

Semiannual report

John Hancock Emerging Markets Fund

International equity

February 28, 2022

A message to shareholders



Dear shareholder,

The global equity markets finished 2021 with gains but overall moved lower for the report period of six months ended February 28, 2022. The conflict between Russia and Ukraine was a key driver of market performance. In addition to raising fears about the potential for a broader dispute, it contributed to a surge in oil prices and raised the possibility of instability in the world financial system.

Separately, persistent inflation fueled concerns that the U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed) would need to raise interest rates several times in 2022. Although expectations for the extent of the Fed's policy tightening diminished in response to geopolitical developments, the prospect of higher rates remained a key headwind for sentiment through period end. The fact that Russia and Ukraine are major suppliers of the world's wheat supply—and Russia is a key exporter of oil, natural gas, and coal—further escalated supply chain and inflation fears. Together, these factors led to elevated volatility and weak returns for stocks.

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 fluid and cursive, with the first name "Andrew" and last name "Arnott" clearly legible.

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 jhinvestments.com.

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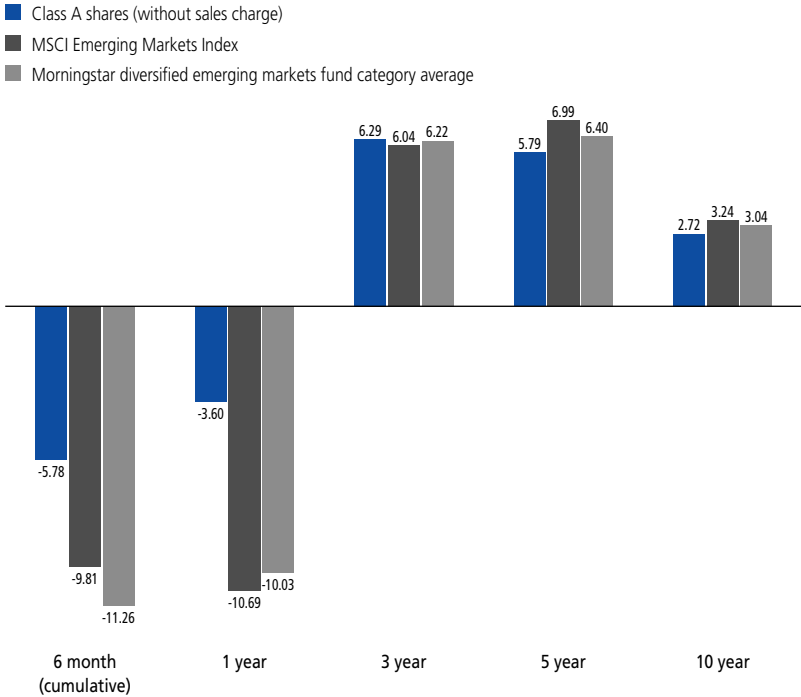
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Your fund at a glance

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The fund seeks long-term capital appreciation.

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS AS OF 2/28/2022 (%)



The MSCI Emerging Markets (EM) Index tracks the performance of publicly traded large- and mid-cap emerging-market stocks.

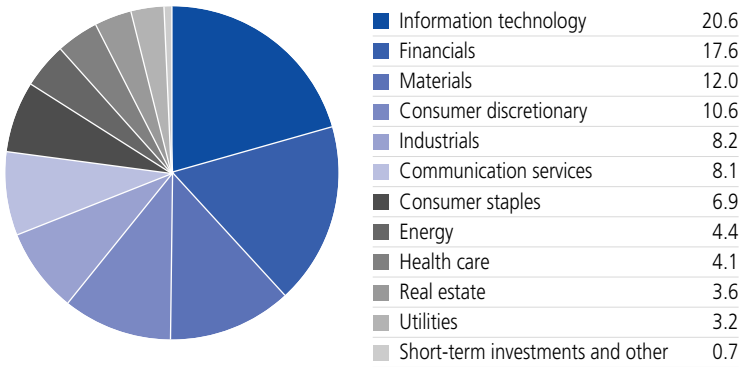
It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Index figures do not reflect expenses or sales charges, which would result in lower returns.

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.

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 or by calling 800-225-5291. For further information on the fund's objectives, risks, and strategy, see the fund's prospectus.

Portfolio summary

SECTOR COMPOSITION AS OF 2/28/2022 (% of net assets)



TOP 10 HOLDINGS AS OF 2/28/2022 (% of net assets)

Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	4.7
Samsung Electronics Company, Ltd.	3.5
Tencent Holdings, Ltd.	3.2
China Construction Bank Corp., H Shares	1.1
Alibaba Group Holding, Ltd., ADR	1.0
Vale SA	1.0
Ping An Insurance Group Company of China, Ltd., H Shares	1.0
Infosys, Ltd.	0.8
SK Hynix, Inc.	0.7
Reliance Industries, Ltd.	0.6
TOTAL	17.6

Cash and cash equivalents are not included.

TOP 10 COUNTRIES AS OF 2/28/2022 (% of net assets)

China	25.7
Taiwan	16.6
India	13.2
South Korea	13.2
Brazil	4.9
South Africa	4.0
Hong Kong	3.9
Saudi Arabia	3.0
Mexico	2.8
Thailand	2.2
TOTAL	89.5

Cash and cash equivalents are not included.

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.

A look at performance

TOTAL RETURNS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2022

	Average annual total returns (%) with maximum sales charge			Cumulative total returns (%) with maximum sales charge		
	1-year	5-year	10-year	6-month	5-year	10-year
Class A	-8.40	4.72	2.20	-10.50	25.93	24.34
Class C ¹	-5.23	5.03	2.30	-7.02	27.84	25.49
Class I ²	-3.30	6.10	3.06	-5.63	34.44	35.13
Class R6 ²	-3.19	6.21	3.15	-5.60	35.15	36.41
Class NAV ²	-3.24	6.22	3.19	-5.65	35.20	36.84
Index ¹	-10.69	6.99	3.24	-9.81	40.21	37.60

Performance figures assume all distributions are reinvested. Figures reflect maximum sales charges 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 (%)	1.45	2.15	1.15	1.04	1.03
Net (%)	1.44	2.14	1.14	1.03	1.02

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.

