

Closed-end fixed-income fund Investor fact sheet

John Hancock Preferred Income Fund III

CE: HPS

Summary

Objective

High current income and capital preservation

Use for

Diversifying sources of income

Morningstar category

Preferred Stock

Strategy

Dynamic asset class

Focusing on preferred stocks and preferred convertible securities, which share characteristics of both equities and bonds

High-quality portfolio

Investing at least 50% of the portfolio in investment-grade securities

Emphasis on income

Offering exposure to income-producing securities from a variety of sectors

Managed by

Manulife Investment Management

Established asset manager with global resources and expertise extending across equity, fixed-income, and alternative investments as well as asset allocation strategies



Joseph H. Bozoyan, CFA
On the fund since 2015.
Investing since 1993



Caryn E. Rothman, CFA
On the fund since 2022.
Investing since 1996



James Gearhart, CFA
On the fund since 2022.
Investing since 2011



Jonas Grazulis, CFA
On the fund since 2022.
Investing since 2011

Average annual total returns¹

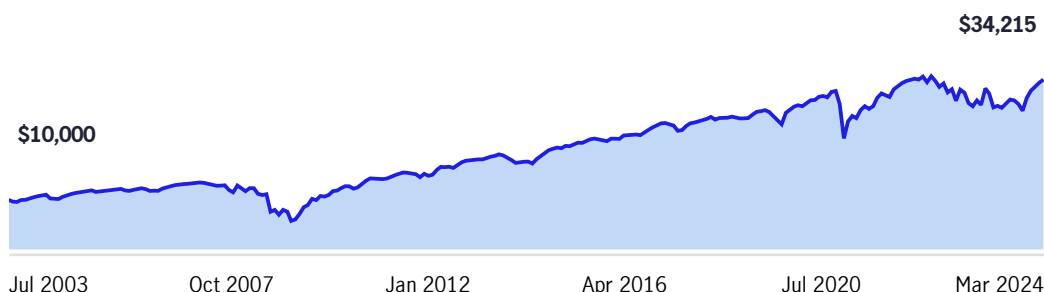
	Qtd	Ytd	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr	Life of fund	Life of fund date
Net Asset Value	6.89	6.89	19.43	1.92	3.53	5.96	6.26	6/20/03
Market Price	11.64	11.64	16.21	3.14	4.52	7.26	6.29	6/20/03
ICE BofA U.S. All Capital Securities Index	4.54	4.54	12.57	0.34	3.43	4.63	—	—
Blended Benchmark	2.67	2.67	9.24	-0.77	2.61	3.90	—	—
Preferred stock category	5.67	5.67	19.02	0.45	3.78	5.51	—	—

Expense ratios²

	Gross	Net (what you pay)	Contractual through
HPS	4.36%	4.35%	7/31/2024

Growth of a hypothetical \$10,000 investment

7/1/03 – 3/31/24



The chart illustrates the growth of a hypothetical \$10,000 investment in the fund's common shares based on net asset value beginning on the date noted with all distributions reinvested. The past performance shown here reflects reinvested distributions and is not a guarantee of future results. Your shares will fluctuate in value and, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. The most current month-end performance may be higher or lower than the quoted performance and can be found at jhinvestments.com or by calling 800-843-0090.

Calendar year returns

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
At NAV	24.52	8.50	3.93	11.32	-5.61	25.82	-0.76	10.99	-16.47	9.67
ICE BofA U.S. All Capital Securities Index	11.96	5.43	3.81	10.55	-4.45	18.39	7.63	3.42	-14.85	9.29
Preferred stock category	16.96	5.68	6.07	14.29	-7.54	25.03	3.31	8.84	-16.53	7.48

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10 largest issuers³

		%
1.	Bank of America Corp.	6.23
2.	Wells Fargo & Company	5.67
3.	The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.	5.46
4.	Morgan Stanley	4.98
5.	CMS Energy Corp.	4.86
6.	Citigroup, Inc.	4.18
7.	Energy Transfer LP	4.18
8.	Athene Holding Ltd.	4.03
9.	Algonquin Power & Utilities Corp.	3.81
10.	Vistra Corp.	3.77

¹ It is not possible to invest in an index. Index definitions can be found within the "What you should know before Investing" section on the last page of this fact sheet. ² Net expenses ratio reflect any applicable voluntary or contractual fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements/recoupment, which may be discontinued at any time. For more information on fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements, please see the expense table and footnotes in the prospectus. ³ Listed holdings reflect the largest portions of the fund's total and may change at any time. They are not recommendations to buy or sell any security. Data is expressed as a percentage of net assets and excludes cash and cash equivalents.

