

HANCOCK JOHN BANK & THRIFT OPPORTUNITY FUND  
Form N-CSRS  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM N-CSR**

**CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED  
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES**

Investment Company Act file number 811- 8568

John Hancock Bank and Thrift Opportunity Fund  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

601 Congress Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02210  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Salvatore Schiavone  
Treasurer

601 Congress Street

Boston, Massachusetts 02210  
(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 617-663-4497

Date of fiscal year end: October 31

Date of reporting period: April 30, 2010

Item 1. Schedule of Investments

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# Portfolio summary

## Top 10 Holdings<sup>1</sup>

|   |      |                            |      |
|---|------|----------------------------|------|
| Bank of America Corp.<br>(Common Stock) | 5.5% | East West Bancorp, Inc.    | 4.3% |
| PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.      | 5.3% | Cullen/Frost Bankers, Inc. | 4.3% |
| Wells Fargo & Company                   | 5.0% | TCF Financial Corp.        | 3.1% |
| U.S. Bancorp                            | 5.0% | SVB Financial Group        | 3.1% |
| JPMorgan Chase & Company                | 4.5% | State Street Corp.         | 3.1% |

## Industry Composition<sup>2,3</sup>

|                                |     |                                |    |
|--------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|----|
| Commercial Banks               | 69% | Capital Markets                | 4% |
| Diversified Financial Services | 16% | Short-Term Investments & Other | 4% |
| Thrifts & Mortgage Finance     | 7%  |                                |    |

<sup>1</sup> As a percentage of the Fund's net assets on April 30, 2010. Excludes cash and cash equivalents.

<sup>2</sup> As a percentage of the Fund's net assets on April 30, 2010.

<sup>3</sup> Investments focused on one industry may fluctuate more widely than investments across multiple industries.

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## Fund's investments

As of 4-30-10 (unaudited)

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|  | Shares  | Value                |
|--|---------|----------------------|
| <b>Common Stocks 90.37%</b>              |         | <b>\$377,463,828</b> |
| <hr/>                                    |         |                      |
| (Cost \$311,673,046)                     |         |                      |
| <b>Financials 90.37%</b>                 |         | <b>377,463,828</b>   |
| <hr/>                                    |         |                      |
| <b>Capital Markets 4.12%</b>             |         |                      |
| <hr/>                                    |         |                      |
| Northern Trust Corp.                     | 78,712  | 4,327,586            |
| <hr/>                                    |         |                      |
| State Street Corp.                       | 296,049 | 12,878,132           |
| <hr/>                                    |         |                      |
| <b>Commercial Banks 69.45%</b>           |         |                      |
| <hr/>                                    |         |                      |
| 1st United Bancorp, Inc. (I)             | 175,463 | 1,570,394            |
| <hr/>                                    |         |                      |
| Ameris Bancorp                           | 175,390 | 1,952,091            |
| <hr/>                                    |         |                      |
| Avenue Bank                              | 300,000 | 765,542              |
| <hr/>                                    |         |                      |
| Bank of Marin Bancorp                    | 14,868  | 498,375              |
| <hr/>                                    |         |                      |
| Bar Harbor Bankshares                    | 26,061  | 766,193              |
| <hr/>                                    |         |                      |
| BB&T Corp.                               | 325,399 | 10,816,263           |
| <hr/>                                    |         |                      |
| Bond Street Holdings LLC, Class A (I)(S) | 203,192 | 4,063,840            |
| <hr/>                                    |         |                      |
| Bridge Capital Holdings (I)              | 150,564 | 1,469,505            |
| <hr/>                                    |         |                      |
| Camden National Corp.                    | 36,776  | 1,314,006            |
| <hr/>                                    |         |                      |
| Centerstate Banks, Inc.                  | 251,686 | 3,027,783            |
| <hr/>                                    |         |                      |
| Citizens South Banking Corp.             | 137,700 | 883,801              |
| <hr/>                                    |         |                      |
| City Holding Company                     | 47,798  | 1,674,842            |
| <hr/>                                    |         |                      |
| CoBiz Financial, Inc.                    | 93,795  | 669,696              |