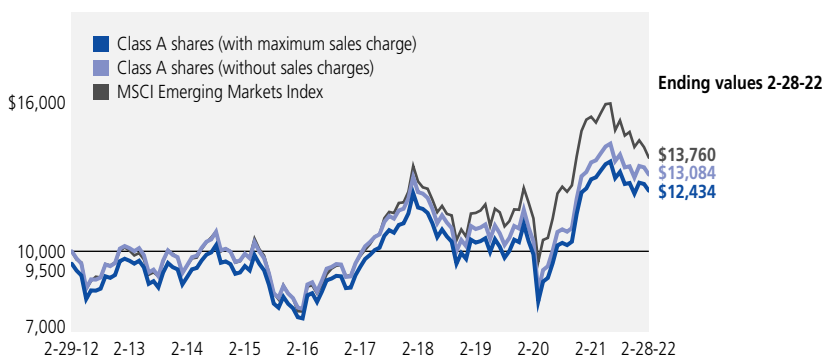
The returns reflect past results and should not be considered indicative of future performance. The return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Due to market volatility and other factors, the fund's current 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 jhinvestments.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.

¹ Index is the MSCI Emerging Markets Index.

See the following page for footnotes.

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



	Start date	With maximum sales charge (\$)	Without sales charge (\$)	Index (\$)
Class C ^{1,3}	2-29-12	12,549	12,549	13,760
Class I ²	2-29-12	13,513	13,513	13,760
Class R6 ²	2-29-12	13,641	13,641	13,760
Class NAV ²	2-29-12	13,684	13,684	13,760

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Footnotes related to performance pages

¹ Class C shares were first offered on 6-27-14. Returns prior to this date are those of Class NAV shares that have not been adjusted for class-specific expenses; otherwise, returns would vary.

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

³ 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 September 1, 2021, with the same investment held until February 28, 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 February 28, 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 September 1, 2021, with the same investment held until February 28, 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.

SHAREHOLDER EXPENSE EXAMPLE CHART

		Account value on 9-1-2021	Ending value on 2-28-2022	Expenses paid during period ended 2-28-2022 ¹	Annualized expense ratio
Class A	Actual expenses/actual returns	\$1,000.00	\$ 942.20	\$ 6.79	1.41%
	Hypothetical example	1,000.00	1,017.80	7.05	1.41%
Class C	Actual expenses/actual returns	1,000.00	939.10	10.14	2.11%
	Hypothetical example	1,000.00	1,014.30	10.54	2.11%
Class I	Actual expenses/actual returns	1,000.00	943.70	5.35	1.11%
	Hypothetical example	1,000.00	1,019.30	5.56	1.11%
Class R6	Actual expenses/actual returns	1,000.00	944.00	4.87	1.01%
	Hypothetical example	1,000.00	1,019.80	5.06	1.01%
Class NAV	Actual expenses/actual returns	1,000.00	943.50	4.82	1.00%
	Hypothetical example	1,000.00	1,019.80	5.01	1.00%

¹ Expenses are equal to the annualized expense ratio, multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by 181/365 (to reflect the one-half year period).

Fund's investments

Summary of fund's investments as of 2-28-22 (unaudited)

(showing percentage of total net assets)

This section shows the fund's 50 largest portfolio holdings in unaffiliated issuers and any holdings exceeding 1% of the fund's total net assets as of the report date. The remaining securities held by the fund are grouped as "Other Securities" in each category. You can request a complete schedule of portfolio holdings as of the report date, free of charge, by calling 1-800-225-5291. This complete schedule, filed on the fund's Form N-CSR, is also available on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

	Shares	Value	% of Net Assets
Common stocks 98.1%		\$185,276,185	
(Cost \$145,488,449)			
Australia 0.0%		40,570	0.0%
Belgium 0.0%		18,978	0.0%
Brazil 3.8%		7,210,884	3.8%
Petroleo Brasileiro SA	106,544	757,572	0.4%
Vale SA	98,170	1,821,415	1.0%
OTHER SECURITIES		4,631,897	2.4%
Chile 0.6%		1,056,419	0.6%
China 25.7%		48,522,616	25.7%
Alibaba Group Holding, Ltd. (A)	77,300	1,017,568	0.6%
Alibaba Group Holding, Ltd., ADR (A)	17,741	1,866,176	1.0%
Aowei Holdings, Ltd. (A)(B)	9,116,000	618,263	0.3%
Baidu, Inc., ADR (A)	2,984	454,881	0.3%
Baidu, Inc., Class A (A)	2,600	49,077	0.0%
Bank of China, Ltd., H Shares	1,638,075	637,706	0.4%
China Construction Bank Corp., H Shares	2,601,000	1,950,659	1.1%
China Merchants Bank Company, Ltd., H Shares	107,961	910,037	0.5%
CSPC Pharmaceutical Group, Ltd.	327,680	388,420	0.2%
Industrial & Commercial Bank of China, Ltd., H Shares	1,260,000	752,163	0.4%
JD.com, Inc., ADR (A)	6,817	488,302	0.3%
JD.com, Inc., Class A (A)	5,238	187,102	0.1%
Kweichow Moutai Company, Ltd., Class A	1,600	455,437	0.3%
Li Ning Company, Ltd.	41,500	414,509	0.2%
Meituan, Class B (A)(C)	21,300	473,183	0.3%
NetEase, Inc., ADR	6,828	650,982	0.4%
Ping An Insurance Group Company of China, Ltd., H Shares	228,500	1,771,713	1.0%
Tencent Holdings, Ltd.	110,000	5,935,745	3.2%
Xiaomi Corp., Class B (A)(C)	300,400	565,418	0.3%
Yum China Holdings, Inc.	9,823	510,992	0.3%
OTHER SECURITIES		28,424,283	14.5%
Colombia 0.1%		255,036	0.1%