Quality composition^{4,5}

		%
	BBB	50.92
	BB	37.96
	Not Rated	3.30
	A	2.15
	Equity	1.57
	U.S. Government & Agency Obligations	1.20
	Short-Term Investments & Other	1.04
	CCC & Below	0.97
	B	0.89

Asset mix⁸

		%
	Preferred Securities	52.01
	Corporate Bonds	44.18
	U.S. Government Agency	1.20
	Cash & Cash Equivalents	1.04
	Foreign Stock	1.02
	Common Stocks	0.55
	Other	0.00

What you should know before investing

As is the case with all exchange-traded closed-end funds, an investment in this fund may trade at a discount or premium to the fund's net asset value (NAV) and is subject to investment and market risks, including the possible loss of principal. Distribution levels are subject to change and may include a substantial return of capital, which is a return of some or all of a shareholder's investment in the fund. Fixed-income investments are subject to interest-rate and credit risk; their value will normally decline as interest rates rise or if a creditor, grantor, or counterparty is unable or unwilling to make principal, interest, or settlement payments. An issuer of securities held by the fund may default, have its credit rating downgraded, or otherwise perform poorly, which may affect fund performance. Investments in higher-yielding, lower-rated securities are subject to a higher risk of default. Liquidity—the extent to which a security may be sold or a derivative position closed without negatively affecting its market value, if at all—may be impaired by reduced trading volume, heightened volatility, rising interest rates, and other market conditions. The fund's use of leverage may not be successful and creates additional risks, including heightened price and return volatility. The fund normally invests 25% of its total assets in utilities-related industries, including telecommunications. Companies in these industries are capital intensive and can be hurt by higher costs due to rising rates or new regulations, as well as by economic declines, surplus capacity, and increased competition. Foreign investing, especially in emerging markets, has additional risks, such as currency and market volatility and political and social instability.

Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) Bank of America (BoFA) US All Capital Securities Index tracks all fixed- to floating-rate, perpetual callable and capital securities of the ICE BofA US Corporate Index. The Blended Benchmark comprises 65% ICE Bank of America US All Capital Securities Index and 35% Bloomberg Investment Grade Utilities Index. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

Please contact your financial professional if you are interested in purchasing shares of a closed-end fund. For current fund information, visit jhinvestments.com or call 800-843-0090. The fund's literature includes investment objectives, risks, fees, expenses, and other information that you should read and consider carefully before investing. For account information, call 800-852-0218.

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Distribution rate^{6,7}

Fund at NAV	9.12%
Fund at market price	8.55%

Distribution history⁷

PAYMENT DATE	DISTRIBUTION PER SHARE
2024-03-28	0.11
2024-02-29	0.11
2024-01-31	0.11
2023-12-29	0.11
2023-11-30	0.11
2023-10-31	0.11
2023-09-29	0.11
2023-08-31	0.11
2023-07-31	0.11
2023-06-30	0.11

Distribution details

Payment date	03/28/2024
Ordinary income	0.11
Total	0.11

Details regarding the sources of distribution are based on estimates and are subject to change. Shareholders will receive a Form 1099-DIV each calendar year with final details that explain how to report these distributions for tax purposes.

Key facts

NAV (\$M)	14.47
Market price (\$)	15.43
Premium/discount ⁹ (%)	6.63%
Total net assets ¹⁰	\$462.37 m
Total managed assets (\$M)	\$736.67 m
52-week market price range, high (\$)	\$15.43
52-week market price range, low (\$)	\$11.83
% of total fund assets (leverage)	37.24%
Number of holdings	135

4 Ratings are from Moody's, if available, and from Standard & Poor's or Fitch, respectively, if not. Securities in the Not rated category have not been rated by a rating agency; however, the subadvisor performs its own credit analysis for many of these securities and assigns comparable ratings that are used for compliance with applicable investment policies. Prior to June 30, 2021, internal ratings provided by the subadvisor were included. Ratings composition will change. Individual bonds are rated by the creditworthiness of their issuers; these ratings do not apply to the fund or its shares. U.S. government and agency obligations are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government. All other bonds are rated on a scale from AAA (extremely strong financial security characteristics) down to CCC and below (having a very high degree of speculative characteristics). "Short-term investments and other," if applicable, may include fund receivables, payables, and certain derivatives. **5** Holdings, sector weightings, market capitalization and portfolio characteristics are subject to change at any time. There is no guarantee the fund will maintain the portfolio characteristics, or the future profitability of the securities identified and set forth herein. **6** The current distribution rate reflects the most recent distribution annualized and divided by the net asset value (NAV) as of the most recent quarter end. **7** The fund's distributions may be from ordinary income, return of capital, or short- or long-term capital gains. **8** Excludes any negative exposures that may result from the use of futures or forward contracts. **9** Closed-end fund shares are not redeemable, but instead are traded in the secondary market and frequently trade at a discount to net asset value. Specialized funds may carry additional risks. **10** The difference between total managed assets and total net assets is due primarily to the fund's use of leverage through borrowings; net assets do not include borrowings.