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|  |           |            |
|--|-----------|------------|
| Comerica, Inc.                             | 248,691   | 10,445,022 |
| Cullen/Frost Bankers, Inc.                 | 301,389   | 17,890,451 |
| CVB Financial Corp.                        | 201,122   | 2,214,353  |
| DNB Financial Corp.                        | 78,515    | 569,234    |
| Eagle Bancorp, Inc. (I)                    | 65,470    | 824,922    |
| East West Bancorp, Inc.                    | 1,014,336 | 17,883,758 |
| Eastern Virginia Bankshares, Inc.          | 69,998    | 542,485    |
| ECB Bancorp, Inc.                          | 27,504    | 453,816    |
| Fifth Third Bancorp                        | 258,381   | 3,852,461  |
| First Bancorp, Inc.                        | 146,499   | 2,327,869  |
| First California Financial Group, Inc. (I) | 208,583   | 688,324    |
| First Southern Bancorp, Inc., Class B (I)  | 78,390    | 1,117,058  |
| First Michigan Bank                        | 462,595   | 2,775,570  |
| FirstMerit Corp.                           | 73,196    | 1,720,106  |
| FNB Corp.                                  | 999,322   | 9,313,681  |
| Glacier Bancorp, Inc.                      | 146,652   | 2,711,595  |
| Hancock Holding Company                    | 232,176   | 9,491,355  |
| Heartland Financial USA, Inc.              | 45,858    | 876,346    |
| Heritage Financial Corp. (I)               | 187,598   | 2,872,125  |

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|                                     | <b>Shares</b> | <b>Value</b> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| <b>Commercial Banks (continued)</b> |               |              |
| Heritage Oaks Bancorp (I)           | 99,950        | \$385,807    |
| Horizon Bancorp                     | 1,978         | 43,516       |
| IBERIABANK Corp.                    | 141,748       | 8,737,347    |
| Independent Bank Corp.              | 195,961       | 5,083,228    |
| KeyCorp                             | 948,155       | 8,552,358    |
| Lakeland Financial Corp.            | 144,802       | 3,020,570    |
| M&T Bank Corp. (L)                  | 145,701       | 12,726,982   |
| MainSource Financial Group, Inc.    | 30,294        | 245,078      |
| MB Financial, Inc.                  | 218,793       | 5,360,429    |
| Northrim Bancorp, Inc.              | 77,232        | 1,333,024    |
| Pacific Continental Corp.           | 242,191       | 2,806,994    |
| PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.  | 326,647       | 21,953,945   |
| Prosperity Bancshares, Inc.         | 24,589        | 964,381      |
| S&T Bancorp, Inc.                   | 85,800        | 2,063,490    |
| S.Y. Bancorp, Inc. (L)              | 28,933        | 686,869      |
| Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc.          | 74,695        | 1,303,428    |
| Signature Bank (I)                  | 148,790       | 6,008,140    |

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|   |           |            |
|---|-----------|------------|
| Southcoast Financial Corp. (I)              | 64,413    | 243,481    |
| <hr/>                                       |           |            |
| Southwest Bancorp, Inc. (I)                 | 30,811    | 451,689    |
| <hr/>                                       |           |            |
| SunTrust Banks, Inc.                        | 227,039   | 6,720,354  |
| <hr/>                                       |           |            |
| SVB Financial Group (I)                     | 262,598   | 12,927,700 |
| <hr/>                                       |           |            |
| TCF Financial Corp. (L)                     | 700,591   | 13,052,010 |
| <hr/>                                       |           |            |
| TriCo Bancshares                            | 202,536   | 3,856,285  |
| <hr/>                                       |           |            |
| U.S. Bancorp                                | 773,941   | 20,718,401 |
| <hr/>                                       |           |            |
| Union First Market Bankshares Corp.         | 81,367    | 1,365,338  |
| <hr/>                                       |           |            |
| Univest Corp. of Pennsylvania               | 50,200    | 982,414    |
| <hr/>                                       |           |            |
| Washington Banking Company                  | 118,952   | 1,711,719  |
| <hr/>                                       |           |            |
| Washington Trust Bancorp, Inc.              | 198,110   | 3,587,772  |
| <hr/>                                       |           |            |
| Wells Fargo & Company                       | 630,249   | 20,867,544 |
| <hr/>                                       |           |            |
| WesBanco, Inc.                              | 129,761   | 2,501,792  |
| <hr/>                                       |           |            |
| Westamerica Bancorp.                        | 30,499    | 1,792,426  |
| <hr/>                                       |           |            |
| <b>Diversified Financial Services 9.98%</b> |           |            |
| <hr/>                                       |           |            |
| Bank of America Corp.                       | 1,278,555 | 22,796,636 |
| <hr/>                                       |           |            |
| JPMorgan Chase & Company                    | 443,587   | 18,887,934 |
| <hr/>                                       |           |            |
| <b>Thriffs &amp; Mortgage Finance 6.82%</b> |           |            |
| <hr/>                                       |           |            |
| Berkshire Hill Bancorp, Inc.                | 358,903   | 7,536,963  |
| <hr/>                                       |           |            |
| Dime Community Bancshares                   | 138,688   | 1,768,272  |
| <hr/>                                       |           |            |