	Shares	Value	% of Net Assets
Czech Republic 0.1%		\$194,744	0.1%
Egypt 0.0%		78,364	0.0%
Greece 0.3%		549,669	0.3%
Hong Kong 3.9%		7,374,626	3.9%
China Mengniu Dairy Company, Ltd. (A)	62,000	403,150	0.2%
China Overseas Land & Investment, Ltd.	135,500	413,704	0.2%
China Resources Land, Ltd.	116,444	566,419	0.3%
OTHER SECURITIES		5,991,353	3.2%
Hungary 0.2%		325,914	0.2%
India 13.2%		25,003,432	13.2%
Bharti Airtel, Ltd. (A)	48,020	438,789	0.3%
HDFC Bank, Ltd.	54,469	1,035,821	0.6%
Housing Development Finance Corp., Ltd.	15,093	476,492	0.3%
ICICI Bank, Ltd.	68,687	679,410	0.4%
Infosys, Ltd.	64,432	1,471,307	0.8%
Reliance Industries, Ltd.	35,449	1,113,843	0.6%
Tata Consultancy Services, Ltd.	16,480	779,797	0.4%
OTHER SECURITIES		19,007,973	9.8%
Indonesia 1.9%		3,566,645	1.9%
Bank Central Asia Tbk PT	789,500	445,725	0.3%
OTHER SECURITIES		3,120,920	1.6%
Malaysia 1.6%		2,958,343	1.6%
Mexico 2.8%		5,280,965	2.8%
America Movil SAB de CV, Series L	475,298	432,110	0.2%
Organizacion Soriana SAB de CV, Series B	603,532	717,543	0.4%
OTHER SECURITIES		4,131,312	2.2%
Netherlands 0.0%		12,673	0.0%
Peru 0.1%		216,323	0.1%
Philippines 1.3%		2,497,032	1.3%
Union Bank of the Philippines	269,888	526,351	0.3%
OTHER SECURITIES		1,970,681	1.0%
Poland 0.7%		1,369,368	0.7%
Qatar 0.8%		1,588,850	0.8%
Qatar National Bank QPSC	78,265	469,653	0.3%
OTHER SECURITIES		1,119,197	0.5%
Romania 0.1%		81,122	0.1%

	Shares	Value	% of Net Assets
Russia 0.3%		\$498,719	0.3%
Saudi Arabia 3.0%		5,708,896	3.0%
Al Rajhi Bank	18,847	808,569	0.4%
Saudi Basic Industries Corp.	12,344	411,516	0.2%
Saudi Telecom Company	13,737	419,133	0.2%
OTHER SECURITIES		4,069,678	2.2%
Singapore 0.1%		89,803	0.1%
South Africa 4.0%		7,602,151	4.0%
FirstRand, Ltd.	96,505	415,517	0.2%
Impala Platinum Holdings, Ltd.	23,518	448,591	0.2%
MTN Group, Ltd. (A)	59,570	743,586	0.4%
Sibanye Stillwater, Ltd., ADR	21,507	411,214	0.2%
OTHER SECURITIES		5,583,243	3.0%
South Korea 13.2%		24,884,221	13.2%
KB Financial Group, Inc.	7,951	392,258	0.2%
LG Electronics, Inc.	4,149	433,141	0.3%
Samsung Electronics Company, Ltd.	108,733	6,551,533	3.5%
SK Hynix, Inc.	12,123	1,263,878	0.7%
OTHER SECURITIES		16,243,411	8.5%
Spain 0.0%		13,501	0.0%
Taiwan 16.6%		31,302,580	16.6%
Evergreen Marine Corp. Taiwan, Ltd.	74,182	389,697	0.2%
Hon Hai Precision Industry Company, Ltd.	161,352	599,352	0.3%
MediaTek, Inc.	19,000	750,801	0.4%
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	413,000	8,879,313	4.7%
United Microelectronics Corp.	210,468	396,596	0.2%
OTHER SECURITIES		20,286,821	10.8%
Thailand 2.2%		4,225,251	2.2%
Turkey 0.4%		750,379	0.4%
Ukraine 0.0%		19,592	0.0%
United Arab Emirates 1.0%		1,786,351	1.0%
United States 0.1%		192,168	0.1%
Preferred securities 1.2%		\$2,279,246	
(Cost \$1,692,242)			
Brazil 1.1%		2,027,271	1.1%
Petroleo Brasileiro SA	142,938	939,597	0.5%
OTHER SECURITIES		1,087,674	0.6%

	Shares	Value	% of Net Assets	
Chile 0.1%		\$145,540	0.1%	
Colombia 0.0%		68,006	0.0%	
Philippines 0.0%		9,953	0.0%	
Taiwan 0.0%		4,447	0.0%	
Thailand 0.0%		24,029	0.0%	
Rights 0.0% (Cost \$0)		\$2,989		
Warrants 0.0% (Cost \$0)		\$178		
	Yield (%)	Shares	Value	% of Net Assets
Short-term investments 0.3% (Cost \$675,437)			\$676,093	
Short-term funds 0.3%			676,093	0.3%
John Hancock Collateral Trust (D)	0.0896(E)	67,599	676,093	0.3%
Total investments (Cost \$147,856,128) 99.6%			\$188,234,691	99.6%
Other assets and liabilities, net 0.4%			664,811	0.4%
Total net assets 100.0%			\$188,899,502	100.0%

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) 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.
- (C) These securities are exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. Such securities may be resold, normally to qualified institutional buyers, in transactions exempt from registration.
- (D) Investment is an affiliate of the fund, the advisor and/or subadvisor. This security represents the investment of cash collateral received for securities lending.
- (E) The rate shown is the annualized seven-day yield as of 2-28-22.

