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# John Hancock Optimized Value Fund



PROSPECTUS 12-31-08

► CLASS A, B AND C SHARES

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# Prospectus Supplement

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## John Hancock Optimized Value Fund

### Supplement dated 9-28-09 to the current Prospectuses

On September 24, 2009 the Trustees of John Hancock Funds II have determined that the continuation of the Class A, Class B, Class C and Class I shares of John Hancock Optimized Value Fund (the "Fund") is not in the best interest of these share classes or their shareholders and have voted to terminate these share classes. This termination will occur on or about December 11, 2009 (the "termination date"). The Fund will not accept any purchase orders from new investors for Class A, Class B, Class C or Class I shares after October 9, 2009 and from existing shareholders to purchase additional shares after November 27, 2009. The Fund reserves the right to further restrict sales of its shares.

On the termination date, the Fund will redeem all outstanding Class A, Class B, Class C and Class I shares and distribute the proceeds to shareholders as described in the Fund's prospectus. No contingent deferred sales charges (CDSC) will be applied for redemptions made as a result of this termination. Prior to the redemption, any dividends paid will be paid in accordance with the shareholder's currently selected dividend option; accounts in which the dividend reinvestment option has been chosen will receive any dividends in the form of additional shares of the Fund.

A distribution of termination proceeds made with respect to shares held by a retirement account may constitute a taxable distribution from such account unless the retirement account holder takes action in advance of the termination date to provide for the rollover of the redemption proceeds to another eligible retirement account or plan. Retirement account holders should consult their own tax advisers with respect to the tax treatment of the distribution of redemption proceeds and the requirements for a rollover.

Plan sponsors or plan administration agents should notify participants that Class A, Class B, Class C and Class I shares of the Fund are terminating and are encouraged to provide information about alternative investment options.

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### Supplement dated 9-24-09 to the current Class A, B and C Shares Prospectus

In the "Sales charge reductions and waivers" section, under the "Waivers for certain investors" subsection, the following bulleted paragraph is amended and restated as follows:

- terminating participants rolling over (directly or within 60 days after distribution) assets held in a pension, profit sharing or other plan qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), or described in Section 457(b) of the Code, that is funded by certain John Hancock group annuity contracts, to a John Hancock custodial IRA or John Hancock custodial Roth IRA that invests in John Hancock funds, including subsequent investments

The following bullet is added to "Waivers for certain investors" subsection:

- participants rolling over (directly or within 60 days after distribution) from a terminating pension, profit sharing or other plan qualified under Section 401(a) of the Code, or described in Section 457(b) of the Code (the assets of which, immediately prior to its termination, were held in certain John Hancock group annuity contracts but are now transferred from such contracts and held either: (i) in trust by a distribution processing organization; or (ii) in a custodial IRA or custodial Roth IRA sponsored by an authorized third party trust company and made available through John Hancock), to a John Hancock custodial IRA or John Hancock custodial Roth IRA that invests in John Hancock funds, including subsequent investments

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## **Supplement dated 7-8-09 to the current Class A, B and C shares Prospectus**

Effective July 20, 2009, the following changes shall be made:

Under the heading "Your account," in the "Sales charge reduction and waivers" section, in the "CDSC waivers" subsection the third bullet point is amended and restated as follows:

- redemptions pursuant to the fund's right to liquidate an account less than the stated minimum in the section "Opening an account"

Under the heading "Your account" in the "Opening an account" section the second item is amended and restated as follows:

- 2 Determine how much you want to invest. The minimum initial investment for the Class A, B and C shares of the fund is \$2,500 except as follows:
  - Coverdell ESA's: \$2,000
  - there is no minimum initial investment for certain group retirement plans using salary deduction or similar group methods of payment
  - group investments: \$250
  - there is no minimum initial investment for fee-based or wrap accounts of selling firms that have executed a fee-based or wrap agreement with the distributor

Under the heading "Your account," in the "Dividends and account policies" section, the paragraph under the "Small accounts" subsection is amended and restated as follows:

If the value of your account is less than \$2,500, you may be asked to purchase more shares within 30 days. If you do not take action, the fund may close out your account and mail you the proceeds. Alternatively, the fund may charge you \$20 a year to maintain your account. You will not be charged a CDSC if your account is closed for this reason.

Under the heading "Your account," in the "Additional investor services" section, the first paragraph under the "Retirement plans" subsection is amended and restated as follows:

John Hancock funds offers a range of retirement plans, including traditional and Roth IRAs, Coverdell ESAs, SIMPLE plans and SEPs. Using these plans, you can invest in any John Hancock fund (except tax-free income funds). To find out more, call Signature Services at 1-800-225-5291.

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## **John Hancock Funds II**

### **Supplement dated June 1, 2009 to the current Class A, B and C shares Prospectus**

Under "Your account," in the "How sales charges are calculated" section, the paragraph is amended and restated as follows:

You may qualify for a reduced Class A sales charge if you own or are purchasing Class A, Class B, Class C, Class T, Class ADV, all Class R shares, Class I2 or Class I shares of a John Hancock open-end mutual fund. **To receive the reduced sales charge, you must tell your broker or financial representative at the time you purchase the fund's Class A shares about any other John Hancock mutual funds held by you, your spouse or your children under the age of 21 living in the same household.** This includes investments held in an individual retirement account or with a broker or financial representative other than the one handling your current purchase. John Hancock will credit the combined value, at the current offering price, of all eligible accounts to determine whether you qualify for a reduced sales charge on your current purchase. You may need to provide documentation for these accounts, such as an account statement. For more information about these reduced sales charges, you may visit the fund's Web site at [www.jhfunds.com](http://www.jhfunds.com). You may also consult your broker or financial adviser, or refer to the section entitled "Initial sales charge on Class A shares" in the fund's SAI. You may request an SAI from your broker or financial adviser, by accessing the fund's Web site at [www.jhfunds.com](http://www.jhfunds.com) or by calling Signature Services at 1-800-225-5291.

Under "Your account," in the "Sales charge reductions and waivers" section, the bullet point under the subheading

“Waivers for certain investors” is amended and restated as follows:

- financial representatives utilizing fund shares in certain eligible retirement platforms, fee-based or wrap investment products under a signed agreement with the distributor

Under “Your account,” in the “Sales charge reductions and waivers” section, the bullet point under the subheading “Waivers for certain investors” is amended and restated as follows:

- participants in certain retirement plans with at least 100 eligible employees (one-year CDSC applies)
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### **Supplement dated June 3, 2009 to the current prospectuses**

The following information supplements the “Annual operating expenses” table presented under “Fund summary — Investor costs”:

Expenses for the current fiscal year may be higher than those shown in the “Annual operating expenses” table for one or more of the following reasons: (i) a significant decrease in average net assets may result in a higher advisory fee rate if advisory fee breakpoints are not achieved; (ii) a significant decrease in average net assets may result in an increase in the expense ratio because certain fund expenses do not decrease as asset levels decrease; or (iii) the termination of voluntary expense cap reimbursements and/or fee waivers, as applicable.

*Shareholders should retain this Supplement for future reference.*

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### **Supplement dated 3-25-2009 to the Class A, B and C, Class I, Class R, R1, R2, R3, R4 and R5 Shares Prospectuses**

Under the heading “Your account,” in the “Additional investor services” subsection, under the subheading “Disclosure of fund holdings” the second paragraph is amended and restated as follows:

On the fifth business day after month end, the following information for the fund is posted on the Web site: top ten holdings; top ten sector analysis; total return/yield; top ten countries; average quality/maturity; beta/alpha; and top ten portfolio composition. The holdings of the fund will be posted to the Web site within 15 days after each calendar month end. The holdings of the fund are also disclosed quarterly to the SEC on Form N-Q as of the end of the first and third quarters of the fund’s fiscal year and on Form N-CSR as of the second and fourth quarters of the fund’s fiscal year.

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# Fund summary

John Hancock

## Optimized Value Fund

Day-to-day investment management: MFC Global Investment Management (U.S.A.) Limited

Class / Ticker    A / JOVAX    B / JOVBX    C / JOVCX

### Goal and strategy

#### To seek long-term capital appreciation.

Under normal market conditions, the fund invests at least 65% of its total assets in equity securities of U.S. companies with the potential for long-term growth of capital, with a market capitalization range, at the time of investment, equal to that of the fund's benchmark, the Russell 1000 Value Index. As of October 31, 2008, the market capitalization range of the Russell 1000 Value Index was \$25 million to \$391.627 billion.

The subadviser uses both qualitative and quantitative analysis to determine the best investment values, emphasizing securities that may have been undervalued by the market.

Qualitative analysis may include company visits and management interviews while quantitative analysis may include evaluations of financial data, assessment of market share and industry position, and factors such as price-to-earnings ratios, dividend yield, and earnings growth.

The subadviser will then use fundamental analysis to identify large companies with strong industry position, leading market share,

proven management or strong fundamentals. Stocks meeting fundamental and quantitative analysis will be considered for the fund.

The fund may also invest in foreign securities.

The fund's investment process may, at times, result in a higher than average portfolio turnover ratio and increased trading expenses.

During unusual or unsettled market conditions, for purposes of meeting redemption requests, or pending investment of its assets, the fund may invest all or a portion of its assets in cash and securities that are highly liquid, including (a) high quality money market instruments such as short-term U.S. government obligations, commercial paper, repurchase agreements or other cash equivalents and (b) securities of other investment companies that are money market funds. These investments may be denominated in either U.S. or non-U.S. dollars and may include debt of foreign corporations and governments and debt of supranational organizations. To the extent the fund is in a defensive position, its ability to achieve its investment objective will be limited.