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|                                 |         |           |
|---------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| ESSA Bancorp, Inc.              | 45,313  | 572,303   |
| <hr/>                           |         |           |
| First Financial Holdings, Inc.  | 81,391  | 1,149,241 |
| <hr/>                           |         |           |
| Flushing Financial Corp.        | 231,097 | 3,145,230 |
| <hr/>                           |         |           |
| Hingham Institution for Savings | 80,000  | 2,864,000 |
| <hr/>                           |         |           |
| Home Federal Bancorp, Inc.      | 78,447  | 1,249,661 |
| <hr/>                           |         |           |
| LSB Corp.                       | 65,000  | 909,350   |
| <hr/>                           |         |           |
| People's United Financial, Inc. | 379,754 | 5,897,580 |
| <hr/>                           |         |           |
| Washington Federal, Inc.        | 49,084  | 1,009,658 |
| <hr/>                           |         |           |
| WSFS Financial Corp.            | 56,374  | 2,373,909 |

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|   | <b>Shares</b> | <b>Value</b>        |
|---|---------------|---------------------|
| <b>Preferred Stocks 2.58%</b>               |               | <b>\$10,753,904</b> |
| <hr/>                                       |               |                     |
| (Cost \$8,513,060)                          |               |                     |
| <b>Financials 2.58%</b>                     |               | <b>10,753,904</b>   |
| <hr/>                                       |               |                     |
| <b>Commercial Banks 0.74%</b>               |               |                     |
| <hr/>                                       |               |                     |
| Citizens South Banking Corp.                | 765           | 1,049,595           |
| <hr/>                                       |               |                     |
| First Southern Bancorp, Inc.                | 134           | 95,261              |
| <hr/>                                       |               |                     |
| Heritage Oaks Bancorp                       | 1,790         | 1,957,985           |
| <hr/>                                       |               |                     |
| <b>Diversified Financial Services 1.39%</b> |               |                     |
| <hr/>                                       |               |                     |
| Bank of America Corp., 8.200%               | 73,137        | 1,866,456           |

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|   |        |           |
|---|--------|-----------|
| Bank of America Corp., 8.625%   | 74,849 | 1,970,774 |
| Citigroup Capital XII (8.500% to 03-30-2015,<br>then 3 month LIBOR + 5.87%) | 50,000 | 1,305,000 |
| Citigroup, Inc., 8.125%   | 25,724 | 516,538   |
| Citigroup, Inc., 8.500%   | 6,007  | 124,405   |

**Thriffs & Mortgage Finance 0.45%**

|                       |       |           |
|-----------------------|-------|-----------|
| Doral Financial Corp. | 1,829 | 1,867,890 |
|-----------------------|-------|-----------|

|   | Shares | Value              |
|---|--------|--------------------|
| <b>Convertible Preferred Stocks 2.10%</b> |        | <b>\$8,749,771</b> |

(Cost \$4,698,811)

|                         |  |                  |
|-------------------------|--|------------------|
| <b>Financials 2.10%</b> |  | <b>8,749,771</b> |
|-------------------------|--|------------------|

**Commercial Banks 2.10%**

|   |        |           |
|---|--------|-----------|
| Huntington Bancshares, Inc., 8.500%                   | 5,267  | 5,326,833 |
| Keycorp, 7.750%, Series A                             | 12,500 | 1,312,500 |
| Monarch Financial Holdings, Inc., 7.800%,<br>Series B | 38,925 | 1,070,438 |
| Webster Financial Corp., 8.500%                       | 1,000  | 1,040,000 |

|                              | Rate | Maturity date | Par value | Value              |
|------------------------------|------|---------------|-----------|--------------------|
| <b>Corporate Bonds 1.17%</b> |      |               |           | <b>\$4,889,531</b> |

(Cost \$4,606,315)

|                         |  |                  |
|-------------------------|--|------------------|
| <b>Financials 1.17%</b> |  | <b>4,889,531</b> |
|-------------------------|--|------------------|