DERIVATIVES

FUTURES

Open contracts	Number of contracts	Position	Expiration date	Notional basis[^]	Notional value[^]	Unrealized appreciation (depreciation)
S&P 500 Index E-Mini Futures	6	Long	Mar 2022	\$1,402,124	\$1,310,400	\$(91,724)
						\$(91,724)

[^] Notional basis refers to the contractual amount agreed upon at inception of open contracts; notional value represents the current value of the open contract.

At 2-28-22, the aggregate cost of investments for federal income tax purposes was \$149,780,068. Net unrealized appreciation aggregated to \$38,362,899, of which \$79,371,829 related to gross unrealized appreciation and \$41,008,930 related to gross unrealized depreciation.

See Notes to financial statements regarding investment transactions and other derivatives information.

Financial statements

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES 2-28-22 (unaudited)

Assets	
Unaffiliated investments, at value (Cost \$147,180,691) including \$1,410,572 of securities loaned	\$187,558,598
Affiliated investments, at value (Cost \$675,437)	676,093
Total investments, at value (Cost \$147,856,128)	188,234,691
Cash	569,199
Foreign currency, at value (Cost \$1,172,105)	1,169,918
Collateral held at broker for futures contracts	64,800
Dividends and interest receivable	382,985
Receivable for fund shares sold	154,732
Receivable for investments sold	433,292
Receivable for securities lending income	3,237
Receivable from affiliates	2,101
Other assets	50,860
Total assets	191,065,815
Liabilities	
Payable for futures variation margin	7,200
Foreign capital gains tax payable	779,603
Payable for investments purchased	419,129
Payable for fund shares repurchased	64,928
Payable upon return of securities loaned	694,337
Payable to affiliates	
Accounting and legal services fees	6,666
Transfer agent fees	8,691
Trustees' fees	62
Other liabilities and accrued expenses	185,697
Total liabilities	2,166,313
Net assets	\$188,899,502
Net assets consist of	
Paid-in capital	\$159,134,612
Total distributable earnings (loss)	29,764,890
Net assets	\$188,899,502

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES 2-28-22 (unaudited) (continued)

Net asset value per share

Based on net asset value and shares outstanding - the fund has an unlimited number of shares authorized with no par value

Class A (\$51,398,911 ÷ 4,220,382 shares) ¹	\$12.18
Class C (\$1,743,421 ÷ 142,675 shares) ¹	\$12.22
Class I (\$46,910,258 ÷ 3,857,903 shares)	\$12.16
Class R6 (\$905,584 ÷ 74,608 shares)	\$12.14
Class NAV (\$87,941,328 ÷ 7,236,558 shares)	\$12.15

Maximum offering price per share

Class A (net asset value per share ÷ 95%) ²	\$12.82
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¹ Redemption price per share is equal to net asset value less any applicable contingent deferred sales charge.

² 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.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS For the six months ended 2-28-22 (unaudited)

Investment income	
Dividends	\$2,059,783
Interest	524
Non-cash dividends	214,803
Securities lending	36,697
Less foreign taxes withheld	(240,741)
Total investment income	2,071,066
Expenses	
Investment management fees	727,563
Distribution and service fees	89,933
Accounting and legal services fees	11,988
Transfer agent fees	56,833
Trustees' fees	1,054
Custodian fees	189,010
State registration fees	40,038
Printing and postage	26,569
Professional fees	39,189
Other	17,158
Total expenses	1,199,335
Less expense reductions	(94,577)
Net expenses	1,104,758
Net investment income	966,308
Realized and unrealized gain (loss)	
Net realized gain (loss) on	
Unaffiliated investments and foreign currency transactions	4,417,547
Affiliated investments	190
Capital gain distributions received from affiliated investments	148
Futures contracts	131,961
	4,549,846
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of	
Unaffiliated investments and translation of assets and liabilities in foreign currencies	(16,633,353)
Affiliated investments	(772)
Futures contracts	(185,133)
	(16,819,258)
Net realized and unrealized loss	(12,269,412)
Decrease in net assets from operations	\$(11,303,104)

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Six months ended 2-28-22 (unaudited)	Year ended 8-31-21
Increase (decrease) in net assets		
From operations		
Net investment income	\$966,308	\$2,373,987
Net realized gain	4,549,846	32,170,268
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	(16,819,258)	26,510,938
Increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	(11,303,104)	61,055,193
Distributions to shareholders		
From earnings		
Class A	(1,369,613)	(576,484)
Class C	(34,271)	(11,190)
Class I	(1,332,525)	(511,213)
Class R6	(29,921)	(1,043,870)
Class NAV	(2,647,457)	(1,218,830)
Total distributions	(5,413,787)	(3,361,587)
From fund share transactions	8,211,510	(89,484,095)
Total decrease	(8,505,381)	(31,790,489)
Net assets		
Beginning of period	197,404,883	229,195,372
End of period	\$188,899,502	\$197,404,883