### Main risks

An investment in the fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. The fund's shares will go up and down in price, meaning that you could lose money by investing in the fund. Many factors influence a mutual fund's performance. The fund's main risk factors are listed below. *Before investing, be sure to read the additional descriptions of these risks beginning on page 5.*

Recent instability in the financial markets has led the United States Government to take a number of unprecedented actions designed to support certain financial institutions and segments of the financial markets that have experienced extreme volatility, and in some cases a lack of liquidity. Federal, state, and other governments, their regulatory agencies, or self regulatory organizations may take actions that affect the regulation of the instruments in which the fund invests, or the issuers of such instruments, in ways that are unforeseeable. Legislation or regulation may also change the way in which the fund itself is regulated. Such legislation or regulation could limit or preclude the fund's ability to achieve its investment objective.

Governments or their agencies may also acquire distressed assets from financial institutions and acquire ownership interests in those institutions. The implications of government ownership and disposition of these assets are unclear, and such a program may have positive or negative effects on the liquidity, valuation and performance of the fund's portfolio holdings. Furthermore, volatile

financial markets can expose the fund to greater market and liquidity risk and potential difficulty in valuing portfolio instruments held by the fund.

**Active management risk** The fund team's investment strategy may fail to produce the intended result.

**Equity securities risk** Equity securities include common, preferred and convertible preferred stocks and securities, the values of which are tied to the price of stocks, such as rights, warrants and convertible debt securities. The value of a company's equity securities is subject to changes in the company's financial condition, and overall market and economic conditions. The securities of value companies are subject to the risk that the companies may not overcome the adverse business developments or other factors causing their securities to be underpriced or that the market may never come to recognize their fundamental value.

**Foreign securities risk** As compared to U.S. companies, there may be less publicly available information relating to foreign companies. Foreign securities may be subject to foreign taxes. The value of foreign securities is subject to currency fluctuations and adverse political and economic developments.

**High portfolio turnover risk** Actively trading securities can increase transaction costs (thus lowering performance) and taxable distributions.

**Issuer risk** An issuer of a security may perform poorly and, therefore, the value of its stocks and bonds may decline. An issuer of securities held by the fund could default or have its credit rating downgraded.

**Liquidity risk** Exposure exists when trading volume, lack of a market maker, or legal restrictions impair the ability to sell particular securities or close derivative positions at an advantageous price.

**Medium and smaller company risk** The prices of medium and small company stocks can change more frequently and dramatically than those of large company stocks.

## Past performance

Calendar year total returns – Class A <sup>1</sup> (%)		
Best quarter: Q4 '06, 7.51	Worst quarter: Q4 '07, -9.47	Year-to-date as of 9-30-08: -22.85
	2006	2007
	20.72	-5.73

Average annual total returns <sup>1</sup> (%)	1 Year	Inception
as of 12-31-07		10-15-05
<b>Class A</b> before tax	-10.43	7.04
After tax on distributions	-12.77	4.78
After tax on distributions, with sale	-6.27	4.86
<b>Class B</b> before tax	-10.70	7.55
<b>Class C</b> before tax	-7.25	8.78
Russell 1000 Value Index	-0.17	12.25

## Investor costs

Shareholder transaction expenses <sup>2</sup> (%)	Class A	Class B	Class C
Maximum front-end sales charge (load) on purchases as a % of purchase price	5.00	—	—
Maximum deferred sales charge (load) as a % of purchase or sale price, whichever is less	— <sup>3</sup>	5.00	1.00
Annual operating expenses (%)	Class A	Class B	Class C
Management fee	0.65	0.65	0.65
Distribution and service (12b-1) fees	0.30	1.00	1.00
Other expenses	27.87	69.45	71.32
<b>Total fund operating expenses</b>	<b>28.82</b>	<b>71.10</b>	<b>72.97</b>
Contractual expense reimbursement <sup>4</sup>	-27.53	-69.11	-70.98
<b>Net fund operating expenses</b>	<b>1.29</b>	<b>1.99</b>	<b>1.99</b>

### Expense example

A hypothetical example showing the expenses, after contractual expense reimbursements (first year only), if any, on a \$10,000 investment during the various time frames indicated. The example assumes a 5% average annual return, assuming operating expenses remain the same, and the reinvestment of all dividends. The example is for comparison only and does not reflect actual expenses and returns, either past or future.

Expenses (\$)	Class A		Class B		Class C	
	Shares sold	Shares kept	Shares sold	Shares kept	Shares sold	Shares kept
1 Year	625	702	202	302	202	202
3 Years	5,032	6,803	6,768	6,753	6,753	6,753
5 Years	7,589	7,525	7,522	7,426	7,426	7,426
10 Years	10,218	7,619 <sup>5</sup>	7,619 <sup>5</sup>	7,502	7,502	7,502

## Calendar year total returns

These do not include sales charges and would have been lower if they did. They are shown only for Class A and would be different for other classes. How the fund's returns vary from year to year can give an idea of its risk; however, as always, past performance (before and after taxes) does not indicate future results. All figures assume dividend reinvestment.

## Average annual total returns

These include sales charges. Performance of broad-based securities market index is included for comparison and can give an idea of the fund's risks. Indexes have no sales charges and you cannot invest in them directly. All figures assume dividend reinvestment.

**After-tax returns** These are shown only for Class A and would be different for other classes. They reflect the highest individual federal marginal income tax rates in effect at the time and do not reflect any state or local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns may be different. After-tax returns are not relevant to shares held in an IRA, 401(k) or other tax-advantaged investment plan.

**Russell 1000 Value Index** is an unmanaged index containing those securities in the Russell 1000 Index with a less-than-average growth orientation.

<sup>1</sup> October 15, 2005 is the inception date for the oldest class of shares, Class NAV shares. Class A, B and C shares were first offered on December 31, 2007. The returns prior to this date are those of Class NAV shares that have been recalculated to apply the gross fees and expenses of Class A, B and C shares, respectively.

## Annual operating expenses

These are paid from the fund's assets; shareholders, therefore, pay these costs indirectly.

- A \$4.00 fee will be charged for wire redemptions.
- Except for investments of \$1 million or more; see "How sales charges are calculated."
- The adviser has contractually agreed to limit fund level expenses to 0.80% until December 31, 2009. In addition, the adviser has contractually agreed to waive advisory fees or reimburse certain fund expenses so that total fund operating expenses do not exceed 1.29% for Class A, 1.99% for Class B and 1.99% for Class C of the average annual net assets attributable to the respective classes. This expense reimbursement shall continue in effect until December 31, 2009 and thereafter until terminated by the adviser. Effective January 1, 2009, the adviser may recapture operating expenses reimbursed or fees waived under previous expense limitation or waiver arrangements and made subsequent to January 1, 2009, for a period of three years following the beginning of the month in which such reimbursement or waivers occurred. For more information, see the Expense Limitation Agreement filed with the fund's registration statement.
- Reflects conversion of Class B shares to Class A shares after eight years.

# Fund details

## Risks of investing

Below are descriptions of the main factors that may play a role in shaping the fund's overall risk profile. The descriptions appear in alphabetical order, not in order of importance. For further details about fund risks, including additional risk factors that are not discussed in this prospectus because they are not considered primary factors, see the fund's Statement of Additional Information (SAI).

### Active management risk

A fund is subject to management risk because it relies on the subadviser's ability to pursue the fund's goal. The subadviser will apply investment techniques and risk analyses in making investment decisions for the fund, but there can be no guarantee that these will produce the desired results. The fund generally does not attempt to time the market and instead generally stays fully invested in the relevant asset class, such as domestic equities or foreign equities. Notwithstanding its benchmark, the fund may buy securities not included in its benchmark or hold securities in very different proportions than its benchmark. To the extent the fund invests in those securities, its performance depends on the ability of the subadviser to choose securities that perform better than securities that are included in the benchmark.

### Equity securities risk

Common and preferred stocks represent equity ownership in a company. Stock markets are volatile. The price of equity securities will fluctuate, and can decline and reduce the value of a fund investing in equities. The price of equity securities fluctuates based on changes in a company's financial condition, and overall market and economic conditions. The value of equity securities purchased by a fund could decline if the financial condition of the companies in which the fund is invested declines, or if overall market and economic conditions deteriorate. Even a fund that invests in high quality or "blue chip" equity securities, or securities of established companies with large market capitalizations (which generally have strong financial characteristics), can be negatively impacted by poor overall market and economic conditions. Companies with large market capitalizations may also have less growth potential than smaller companies and may be less able to react quickly to changes in the marketplace.

The fund may maintain substantial exposure to equities and generally does not attempt to time the market. Because of this exposure, the possibility that stock market prices in general will decline over short or extended periods subject the fund to unpredictable declines in the value of its investments, as well as periods of poor performance.

**Value investing risk.** Certain equity securities (generally referred to as value securities) are purchased primarily because they are selling at prices below what a subadviser believes to be their fundamental value and not necessarily because the issuing companies are expected to experience significant earnings growth. The funds bear the risk that the companies that issued these securities may not overcome the adverse business developments or other factors causing their securities to be perceived by the subadvisers to be under-priced or that the market may never come to recognize their fundamental value. A value stock may not increase in price, as anticipated by the subadviser investing in such securities, if other investors fail to recognize the company's value and bid up the price or invest in markets favoring faster growing companies. A fund's strategy of investing in value stocks also carries the risk that in certain markets value stocks will under perform growth stocks.

### Foreign securities risk

Funds that invest in securities traded principally in securities markets outside the United States are subject to additional and more varied risks, as the value of foreign securities may change more rapidly and extremely than the value of U.S. securities. The securities markets of many foreign countries are relatively small, with a limited number of companies representing a small number of industries. Additionally, issuers of foreign securities may not be subject to the same degree of regulation as U.S. issuers. Reporting, accounting and auditing standards of foreign countries differ, in some cases significantly, from U.S. standards. There are generally higher commission rates on foreign portfolio transactions, transfer taxes, higher custodial costs and the possibility that foreign taxes will be charged on dividends and interest payable on foreign securities. In the event of nationalization, expropriation or other confiscation, a fund could lose its entire investment in a foreign security.