**Commercial Banks 1.17%**

|  |        |          |           |           |
|--|--------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Banponce Trust I, Series A   | 8.327% | 02-01-27 | \$100,000 | 72,387    |
| City National Capital Trust I  | 9.625  | 02-01-40 | 1,775,000 | 1,990,144 |
| First Midwest Capital Trust I, Series B                                      | 6.950  | 12-01-33 | 2,000,000 | 1,585,000 |
| Webster Capital Trust IV<br>(7.65% to 6-15-17 then 3 month<br>LIBOR + 1.89%) | 7.650  | 06-15-37 | 1,725,000 | 1,242,000 |

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|                       | <b>Shares</b> | <b>Value</b>     |
|-----------------------|---------------|------------------|
| <b>Warrants 0.05%</b> |               | <b>\$221,106</b> |

(Cost \$202,569)

|  |        |                |
|--|--------|----------------|
| <b>Financials 0.05%</b>  |        | <b>221,106</b> |
| Washington Federal, Inc. (Expiration Date: 11-14-2018,<br>Strike Price: \$17.57) (I) | 27,297 | 221,106        |

|                                      | <b>Yield*</b> | <b>Maturity<br/>date</b> | <b>Par value</b> | <b>Value</b>    |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Certificates of Deposit 0.02%</b> |               |                          |                  | <b>\$73,161</b> |

(Cost \$73,161)

|   |        |          |         |        |
|---|--------|----------|---------|--------|
| Country Bank For Savings                | 2.960% | 08-31-10 | \$1,785 | 1,785  |
| First Bank Richmond                     | 3.690  | 12-05-10 | 17,016  | 17,016 |
| First Bank System, Inc.                 | 2.374  | 04-01-11 | 4,585   | 4,585  |
| First Federal Savings Bank of Louisiana | 2.980  | 06-15-10 | 3,020   | 3,020  |
| Framingham Cooperative Bank             | 2.000  | 09-12-11 | 3,711   | 3,711  |

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|   |               |                 |                  |                     |
|---|---------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Home Bank                               | 4.150         | 12-04-10        | 16,275           | 16,275              |
| Hudson Savings                          | 2.630         | 04-21-11        | 1,923            | 1,923               |
| Machias Savings Bank                    | 1.980         | 05-24-11        | 1,782            | 1,782               |
| Middlesex Savings Bank                  | 3.500         | 08-19-10        | 1,818            | 1,818               |
| Midstate Federal Savings and Loan       | 1.880         | 05-27-10        | 1,863            | 1,863               |
| Milford Bank                            | 2.130         | 06-04-11        | 1,776            | 1,776               |
| Milford Federal Savings and Loan Assn.  | 3.150         | 10-20-10        | 1,968            | 1,968               |
| Mount Mckinley Savings Bank             | 0.900         | 12-03-10        | 1,667            | 1,667               |
| Mt. Washington Bank                     | 1.500         | 10-31-11        | 1,778            | 1,778               |
| Newburyport Bank                        | 2.750         | 10-21-10        | 1,904            | 1,904               |
| Newton Savings Bank                     | 2.370         | 06-15-10        | 1,803            | 1,803               |
| OBA Federal Savings and Loan            | 3.150         | 06-15-10        | 1,221            | 1,221               |
| Plymouth Savings Bank                   | 1.340         | 04-21-11        | 1,857            | 1,857               |
| Randolph Savings Bank                   | 1.000         | 09-23-11        | 1,854            | 1,854               |
| Salem Five Cents Savings Bank           | 0.750         | 12-17-10        | 1,691            | 1,691               |
| Sunshine Federal Savings and Loan Assn. | 2.460         | 05-10-11        | 1,864            | 1,864               |
|   |               | <b>Maturity</b> |                  |                     |
|   | <b>Yield*</b> | <b>date</b>     | <b>Par value</b> | <b>Value</b>        |
| <b>Short-Term Investments 5.12%</b>     |               |                 |                  | <b>\$21,395,403</b> |
| (Cost \$21,397,921)                     |               |                 |                  |                     |
| <b>Short-Term Securities 2.32%</b>      |               |                 |                  | <b>9,699,968</b>    |
| Federal Home Loan Bank Discount Notes   | 0.060%        | 05-03-10        | \$9,700,000      | 9,699,968           |

|  | <b>Shares</b> | <b>Value</b>         |
|--|---------------|----------------------|
| <b>Securities Lending Collateral 2.80%</b>               |               | <b>11,695,435</b>    |
| John Hancock Collateral Investment Trust (W) 0.2377% (Y) | 1,168,597     | 11,695,435           |
| <b>Total investments (Cost \$351,164,883) 101.41%</b>    |               | <b>\$423,546,704</b> |
| <hr/>  |               |                      |
| <b>Other assets and liabilities, net (1.41%)</b>         |               | <b>(\$5,852,005)</b> |
| <hr/>  |               |                      |
| <b>Total net assets 100.00%</b>                          |               | <b>\$417,694,699</b> |
| <hr/>  |               |                      |

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(I) Non-income producing security.