Financial highlights

CLASS A SHARES Period ended	2-28-22 ¹	8-31-21	8-31-20	8-31-19	8-31-18	8-31-17
Per share operating performance						
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$13.27	\$10.51	\$10.10	\$11.13	\$11.51	\$9.59
Net investment income ²	0.05 ³	0.11	0.13	0.14	0.13	0.03
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(0.81)	2.78	0.50	(1.04)	(0.39)	2.03
Total from investment operations	(0.76)	2.89	0.63	(0.90)	(0.26)	2.06
Less distributions						
From net investment income	(0.33)	(0.13)	(0.22)	(0.13)	(0.12)	(0.14)
Net asset value, end of period	\$12.18	\$13.27	\$10.51	\$10.10	\$11.13	\$11.51
Total return (%)^{4,5}	(5.78)⁶	27.61	6.11	(8.06)	(2.34)	21.89
Ratios and supplemental data						
Net assets, end of period (in millions)	\$51	\$57	\$49	\$52	\$55	\$51
Ratios (as a percentage of average net assets):						
Expenses before reductions	1.51 ⁷	1.54	1.57	1.51	1.45	1.50
Expenses including reductions	1.41 ⁷	1.51	1.56	1.50	1.44	1.49
Net investment income	0.76 ^{3,7}	0.87	1.30	1.38	1.09	0.29
Portfolio turnover (%)	8	10	14	13	11	14

¹ Six months ended 2-28-22. Unaudited.

² Based on average daily shares outstanding.

³ Net investment income is affected by the timing and frequency of the declaration of dividends by the securities in which the fund invests.

⁴ Total returns would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced during the applicable periods.

⁵ Does not reflect the effect of sales charges, if any.

⁶ Not annualized.

⁷ Annualized.

CLASS C SHARES Period ended	2-28-22¹	8-31-21	8-31-20	8-31-19	8-31-18	8-31-17
Per share operating performance						
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$13.26	\$10.52	\$10.11	\$11.13	\$11.52	\$9.60
Net investment income ²	— ^{3,4}	0.02	0.06	0.06	0.04	0.04
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(0.81)	2.78	0.50	(1.03)	(0.39)	1.96
Total from investment operations	(0.81)	2.80	0.56	(0.97)	(0.35)	2.00
Less distributions						
From net investment income	(0.23)	(0.06)	(0.15)	(0.05)	(0.04)	(0.08)
Net asset value, end of period	\$12.22	\$13.26	\$10.52	\$10.11	\$11.13	\$11.52
Total return (%)^{5,6}	(6.09)⁷	26.65	5.40	(8.71)	(3.04)	21.03
Ratios and supplemental data						
Net assets, end of period (in millions)	\$2	\$2	\$2	\$3	\$3	\$3
Ratios (as a percentage of average net assets):						
Expenses before reductions	2.21 ⁸	2.24	2.27	2.21	2.15	2.22
Expenses including reductions	2.11 ⁸	2.21	2.26	2.20	2.14	2.21
Net investment income	0.08 ^{3,8}	0.12	0.59	0.65	0.36	0.37
Portfolio turnover (%)	8	10	14	13	11	14

¹ Six months ended 2-28-22. Unaudited.

² Based on average daily shares outstanding.

³ Net investment income is affected by the timing and frequency of the declaration of dividends by the securities in which the fund invests.

⁴ Less than \$0.005 per share.

⁵ Total returns would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced during the applicable periods.

⁶ Does not reflect the effect of sales charges, if any.

⁷ Not annualized.

⁸ Annualized.

CLASS I SHARES Period ended	2-28-22¹	8-31-21	8-31-20	8-31-19	8-31-18	8-31-17
Per share operating performance						
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$13.27	\$10.51	\$10.10	\$11.12	\$11.50	\$9.58
Net investment income ²	0.07 ³	0.15	0.15	0.17	0.15	0.18
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(0.81)	2.77	0.51	(1.03)	(0.38)	1.91
Total from investment operations	(0.74)	2.92	0.66	(0.86)	(0.23)	2.09
Less distributions						
From net investment income	(0.37)	(0.16)	(0.25)	(0.16)	(0.15)	(0.17)
Net asset value, end of period	\$12.16	\$13.27	\$10.51	\$10.10	\$11.12	\$11.50
Total return (%)⁴	(5.63)⁵	27.93	6.41	(7.72)	(2.07)	22.29
Ratios and supplemental data						
Net assets, end of period (in millions)	\$47	\$46	\$37	\$68	\$64	\$92
Ratios (as a percentage of average net assets):						
Expenses before reductions	1.21 ⁶	1.24	1.27	1.22	1.15	1.21
Expenses including reductions	1.11 ⁶	1.21	1.26	1.21	1.14	1.20
Net investment income	1.05 ^{3,6}	1.21	1.43	1.69	1.29	1.73
Portfolio turnover (%)	8	10	14	13	11	14

¹ Six months ended 2-28-22. Unaudited.

² Based on average daily shares outstanding.

³ Net investment income is affected by the timing and frequency of the declaration of dividends by the securities in which the fund invests.

⁴ Total returns would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced during the applicable periods.

⁵ Not annualized.

⁶ Annualized.

CLASS R6 SHARES Period ended	2-28-22¹	8-31-21	8-31-20	8-31-19	8-31-18	8-31-17
Per share operating performance						
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$13.26	\$10.49	\$10.09	\$11.11	\$11.49	\$9.58
Net investment income ²	0.07 ³	0.06	0.18	0.17	0.20	0.39
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(0.81)	2.88	0.48	(1.01)	(0.42)	1.70
Total from investment operations	(0.74)	2.94	0.66	(0.84)	(0.22)	2.09
Less distributions						
From net investment income	(0.38)	(0.17)	(0.26)	(0.18)	(0.16)	(0.18)
Net asset value, end of period	\$12.14	\$13.26	\$10.49	\$10.09	\$11.11	\$11.49
Total return (%)⁴	(5.60)⁵	28.20	6.42	(7.56)	(1.99)	22.31
Ratios and supplemental data						
Net assets, end of period (in millions)	\$1	\$1	\$67	\$60	\$72	\$11
Ratios (as a percentage of average net assets):						
Expenses before reductions	1.11 ⁶	1.13	1.16	1.11	1.05	1.11
Expenses including reductions	1.01 ⁶	1.10	1.15	1.10	1.04	1.11
Net investment income	1.17 ^{3,6}	0.53	1.75	1.71	1.67	3.53
Portfolio turnover (%)	8	10	14	13	11	14

¹ Six months ended 2-28-22. Unaudited.