**Currency risk.** Currency risk is the risk that fluctuations in exchange rates may adversely affect the U.S. dollar value of a fund's investments. Currency risk includes both the risk that currencies in which a fund's investments are traded, or currencies in which a fund has taken an active investment position, will decline in value relative to the U.S. dollar and, in the case of hedging positions, that the U.S. dollar will decline in value relative to the currency being hedged. Currency rates in foreign countries may fluctuate significantly for a number of reasons, including the forces of supply and demand in the foreign exchange markets, actual or perceived changes in interest rates, and intervention (or the failure to intervene) by U.S. or foreign governments or central banks, or by currency controls or political developments in the U.S. or abroad. Certain funds may engage in proxy hedging of currencies by entering into derivative transactions with respect to a currency whose value is expected to correlate to the value of a currency the fund owns or wants to own. This presents the risk that the two currencies may not move in relation to one another as expected. In that case, the fund could lose money on its investment and also lose money on the position designed to act as a proxy hedge. Certain funds may also take active currency positions and may cross-hedge currency exposure represented by their securities into another foreign currency. This may result in a fund's currency exposure being substantially different than that suggested by its securities investments. All funds with foreign currency holdings and/or that invest or trade in securities denominated in foreign currencies or related derivative instruments may be adversely affected by changes in foreign currency exchange rates. Derivative foreign currency transactions (such as futures, forwards and swaps) may also involve leveraging risk, in addition to currency risk. Leverage may disproportionately increase a fund's portfolio losses and reduce opportunities for gain when interest rates, stock prices or currency rates are changing.

### High portfolio turnover risk

A high fund portfolio turnover rate (over 100%) generally involves correspondingly greater brokerage commission expenses, which must be borne directly by a fund, and correspondingly better greater taxable distributions. The portfolio turnover rate of a fund may vary from year to year, as well as within a year.

### Issuer risk

An issuer of a security purchased by a fund may perform poorly and, therefore, the value of its stocks and bonds may decline and the issuer

may default on its obligations. Poor performance may be caused by poor management decisions, competitive pressures, breakthroughs in technology, reliance on suppliers, labor problems or shortages, corporate restructurings, fraudulent disclosures, or other factors.

### Liquidity risk

A fund is exposed to liquidity risk when trading volume, lack of a market maker, or legal restrictions impair the fund's ability to sell particular securities or close derivative positions at an advantageous price. Funds with principal investment strategies that involve investments in securities of companies with smaller market capitalizations, foreign securities, derivatives, or securities with substantial market and/or credit risk tend to have the greatest exposure to liquidity risk. Exposure to liquidity risk may be heightened for funds which invest in emerging markets and related derivatives that are not widely traded, and that may be subject to purchase and sale restrictions.

### Medium and smaller company risk

Market risk and liquidity risk may be pronounced for securities of companies with medium-sized market capitalizations and are particularly pronounced for securities of companies with smaller market capitalizations. These companies may have limited product lines, markets, or financial resources or they may depend on a few key employees. The securities of companies with medium and smaller market capitalizations may trade less frequently and in lesser volume than more widely held securities, and their value may fluctuate more sharply than those securities. They may also trade in the over-the-counter market or on a regional exchange, or may otherwise have limited liquidity. Investments in less seasoned companies with medium and smaller market capitalizations may present greater opportunities for growth and capital appreciation, but also involve greater risks than customarily are associated with more established companies with larger market capitalizations. These risks apply to all funds that invest in the securities of companies with smaller market capitalizations, each of which primarily makes investments in companies with smaller-or medium-sized market capitalizations.

These investment strategies and securities are described further in the SAI.

## Who's who

Below are the names of the various entities involved with the fund's investment and business operations, along with brief descriptions of the role each entity performs.

### Trustees

Oversee the fund's business activities and retain the services of the various firms that carry out the fund's operations. The Board of Trustees can change the fund's investment goal and strategy without shareholder approval.

### Investment adviser

Manages the fund's business and investment activities.

**John Hancock Investment Management Services, LLC**  
**601 Congress Street**  
**Boston, MA 02210-2805**

The adviser administers the business and affairs of the fund and retains and compensates an investment subadviser to manage the assets of the fund. As of September 30, 2008, the adviser had total assets under management of approximately \$118 billion.

The adviser does not itself manage any of the fund's portfolio assets but has ultimate responsibility to oversee the subadviser and recommend its hiring, termination and replacement. In this connection, the adviser: (i) monitors the compliance of the subadviser with the investment objectives and related policies of the fund, (ii) reviews the performance of the subadviser and (iii) reports periodically on such performance to the Board of Trustees.

The fund relies on an order from the SEC permitting the adviser, subject to Board approval, to appoint a subadviser or change the terms of a subadvisory agreement without obtaining shareholder approval. The fund, therefore, is able to change subadvisers or the fees paid to a subadviser from time to time without the expense and delays associated with obtaining shareholder approval of the change. This order does not, however, permit the adviser to appoint a subadviser that is an affiliate of the adviser or the fund (other than by reason of serving as a subadviser to a fund) or to change a subadvisory fee of an affiliated subadviser without the approval of the shareholders.

### Management fee

The fund pays the adviser a management fee for its services to the fund. The fee is stated as an annual percentage of the aggregate net assets of the fund (together with the assets of any other applicable fund identified in the advisory agreement) determined in accordance with the following schedule, and that rate is applied to the average daily net assets of the fund.

Average Daily Net Assets	Annual Rate
First \$500 million	0.70%
Between \$500 million and \$1 billion	0.65%
Excess over \$1 billion	0.60%

During its most recent fiscal year, the fund paid to the investment adviser a management fee equal to 0.65% of net assets.

Out of these fees, the adviser in turn pays the fees of the subadviser.

The basis for the Trustees' approval of the advisory fees, and of the investment advisory agreement overall, including the subadvisory agreement, is discussed in the fund's August 31, 2008 annual shareholder report.

### Subadviser

Handles the fund's day-to-day portfolio management.

**MFC Global Investment Management (U.S.A.) Limited**  
**200 Bloor Street East**  
**Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4W 1E5**

MFC Global (U.S.A.) is the subadviser to the fund and formulates a continuous investment program for the fund consistent with its investment goal and strategies. MFC Global (U.S.A.) provides investment advisory services to individual and institutional investors and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Manulife Financial Corporation (MFC). The investment performance of the fund will reflect both its subadviser's allocation decisions with respect to its investments and the investment decisions made by the adviser or subadviser to an investment company or similar entity which is purchased by the fund.

Below are brief biographical profiles of the leaders of the fund's investment management team, in alphabetical order. These managers share portfolio management responsibilities. For more about these individuals, including information about their compensation, other accounts they manage and any investments they may have in the fund, see the SAI.

**Noman Ali**

- Portfolio manager of the fund since inception
- Joined MFC Global (U.S.A.) in 1999

**Rhonda Chang**

- Portfolio manager of the fund since inception
- Joined MFC Global (U.S.A.) in 1994

**Chris Hensen**

- Portfolio manager of the fund since inception
- Joined MFC Global (U.S.A.) in 1995

**Brett Hryb**

- Portfolio manager of the fund since inception
- Joined MFC Global (U.S.A.) in 1993

**Tina Hsiao**

- Senior investment manager of the fund since 2007
- Joined MFC Global (U.S.A.) in 2003

**Harpreet Singh**

- Portfolio manager of the fund since inception
- Joined MFC Global (U.S.A.) in 2000

**Custodian**

Holds the fund's assets, settles all portfolio trades and collects most of the valuation data required for calculating the fund's net asset value (NAV).

**State Street Bank and Trust Company**

**2 Avenue de Lafayette  
Boston, MA 02111**

**Principal distributor**

Markets the fund and distributes shares through selling brokers, financial planners and other financial representatives.

**John Hancock Funds, LLC**

**601 Congress Street  
Boston, MA 02210-2805**

**Transfer agent**

Handles shareholder services, including recordkeeping and statements, distribution of dividends and processing of buy and sell requests.

**John Hancock Signature Services, Inc.**

**P.O. Box 9510  
Portsmouth, NH 03802-9510**

# Financial highlights

The financial highlights table below for the fund is intended to help investors understand the financial performance of the fund since inception. The total returns presented in the table represent the rate an investor would have earned (or lost) on an investment in the fund (assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions).

The financial statements of the fund as of August 31, 2008, have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, independent registered public accounting firm. The report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP is included, along with the fund's financial statements, in the fund's annual report, which has been incorporated by reference into the SAI and is available upon request.