(L) All or a portion of this security is on loan as of April 30, 2010.

(S) This security is exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. Such securities may be resold, normally to qualified institutional buyers, in transactions exempt from registration.

(W) Investment is an affiliate of the Fund, the adviser and/or subadviser. Also, it represents the investment of securities lending collateral received.

(Y) The rate shown is the annualized seven-day yield as of April 30, 2010.

\* Yield represents either the annualized yield at the date of purchase, the stated coupon rate or, for floating rate securities, the rate at period end.

□ At April 30, 2010, the aggregate cost of investment securities for federal income tax purposes was \$351,186,460. Net unrealized appreciation aggregated \$72,360,244, of which \$94,265,651 related to appreciated investment securities and \$21,905,407 related to depreciated investment securities.

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# Financial statements

## Statement of assets and liabilities 4-30-10 (unaudited)

**This Statement of Assets and Liabilities is the Fund's balance sheet. It shows the value of what the Fund owns, is due and owes. You'll also find the net asset value for each common share.**

**Assets**


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|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| Investments in unaffiliated issuers, at value (Cost \$339,466,930) including<br>\$11,157,468 of securities loaned (Note 2) | \$411,851,269      |
| Investments in affiliated issuers, at value (Cost \$11,697,953) (Note 2)   | 11,695,435         |
| <b>Total investments, at value (Cost \$351,164,883)</b>  | <b>423,546,704</b> |
| Cash   | 505,142            |
| Receivable for investments sold  | 1,727,796          |
| Dividends and interest receivable  | 448,079            |
| Receivable for securities lending income   | 5,789              |
| Other assets   | 4,338,797          |
| <b>Total assets</b>  | <b>430,572,307</b> |

**Liabilities**


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|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Payable for investments purchased                 | 694,547           |
| Payable for fund shares repurchased               | 370,652           |
| Payable upon return of securities loaned (Note 2) | 11,667,300        |
| Payable to affiliates                             |                   |
| Accounting and legal services fees                | 24,162            |
| Trustees' fees                                    | 29,402            |
| Other liabilities and accrued expenses            | 91,545            |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>                          | <b>12,877,608</b> |

**Net assets**


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|  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| Capital paid-in                                  | \$360,888,326        |
| Distributions in excess of net investment income | (4,425,617)          |
| Accumulated net realized loss on investments     | (11,149,831)         |
| Net unrealized appreciation on investments       | 72,381,821           |
| <b>Net assets</b>                                | <b>\$417,694,699</b> |

**Net asset value per share**

Based on 20,695,200 shares of beneficial interest outstanding □ unlimited  
number of shares authorized with no par value \$20.18

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Statement of operations For the six-month period ended 4-30-10 (unaudited)

**This Statement of Operations summarizes the Fund's investment income earned and expenses incurred in operating the Fund. It also shows net gains (losses) for the period stated.**

#### Investment income

|                                |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Dividends                      | \$3,121,637      |
| Interest                       | 218,019          |
| Securities lending             | 112,567          |
| <b>Total investment income</b> | <b>3,452,223</b> |

#### Expenses

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Investment management fees (Note 4)         | 2,127,186        |
| Accounting and legal services fees (Note 4) | 460,630          |
| Transfer agent fees                         | 56,662           |
| Trustees' fees (Note 4)                     | 25,420           |
| Printing and postage fees                   | 82,036           |
| Professional fees                           | 24,067           |
| Custodian fees                              | 26,777           |
| Stock exchange listing fees                 | 25,404           |
| Other                                       | 14,215           |
| <b>Total expenses</b>                       | <b>2,842,397</b> |
| Less expense reductions (Note 4)            | (276,378)        |
| <b>Net expenses</b>                         | <b>2,566,019</b> |
| <b>Net investment income</b>                | <b>886,204</b>   |

**Realized and unrealized gain (loss)****Net realized loss on**

|                                     |                    |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Investments in unaffiliated issuers | (5,229,903)        |
| Investments in affiliated issuers   | (680)              |
|                                     | <b>(5,230,583)</b> |

**Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of**

|                                     |                   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Investments in unaffiliated issuers | 90,301,644        |
| Investments in affiliated issuers   | (2,669)           |
|                                     | <b>90,298,975</b> |

**Net realized and unrealized gain****85,068,392****Increase in net assets from operations****\$85,954,596**

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## Statements of changes in net assets

**These Statements of Changes in Net Assets show how the value of the Fund's net assets has changed during the last two periods. The difference reflects earnings less expenses, any investment gains and losses, distributions, if any, paid to shareholders and the net of Fund share transactions.**

|  | <b>For the<br/>six-month<br/>period ended<br/>4-30-10<br/>(unaudited)</b> | <b>Year<br/>ended<br/>10-31-09</b> |
|--|---|------------------------------------|
| <b>Increase (decrease) in net assets</b>                           |   |                                    |
| <b>From operations</b>   |   |                                    |
| Net investment income  | \$886,204   | \$6,034,909                        |
| Net realized loss  | (5,230,583)   | (5,877,722)                        |
| Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)               | 90,298,975  | (70,748,816)                       |
| <b>Increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations</b> | <b>85,954,596</b>   | <b>(70,591,629)</b>                |
| <b>Distributions to shareholders</b>                               |   |                                    |
| From net investment income   | (5,267,430) <sup>1</sup>  | (6,034,142)                        |
| From tax return of capital   | □   | (19,943,531)                       |

|   |                      |                      |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Total distributions</b>                              | <b>(5,267,430)</b>   | <b>(25,977,673)</b>  |
| <b>From Fund share transactions (Note 5)</b>            | <b>(1,697,428)</b>   | <b>(3,776,593)</b>   |
| <b>Total increase (decrease)</b>                        | <b>78,989,738</b>    | <b>(100,345,895)</b> |
| <b>Net assets</b>                                       |                      |                      |
| <hr/>   |                      |                      |
| Beginning of period                                     | 338,704,961          | 439,050,856          |
| <b>End of period</b>                                    | <b>\$417,694,699</b> | <b>\$338,704,961</b> |
| <b>Distributions in excess of net investment income</b> | <b>(\$4,425,617)</b> | <b>(\$44,391)</b>    |

<sup>1</sup> A portion of the distribution may be deemed a tax return of capital at year-end.

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## Financial highlights

The Financial Highlights show how the Fund's net asset value for a share has changed since the end of the previous period.

| <b>COMMON SHARES</b> Period ended                         | <b>4-30-10<sup>1</sup></b> | <b>10-31-09</b> | <b>10-31-08</b> | <b>10-31-07</b> | <b>10-31-06</b> | <b>10-31-05<sup>2</sup></b> |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Per share operating performance</b>                    |                            |                 |                 |                 |                 |                             |
| <b>Net asset value, beginning of period</b>               | <b>\$16.28</b>             | <b>\$20.81</b>  | <b>\$35.08</b>  | <b>\$42.28</b>  | <b>\$42.08</b>  | <b>\$44.68</b>              |
| Net investment income <sup>3</sup>                        | 0.04                       | 0.29            | 0.62            | 0.64            | 0.64            | 0.56                        |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)<br>on investments | 4.09                       | (3.63)          | (8.94)          | (3.52)          | 3.84            | 1.36                        |
| <b>Total from investment operations</b>                   | <b>4.13</b>                | <b>(3.34)</b>   | <b>(8.32)</b>   | <b>(2.88)</b>   | <b>4.48</b>     | <b>1.92</b>                 |
| <b>Less distributions to<br/>common shareholders</b>      |                            |                 |                 |                 |                 |                             |
| From net investment income                                | (0.25) <sup>4</sup>        | (0.29)          | (0.68)          | (0.60)          | (0.68)          | (0.96)                      |
| From net realized gain                                    | □                          | □               | (4.76)          | (3.72)          | (3.60)          | (3.56)                      |
| From tax return of capital                                | □                          | (0.94)          | (0.51)          | □               | □               | □                           |
| <b>Total distributions</b>                                | <b>(0.25)</b>              | <b>(1.23)</b>   | <b>(5.95)</b>   | <b>(4.32)</b>   | <b>(4.28)</b>   | <b>(4.52)</b>               |