² Based on average daily shares outstanding.

³ Net investment income is affected by the timing and frequency of the declaration of dividends by the securities in which the fund invests.

⁴ Total returns would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced during the applicable periods.

⁵ Not annualized.

⁶ Annualized.

CLASS NAV SHARES Period ended	2-28-22¹	8-31-21	8-31-20	8-31-19	8-31-18	8-31-17
Per share operating performance						
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$13.28	\$10.51	\$10.10	\$11.13	\$11.51	\$9.59
Net investment income ²	0.07 ³	0.16	0.18	0.10	0.17	0.15
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(0.82)	2.78	0.49	(0.95)	(0.39)	1.95
Total from investment operations	(0.75)	2.94	0.67	(0.85)	(0.22)	2.10
Less distributions						
From net investment income	(0.38)	(0.17)	(0.26)	(0.18)	(0.16)	(0.18)
Net asset value, end of period	\$12.15	\$13.28	\$10.51	\$10.10	\$11.13	\$11.51
Total return (%)⁴	(5.65)⁵	28.16	6.53	(7.63)	(1.97)	22.40
Ratios and supplemental data						
Net assets, end of period (in millions)	\$88	\$91	\$75	\$68	\$962	\$979
Ratios (as a percentage of average net assets):						
Expenses before reductions	1.10 ⁶	1.12	1.14	1.10	1.04	1.10
Expenses including reductions	1.00 ⁶	1.09	1.14	1.09	1.03	1.09
Net investment income	1.16 ^{3,6}	1.30	1.77	0.93	1.46	1.45
Portfolio turnover (%)	8	10	14	13	11	14

¹ Six months ended 2-28-22. Unaudited.

² Based on average daily shares outstanding.

³ Net investment income is affected by the timing and frequency of the declaration of dividends by the securities in which the fund invests.

⁴ Total returns would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced during the applicable periods.

⁵ Not annualized.

⁶ Annualized.

Notes to financial statements (unaudited)

Note 1 — Organization

John Hancock Emerging Markets Fund (the fund) is a series of John Hancock Funds II (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 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.

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. Futures contracts whose settlement prices are determined as of the close of the NYSE are typically valued based on the settlement price while other futures contracts are typically valued at the last traded price on the exchange on which they trade. Foreign securities and currencies are valued in U.S. dollars based on foreign currency exchange rates supplied by an independent pricing vendor.

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. Trading in foreign securities may be completed before the scheduled daily close of trading on the NYSE. Significant events at the issuer or market level may affect the values of securities between the time when

the valuation of the securities is generally determined and the close of the NYSE. If a significant event occurs, these securities may be fair valued, as determined in good faith by the fund's Pricing Committee, following procedures established by the Board of Trustees. The fund uses fair value adjustment factors provided by an independent pricing vendor to value certain foreign securities in order to adjust for events that may occur between the close of foreign exchanges or markets and the close of the NYSE.

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 February 28, 2022, by major security category or type:

	Total value at 2-28-22	Level 1 quoted price	Level 2 significant observable inputs	Level 3 significant unobservable inputs
Investments in securities:				
Assets				
Common stocks				
Australia	\$40,570	—	\$40,570	—
Belgium	18,978	—	18,978	—
Brazil	7,210,884	\$231,410	6,979,474	—
Chile	1,056,419	53,644	1,002,775	—
China	48,522,616	5,748,161	42,087,809	\$686,646
Colombia	255,036	255,036	—	—
Czech Republic	194,744	—	194,744	—
Egypt	78,364	—	78,364	—
Greece	549,669	—	538,473	11,196
Hong Kong	7,374,626	—	7,215,370	159,256
Hungary	325,914	—	325,914	—
India	25,003,432	20,294	24,951,794	31,344
Indonesia	3,566,645	—	3,457,210	109,435
Malaysia	2,958,343	—	2,953,529	4,814
Mexico	5,280,965	5,280,965	—	—
Netherlands	12,673	12,673	—	—
Peru	216,323	216,323	—	—
Philippines	2,497,032	—	2,495,934	1,098
Poland	1,369,368	—	1,369,368	—
Qatar	1,588,850	—	1,588,850	—

	Total value at 2-28-22	Level 1 quoted price	Level 2 significant observable inputs	Level 3 significant unobservable inputs
Romania	\$81,122	—	\$81,122	—
Russia	498,719	\$111,305	387,414	—
Saudi Arabia	5,708,896	—	5,708,896	—
Singapore	89,803	89,803	—	—
South Africa	7,602,151	958,595	6,643,556	—
South Korea	24,884,221	173,280	24,663,262	\$47,679
Spain	13,501	—	13,501	—
Taiwan	31,302,580	348,949	30,951,135	2,496
Thailand	4,225,251	—	4,224,177	1,074
Turkey	750,379	—	750,005	374
Ukraine	19,592	—	19,592	—
United Arab Emirates	1,786,351	—	1,786,351	—
United States	192,168	—	192,168	—
Preferred securities				
Brazil	2,027,271	37,442	1,989,829	—
Chile	145,540	—	145,540	—
Colombia	68,006	68,006	—	—
Philippines	9,953	—	9,953	—
Taiwan	4,447	—	4,447	—
Thailand	24,029	—	24,029	—
Rights	2,989	—	2,989	—
Warrants	178	178	—	—
Short-term investments	676,093	676,093	—	—
Total investments in securities	\$188,234,691	\$14,282,157	\$172,897,122	\$1,055,412
Derivatives:				
Liabilities				
Futures	\$(91,724)	\$(91,724)	—	—

Level 3 includes securities valued at \$0. Refer to Fund's investments.