## Class A Shares

Per share operating performance	period ended	8-31-08 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b>		<b>\$14.97</b>
Net investment income		0.10 <sup>2</sup>
Net realized and unrealized loss on investments		(2.13)
<b>Total from investment operations</b>		<b>(2.03)</b>
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>		<b>\$12.94</b>
<b>Total return (%)</b>		<b>(13.56)<sup>3,4</sup></b>
<b>Ratios and supplemental data</b>		
Net assets, end of period (in millions)		\$— <sup>5</sup>
Ratios (as a percentage of average net assets):		
Expenses before reductions		28.82 <sup>6</sup>
Expenses net of all fee waivers		1.29 <sup>6</sup>
Expenses net of all fee waivers and credits		1.29 <sup>6</sup>
Net investment income		1.22 <sup>6</sup>
Portfolio turnover (%)		159

1 Class A shares began operations on 12-31-07.

2 Based on the average of the shares outstanding.

3 Total returns would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced during the period shown.

4 Not annualized.

5 Less than \$500,000.

6 Annualized.

**Class B Shares**

<b>Per share operating performance</b>	period ended	<b>8-31-08<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b>		<b>\$14.97</b>
Net investment income		0.03 <sup>2</sup>
Net realized and unrealized loss on investments		(2.13)
<b>Total from investment operations</b>		<b>(2.10)</b>
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>		<b>\$12.87</b>
<b>Total return (%)</b>		<b>(14.03)<sup>3,4</sup></b>
<b>Ratios and supplemental data</b>		
Net assets, end of period (in millions)		\$— <sup>5</sup>
Ratios (as a percentage of average net assets):		
Expenses before reductions		71.10 <sup>6</sup>
Expenses net of all fee waivers		1.99 <sup>6</sup>
Expenses net of all fee waivers and credits		1.99 <sup>6</sup>
Net investment income		0.43 <sup>6</sup>
Portfolio turnover (%)		159

1 Class B shares began operations on 12-31-07.

2 Based on the average of the shares outstanding.

3 Total returns would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced during the period shown.

4 Not annualized.

5 Less than \$500,000.

6 Annualized.

**Class C Shares**

<b>Per share operating performance</b>	period ended	<b>8-31-08<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b>		<b>\$14.97</b>
Net investment income		0.03 <sup>2</sup>
Net realized and unrealized loss on investments		(2.13)
<b>Total from investment operations</b>		<b>(2.10)</b>
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>		<b>\$12.87</b>
<b>Total return (%)</b>		<b>(14.03)<sup>3,4</sup></b>
<b>Ratios and supplemental data</b>		
Net assets, end of period (in millions)		\$— <sup>5</sup>
Ratios (as a percentage of average net assets):		
Expenses before reductions		72.97 <sup>6</sup>
Expenses net of all fee waivers		1.99 <sup>6</sup>
Expenses net of all fee waivers and credits		1.99 <sup>6</sup>
Net investment income		0.43 <sup>6</sup>
Portfolio turnover (%)		159

1 Class C shares began operations on 12-31-07.

2 Based on the average of the shares outstanding.

3 Total returns would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced during the period shown.

4 Not annualized.

5 Less than \$500,000.

6 Annualized.

## Choosing a share class

Each share class has its own cost structure, including a Rule 12b-1 plan that allows it to pay fees for the sale, distribution and service of its shares. Your financial representative can help you decide which share class is best for you.

### Class A

- A front-end sales charge, as described in the section “How sales charges are calculated.”
- Distribution and service (Rule 12b-1) fees of 0.30%.

### Class B

- No front-end sales charge; all your money goes to work right away for you.
- Distribution and service (Rule 12b-1) fees of 1.00%.
- A contingent deferred sales charge (CDSC), as described in the section “How sales charges are calculated.”
- Automatic conversion to Class A shares after eight years, thus reducing future annual expenses.

### Class C

- No front-end sales charge; all your money goes to work right away for you.
- Distribution and service (Rule 12b-1) fees of 1.00%.
- A 1.00% CDSC on shares sold within one year of purchase.
- No automatic conversion to Class A shares, so annual expenses continue at the Class C level throughout the life of your investment.

**The maximum amount you may invest in Class B shares with any single purchase request is \$99,999.99, and the maximum amount you may invest in Class C shares with any single purchase is \$999,999.99. John Hancock Signature Services, Inc. (Signature Services), the transfer agent for the fund, may accept a purchase request for Class B shares for \$100,000 or more, or for Class C shares for \$1,000,000 or more when the purchase is pursuant to the Reinstatement Privilege (see “Sales charge reductions and waivers”).**

### 12b-1 fees

Rule 12b-1 fees will be paid to the fund’s distributor, John Hancock Funds, LLC, and may be used by the distributor for expenses relating to the distribution of, and shareholder or administrative services for holders of, the shares of the class and for the payment of service fees that come within Rule 2830(d)(5) of the Conduct Rules of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA).

*Because 12b-1 fees are paid out of the fund’s assets on an ongoing basis, over time they will increase the cost of your investment and may cost shareholders more than other types of sales charges.*

*Other classes of shares of the fund, which have their own expense structure, may be offered in separate prospectuses.*

*Your broker-dealer or agent may charge you a fee to effect transactions in fund shares.*

### Additional payments to financial intermediaries

Shares of the fund are primarily sold through financial intermediaries (firms), such as brokers, banks, registered investment advisers, financial planners and retirement plan administrators. These firms may be compensated for selling shares of the fund in two principal ways:

- directly, by the payment of sales commissions, if any; and
- indirectly, as a result of the fund paying Rule 12b-1 fees.

Certain firms may request, and the distributor may agree to make, payments in addition to sales commissions and 12b-1 fees out of the distributor’s own resources. These additional payments are sometimes referred to as “revenue sharing.” These payments assist in the distributor’s efforts to promote the sale of the fund’s shares. The distributor agrees with the firm on the methods for calculating any additional compensation, which may include the level of sales or assets attributable to the firm. Not all firms receive additional compensation and the amount of compensation varies. These payments could be significant to a firm. The distributor determines which firms to support and the extent of the payments it is willing to make. The distributor generally chooses to compensate firms that have a strong capability to distribute shares of the fund and that are willing to cooperate with the distributor’s promotional efforts.

The distributor hopes to benefit from revenue sharing by increasing the fund’s net assets, which, as well as benefiting the fund, would result in additional management and other fees for the adviser and its affiliates. In consideration for revenue sharing, a firm may feature the fund in its sales system or give preferential access to members of its sales force or management. In addition, the firm may agree to participate in the distributor’s marketing efforts by allowing us to participate in conferences, seminars or other programs attended by the intermediary’s sales force. Although an intermediary may seek revenue-sharing payments to offset costs incurred by the firm in servicing its clients who have invested in the fund, the intermediary may earn a profit on these payments. Revenue-sharing payments may provide your firm with an incentive to favor the fund.

The SAI discusses the distributor’s revenue-sharing arrangements in more detail. Your intermediary may charge you additional fees other than those disclosed in this prospectus. You can ask your firm about any payments it receives from the distributor or the fund, as well as about fees and/or commissions it charges.

The distributor, adviser and their affiliates may have other relationships with your firm relating to the provisions of services to the fund, such as providing omnibus account services, transaction-processing services or effecting portfolio transactions for the fund. If your intermediary provides these services, the adviser or the fund may compensate the intermediary for these services. In addition, your intermediary may have

other compensated relationships with the adviser or its affiliates that are not related to the fund.

## Rollover program compensation

The broker-dealer of record for a pension, profit-sharing or other plan qualified under Section 401(a) or described in Section 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, which is funded by certain group annuity contracts issued by John Hancock insurance companies, is eligible to receive ongoing compensation (Rollover Compensation) when a plan participant terminates from the qualified plan and rolls over assets into a John Hancock sponsored custodial IRA or a John Hancock custodial Roth IRA invested in shares of John Hancock funds. The Rollover Compensation is paid from a fund's 12b-1 fees to the plan's broker-dealer of record at an annual rate not expected to exceed 0.25% of the average daily net eligible assets held in John Hancock funds (0.15% for the John Hancock Money Market Fund) under the rollover program. Rollover Compensation is made in the first year and continues thereafter, quarterly in arrears. A John Hancock insurance company may also pay the third-party administrator for the plan a one-time nominal fee not expected to exceed \$25 per participant rollover into a John Hancock fund for facilitating the transaction.

## How sales charges are calculated

### Class A sales charges are as follows:

Your investment	As a % of offering price*	As a % of your investment
Up to \$49,999	5.00%	5.26%
\$50,000 – \$99,999	4.50%	4.71%
\$100,000 – \$249,999	3.50%	3.63%
\$250,000 – \$499,999	2.50%	2.56%
\$500,000 – \$999,999	2.00%	2.04%
\$1,000,000 and over	See below	

\* Offering price is the net asset value per share plus any initial sales charge.

You may qualify for a reduced Class A sales charge if you own or are purchasing Class A, Class B, Class C, Class T, Class ADV, all Class R shares, Class I2 or Class I shares of a John Hancock open-end mutual fund. **To receive the reduced sales charge, you must tell your broker or financial representative at the time you purchase the fund's Class A shares about any other John Hancock mutual funds held by you, your spouse or your children under the age of 21 living in the same household.** This includes investments held in a retirement account, an employee benefit plan, or with a broker or financial representative other than the one handling your current purchase. John Hancock will credit the combined value, at the current offering price, of all eligible accounts to determine whether you qualify for a reduced sales charge on your current purchase. You may need to provide documentation for these accounts, such as an account statement. For more information about these reduced sales charges, you may visit the fund's Web site at [www.jhfunds.com](http://www.jhfunds.com). You may also consult your broker or financial adviser, or refer to the section entitled "Initial sales charge on Class A shares" in the fund's SAI. You may request an SAI from your broker or financial adviser, by accessing the fund's Web site at [www.jhfunds.com](http://www.jhfunds.com) or by calling Signature Services at 1-800-225-5291.

### Investments of \$1 million or more

Class A shares are available with no front-end sales charge on investments of \$1 million or more. There is a CDSC on any Class A

shares upon which a commission or finder's fee was paid that are sold within one year of purchase, as follows:

### Class A deferred charges on investments of \$1 million or more

Your investment	CDSC on shares being sold
First \$1M – \$4,999,999	1.00%
Next \$1 – \$5M above that	0.50%
Next \$1 or more above that	0.25%

*For purposes of this CDSC, all purchases made during a calendar month are counted as having been made on the first day of that month.*

The CDSC is based on the lesser of the original purchase cost or the current market value of the shares being sold, and is not charged on shares you acquired by reinvesting your dividends. To keep your CDSC as low as possible, each time you place a request to sell shares, we will first sell any shares in your account that are not subject to a CDSC.

### Class B and Class C

Shares are offered at their net asset value per share, without any initial sales charge.

