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Fundamental
Global
Franchise Fund
International equity

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Beginning on July 24, 2024, as required by regulations adopted by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, open-end mutual funds and ETFs will transmit tailored annual and semiannual reports to shareholders that highlight key information deemed important for retail investors to assess and monitor their fund investments. Other information, including financial statements, will no longer appear in shareholder reports transmitted to shareholders, but must be available online, delivered free of charge upon request, and filed on a semiannual basis on Form N-CSR.

A *message* to shareholders



Dear shareholder,

Global equities posted gains during the six months ended February 29, 2024. Concerns that interest rates would need to stay higher for longer led to a sharp increase in bond yields and weighed heavily on investor sentiment through late October. These worries rapidly dissipated in November, however, following a stretch of favorable inflation readings and more dovish comments from central bank officials. Stocks moved off their previous lows in response, and the U.S. Federal Reserve added fuel to the rally in December by indicating that the bank may in fact begin to cut rates in 2024.

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, appearing to read 'Kristie M. Feinberg'.

Kristie M. Feinberg

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

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.

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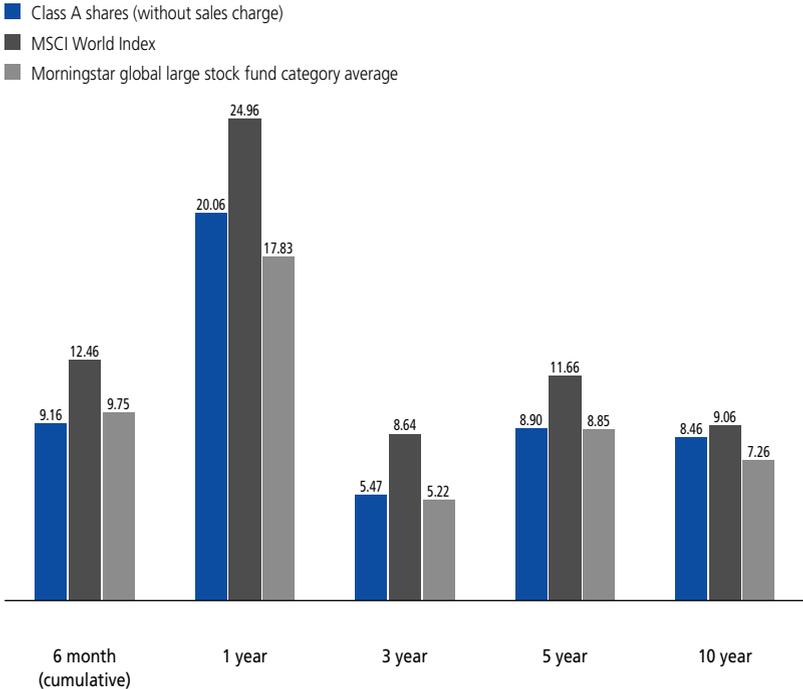
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Your fund at a glance

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The fund seeks to provide capital appreciation.

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS AS OF 2/29/2024 (%)



The MSCI World Index tracks the performance of publicly traded large- and mid-cap stocks of developed-market companies.

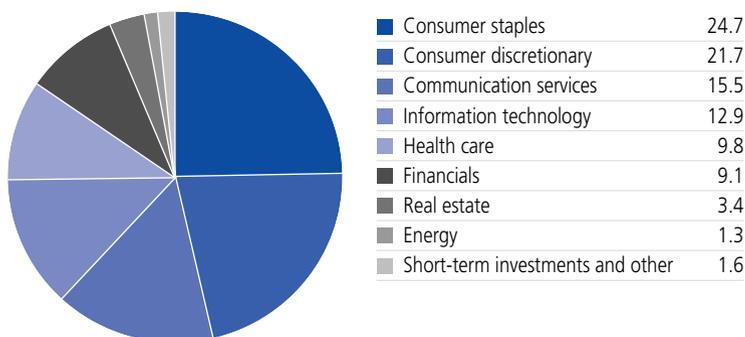
It is not possible to invest directly in an index. Index figures do not reflect expenses or sales charges, which would result in lower returns.