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. Capital gain distributions from underlying funds are recorded on ex-date. 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 February 28, 2022, the fund loaned securities valued at \$1,410,572 and received \$694,337 of cash collateral.

In addition, non-cash collateral of approximately \$1,114,436 in the form of U.S. Treasuries was pledged to the fund. This non-cash collateral is not reflected in the fund's net assets, however could be sold by the securities lending agent in the event of default by the borrower.

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. These risks are heightened for investments in emerging markets. Risks can result from differences in economic and political conditions, regulations, market practices (including higher transaction costs), accounting standards and other factors.

There may be unexpected restrictions on investments or on exposures to investments in companies located in certain foreign countries, such as China. For example, on November 12, 2020, the President of the United States signed an Executive Order prohibiting U.S. persons from purchasing or investing in publicly-traded securities or their derivatives of companies identified by the U.S. government as "Communist Chinese military companies." As a result of forced sales of a security, or inability to participate in an investment the manager otherwise believes is attractive, a fund may incur losses.

Trading in certain Chinese securities through Hong Kong Stock Connect or Bond Connect, mutual market access

programs that enable foreign investment in the People's Republic of China, is subject to certain restrictions and risks. Securities offered through these programs may lose purchase eligibility and any changes in laws, regulations and policies impacting these programs may affect security prices, which could adversely affect the fund's performance.

Foreign taxes. The fund may be subject to withholding tax on income, capital gains or repatriations imposed by certain countries, a portion of which may be recoverable. Foreign taxes are accrued based upon the fund's understanding of the tax rules and rates that exist in the foreign markets in which it invests. Taxes are accrued based on gains realized by the fund as a result of certain foreign security sales. In certain circumstances, estimated taxes are accrued based on unrealized appreciation of such securities. Investment income is recorded net of foreign withholding taxes.

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 six months ended February 28, 2022, the fund had no borrowings under the line of credit. Commitment fees for the six months ended February 28, 2022 were \$2,408.

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.

For federal income tax purposes, as of August 31, 2021, the fund has a short-term capital loss carryforward of \$11,227,375 available to offset future net realized capital gains. This carryforward does not expire.

As of August 31, 2021, 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.

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.

Such distributions, 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. The final determination of tax characteristics of the fund's distribution will occur at the end of the year and will subsequently be reported to shareholders.

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 foreign currency transactions, passive foreign investment companies and wash sale loss deferrals.

Note 3 — Derivative instruments

The fund may invest in derivatives in order to meet its investment objective. Derivatives include a variety of different instruments that may be traded in the over-the-counter (OTC) market, on a regulated exchange or through a clearing facility. The risks in using derivatives vary depending upon the structure of the instruments, including the use of leverage, optionality, the liquidity or lack of liquidity of the contract, the creditworthiness of the counterparty or clearing organization and the volatility of the position. Some derivatives involve risks that are potentially greater than the risks associated with investing directly in the referenced securities or other referenced underlying instrument. Specifically, the fund is exposed to the risk that the counterparty to an OTC derivatives contract will be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments or otherwise honor its obligations. OTC derivatives transactions typically can only be closed out with the other party to the transaction.

Certain derivatives are traded or cleared on an exchange or central clearinghouse. Exchange-traded or centrally-cleared transactions generally present less counterparty risk to a fund than OTC transactions. The exchange or clearinghouse stands between the fund and the broker to the contract and therefore, credit risk is generally limited to the failure of the exchange or clearinghouse and the clearing member.

Futures. A futures contract is a contractual agreement to buy or sell a particular currency or financial instrument at a pre-determined price in the future. Futures are traded on an exchange and cleared through a central clearinghouse. Risks related to the use of futures contracts include possible illiquidity of the futures markets and contract prices that can be highly volatile and imperfectly correlated to movements in the underlying financial instrument and potential losses in excess of the amounts recognized on the Statement of assets and liabilities. Use of long futures contracts subjects the fund to the risk of loss up to the notional value of the futures contracts. Use of short futures contracts subjects the fund to unlimited risk of loss.

Upon entering into a futures contract, the fund is required to deposit initial margin with the broker in the form of cash or securities. The amount of required margin is set by the broker and is generally based on a percentage of the contract value. The margin deposit must then be maintained at the established level over the life of the contract. Cash that has been pledged by the fund, if any, is detailed in the Statement of assets and liabilities as Collateral held at broker for futures contracts. Securities pledged by the fund, if any, are identified in the Fund's investments. Subsequent payments, referred to as variation margin, are made or received by the fund periodically and are based on changes in the market value of open futures contracts. Futures contracts are marked-to-market daily and unrealized gain or loss is recorded by the fund. Payable for futures variation margin is included on the Statement of assets and liabilities. When the contract is closed, the fund records a realized gain or loss equal to the difference between the value of the contract at the time it was opened and the value at the time it was closed.

During the six months ended February 28, 2022, the fund used futures contracts to equitize cash balances. The fund held futures contracts with USD notional values ranging up to \$1.4 million, as measured at each quarter end.

Fair value of derivative instruments by risk category

The table below summarizes the fair value of derivatives held by the fund at February 28, 2022 by risk category:

Risk	Statement of assets and liabilities location	Financial instruments location	Assets derivatives fair value	Liabilities derivatives fair value
Equity	Receivable/payable for futures variation margin ¹	Futures	—	\$(91,724)

¹ Reflects cumulative appreciation/depreciation on open futures as disclosed in the Derivatives section of Fund's investments. Only the period end variation margin receivable/payable is separately reported on the Statement of assets and liabilities.