A CDSC may be charged if a commission has been paid and you sell Class B or Class C shares within a certain time after you bought them, as described in the tables below. There is no CDSC on shares acquired through reinvestment of dividends. The CDSC is based on the original purchase cost or the current market value of the shares being sold, whichever is less. The CDSCs are as follows:

#### Class B deferred charges

Years after purchase	CDSC
1 <sup>st</sup> year	5.00%
2 <sup>nd</sup> year	4.00%
3 <sup>rd</sup> or 4 <sup>th</sup> year	3.00%
5 <sup>th</sup> year	2.00%
6 <sup>th</sup> year	1.00%
After 6 <sup>th</sup> year	None

#### Class C deferred charges

Years after purchase	CDSC
1 <sup>st</sup> year	1.00%
After 1 <sup>st</sup> year	None

*For purposes of these CDSCs, all purchases made during a calendar month are counted as having been made on the first day of that month.*

To keep your CDSC as low as possible, each time you place a request to sell shares, we will first sell any shares in your account that carry no CDSC. If there are not enough of these shares to meet your request, we will sell those shares that have the lowest CDSC.

## Sales charge reductions and waivers

### Reducing your Class A sales charges

There are several ways you can combine multiple purchases of shares of John Hancock funds to take advantage of the breakpoints in the sales charge schedule. The first three ways can be combined in any manner.

- Accumulation Privilege — lets you add the value of any class of shares of any John Hancock open-end fund you already own to the amount of your next Class A investment for purposes of calculating the sales

charge. However, Class A shares of money market funds will not qualify unless you have already paid a sales charge on those shares.

- Letter of Intention — lets you purchase Class A shares of a fund over a 13-month period and receive the same sales charge as if all shares had been purchased at once. You can use a Letter of Intention to qualify for reduced sales charges if you plan to invest at least \$50,000 in a fund's Class A and Class T shares during the next 13 months. The calculation of this amount would include accumulations and combinations as well as your current holdings of all classes of John Hancock funds, which include any reinvestment of dividends and capital gains distributions. However, Class A shares of money market funds will be excluded unless you have already paid a sales charge. When you sign this letter, the fund agrees to charge you the reduced sales charges. Completing a Letter of Intention does not obligate you to purchase additional shares. However, if you do not buy enough shares to qualify for the lower sales charges by the earlier of the end of the 13-month period or when you sell your shares, your sales charges will be recalculated to reflect your actual purchase level. Also available for individual retirement plan investors is a 48-month Letter of Intention, described in the SAI.
- Combination Privilege — lets you combine shares of all funds for purposes of calculating the Class A sales charge.

**To utilize any reduction, you must complete the appropriate section of your application, or contact your financial representative or Signature Services. Consult the SAI for additional details (see the back cover of this prospectus).**

### Group investment program

A group may be treated as a single purchaser under the accumulation and combination privileges. Each investor has an individual account, but the group's investments are lumped together for sales charge purposes, making the investors potentially eligible for reduced sales charges. There is no charge or obligation to invest (although initial investments per account opened must satisfy minimum initial investment requirements specified in the section entitled "Opening an account"), and individual investors may close their accounts at any time.

**To utilize this program, you must contact your financial representative or Signature Services to find out how to qualify. Consult the SAI for additional details (see the back cover of this prospectus).**

### CDSC waivers

As long as Signature Services is notified at the time you sell, the CDSC for each share class will be waived in the following cases:

- to make payments through certain systematic withdrawal plans
- certain retirement plans participating in Merrill Lynch, The Princeton Retirement Group, Inc. or PruSolutions<sup>SM</sup> programs
- redemptions pursuant to the fund's right to liquidate an account less than \$1,000
- redemptions of Class A shares made after one year from the inception of a retirement plan at John Hancock
- to make certain distributions from a retirement plan
- because of shareholder death or disability
- rollovers, contract exchanges or transfers of John Hancock custodial 403(b)(7) account assets required by John Hancock funds as a result of its decision to discontinue maintaining and administering 403(b)(7) accounts

**To utilize a waiver, you must contact your financial representative or Signature Services. Consult the SAI for additional details (see the back cover of this prospectus).**

### Reinstatement privilege

If you sell shares of a John Hancock fund, you may reinvest some or all of the proceeds back into the same share class of the same fund and account from which it was removed, within 120 days without a sales charge, as long as Signature Services or your financial representative is notified before you reinvest. If you paid a CDSC when you sold your shares, you will be credited with the amount of the CDSC.

**To utilize this privilege, you must contact your financial representative or Signature Services.**

### Waivers for certain investors

Class A shares may be offered without front-end sales charges or CDSCs to the following individuals and institutions:

- selling brokers and their employees and sales representatives (and their Immediate Family, as defined in the SAI)
- financial representatives utilizing fund shares in fee-based or wrap investment products under a signed fee-based or wrap agreement with the distributor
- fund trustees and other individuals who are affiliated with these or other John Hancock funds (and their Immediate Family, as defined in the SAI)
- individuals transferring assets held in a SIMPLE IRA, SEP or SAR-SEP invested in John Hancock funds directly to an IRA
- individuals converting assets held in an IRA, SIMPLE IRA, SEP or SAR-SEP invested in John Hancock funds directly to a Roth IRA
- individuals recharacterizing assets from an IRA, Roth IRA, SEP, SAR-SEP or SIMPLE IRA invested in John Hancock funds back to the original account type from which it was converted
- participants in certain 529 plans that have a signed agreement with the distributor (one-year CDSC may apply)
- participants in certain retirement plans with at least 100 eligible employees (one-year CDSC applies) and that are currently invested in Class A shares of John Hancock funds
- certain retirement plans participating in Merrill Lynch, The Princeton Retirement Group, Inc. or PruSolutions<sup>SM</sup> programs
- terminating participants rolling over assets held in a pension, profit-sharing or other plan qualified under Section 401(a) or described in Section 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, which is funded by certain John Hancock group annuity contracts, directly to a John Hancock custodial IRA or John Hancock custodial Roth IRA investing in John Hancock funds, including subsequent investments
- individuals rolling over assets held in a John Hancock custodial 403(b)(7) account into a John Hancock custodial IRA account

**To utilize a waiver, you must contact your financial representative or Signature Services. Consult the SAI for additional details (see the back cover of this prospectus).**

### Other waivers

Front-end sales charges and CDSCs are not imposed in connection with the following transactions:

- exchanges from one John Hancock fund to the same class of any other John Hancock fund (see "Transaction policies" in this prospectus for additional details)
- dividend reinvestments (see "Dividends and account policies" in this prospectus for additional details)

# Opening an account

- 1 Read this prospectus carefully.
- 2 Determine how much you want to invest. The minimum initial investments for the Class A, B and C shares of the fund are as follows:
  - non-retirement account: \$1,000
  - retirement account: \$500; there is no minimum initial investment for certain group retirement plans using salary deduction or similar group methods of payment
  - group investments: \$250
  - Monthly Automatic Accumulation Program (MAAP): \$25 to open; you must invest at least \$25 a month
  - there is no minimum initial investment for fee-based or wrap accounts of selling firms that have executed a fee-based or wrap agreement with the distributor
- 3 All shareholders must complete the account application, carefully following the instructions. If you have any questions, contact your financial representative or call Signature Services at 1-800-225-5291.
- 4 Complete the appropriate parts of the account privileges application. By applying for privileges now, you can avoid the delay and inconvenience of having to file an additional application if you want to add privileges later.
- 5 Make your initial investment using the instructions under “Buying shares.” You and your financial representative can initiate any purchase, exchange or sale of shares.

## Important information about opening a new account

To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 (USA PATRIOT Act) requires all financial institutions to obtain, verify and record information that identifies each person or entity that opens an account.

**For individual investors opening an account** When you open an account, you will be asked for your name, residential address, date of birth and Social Security number.

**For investors other than individuals** When you open an account, you will be asked for the name of the entity, its principal place of business and taxpayer identification number (TIN) and may be requested to provide information on persons with authority or control over the account, such as name, residential address, date of birth and Social Security number. You may also be asked to provide documents, such as articles of incorporation, trust instruments or partnership agreements and other information that will help Signature Services identify the entity. Please see the Mutual Fund Account Application for more details.

# Buying shares

## Opening an account

### By check

- Make out a check for the investment amount, payable to "John Hancock Signature Services, Inc."
- Deliver the check and your completed application to your financial representative or mail them to Signature Services (address below).

### By exchange

- Call your financial representative or Signature Services to request an exchange.

### By wire

- Deliver your completed application to your financial representative or mail it to Signature Services.
- Obtain your account number by calling your financial representative or Signature Services.
- Obtain wiring instructions by calling Signature Services.
- Instruct your bank to wire the amount of your investment. Specify the fund name, the share class, your account number and the name(s) in which the account is registered. Your bank may charge a fee to wire funds.

### By Internet

- See "By exchange" and "By wire."

### By phone

- See "By exchange" and "By wire."

## Adding to an account

- Make out a check for the investment amount, payable to "John Hancock Signature Services, Inc."
- Fill out the detachable investment slip from an account statement. If no slip is available, include a note specifying the fund name, the share class, your account number and the name(s) in which the account is registered.
- Deliver the check and your investment slip or note to your financial representative, or mail them to Signature Services (address below).

- Log on to the Web site below to process exchanges between funds.
- Call EASI-Line for automated service.
- Call your financial representative or Signature Services to request an exchange.

- Obtain wiring instructions by calling Signature Services.
- Instruct your bank to wire the amount of your investment. Specify the fund name, the share class, your account number and the name(s) in which the account is registered. Your bank may charge a fee to wire funds.

- Verify that your bank or credit union is a member of the Automated Clearing House (ACH) system.
- Complete the "Bank information" section on your account application.
- Log on to the Web site below to initiate purchases using your authorized bank account.