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 2/29/2024 (% of net assets)



TOP 10 HOLDINGS AS OF 2/29/2024 (% of net assets)

Amazon.com, Inc.	7.6
Anheuser-Busch InBev SA/NV	5.3
eBay, Inc.	5.1
Danone SA	5.1
EXOR NV	4.9
Heineken Holding NV	4.2
Walmart, Inc.	4.2
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company, Ltd., ADR	4.0
Liberty Media Corp.-Liberty Formula One, Series A	3.9
Comcast Corp., Class A	3.9
TOTAL	48.2

Cash and cash equivalents are not included.

COUNTRY COMPOSITION AS OF 2/29/2024 (% of net assets)

United States	58.8
Netherlands	9.1
United Kingdom	7.9
France	6.2
Italy	5.7
Belgium	5.3
Taiwan	4.0
Spain	3.0
TOTAL	100.0

Notes about risk

The fund is subject to various risks as described in the fund’s prospectuses. Political tensions, armed conflicts, and any resulting economic sanctions on entities and/or individuals of a particular country could lead such a country into an economic recession. 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 prospectuses.

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, 2023, with the same investment held until February 29, 2024.

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 29, 2024, 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, 2023, with the same investment held until February 29, 2024. 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 9-1-2023	Ending value on 2-29-2024	Expenses paid during period ended 2-29-2024 ¹	Annualized expense ratio
Class A	Actual expenses/actual returns	\$1,000.00	\$1,091.60	\$6.97	1.34%
	Hypothetical example	1,000.00	1,018.20	6.72	1.34%
Class I	Actual expenses/actual returns	1,000.00	1,092.60	5.41	1.04%
	Hypothetical example	1,000.00	1,019.70	5.22	1.04%
Class R6	Actual expenses/actual returns	1,000.00	1,094.50	4.79	0.92%
	Hypothetical example	1,000.00	1,020.30	4.62	0.92%
Class NAV	Actual expenses/actual returns	1,000.00	1,094.60	4.79	0.92%
	Hypothetical example	1,000.00	1,020.30	4.62	0.92%

¹ Expenses are equal to the annualized expense ratio, multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by 182/366 (to reflect the one-half year period).

Fund's investments

AS OF 2-29-24 (unaudited)

	Shares	Value
Common stocks 98.4%		\$257,848,195
(Cost \$182,873,446)		
Belgium 5.3%		13,872,267
Anheuser-Busch InBev SA/NV	229,519	13,872,267
France 6.2%		16,273,565
Danone SA	211,200	13,476,973
Sodexo SA	35,084	2,796,592
Italy 5.7%		14,913,943
Ferrari NV	21,958	9,327,100
Salvatore Ferragamo SpA	428,114	5,586,843
Netherlands 9.1%		23,783,867
EXOR NV	117,917	12,736,952
Heineken Holding NV	143,015	11,046,915
Spain 3.0%		7,833,611
Cellnex Telecom SA (A)(B)	216,670	7,833,611
Taiwan 4.0%		10,438,868
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company, Ltd., ADR	81,129	10,438,868
United Kingdom 7.9%		20,868,104
Associated British Foods PLC	218,636	6,291,516
Fevertree Drinks PLC	186,246	2,717,579
GSK PLC	316,619	6,623,221
Haleon PLC	1,248,025	5,235,788
United States 57.2%		149,863,970
Amazon.com, Inc. (B)	112,247	19,840,780
Analog Devices, Inc.	25,494	4,890,259
Avantor, Inc. (B)	129,066	3,180,186
CarGurus, Inc. (B)	111,478	2,468,123
Cheniere Energy, Inc.	21,406	3,322,211
Comcast Corp., Class A	237,189	10,163,549
Crown Castle, Inc.	81,702	8,982,318
Danaher Corp.	10,347	2,619,240
eBay, Inc.	285,053	13,477,306
Elanco Animal Health, Inc. (B)	279,275	4,437,680
Gilead Sciences, Inc.	35,779	2,579,666
Group 1 Automotive, Inc.	13,093	3,543,620
KKR & Company, Inc.	58,044	5,703,403
Liberty Media Corp.-Liberty Formula One, Series A (B)	155,888	10,218,458
Moderna, Inc. (B)	68,562	6,324,159
Nasdaq, Inc.	92,879	5,219,800

	Shares	Value
United States (continued)		
Oracle Corp.	84,512	\$9,438,300
Salesforce, Inc. (B)	13,392	4,135,717
Texas Instruments, Inc.	28,108	4,703,312
The Hain Celestial Group, Inc. (B)	121,205	1,212,050
The Walt Disney Company	69,023	7,701,586
Vail Resorts, Inc.	10,134	2,333,962
Walmart, Inc.	186,876	10,952,802
Warner Brothers Discovery, Inc. (B)	274,799	2,415,483

	Yield (%)	Shares	Value
Short-term investments 1.4%			\$3,768,805
(Cost \$3,768,805)			
Short-term funds 1.4%			3,768,805
JPMorgan U.S. Treasury Plus Money Market Fund, Institutional Class	5.1600(C)	3,768,842	3,768,805
Total investments (Cost \$186,642,251) 99.8%			\$261,617,000
Other assets and liabilities, net 0.2%			483,197
Total net assets 100.0%			\$262,100,197

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) 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.

