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# Fund Commentary

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## John Hancock Growth Fund

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### FUND RESULTS

The Fund returned -11.68% in the first quarter of 2008, trailing its benchmark, the Russell 1000 Growth Index, which returned -10.18%, and in line with Morningstar, Inc.'s average large growth fund, which returned -11.67%.\*

### MARKET REVIEW

Investors began 2008 looking to see if they could shake off the concerns that had dogged the market in the prior quarter. Troubles in the banking and financial sectors had made a dent in equity prices, but hopes abounded that the turmoil could be contained. But the new year began with a series of daily market declines, and continued troubles in the financial sector and increasing worries about a possible recession drove the S&P 500 Index down more than 10% just halfway through January. As global markets caught a touch of the U.S. virus over a holiday weekend, the U.S. Federal Reserve entered the fray again, with an impromptu interest rate cut of 75 basis points aimed at stemming the calamity. It continued to make two additional cuts later, totaling 200 basis points altogether in the quarter. The Fed's rate cut bonanza appeared to stem the tide for the time being, as the market finished the quarter stable, giving up no more than its initial decline and returning -9.44% during the full quarter.

### PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Sector selection added to relative returns. An overweight position in consumer staples and underweights in information technology and financials added to relative returns. The Fund's overweight in health care and underweight positions in industrials and materials detracted from returns versus the benchmark.

Stock selection detracted from relative returns for the quarter. Selections in consumer staples and telecommunication services added to relative returns while picks in health care, energy and consumer discretionary were among the detractors. Individual stocks adding to returns included overweight positions in Wal-Mart Stores and Zimmer Holdings and an underweight position in Intel. Selections detracting from returns included overweight positions in UnitedHealth Group, Apple and Amazon.com.

### OUTLOOK

The Fed's first quarter intervention helped restore investors' appetite for risk after a brief hiatus in early January. While many are claiming that the Fed's actions marked the bottom of 2008 declines and set the course for smoother sailing, the underlying fundamentals suggest otherwise. The second quarter of 2008 will show whether the market can stay stable without central bank support or if the Fed will again be required to dip into its dwindling supply of monetary stimuli to stave off further declines.

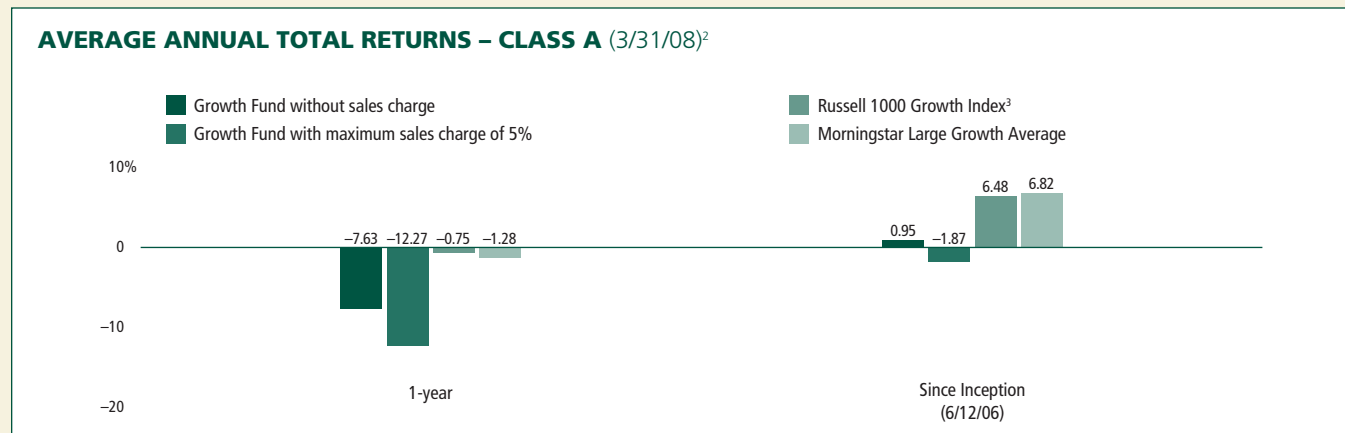
SCORECARD	Investment	Period's performance ... and what's behind the numbers
	Wal-Mart	▲ Beat expected sales figures for the quarter
	UnitedHealth Group	▼ Company's shares fell following a number of profit warnings in the managed-care sector
	Apple	▼ Analysts reduced their share-price targets for the iPod and computer maker, citing cuts in iPod production

\*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)<sup>1</sup>**

ExxonMobil .....	4.69%	Cisco Systems.....	2.46%
Microsoft.....	4.05%	Procter and Gamble .....	2.38%
Wal-Mart Stores .....	3.54%	Schlumberger.....	2.38%
Coca-Cola .....	3.22%	Johnson & Johnson .....	2.15%
Apple.....	2.89%	PepsiCo.....	2.09%



Performance reflects a net annual fund operating expense ratio of 1.39%. The gross annual fund operating expense ratio of 2.00% is reduced due to a contractual expense reimbursement. This reimbursement is in effect until at least 6/30/2008 and may be terminated after such date. 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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- 1 Listed holdings do not represent all of the holdings in the Fund. Holdings are subject to change at any time and are not recommendations to buy or sell any security. Holdings are expressed as a percentage of net assets.
- 2 Source: Morningstar, Inc. Performance for other share classes may vary, and returns assume all dividends and capital gains are reinvested. For some periods, the Fund’s performance may have been influenced by investments in unusually hot industries, IPOs or other factors. Similar opportunities may or may not be available in the future.
- 3 The Russell 1000 Growth Index is an unmanaged index composed of the Russell 1000 securities that have a greater-than-average growth orientation. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

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