- Verify that your bank or credit union is a member of the ACH system.
- Complete the "To purchase, exchange or redeem shares via telephone" and "Bank information" sections on your account application.
- Call EASI-Line for automated service.
- Call your financial representative or call Signature Services between 8:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M., Eastern Time, on most business days.

*To open or add to an account using the Monthly Automatic Accumulation Program, see "Additional investor services."*

### Regular mail

Mutual Fund Operations  
John Hancock Signature Services, Inc.  
P.O. Box 9510  
Portsmouth, NH 03802-9510

### Express delivery

Mutual Fund Operations  
John Hancock Signature Services, Inc.  
164 Corporate Drive  
Portsmouth, NH 03801

### Web site

www.jhfunds.com

### EASI-Line

**(24/7 automated service)**  
1-800-338-8080

### Signature Services, Inc.

1-800-225-5291

# Selling shares

## To sell some or all of your shares

### By letter

- Accounts of any type.
- Sales of any amount.
- Write a letter of instruction or complete a stock power indicating the fund name, the share class, your account number, the name(s) in which the account is registered and the dollar value or number of shares you wish to sell.
- Include all signatures and any additional documents that may be required (see next page).
- Mail the materials to Signature Services (address below).
- A check will be mailed to the name(s) and address in which the account is registered, or otherwise according to your letter of instruction.

### By Internet

- Most accounts.
- Sales of up to \$100,000.
- Log on to the Web site below to initiate redemptions from your fund.

### By phone

- Most accounts.
- Sales of up to \$100,000.
- Call EASI-Line for automated service.
- Call your financial representative or call Signature Services between 8:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M., Eastern Time, on most business days.

### By wire or electronic funds transfer (EFT)

- Requests by letter to sell any amount.
- Requests by Internet or phone to sell up to \$100,000.
- To verify that the Internet or telephone redemption privilege is in place on an account, or to request the form to add it to an existing account, call Signature Services.
- Funds requested by wire will be wired the next business day. A \$4 fee will be deducted from your account. Your bank may also charge you a fee for this service.
- Funds requested by EFT are generally available by the second business day. Your bank may charge you a fee for this service.

### By exchange

- Accounts of any type.
- Sales of any amount.
- Obtain a current prospectus for the fund into which you are exchanging by accessing the fund's Web site by Internet, or by calling your financial representative or Signature Services.
- Log on to the Web site below to process exchanges between your funds.
- Call EASI-Line for automated service.
- Call your financial representative or Signature Services to request an exchange.

*To sell shares through a systematic withdrawal plan, see "Additional investor services."*

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#### Signature Services, Inc.

1-800-225-5291

## Selling shares in writing

In certain circumstances, you will need to make your request to sell shares in writing. You may need to include additional items with your request, unless they were previously provided to Signature Services and are still accurate. These items are shown in the table below. You may also need to include a signature guarantee, which protects you against fraudulent orders. You will need a signature guarantee if:

- your address of record has changed within the past 30 days;

- you are selling more than \$100,000 worth of shares (this requirement is waived for certain entities operating under a signed fax trading agreement with John Hancock); or
- you are requesting payment other than by a check mailed to the address/bank of record and payable to the registered owner(s).

You will need to obtain your signature guarantee from a member of the Signature Guarantee Medallion Program. Most broker-dealers, banks, credit unions and securities exchanges are members of this program. A notary public CANNOT provide a signature guarantee.

Seller	Requirements for written requests
Owners of individual, joint or UGMA/UTMA accounts (custodial accounts for minors)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter of instruction.</li> <li>• On the letter, the signatures and titles of all persons authorized to sign for the account, exactly as the account is registered.</li> <li>• Medallion signature guarantee, if applicable (see above).</li> </ul>
Owners of corporate, sole proprietorship, general partner or association accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter of instruction.</li> <li>• Corporate business/organization resolution, certified within the past 12 months, or a John Hancock funds business/organization certification form.</li> <li>• On the letter and the resolution, the signature of the person(s) authorized to sign for the account.</li> <li>• Medallion signature guarantee, if applicable (see above).</li> </ul>
Owners or trustees of trust accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter of instruction.</li> <li>• On the letter, the signature(s) of the trustee(s).</li> <li>• Copy of the trust document, certified within the past 12 months, or a John Hancock funds trust certification form.</li> <li>• Medallion signature guarantee, if applicable (see above).</li> </ul>
Joint tenancy shareholders with rights of survivorship with a deceased co-tenant(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter of instruction signed by surviving tenant.</li> <li>• Copy of death certificate.</li> <li>• Medallion signature guarantee, if applicable (see above).</li> <li>• Inheritance tax waiver, if applicable.</li> </ul>
Executors of shareholder estates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter of instruction signed by executor.</li> <li>• Copy of order appointing executor, certified within the past 12 months.</li> <li>• Medallion signature guarantee, if applicable (see above).</li> <li>• Inheritance tax waiver, if applicable.</li> </ul>
Administrators, conservators, guardians and other sellers or account types not listed above	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call Signature Services for instructions.</li> </ul>

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# Transaction policies

## Valuation of shares

The NAV per share for each class of shares of the fund is determined at the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (typically 4:00 P.M., Eastern Time) on each business day that the New York Stock Exchange is open. Securities held by the fund (except securities held by a money market fund, shares of other open-end investment companies held by a fund of funds, and debt instruments with remaining maturities of 60 days or less) are valued at their market value if market quotations are readily available. Otherwise, the fund's portfolio securities are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by the Trustees. The Trustees have delegated the responsibility to fair value securities to the fund's Pricing Committee, and actual calculation of fair value may be made by persons acting pursuant to the direction of the Trustees. Shares of other open-end investment companies held by the fund are valued at NAV. Securities held by a money market fund and debt instruments with remaining maturities of 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost.

Generally, trading (i) in non-U.S. securities; (ii) U.S. government securities; and (iii) money market instruments is substantially completed each day at various times prior to the close of trading of the NYSE. The values of such securities used in computing the fund's NAV are generally determined as of such times. If market quotations or official closing prices are not readily available or do not accurately reflect fair value for a security or if a security's value has been materially affected by events occurring after the close of the exchange or market on which the security is principally traded (for example, a foreign exchange or market), that security may be valued by another method that the Trustees or their designee believe accurately reflects its fair value.

In deciding whether to make a fair value adjustment to the price of a security, the Trustees or their designee may review a variety of factors, including: (i) in the case of foreign securities: developments in foreign markets, the performance of U.S. securities markets, the performance of instruments trading in U.S. markets that represent foreign securities and baskets of foreign securities and the fact that the fund is calculating its NAV when a particular foreign market is closed, (ii) in the case of fixed-income securities, actions by the Federal Reserve Open Market Committee and other significant trends in U.S. fixed-income markets; and (iii) in the case of all securities: political or other developments affecting the economy or markets in which an issuer conducts its operations or its securities are traded, announcements concerning matters such as trading suspensions, acquisitions, recapitalizations, or litigation developments, a natural disaster affecting the issuer's operations or regulatory changes or market developments affecting the issuer's industry, and events affecting the securities markets in general (such as market disruptions or closings and significant fluctuations in U.S. and/or foreign markets). In view of the factors in the case of foreign securities, it is likely that a fund investing significant amounts of assets in securities in foreign markets will be fair valued more frequently than funds investing significant amounts of assets in frequently traded, U.S. exchange listed securities of large capitalization U.S. issuers.

Fair value pricing of securities is intended to help ensure that the fund's NAV reflects the value of the fund's portfolio securities as of the close of the NYSE (as opposed to a value that is no longer accurate as of such close), thus limiting the opportunity for aggressive traders to purchase shares of the fund at deflated prices, reflecting stale security valuations, and promptly sell such shares at a gain. However, a security's valuation may differ depending on the method used for determining value, and no assurance can be given that fair value pricing of securities will successfully eliminate all potential opportunities for such trading gains. The use of fair value pricing has the effect of valuing a security based upon the price the fund might reasonably expect to receive if it sold that security, but does not guarantee that the security can be sold at the fair value price. Further, because of the inherent uncertainty and

subjective nature of fair valuation, a fair valuation price may differ significantly from the value that would have been used had a ready market for the investment existed, and these differences could be material. With respect to any portion of a fund's assets that is invested in other open-end investment companies, that portion of the fund's NAV is calculated based on the NAV of that investment company. The prospectus for the other investment company explains the circumstances and effects of fair value pricing for that other investment company.

If the fund has portfolio securities that are primarily listed on foreign exchanges that trade on weekends or other days when the fund does not price its shares, the NAV of the fund's shares may change on days when shareholders will not be able to purchase or redeem the fund's shares.

## Buy and sell prices

When you buy shares, you pay the NAV, plus any applicable sales charges, as described earlier. When you sell shares, you receive the NAV, minus any applicable deferred sales charges.

## Execution of requests

The fund is open on those days when the New York Stock Exchange is open, typically Monday through Friday. Buy and sell requests are executed at the next NAV to be calculated after Signature Services receives your request in good order. In unusual circumstances, the fund has the right to redeem in kind.

At times of peak activity, it may be difficult to place requests by telephone. During these times, consider using EASH-Line, accessing [www.jhfunds.com](http://www.jhfunds.com) or sending your request in writing.

In unusual circumstances, the fund may temporarily suspend the processing of sell requests or may postpone payment of proceeds for up to three business days or longer, as allowed by federal securities laws.

## Telephone transactions

For your protection, telephone requests may be recorded in order to verify their accuracy. Also for your protection, telephone redemption transactions are not permitted on accounts in which names or residential addresses have changed within the past 30 days. Proceeds from telephone transactions can only be mailed to the address of record.

## Exchanges

You may exchange shares of a class of the fund for shares of the same class of any other John Hancock fund that is then offering that class, generally without paying any additional sales charges. The registration for both accounts must be identical.