Effect of derivative instruments on the Statement of operations

The table below summarizes the net realized gain (loss) included in the net increase (decrease) in net assets from operations, classified by derivative instrument and risk category, for the six months ended February 28, 2022:

Risk	Statement of operations location - Net realized gain (loss) on:	
		Futures contracts
Equity		\$131,961

The table below summarizes the net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) included in the net increase (decrease) in net assets from operations, classified by derivative instrument and risk category, for the six months ended February 28, 2022:

Risk	Statement of operations location - Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of:	
		Futures contracts
Equity		\$(185,133)

Note 4 — 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 5 — 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) 0.800% of the first \$100 million of the fund's aggregate net assets and (b) 0.750% of the fund's aggregate net assets in excess of \$100 million. Aggregate net assets include the net assets of the fund and Emerging Markets Value Trust, a series of John Hancock Variable Insurance Trust. The Advisor has a subadvisory agreement with Dimensional Fund Advisors LP. The fund is not responsible for payment of the subadvisory fees.

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 six months ended February 28, 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.

The Advisor voluntarily agrees to reduce its management fee for the fund, or if necessary make payment to the fund, in an amount equal to the amount by which the expenses of the fund exceed 0.25% of the average daily net assets of the fund. For purposes of this agreement, "expenses of the fund" means all the expenses of the fund, excluding (a) taxes, (b) brokerage commissions, (c) interest expense, (d) litigation and indemnification expenses and other extraordinary expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of the fund's business, (e) advisory fees, (f) class-specific expenses, (g) underlying fund expenses (acquired fund fees), and (h) short dividend expense. The Advisor may terminate this voluntary waiver at any time upon notice to the fund.

For the six months ended February 28, 2022, the expense reductions described above amounted to the following:

Class	Expense reduction	Class	Expense reduction
Class A	\$26,310	Class R6	\$520
Class C	913	Class NAV	43,732
Class I	23,102	Total	\$94,577

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 six months ended February 28, 2022, were equivalent to a net annual effective rate of 0.66% 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 six months ended February 28, 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	0.30%
Class C	1.00%

Sales charges. Class A shares are assessed up-front sales charges, which resulted in payments to the Distributor amounting to \$15,299 for the six months ended February 28, 2022. Of this amount, \$2,250 was retained and used for printing prospectuses, advertising, sales literature and other purposes and \$13,049 was paid as sales commissions to broker-dealers.

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 six months ended February 28, 2022, CDSCs received by the Distributor amounted to \$75 and \$103 for Class A and Class C shares, respectively.

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 six months ended February 28, 2022 were as follows:

Class	Distribution and service fees	Transfer agent fees
Class A	\$80,422	\$29,916
Class C	9,511	1,062
Class I	—	25,810
Class R6	—	45
Total	\$89,933	\$56,833

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 6 — Fund share transactions

Transactions in fund shares for the six months ended February 28, 2022 and for the year ended August 31, 2021 were as follows:

	Six Months Ended 2-28-22		Year Ended 8-31-21	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
Class A shares				
Sold	160,051	\$2,027,075	447,599	\$5,677,563
Distributions reinvested	110,051	1,352,525	46,673	570,348
Repurchased	(338,577)	(4,305,303)	(852,449)	(10,527,939)
Net decrease	(68,475)	\$(925,703)	(358,177)	\$(4,280,028)

	Six Months Ended 2-28-22		Year Ended 8-31-21	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
Class C shares				
Sold	5,946	\$77,219	10,313	\$131,946
Distributions reinvested	2,765	34,142	912	11,190
Repurchased	(27,552)	(351,751)	(53,918)	(679,522)
Net decrease	(18,841)	\$(240,390)	(42,693)	\$(536,386)
Class I shares				
Sold	682,474	\$8,664,492	1,575,874	\$20,341,673
Distributions reinvested	108,331	1,329,223	41,934	511,171
Repurchased	(386,724)	(4,883,291)	(1,653,793)	(20,607,043)
Net increase (decrease)	404,081	\$5,110,424	(35,985)	\$245,801
Class R6 shares				
Sold	352	\$4,483	428,433	\$5,195,056
Distributions reinvested	2,422	29,649	85,765	1,043,757
Repurchased	(21,523)	(274,010)	(6,774,703)	(88,195,407)
Net decrease	(18,749)	\$(239,878)	(6,260,505)	\$(81,956,594)
Class NAV shares				
Sold	464,689	\$5,893,706	1,005,294	\$12,785,426
Distributions reinvested	216,119	2,647,457	99,986	1,218,830
Repurchased	(318,035)	(4,034,106)	(1,355,376)	(16,961,144)
Net increase (decrease)	362,773	\$4,507,057	(250,096)	\$(2,956,888)
Total net increase (decrease)	660,789	\$8,211,510	(6,947,456)	\$(89,484,095)

Affiliates of the fund owned 23% of shares of Class NAV on February 28, 2022. Such concentration of shareholders' capital could have a material effect on the fund if such shareholders redeem from the fund.

Note 7 — Purchase and sale of securities

Purchases and sales of securities, other than short-term investments, amounted to \$18,448,391 and \$14,583,190, respectively, for the six months ended February 28, 2022.

Note 8 — Emerging-market risk

Foreign investing especially in emerging markets, has additional risks, such as currency and market volatility and political and social instability. Funds that invest a significant portion of assets in the securities of issuers based in countries with emerging market economies are subject to greater levels of foreign investment risk than funds investing primarily in more-developed foreign markets, since emerging-market securities may present other risks greater than, or in addition to, the risks of investing in developed foreign countries.

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*	67,599	\$1,794,381	\$4,656,976	\$(5,774,682)	\$190	\$(772)	\$36,697	\$148	\$676,093

* 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 February 28, 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
Yes Bank, Ltd., Lock-In Shares	10-4-21	\$100,844	—	70,811	—	70,811	0.0% ¹	\$11,016

¹ Less than 0.05%.

Note 11 — 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.

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