



MUTUAL FUNDS

Fund Commentary

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John Hancock Sovereign Investors Fund

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FUND RESULTS

For the quarter ended March 31, 2008, the Fund returned -6.56%, versus -9.44% for the S&P 500 Index and -9.73% for Morningstar's peer group of large-cap blend funds.* Stock picking in information technology, financials and health care provided a boost to the Fund's performance. Conversely, stock selection in the industrials sector hindered our results. Overall, we added value in eight out of 10 sectors, while avoiding many of the quarter's worst land mines.

MARKET ENVIRONMENT

During the quarter, the credit crisis continued to worsen, and economic data deteriorated markedly, leaving investors to wonder not whether there would be a significant economic slowdown, but how bad that slowdown would be. It was also a quarter that saw the Federal Reserve Board take decisive action on a number of fronts in an attempt to stave off a recession and shore up the financial markets. The Fed's efforts included lowering short-term interest rates three times by a total of 2.00%, loosening its lending policy to allow investment banks to borrow directly from it and assisting with JPMorgan Chase's acquisition of embattled broker Bear Stearns, which was on the verge of collapsing.

PERFORMANCE REVIEW

One important contributor was IBM. With roughly half of its revenues coming from fees and a considerable overseas

business, the technology giant appeared less vulnerable to a U.S. slowdown than many of its peers. In financials, our efforts to steer clear of companies with direct exposure to the subprime mess paid off. One key contributor in that sector that we did own was asset manager T. Rowe Price Group, a holding that we bought advantageously following the stock's January decline. Also meriting mention is Nucor, a steel producer that benefited from robust prices for that metal.

Conversely, the Fund was hurt by industrial conglomerate Textron, an important holding whose stock fell sharply. The company issued earnings forecasts for the first quarter and for fiscal 2008 that were below analysts' expectations. United Technologies was another weak spot in the industrials sector, as investors worried about the company's exposure to the weak housing market through its Carrier air conditioning unit. Drug holding Merck disappointed us as well, the victim of an unfavorable study on Vytorin, the company's cholesterol medication.

OUTLOOK

Although the economy could continue to weaken further, we think the Fed's efforts will eventually pay off. It is important to realize that the stock market is constantly looking forward, and we think as time goes by more and more investors will buy stocks in anticipation of better times. That is not to say the market is completely out of the woods, but we believe the worst is likely behind us.

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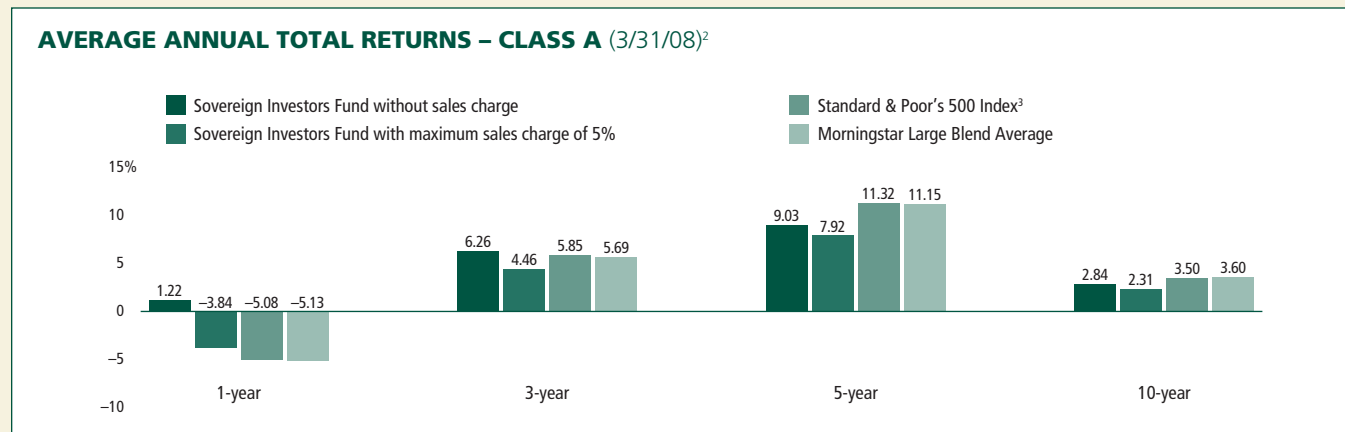
Investment	Period's performance ... and what's behind the numbers
IBM	▲ Fee income and overseas business bolstered results
T. Rowe Price	▲ Timely purchase after January decline
Textron	▼ Disappointing earnings guidance

*Performance for Class A shares only at net asset value. Please visit our Web site at www.jhfunds.com for performance of other share classes.

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TEN LARGEST EQUITY HOLDINGS (3/31/08)¹

General Electric	4.44%	United Technologies	2.93%
International Business Machines	3.79%	Cisco Systems.....	2.90%
State Street	3.40%	ExxonMobil	2.88%
Abbott Laboratories	3.25%	Teva Pharmaceutical Industries.....	2.71%
Johnson & Johnson	3.24%	Hewlett-Packard	2.53%



Performance reflects a total annual fund operating expense ratio of 1.16%. There is currently no contractual expense reimbursement in effect; therefore, the net and total expense ratio is the same figure. Expenses for other share classes will vary, which will affect returns. Performance figures assume that all distributions are reinvested. Performance quoted without sales charges would be reduced if the sales charges were applied.

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Large-capitalization stocks as a group could fall out of favor with the market, causing the Fund to underperform investments that focus on small- or medium-capitalization stocks.

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- 3 The Standard & Poor's 500 Index is an unmanaged index of 500 widely traded common stocks. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

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