings as of the end of the third month of every fiscal quarter are filed with the SEC on Form N-PORT within 60 days of the end of the fiscal quarter. The fund's Form N-PORT filings are available on our website and the SEC's website, [sec.gov](http://sec.gov).

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Blue Chip Growth  
Classic Value  
Disciplined Value  
Disciplined Value Mid Cap  
Equity Income  
Financial Industries  
Fundamental All Cap Core  
Fundamental Large Cap Core  
Mid Cap Growth  
New Opportunities  
Regional Bank  
Small Cap Core  
Small Cap Growth  
Small Cap Value  
U.S. Global Leaders Growth  
U.S. Growth

## **INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUNDS**

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Disciplined Value International  
Emerging Markets  
Emerging Markets Equity  
Fundamental Global Franchise  
Global Environmental Opportunities  
Global Equity  
Global Shareholder Yield  
Global Thematic Opportunities  
International Dynamic Growth  
International Growth  
International Small Company

## **FIXED-INCOME FUNDS**

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Bond  
California Municipal Bond  
Emerging Markets Debt  
Floating Rate Income  
Government Income  
High Yield  
High Yield Municipal Bond  
Income  
Investment Grade Bond  
Money Market  
Municipal Opportunities  
Opportunistic Fixed Income  
Short Duration Bond  
Strategic Income Opportunities

## **ALTERNATIVE FUNDS**

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Absolute Return Currency  
Alternative Asset Allocation  
Diversified Macro  
Infrastructure  
Multi-Asset Absolute Return  
Real Estate Securities  
Seaport Long/Short

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John Hancock Corporate Bond ETF  
John Hancock Mortgage-Backed Securities ETF  
John Hancock Multifactor Consumer Discretionary ETF  
John Hancock Multifactor Consumer Staples ETF  
John Hancock Multifactor Developed International ETF  
John Hancock Multifactor Emerging Markets ETF  
John Hancock Multifactor Energy ETF  
John Hancock Multifactor Financials ETF  
John Hancock Multifactor Healthcare ETF  
John Hancock Multifactor Industrials ETF  
John Hancock Multifactor Large Cap ETF  
John Hancock Multifactor Materials ETF  
John Hancock Multifactor Media and Communications ETF  
John Hancock Multifactor Mid Cap ETF  
John Hancock Multifactor Small Cap ETF  
John Hancock Multifactor Technology ETF  
John Hancock Multifactor Utilities ETF  
John Hancock Preferred Income ETF

## **ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE FUNDS**

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ESG Core Bond  
ESG International Equity  
ESG Large Cap Core

## **ASSET ALLOCATION/TARGET DATE FUNDS**

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Balanced  
Multi-Asset High Income  
Multi-Index Lifetime Portfolios  
Multi-Index Preservation Portfolios  
Multimanager Lifestyle Portfolios  
Multimanager Lifetime Portfolios  
**CLOSED-END FUNDS**  
Financial Opportunities  
Hedged Equity & Income  
Income Securities Trust  
Investors Trust  
Preferred Income  
Preferred Income II  
Preferred Income III  
Premium Dividend  
Tax-Advantaged Dividend Income  
Tax-Advantaged Global Shareholder Yield

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