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|  |                          |                   |                |                |                |                         |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Anti-dilutive impact of repurchase plan                  | 0.02 <sup>5</sup>        | 0.04 <sup>5</sup> | □              | □              | □              | □                       |
| <b>Net asset value, end of period</b>                    | <b>\$20.18</b>           | <b>\$16.28</b>    | <b>\$20.81</b> | <b>\$35.08</b> | <b>\$42.28</b> | <b>\$42.08</b>          |
| <b>Per share market value, end of period</b>             | <b>\$17.46</b>           | <b>\$13.30</b>    | <b>\$17.80</b> | <b>\$30.96</b> | <b>\$39.20</b> | <b>\$37.56</b>          |
| <b>Total return at net asset value (%)<sup>6,7</sup></b> | <b>25.88<sup>9</sup></b> | <b>(13.78)</b>    | <b>(24.38)</b> | <b>(6.93)</b>  | <b>12.07</b>   | <b>5.44<sup>8</sup></b> |
| <b>Total return at market value (%)<sup>7</sup></b>      | <b>33.31<sup>9</sup></b> | <b>(17.65)</b>    | <b>(26.67)</b> | <b>(11.41)</b> | <b>16.41</b>   | <b>3.68</b>             |

**Ratios and supplemental data**

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|  |                    |                  |       |       |       |       |
|--|--------------------|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Net assets applicable to common shares,<br>end of period (in millions) | \$418              | \$339            | \$439 | \$740 | \$892 | \$888 |
| Ratios (as a percentage of average<br>net assets):                     |                    |                  |       |       |       |       |
| Expenses before reductions   | 1.54 <sup>10</sup> | 1.55             | 1.49  | 1.44  | 1.46  | 1.47  |
| Expenses (net of fee waivers)  | 1.39 <sup>10</sup> | 1.40             | 1.34  | 1.29  | 1.29  | 1.32  |
| Expenses net of fee waivers and credits                                | 1.39 <sup>10</sup> | 1.40             | 1.34  | 1.29  | 1.29  | 1.32  |
| Net investment income  | 0.48 <sup>10</sup> | 1.88             | 2.51  | 1.61  | 1.49  | 1.34  |
| Portfolio turnover (%)   | 15                 | 37 <sup>11</sup> | 27    | 21    | 9     | 5     |

<sup>1</sup> Semiannual period from 11-1-09 to 4-30-10. Unaudited.

<sup>2</sup> Audited by previous independent registered public accounting firm.

<sup>3</sup> Based on the average daily shares outstanding.

<sup>4</sup> A portion of the distributions may be deemed a tax return of capital at year-end.

<sup>5</sup> The repurchase plan was completed at an average repurchase price of \$14.88 and \$12.99 for 114,100 and 290,700 shares, the redemption was \$1,697,428 and \$3,776,593 and had a \$0.02 and \$0.04 NAV impact for the period ended April 30, 2010 and the year ended October 31, 2009, respectively.

<sup>6</sup> Total returns would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced during the periods shown.

<sup>7</sup> Total return based on net asset value reflects changes in the Fund's net asset value during each period. Total return based on market value reflects changes in market value. Each figure assumes that dividend and capital gain distributions, if any, were reinvested. These figures will differ depending upon the level of any discount from or premium to net asset value at which the Fund's shares traded during the period.

<sup>8</sup> Unaudited.

<sup>9</sup> Not annualized.

<sup>10</sup> Annualized.

<sup>11</sup> The portfolio turnover rate for the year ended October 31, 2009 has been revised to what was previously reported to exclude the effect of certain short-term investments in a collateral management vehicle.



# Notes to financial statements

(unaudited)

## Note 1 □ Organization

John Hancock Bank and Thrift Opportunity Fund (the Fund) is a closed-end diversified management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act).

## Note 2 □ Significant accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, which require management to make certain estimates and assumptions at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Events or transactions occurring after the end of the fiscal period through the date that the financial statements were issued have been evaluated in the preparation of the financial statements. The following summarizes the significant accounting policies of the Fund:

**Security valuation.** Investments are stated at value as of the close of the regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), normally at 4:00 P.M., Eastern Time. The Fund uses a three-tier hierarchy to prioritize the pricing assumptions, referred to as inputs, used in valuation techniques to measure fair value. Level 1 includes quoted prices in active markets for identical securities. Level 2 includes significant observable inputs. Observable inputs may include quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds and credit risk. Prices for securities valued using these techniques are received from independent pricing vendors and brokers and are based on an evaluation of the inputs described. Level 3 includes significant unobservable inputs when market prices are not readily available or reliable, including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments. The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