(B) Non-income producing security.

(C) The rate shown is the annualized seven-day yield as of 2-29-24.

At 2-29-24, the aggregate cost of investments for federal income tax purposes was \$188,086,670. Net unrealized appreciation aggregated to \$73,530,330, of which \$82,045,267 related to gross unrealized appreciation and \$8,514,937 related to gross unrealized depreciation.

Financial statements

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES 2-29-24 (unaudited)

Assets	
Unaffiliated investments, at value (Cost \$186,642,251)	\$261,617,000
Foreign currency, at value (Cost \$535)	535
Dividends and interest receivable	536,273
Receivable for fund shares sold	492,095
Other assets	52,863
Total assets	262,698,766
Liabilities	
Payable for investments purchased	504,651
Payable for fund shares repurchased	12,876
Payable to affiliates	
Accounting and legal services fees	15,127
Transfer agent fees	1,676
Trustees' fees	168
Other liabilities and accrued expenses	64,071
Total liabilities	598,569
Net assets	\$262,100,197
Net assets consist of	
Paid-in capital	\$170,924,522
Total distributable earnings (loss)	91,175,675
Net assets	\$262,100,197
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 (\$7,091,491 ÷ 623,060 shares) ¹	\$11.38
Class I (\$11,222,443 ÷ 972,897 shares)	\$11.54
Class R6 (\$11,926,094 ÷ 1,031,033 shares)	\$11.57
Class NAV (\$231,860,169 ÷ 20,042,788 shares)	\$11.57
Maximum offering price per share	
Class A (net asset value per share ÷ 95%) ²	\$11.98

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 2-29-24 (unaudited)

Investment income	
Dividends	\$1,432,124
Interest	12,335
Less foreign taxes withheld	(11,510)
Total investment income	1,432,949
Expenses	
Investment management fees	1,057,051
Distribution and service fees	9,869
Accounting and legal services fees	31,796
Transfer agent fees	10,427
Trustees' fees	3,438
Custodian fees	45,132
State registration fees	26,256
Printing and postage	9,242
Professional fees	34,597
Other	11,856
Total expenses	1,239,664
Less expense reductions	(9,718)
Net expenses	1,229,946
Net investment income	203,003
Realized and unrealized gain (loss)	
Net realized gain (loss) on	
Unaffiliated investments and foreign currency transactions	17,910,796
	17,910,796
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of	
Unaffiliated investments and translation of assets and liabilities in foreign currencies	5,744,331
	5,744,331
Net realized and unrealized gain	23,655,127
Increase in net assets from operations	\$23,858,130

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	Six months ended 2-29-24 (unaudited)	Year ended 8-31-23
Increase (decrease) in net assets		
From operations		
Net investment income	\$203,003	\$1,603,336
Net realized gain	17,910,796	25,855,300
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	5,744,331	25,347,948
Increase in net assets resulting from operations	23,858,130	52,806,584
Distributions to shareholders		
From earnings		
Class A	(430,419)	(390,822)
Class I	(689,437)	(596,549)
Class R6	(766,449)	(878,755)
Class NAV	(15,389,308)	(24,518,214)
Total distributions	(17,275,613)	(26,384,340)
From fund share transactions	(27,241,599)	(74,300,154)
Total decrease	(20,659,082)	(47,877,910)
Net assets		
Beginning of period	282,759,279	330,637,189
End of period	\$262,100,197	\$282,759,279

