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# Fund Commentary

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## John Hancock Lifecycle 2045 Portfolio

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### FUND RESULTS

The Portfolio's Class A shares returned -9.26% for the quarter ended March 31, 2008.\* In comparison, the Standard & Poor's 500 Index returned -9.44% over the same period.

### MARKET REVIEW

Stocks suffered a broad-based sell-off during the first quarter, as a worsening credit crisis and a slowing U.S. economy combined to depress share prices. With the situation deteriorating rapidly, the Federal Reserve Board intervened, slashing short-term interest rates by a total of 2.00%. The Fed also loosened its lending guidelines to allow investment banks to borrow directly from it, as commercial banks do. Additionally, the central bank facilitated JPMorgan Chase's buyout of embattled broker Bear Stearns by providing a \$29 billion loan guarantee. These actions appeared to reassure the markets and steadied stock prices somewhat by the end of March.

There were few places to hide within the equity markets. For example, in the U.S. market, large-cap, mid-cap and small-cap stocks all posted losses approaching double digits. Little solace was found in the overseas markets, although the international large-cap equities and international small equities categories did manage to slightly outperform the S&P 500, aided by ongoing weakness in the U.S. dollar. However, emerging markets, which had been such an outstanding asset class in prior periods, posted a double-digit loss. One of the only ports in the storm was natural resources equities, which fell significantly less than the broader equity markets.

### PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Overall, our diversification across asset classes was a modest positive contributor to relative performance. Specifically, we benefited from our exposure to international large-cap, international small-cap and global natural resources equities. From a manager perspective, while there were some standout relative performers, our manager selections overall held us back.

Among individual funds, one solid relative performer was **Small Company Value** (T. Rowe Price). The good showing was driven by strong stock selection in both the industrials and technology sectors. In the large-cap value category, **Value & Restructuring** (Excelsior) was a positive contributor to relative performance. An overweighting in the energy sector was beneficial. Additionally, the fund was underweight the poor performing technology sector which helped, as did solid stock selection in that sector. Exposure to **Natural Resources** (Wellington) further contributed to the Portfolio's results. Commodity prices continued their record-setting pace, with gold breaking \$1,000 per troy ounce and crude oil topping \$100 per barrel during the quarter.

Conversely, performance was negatively impacted by **Core Equity** (Legg Mason). Poor performance from the fund's health care, telecommunication services and financial holdings were the main detractors during this difficult period. In the large-cap growth category, **Blue Chip Growth** (T. Rowe Price) was a detractor to performance. The fund suffered from an overweighting in the technology sector and from poor stock picks in the consumer discretionary and industrials sectors. **Mid Cap Stock** (Wellington), a mid-cap growth fund, underperformed due to negative stock selection in the financial, industrial and consumer discretionary sectors. Despite their disappointing results during the quarter, these latter two funds have been very strong longer-term performers.

### OUTLOOK

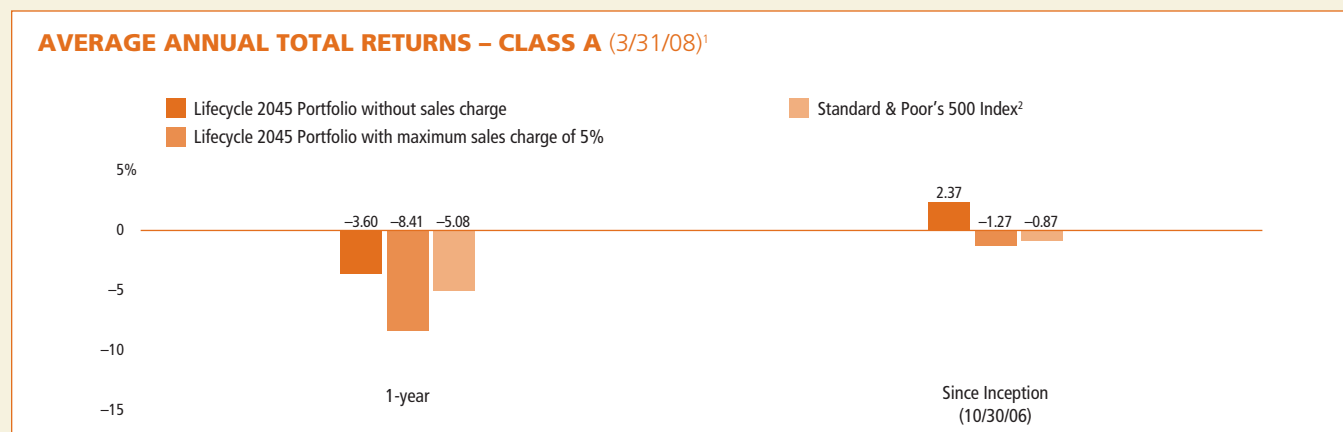
While the quarter-end rally was driven by relief that the Fed was actively addressing the U.S. economy's problems and hope that the credit crisis will abate, it's difficult to tell how soon we'll see meaningful improvement. Domestic and foreign banks are still vulnerable to significant write-downs of assets, in our view, and the U.S. economy continues to show signs of slowing, which will lead to slower earnings growth. However, it is important to remember that markets generally start to recover well before the actual economic data turns decidedly positive.

\*Performance for Class A shares only at net asset value. Please visit our Web site at [www.jhfunds.com](http://www.jhfunds.com) for performance of other share classes.

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Given the daunting challenge of trying to predict when this will occur, as well as trying to predict what the leading areas will be, we believe the Portfolio's broad

diversification offers a very prudent way to participate in the eventual recovery.



Performance reflects a net annual fund operating expense ratio of 1.43%. The gross annual fund operating expense ratio of 2.75% is reduced due to a contractual expense reimbursement. This reimbursement is in effect until at least 12/31/2008 and may be terminated after such date. These figures are based on estimated expenses of the underlying funds in the Portfolio. 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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**A portfolio's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses should be considered carefully before investing. The prospectus contains this and other important information about the Portfolio. To obtain a prospectus, call your financial professional, John Hancock Funds at 1-800-225-5291 or visit our Web site at [www.jhfunds.com](http://www.jhfunds.com). Please read the prospectus carefully before investing or sending money.**

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<sup>1</sup> Source: Morningstar, Inc. Performance for other share classes may vary, and returns assume all dividends and capital gains are reinvested. The results reflect any expense reductions, which can be terminated in the future. Without these reductions, expenses increase and results would have been less favorable. For a fund which has been in existence for less than a year, total return is not annualized.

<sup>2</sup> The S&P 500 Index is composed of 500 widely held common stocks. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

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