Class B and Class C shares will continue to age from the original date and will retain the same CDSC rate. A CDSC rate that has increased will drop again with a future exchange into a fund with a lower rate. A fund may cancel or change its exchange policies at any time upon 60 days' written notice to its shareholders. For further details, see "Additional services and programs" in the SAI (see the back cover of this prospectus).

## Excessive trading

The fund is intended for long-term investment purposes only and does not knowingly accept shareholders who engage in market timing or other types of excessive short-term trading. Short-term trading into and out of the fund can disrupt portfolio investment strategies and may increase fund expenses for all shareholders, including long-term shareholders who do not generate these costs.

## Right to reject or restrict purchase and exchange orders

Purchases and exchanges should be made primarily for investment purposes. The fund reserves the right to restrict, reject or cancel (with respect to cancellations within one day of the order), for any reason and without any prior notice, any purchase or exchange order, including transactions representing excessive trading and transactions accepted by any shareholder's financial intermediary. For example, the fund may, in its discretion, restrict, reject or cancel a purchase or exchange order even if the transaction is not subject to a specific "Limitation on exchange activity," as described below, if the fund or its agent determines that accepting the order could interfere with the efficient management of the fund's portfolio, or otherwise not be in the fund's best interest in light of unusual trading activity related to your account. In the event that the fund rejects or cancels an exchange request, neither the redemption nor the purchase side of the exchange will be processed. If you would like the redemption request to be processed even if the purchase order is rejected, you should submit separate redemption and purchase orders rather than placing an exchange order. The fund reserves the right to delay for up to one business day, consistent with applicable law, the processing of exchange requests in the event that, in the fund's judgment, such delay would be in the fund's best interest, in which case both the redemption and purchase side of the exchange will receive the fund's NAV at the conclusion of the delay period. The fund, through its agents in their sole discretion, may impose these remedial actions at the account holder level or the underlying shareholder level.

## Exchange limitation policies

The Board of Trustees has adopted the following policies and procedures by which the fund, subject to the limitations described below, takes steps reasonably designed to curtail excessive trading practices.

### Limitation on exchange activity

Pursuant to the policies and procedures adopted by the Board of Trustees, the fund or its agent may reject or cancel a purchase order, suspend or terminate the exchange privilege, or terminate the ability of an investor to invest in John Hancock funds if the fund or its agent determines that a proposed transaction involves market timing or disruptive trading that it believes is likely to be detrimental to the fund. The fund or its agent cannot ensure that it will be able to identify all cases of market timing or disruptive trading, although it attempts to have adequate procedures in place to do so. The fund or its agent may also reject or cancel any purchase order (including an exchange) from an investor or group of investors for any other reason. Decisions to reject or cancel purchase orders (including exchanges) in the fund are inherently subjective and will be made in a manner believed to be in the best interest of the fund's shareholders. The fund does not have any arrangement to permit market timing or disruptive trading.

Exchanges made on the same day in the same account are aggregated for purposes of counting the number and dollar amount of exchanges made by the account holder. The exchange limits referenced above will not be imposed or may be modified under certain circumstances. For example, these exchange limits may be modified for accounts held by certain retirement plans to conform to plan exchange limits, ERISA considerations or Department of Labor regulations. Certain automated or pre-established exchange, asset-allocation and dollar-cost-averaging programs are not subject to these exchange limits. These programs are excluded from the exchange limitation since the fund believes that they are advantageous to shareholders and do not offer an effective means for market timing or excessive trading strategies. These investment tools involve regular and predetermined purchase or redemption requests made well in advance of any knowledge of events affecting the market on the date of the purchase or redemption.

These exchange limits are subject to the fund's ability to monitor exchange activity, as discussed under "Limitation on the ability to detect and curtail excessive trading practices" below. Depending upon the composition of the fund's shareholder accounts, and in light of the limitations on the ability of the fund to detect and curtail excessive trading practices, a significant percentage of the fund's shareholders may not be subject to the exchange limitation policy described above. In applying the exchange limitation policy, the fund considers information available to it at the time and reserves the right to consider trading activity in a single account or multiple accounts under common ownership, control or influence.

### Limitation on the ability to detect and curtail excessive trading practices

Shareholders seeking to engage in excessive trading practices sometimes deploy a variety of strategies to avoid detection and, despite the efforts of the fund to prevent excessive trading, there is no guarantee that the fund or its agents will be able to identify such shareholders or curtail their trading practices. The ability of the fund and its agent to detect and curtail excessive trading practices may also be limited by operational systems and technological limitations. Because the fund will not always be able to detect frequent trading activity, investors should not assume that the fund will be able to detect or prevent all frequent trading or other practices that disadvantage the fund. For example, the ability of the fund to monitor trades that are placed by omnibus or other nominee accounts is severely limited in those instances in which the financial intermediary, including a financial adviser, broker, retirement plan administrator or fee-based program sponsor, maintains the records of the fund's underlying beneficial owners. Omnibus or other nominee account arrangements are common forms of holding shares of the fund, particularly among certain financial intermediaries such as financial advisers, brokers, retirement plan administrators or fee-based program sponsors. These arrangements often permit the financial intermediary to aggregate its clients' transactions and ownership positions and do not identify the particular underlying shareholder(s) to the fund. However, the fund will work with financial intermediaries as necessary to discourage shareholders from engaging in abusive trading practices and to impose restrictions on excessive trades. In this regard, the fund has entered into information-sharing agreements with financial intermediaries pursuant to which these intermediaries are required to provide to the fund, at the fund's request, certain information relating to their customers investing in the fund through omnibus or other nominee accounts. The fund will use this information to attempt to identify excessive trading practices. Financial intermediaries are contractually required to follow any instructions from the fund to restrict or prohibit future purchases from shareholders that are found to have engaged in excessive trading in violation of the fund's policies. The fund cannot guarantee the accuracy of the information provided to it from financial intermediaries and so cannot ensure that it will be able to detect abusive trading practices that occur through omnibus or other nominee accounts. As a consequence, the fund's ability to monitor and discourage excessive trading practices in these types of accounts may be limited.

### Excessive trading risk

To the extent that the fund or its agents is unable to curtail excessive trading practices in the fund, these practices may interfere with the efficient management of the fund's portfolio and may result in the fund engaging in certain activities to a greater extent than it otherwise would, such as maintaining higher cash balances, using its line of credit and engaging in increased portfolio transactions. Increased portfolio transactions and use of the line of credit would correspondingly increase the fund's operating costs and decrease the fund's investment performance. Maintenance of higher levels of cash balances would likewise

result in lower fund investment performance during periods of rising markets.

While excessive trading can potentially occur in the fund, certain types of funds are more likely than others to be targets of excessive trading. For example:

- A fund that invests a significant portion of its assets in *small- or mid-capitalization stocks or securities* in particular industries that may trade infrequently or are fair valued as discussed under “Valuation of shares,” entails a greater risk of excessive trading, as investors may seek to trade fund shares in an effort to benefit from their understanding of the value of those types of securities (referred to as price arbitrage).
- A fund that invests a material portion of its assets in *securities of non-U.S. issuers* may be a potential target for excessive trading if investors seek to engage in price arbitrage based upon general trends in the securities markets that occur subsequent to the close of the primary market for such securities.
- A fund that invests a significant portion of its assets in *below investment-grade (junk) bonds* that may trade infrequently or are fair valued as discussed under “Valuation of shares,” incurs a greater risk of excessive trading, as investors may seek to trade fund shares in an effort to benefit from their understanding of the value of those types of securities.

Any frequent trading strategies may interfere with efficient management of a fund’s portfolio. A fund that invests in the types of securities discussed above may be exposed to this risk to a greater degree than a fund that invests in highly liquid securities. These risks would be less significant, for example, in a fund that primarily invests in U.S. government securities, money market instruments, investment-grade corporate issuers or large-capitalization U.S. equity securities. Any successful price arbitrage may cause dilution in the value of the fund shares held by other shareholders.

## Account information

The fund is required by law to obtain information for verifying an account holder’s identity. For example, an individual will be required to supply his or her name, residential address, date of birth and Social Security number. If you do not provide the required information, we may not be able to open your account. If verification is unsuccessful, the fund may close your account, redeem your shares at the next NAV minus any applicable sales charges and take any other steps that it deems reasonable.

## Certificated shares

The fund does not issue share certificates. Shares are electronically recorded.

## Sales in advance of purchase payments

When you place a request to sell shares for which the purchase money has not yet been collected, the request will be executed in a timely fashion, but the fund will not release the proceeds to you until your purchase payment clears. This may take up to ten business days after the purchase.

# Dividends and account policies

## Account statements

In general, you will receive account statements as follows:

- after every transaction (except a dividend reinvestment, automatic investment or systematic withdrawal) that affects your account balance
- after any changes of name or address of the registered owner(s)

- in all other circumstances, every quarter

Every year you should also receive, if applicable, a Form 1099 tax information statement, mailed by January 31.

## Dividends

The fund typically declares and pays income dividends at least annually. Capital gains, if any, are typically distributed at least annually.

## Dividend reinvestments

Most investors have their dividends reinvested in additional shares of the same class of the fund. If you choose this option, or if you do not indicate any choice, your dividends will be reinvested. Alternatively, you may choose to have your dividends and capital gains sent directly to your bank account or a check may be mailed if your combined dividend and capital gains amount is \$10 or more. However, if the check is not deliverable or the combined dividend and capital gains amount is less than \$10, your proceeds will be reinvested. If five or more of your dividend or capital gains checks remain uncashed after 180 days, all subsequent dividends and capital gains will be reinvested. No front-end sales charge or CDSC will be imposed on shares derived from reinvestment of dividends or capital gains distributions.