Financial highlights

CLASS A SHARES Period ended	2-29-24 ¹	8-31-23	8-31-22	8-31-21	8-31-20	8-31-19
Per share operating performance						
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$11.13	\$10.22	\$14.34	\$12.02	\$11.91	\$13.03
Net investment income (loss) ²	(0.02)	0.02	(0.02)	(0.05)	(0.01)	0.02
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	1.01	1.69	(2.86)	3.37	0.86	0.26
Total from investment operations	0.99	1.71	(2.88)	3.32	0.85	0.28
Less distributions						
From net investment income	(0.02)	—	—	—	(0.05)	(0.02)
From net realized gain	(0.72)	(0.80)	(1.24)	(1.00)	(0.69)	(1.38)
Total distributions	(0.74)	(0.80)	(1.24)	(1.00)	(0.74)	(1.40)
Net asset value, end of period	\$11.38	\$11.13	\$10.22	\$14.34	\$12.02	\$11.91
Total return (%)^{3,4}	9.16⁵	18.23	(21.96)	28.93	7.34	4.61
Ratios and supplemental data						
Net assets, end of period (in millions)	\$7	\$6	\$5	\$7	\$5	\$5
Ratios (as a percentage of average net assets):						
Expenses before reductions	1.35 ⁶	1.33	1.30	1.30	1.32	1.31
Expenses including reductions	1.34 ⁶	1.32	1.29	1.29	1.31	1.30
Net investment income (loss)	(0.27) ⁶	0.15	(0.18)	(0.38)	(0.09)	0.20
Portfolio turnover (%)	8	31	30	34	49	26

¹ Six months ended 2-29-24. Unaudited.

² Based on average daily shares outstanding.

³ Total returns would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced during the applicable periods.

⁴ Does not reflect the effect of sales charges, if any.

⁵ Not annualized.

⁶ Annualized.

CLASS I SHARES Period ended	2-29-24¹	8-31-23	8-31-22	8-31-21	8-31-20	8-31-19
Per share operating performance						
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$11.29	\$10.35	\$14.47	\$12.08	\$11.97	\$13.10
Net investment income (loss) ²	— ³	0.05	0.01	(0.01)	0.03	0.09
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	1.03	1.72	(2.89)	3.40	0.86	0.22
Total from investment operations	1.03	1.77	(2.88)	3.39	0.89	0.31
Less distributions						
From net investment income	(0.06)	(0.03)	—	—	(0.09)	(0.06)
From net realized gain	(0.72)	(0.80)	(1.24)	(1.00)	(0.69)	(1.38)
Total distributions	(0.78)	(0.83)	(1.24)	(1.00)	(0.78)	(1.44)
Net asset value, end of period	\$11.54	\$11.29	\$10.35	\$14.47	\$12.08	\$11.97
Total return (%)⁴	9.26⁵	18.61	(21.75)	29.39	7.60	4.90
Ratios and supplemental data						
Net assets, end of period (in millions)	\$11	\$10	\$8	\$94	\$75	\$31
Ratios (as a percentage of average net assets):						
Expenses before reductions	1.05 ⁶	1.02	1.00	1.00	1.02	1.01
Expenses including reductions	1.04 ⁶	1.02	0.99	0.99	1.01	1.01
Net investment income (loss)	0.04 ⁶	0.46	0.09	(0.08)	0.27	0.77
Portfolio turnover (%)	8	31	30	34	49	26

¹ Six months ended 2-29-24. Unaudited.

² Based on average daily shares outstanding.

³ Less than \$0.005 per share.

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⁶ Annualized.

CLASS R6 SHARES Period ended	2-29-24¹	8-31-23	8-31-22	8-31-21	8-31-20	8-31-19
Per share operating performance						
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$11.32	\$10.38	\$14.50	\$12.10	\$11.98	\$13.11
Net investment income ²	0.01	0.05	0.03	— ³	0.04	0.08
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	1.03	1.73	(2.91)	3.41	0.87	0.24
Total from investment operations	1.04	1.78	(2.88)	3.41	0.91	0.32
Less distributions						
From net investment income	(0.07)	(0.04)	— ³	(0.01)	(0.10)	(0.07)
From net realized gain	(0.72)	(0.80)	(1.24)	(1.00)	(0.69)	(1.38)
Total distributions	(0.79)	(0.84)	(1.24)	(1.01)	(0.79)	(1.45)
Net asset value, end of period	\$11.57	\$11.32	\$10.38	\$14.50	\$12.10	\$11.98
Total return (%)⁴	9.45⁵	18.70	(21.68)	29.48	7.80	5.02
Ratios and supplemental data						
Net assets, end of period (in millions)	\$12	\$11	\$11	\$13	\$11	\$7
Ratios (as a percentage of average net assets):						
Expenses before reductions	0.93 ⁶	0.92	0.89	0.89	0.90	0.90
Expenses including reductions	0.92 ⁶	0.91	0.88	0.89	0.90	0.90
Net investment income	0.15 ⁶	0.52	0.27	0.03	0.35	0.71
Portfolio turnover (%)	8	31	30	34	49	26

¹ Six months ended 2-29-24. Unaudited.

