

**Target-date fund** Quarterly commentary

# John Hancock 2030 Lifetime Blend Portfolio

Effective February 1, 2023, the portfolio's name is 2030 Lifetime Blend Portfolio. All references to Multi-Index 2030 Lifetime Portfolio will change to reflect the new name.

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Objective

High total return until its target retirement date

**Use for**One-stop retirement investment

Morningstar category

Target-Date 2030

## Quarterly commentary

### Performance highlights

- The second quarter brought a general improvement in investors' appetite for risk, leading to positive returns for stocks and the credit-sensitive areas of the bond market.
- The portfolio narrowly underperformed its benchmark.
- During a quarter in which U.S. large caps strongly outperformed, the modest shortfall largely reflected an adverse impact from our strategy of maintaining a broadly diversified portfolio.

#### Market review and outlook

Financial assets posted mixed results during the second quarter. Global equities gained ground amid growing optimism that the world economy was set for a soft landing despite the sharp rise in interest rates over the past year. In addition, economic activity and corporate earnings both came in ahead of expectations. Mega-cap U.S. technology stocks delivered substantial gains, leading to strong outperformance for domestic large caps over all other major asset categories. Developed-market international equities also delivered healthy returns, while the emerging markets underperformed due in part to the weaker-than-expected reopening of China's economy following the country's COVID-19 lockdowns.

Global government bonds experienced headwinds from waning hopes that central banks would cut interest rates before the end of the year. However, the more credit-oriented areas of the market—including investment-grade corporates, high-yield bonds, and emerging-market debt—outperformed on the strength of their above-average income and investors' robust appetite for risk.

#### **Contributors and detractors**

An allocation to a real assets portfolio, which we hold as a way to offset the effects of inflation, was the primary detractor from performance. An underweight in U.S. large-cap stocks in favor of positions in mid- and small caps, defensive equities, and the international markets was also a minor detractor in a time of narrow market leadership. Still, we believe a diversified approach is preferable to one that relies on continues outperformance for a small group of domestic stocks. Performance was slightly positive on the fixed-income side, with contributions from allocations to high-yield bonds, bank loans, and the emerging markets offsetting a weaker showing for holdings in U.S. Treasury STRIPS and short-term Treasury Inflation Protected Securities. The portfolio also benefited from its overweight in equities relative to bonds.

#### Portfolio changes

Although the outlook remains highly uncertain, arguing for a somewhat defensive stance, we are also mindful that risk assets can continue to perform well if the economy experiences a soft landing. The portfolios' current positioning reflects our view that large-cap U.S. large-cap stocks, the category that typically has the highest weightings in asset-allocation portfolios, may be poised for weaker relative performance in the coming years. We therefore maintained a preference for small- and mid-cap domestic equities and a corresponding underweight in large caps. We also continued to diversify into international stocks, with holdings in both the developed and emerging markets. In fixed income, we maintained a tilt away from rate-sensitive core bonds to areas where we saw a better risk/return profile.

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# 10 largest holdings<sup>5</sup>

# Average annual total returns 1,2,3

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1.	U.S. Sector Rotation Large Cap Sleeve (MIM)	19.55
2.	International Strategic Equity Allocation Fund (MIM)	16.09
3.	Intermediate-Term Corporate Bond ETF (Vanguard)	9.20
4.	Total Bond Market ETF (Vanguard)	7.97
5.	Mid Cap Index Fund (Fidelity)	7.24
6.	Edge MSCI Minimum Volatility Global ETF (Blackrock)	3.51
7.	USD High Yield Corporate Bond ETF (Deutsche)	3.45
8.	Emerging Markets Government Bond ETF (Vanguard)	3.39
9.	S&P 500 ETF (Vanguard)	2.58
10.	Dividend Appreciation ETF (Vanguard)	2.35

	Qtd	Ytd	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr	Life of fund	Life of fund date
Class R6 without sales charge	3.07	8.11	8.80	6.61	5.98	_	6.78	11/7/13
Class R4 without sales charge	2.98	8.01	8.51	6.32	5.73	_	6.57	11/7/13
S&P Target Date 2030 Index	3.19	8.54	10.63	6.87	5.80	_	6.35	_
John Hancock 2030 Lifetime Index	3.44	9.25	9.77	6.89	6.64	_	7.53	_
Target-date 2030 category	3.04	8.20	8.74	5.51	5.18	_	_	_
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The past performance shown here reflects reinvested distributions and the beneficial effect of any expense reductions, and does not guarantee future results. Returns for periods shorter than one year are cumulative, and results for other share classes will vary. Shares will fluctuate in value and, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance cited. For the most recent month-end performance, visit jhinvestments.com. Performance, especially for short time periods, should not be the sole factor in making your investment decision.

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Class R6

Class R4

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