## Taxability of dividends

For investors who are not exempt from federal income taxes, dividends you receive from the fund, whether reinvested or taken as cash, are generally considered taxable. Dividends from the fund’s short-term capital gains are taxable as ordinary income. Dividends from the fund’s long-term capital gains are taxable at a lower rate. Whether gains are short-term or long-term depends on the fund’s holding period. Some dividends paid in January may be taxable as if they had been paid the previous December.

The Form 1099 that is mailed to you every January, if applicable, details your dividends and their federal tax category, although you should verify your tax liability with your tax professional.

## Taxability of transactions

Any time you sell or exchange shares, it is considered a taxable event for you if you are not exempt from federal income taxes. Depending on the purchase price and the sale price of the shares you sell or exchange, you may have a gain or a loss on the transaction. You are responsible for any tax liabilities generated by your transactions.

## Small accounts

If you draw down your account so that its total value is less than \$1,000, you may be asked to purchase more shares within 30 days. If you do not take action, the fund may close out your account and mail you the proceeds. Alternatively, the fund may charge you \$20 a year to maintain your account. You will not be charged a CDSC if your account is closed for this reason.

# Additional investor services

## Monthly Automatic Accumulation Program

MAAP lets you set up regular investments from your paycheck or bank account to the John Hancock fund(s) of your choice. You determine the frequency and amount of your investments, and you can terminate your program at any time. To establish:

- Complete the appropriate parts of your account application.
- If you are using MAAP to open an account, make out a check for your first investment amount payable to “John Hancock Signature Services, Inc.” in an amount satisfying the applicable minimum initial investment requirements specified in the section “Opening an

account.” Deliver your check and application to your financial representative or Signature Services.

### **Systematic withdrawal plan**

This plan may be used for routine bill payments or periodic withdrawals from your account. To establish:

- Make sure you have at least \$5,000 worth of shares in your account.
- Make sure you are not planning to invest more money in this account (buying shares during a period when you are also selling shares of the same fund is not advantageous to you because of sales charges).
- Specify the payee(s). The payee may be yourself or any other party, and there is no limit to the number of payees you may have, as long as they are all on the same payment schedule.
- Determine the schedule: monthly, quarterly, semiannually, annually or in certain selected months.
- Fill out the relevant part of the account application. To add a systematic withdrawal plan to an existing account, contact your financial representative or Signature Services.

### **Retirement plans**

John Hancock funds offers a range of retirement plans, including traditional and Roth IRAs, Coverdell ESAs, SIMPLE plans and SEPs. Using these plans, you can invest in any John Hancock fund (except tax-free income funds) with a low minimum investment of \$500 or, for some group plans, no minimum investment at all. To find out more, call Signature Services at 1-800-225-5291.

John Hancock funds do not accept requests to establish new John Hancock custodial 403(b)(7) accounts; do not accept requests for exchanges or transfers into your existing John Hancock custodial 403(b)(7) accounts; and require additional disclosure documentation if you direct John Hancock funds to exchange or transfer some or all of your John Hancock custodial 403(b)(7) account assets to another 403(b)(7) contract or account. In addition, effective January 1, 2009, the funds will no longer accept salary deferrals into 403(b)(7) accounts. Please refer to the SAI for more information regarding these restrictions.

### **Disclosure of fund holdings**

The fund's policy regarding disclosure of portfolio holdings can be found in the SAI and the portfolio holdings information can be found at [www.jhfunds.com](http://www.jhfunds.com).

On the fifth business day after month end, the following information for the fund is posted on the Web site: top ten holdings; top ten sector analysis; total return/yield; top ten countries; average quality/maturity; beta/alpha; and top ten portfolio composition. The holdings of the fund will be posted to the Web site within 30 days after each calendar month end. The holdings of the fund are also disclosed quarterly to the SEC on Form N-Q as of the end of the first and third quarters of the fund's fiscal year and on Form N-CSR as of the second and fourth quarters of the fund's fiscal year.

# Appendix

## Related Performance Information for the Optimized Value Fund

### Historical Performance of the Optimized Value Trust and MFC Global Investment Management (U.S.A.) Limited U.S. Large Cap Value Equity Composite

The Optimized Value Fund (the "Fund"), formerly the Quantitative Value Fund, is a series of John Hancock Funds II that commenced operations on October 15, 2005. The Fund is subadvised by the same investment adviser, MFC Global Investment Management (U.S.A.) Limited ("MFC Global (U.S.A.)") as the Optimized Value Trust (the "OV Trust"), a registered series of John Hancock Trust, and has the same portfolio managers and is managed with substantially similar investment objectives, policies and strategies as the OV Trust and the U.S. Large Cap Value Equity Composite (the "Composite"). The Composite is comprised of two registered investment companies, the Fund and OV Trust, and one separate account, all of which have substantially similar investment objectives, policies and strategies. The performance presented in the Composite has been generated on a performance asset weighted basis and includes the reinvestment of dividends and interest.

This Appendix presents historical performance information for the Series I shares of the OV Trust and the Composite as a whole. Because of the similarities among the Fund, OV Trust and the Composite, this information may help provide an indication of the Fund's risks by showing how a similar fund and Composite have performed historically. The performance of the OV Trust and Composite, however, is not the performance of the Fund, and you should not assume that the Fund will have the same performance as the OV Trust and/or the Composite. The performance of the Fund may be greater or less than the performance of the OV Trust and/or the Composite due to, among other things, the number of the holdings in and composition of the portfolio in the Fund, as well as the asset size and cash flow differences among the Fund, OV Trust and Composite.

Performance information — bar charts and tables — are presented on the following page for the OV Trust and Composite. The bar charts show how the OV Trust and Composite's total returns have varied year-to-year, and the tables show average annual returns for the one year, three years and since inception periods ended September 30, 2008 (as compared with a broad-based securities market index for reference). The past performance of the OV Trust and the Composite has been calculated net of expenses. All figures assume dividend reinvestment.

The past performance of the OV Trust and Composite is no guarantee of future results in managing the Fund. **The information in this Appendix does not represent the performance of the Fund or any predecessor to it and is no indication of how it would have performed in the past or will perform in the future.**

The Class A, B and C shares of the Fund have front-end or deferred sales charges. The Series I shares of the corresponding OV Trust do not have such charges. The other expenses of the Class A, B and C shares of the Fund, including its Rule 12b-1 fee, are higher than the expenses of the Series I shares of the OV Trust. As a result, the total operating fees and expenses of the Fund are higher than those of the OV Trust and, therefore, the performance shown in the bar chart and table for the Series I shares of the OV Trust would be lower if adjusted to reflect the sales charges and higher fees and expenses of the Class A, B and C shares of the Fund.

An index is unmanaged and it is not possible to invest directly in an index. As such, year-by-year index figures do not account for any sales charges, fees or fund expenses. As indicated above, past performance does not indicate future results.

# JHT Optimized Value Trust

Corresponding to: Optimized Value Fund

Net assets of JHT Optimized Value Trust as of 9-30-08: \$300,131

JHT Optimized Value Trust Series I calendar year total returns (%)			
Series I: 3Q '08, -10.27 Best quarter: 4Q '06, 7.55 Worst quarter: 4Q '07, -9.33			
	2005	2006	2007
	9.19	21.09	-5.13



JHT Optimized Value Trust average annual total returns (%)	1 year	3 years	Since Inception
for periods ended 9-30-08			
Series I (5-3-04)	-29.81	3.30	3.01
Russell 1000 Value Index <sup>1</sup>	-23.56	0.09	4.57

## <sup>1</sup>Russell 1000 Value Index

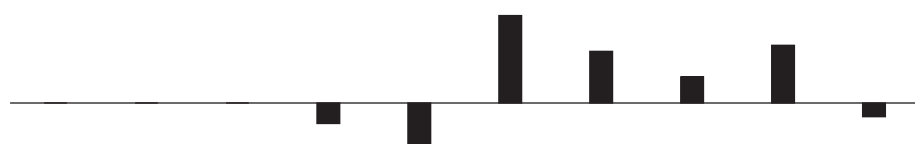
Russell 1000 Value Index is an unmanaged index containing those securities in the Russell 1000 Index with a less-than-average growth orientation.

# MFC Global Investment Management (U.S.A.) Limited U.S. Large Cap Value Equity Composite

Corresponding to: Optimized Value Fund

Net assets of U.S. Large Cap Value Equity Composite as of 9-30-08: \$1,386,047,839

U.S. Large Cap Value Equity Composite calendar year total returns (%)							
Composite: 3Q '08, -10.25 Best quarter: 2Q '03, 17.15 Worst quarter: 3Q '02, 16.78							
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
	-7.60	-15.93	32.42	19.15	9.67	21.39	-5.08



U.S. Large Cap Value Equity Composite annual total returns (%)	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since Inception
for periods ended 9-30-08				
Composite (1-1-01)	-29.77	-3.08	5.63	2.37
Russell 1000 Value Index <sup>1</sup>	-23.56	0.09	7.12	3.24

## <sup>1</sup>Russell 1000 Value Index

Russell 1000 Value Index is an unmanaged index containing those securities in the Russell 1000 Index with a less-than-average growth orientation.

## For more information

Two documents are available that offer further information on the fund:

### **Annual/Semiannual report to shareholders**

Includes financial statements, a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected performance, as well as the auditors' report (in annual report only).

### **Statement of Additional Information (SAI)**

The SAI contains more detailed information on all aspects of the fund, and includes a summary of the fund's policy regarding disclosure of its portfolio holdings, as well as legal and regulatory matters. A current SAI has been filed with the SEC and is incorporated by reference into (and is legally a part of) this prospectus.

### **To obtain a free copy of these documents**

There are several ways you can get a current annual/semiannual report, prospectus or SAI from John Hancock:

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You can also view or obtain copies of these documents through the SEC:

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**By e-mail (duplicating fee required):** [publicinfo@sec.gov](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov)

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