² Based on average daily shares outstanding.

³ Less than \$0.005 per share.

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

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⁶ Annualized.

CLASS NAV SHARES Period ended	2-29-24¹	8-31-23	8-31-22	8-31-21	8-31-20	8-31-19
Per share operating performance						
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$11.32	\$10.38	\$14.50	\$12.10	\$11.98	\$13.11
Net investment income ²	0.01	0.06	0.03	0.01	0.04	0.07
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	1.03	1.72	(2.91)	3.40	0.87	0.26
Total from investment operations	1.04	1.78	(2.88)	3.41	0.91	0.33
Less distributions						
From net investment income	(0.07)	(0.04)	— ³	(0.01)	(0.10)	(0.08)
From net realized gain	(0.72)	(0.80)	(1.24)	(1.00)	(0.69)	(1.38)
Total distributions	(0.79)	(0.84)	(1.24)	(1.01)	(0.79)	(1.46)
Net asset value, end of period	\$11.57	\$11.32	\$10.38	\$14.50	\$12.10	\$11.98
Total return (%)⁴	9.46⁵	18.72	(21.68)	29.49	7.81	5.04
Ratios and supplemental data						
Net assets, end of period (in millions)	\$232	\$255	\$307	\$406	\$349	\$444
Ratios (as a percentage of average net assets):						
Expenses before reductions	0.92 ⁶	0.91	0.88	0.88	0.89	0.89
Expenses including reductions	0.92 ⁶	0.91	0.88	0.88	0.88	0.88
Net investment income	0.17 ⁶	0.53	0.23	0.05	0.32	0.63
Portfolio turnover (%)	8	31	30	34	49	26

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Notes to financial statements (unaudited)

Note 1 — Organization

John Hancock Fundamental Global Franchise 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 to provide 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 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. 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 Valuation Policies and Procedures of the Advisor, John Hancock Investment Management LLC.

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 are valued at their respective NAVs each business day. 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 of the Advisor 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 Pricing Committee following procedures established by the Advisor and adopted 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 Pricing Committee,

following procedures established by the Advisor and adopted by the Board of Trustees. The Advisor 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 Advisor's 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 29, 2024, by major security category or type:

	Total value at 2-29-24	Level 1 quoted price	Level 2 significant observable inputs	Level 3 significant unobservable inputs
Investments in securities:				
Assets				
Common stocks				
Belgium	\$13,872,267	—	\$13,872,267	—
France	16,273,565	—	16,273,565	—
Italy	14,913,943	\$9,327,100	5,586,843	—
Netherlands	23,783,867	—	23,783,867	—
Spain	7,833,611	—	7,833,611	—
Taiwan	10,438,868	10,438,868	—	—
United Kingdom	20,868,104	—	20,868,104	—
United States	149,863,970	149,863,970	—	—
Short-term investments	3,768,805	3,768,805	—	—
Total investments in securities	\$261,617,000	\$173,398,743	\$88,218,257	—

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. Interest income includes coupon interest and amortization/accretion of premiums/discounts on debt securities. Debt obligations may be placed in a non-accrual status and related interest income may be reduced by stopping current accruals and writing off interest receivable when the collection of all or a portion of interest has become doubtful. 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.

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.

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 29, 2024, the fund had no borrowings under the line of credit. Commitment fees for the six months ended February 29, 2024 were \$2,196.

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 August 31, 2023, 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 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) 0.800% of the first \$1 billion of the fund's average daily net assets and (b) 0.780% of the fund's average daily net assets in excess of \$1 billion. The Advisor has a subadvisory agreement with Manulife Investment Management (US) LLC, an indirectly owned subsidiary of Manulife Financial Corporation and an affiliate of the Advisor. 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 29, 2024, this waiver amounted to 0.01% of the fund's average daily net assets, on an annualized basis. This arrangement expires on July 31, 2025, unless renewed by mutual agreement of the fund and the Advisor based upon a determination that this is appropriate under the circumstances at that time.

For the six months ended February 29, 2024, the expense reductions described above amounted to the following:

Class	Expense reduction	Class	Expense reduction
Class A	\$243	Class NAV	\$8,699
Class I	369	Total	\$9,718
Class R6	407		

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 29, 2024, were equivalent to a net annual effective rate of 0.79% 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 29, 2024, amounted to an annual rate of 0.02% 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%

Sales charges. Class A shares are assessed up-front sales charges, which resulted in payments to the Distributor amounting to \$1,398 for the six months ended February 29, 2024. Of this amount, \$221 was retained and used for printing prospectuses, advertising, sales literature and other purposes and \$1,177 was paid as sales commissions to broker-dealers.

Class A 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. 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 29, 2024, there were no CDSCs received by the Distributor for Class A 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 six months ended February 29, 2024 were as follows:

Class	Distribution and service fees	Transfer agent fees
Class A	\$9,869	\$4,020
Class I	—	6,116
Class R6	—	291
Total	\$9,869	\$10,427

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.

Interfund lending program. Pursuant to an Exemptive Order issued by the SEC, the fund, along with certain other funds advised by the Advisor or its affiliates, may participate in an interfund lending program. This program provides an alternative credit facility allowing the fund to borrow from, or lend money to, other participating affiliated funds. At period end, no interfund loans were outstanding. The fund's activity in this program during the period for which loans were outstanding was as follows:

Borrower or Lender	Weighted Average Loan Balance	Days Outstanding	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Interest Income (Expense)
Lender	\$1,100,000	1	5.810%	\$178

Note 5 — Fund share transactions

Transactions in fund shares for the six months ended February 29, 2024 and for the year ended August 31, 2023 were as follows:

	Six Months Ended 2-29-24		Year Ended 8-31-23	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
Class A shares				
Sold	96,195	\$1,038,498	275,414	\$2,916,249
Distributions reinvested	39,236	430,419	41,799	390,822
Repurchased	(94,351)	(1,024,706)	(226,510)	(2,424,156)
Net increase	41,080	\$444,211	90,703	\$882,915
Class I shares				
Sold	96,616	\$1,104,070	294,389	\$3,207,247
Distributions reinvested	62,055	689,437	63,059	596,539
Repurchased	(105,005)	(1,165,315)	(256,949)	(2,652,736)
Net increase	53,666	\$628,192	100,499	\$1,151,050
Class R6 shares				
Sold	41,958	\$454,500	212,104	\$2,204,612
Distributions reinvested	68,802	766,449	92,696	878,755
Repurchased	(45,216)	(508,351)	(351,719)	(3,623,080)
Net increase (decrease)	65,544	\$712,598	(46,919)	\$(539,713)

	Six Months Ended 2-29-24		Year Ended 8-31-23	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
Class NAV shares				
Sold	69,298	\$754,832	747,207	\$7,441,735
Distributions reinvested	1,381,446	15,389,308	2,586,309	24,518,214
Repurchased	(3,925,185)	(45,170,740)	(10,355,097)	(107,754,355)
Net decrease	(2,474,441)	\$(29,026,600)	(7,021,581)	\$(75,794,406)
Total net decrease	(2,314,151)	\$(27,241,599)	(6,877,298)	\$(74,300,154)

Affiliates of the fund owned 72% and 100% of shares of Class R6 and Class NAV, respectively on February 29, 2024. 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 \$21,889,165 and \$65,659,626, respectively, for the six months ended February 29, 2024.

Note 7 — 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 February 29, 2024, funds within the John Hancock group of funds complex held 88.5% of the fund's net assets. The following fund(s) had an affiliate ownership of 5% or more of the fund's net assets:

Fund	Affiliated Concentration
John Hancock Funds II Multimanager Lifestyle Growth Portfolio	33.5%
John Hancock Funds II Multimanager Lifestyle Balanced Portfolio	27.1%
John Hancock Funds II Multimanager Lifestyle Moderate Portfolio	8.9%

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Municipal Opportunities
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Diversified Macro
Infrastructure
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Multifactor Developed International ETF
Multifactor Emerging Markets ETF
Multifactor Large Cap ETF
Multifactor Mid Cap ETF
Multifactor Small Cap ETF
Preferred Income ETF
U.S. High Dividend ETF

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Multi-Asset High Income
Lifestyle Blend Portfolios
Lifetime Blend Portfolios
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Multimanager Lifetime Portfolios

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