The following is a summary of the values by input classification of the Fund's investments as of April 30, 2010, by major category type:

| INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES                  | TOTAL MARKET         | LEVEL 1<br>QUOTED PRICE | LEVEL 2                             | LEVEL 3                               |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|  | VALUE AT<br>4-30-10  |                         | SIGNIFICANT<br>OBSERVABLE<br>INPUTS | SIGNIFICANT<br>UNOBSERVABLE<br>INPUTS |
| Capital Markets                            | \$17,205,718         | \$17,205,718            | □                                   | □                                     |
| Commercial Banks                           | 306,912,677          | 271,434,633             | \$6,002,692                         | \$29,475,352                          |
| Diversified Financial<br>Services          | 47,467,743           | 46,162,743              | 1,305,000                           | □                                     |
| Thrifts & Mortgage Finance                 | 30,565,163           | 28,697,273              | 1,867,890                           | □                                     |
| Short-Term Investments                     | 21,395,403           | 11,695,435              | 9,699,968                           | □                                     |
| <b>Total Investments in<br/>Securities</b> | <b>\$423,546,704</b> | <b>\$375,195,802</b>    | <b>\$18,875,550</b>                 | <b>\$29,475,352</b>                   |

The following is a reconciliation of Level 3 assets for which significant unobservable inputs were used to determine fair value:

| INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES                        | COMMERCIAL BANKS    |
|--|---------------------|
| Balance as of 10/31/09                           | \$575,620           |
| Accrued discounts/premiums                       | 58,267              |
| Realized gain (loss)                             | (5,794,748)         |
| Change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) | 15,311,187          |
| Net purchases (sales)                            | 19,325,026          |
| Net transfers in and/out of Level 3              | □                   |
| <b>Balance as of 4/30/10</b>                     | <b>\$29,475,352</b> |

During the six-month period ended April 30, 2010, there were no significant transfers in/out of Level 1 and Level 2 assets.

In order to value the securities, the Fund uses the following valuation techniques. Equity securities held by the Fund are valued at the last sale price or official closing price on the principal securities exchange on which they trade. In the event there were no sales during the day or closing prices are not available, then securities are valued using the last quoted bid or evaluated price. Foreign securities and currencies are valued in U.S. dollars, based on foreign currency exchange rates supplied by an independent pricing service. Certain securities traded only in the over-the-counter market are valued at the last bid price quoted by brokers making markets in the securities at the close of trading. Certain short-term securities are valued at amortized cost. John Hancock Collateral Investment Trust (JHCIT), an affiliate of the Fund, is valued at its closing net asset value. JHCIT is a floating rate fund investing in short-term investments as part of a securities lending program.

Other portfolio securities and assets, where market quotations are not readily available, are valued at fair value, as determined in good faith by the Fund's Pricing Committee, following procedures established by the Board of Trustees. Generally, trading in non-U.S. securities is substantially completed each day at various times prior to the close of trading on the NYSE. The values of non-U.S. securities, used in computing the net asset value of the Fund's shares, are generally determined at these times. Significant market events that affect the values of non-U.S. securities may occur after the time when the valuation of the securities is generally determined and the close of the NYSE. During significant market events, these securities will be valued at fair value, as determined in good faith, following procedures established by the Board of Trustees.

**Security transactions and related investment income.** Investment security transactions are accounted for on a trade date plus one basis for daily net asset value calculations. However, for financial reporting purposes, investment transactions are reported on trade date. Interest income is accrued as earned. Gains and losses on securities sold are determined on the basis of identified cost and may include proceeds from litigation. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-date except for certain foreign dividends where the ex-date may have passed, which are recorded when the Fund becomes aware of the dividends.

**Securities lending.** A Fund may lend its securities to earn additional income. It receives and maintains cash collateral received from the borrower in an amount not less than the market value of the loaned securities. The Fund will invest its collateral in JHCIT, which is floating rate fund. As a result, the Fund will receive the benefit of any gains and bear any losses generated by JHCIT. Although risk of the loss of the securities lent is mitigated by

holding the collateral, the Fund could experience a delay in recovering its securities and a possible loss of income or value if the borrower fails to return the securities or if collateral investments decline in value. The Fund may receive compensation for lending its securities by retaining a portion of the return on the investment of the collateral and compensation from fees earned from borrowers of the securities. Income received from JHCIT is a component of securities lending income as recorded on the Statement of Operations.

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**Capital commitments.** The Fund may enter into agreements relating to certain capital commitments and may be obligated to perform under such agreements at a future date. Capital commitments are monitored for impairment and any unrealized appreciation (depreciation) is included in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities and the Statement of Operations. At April 30, 2010, the Fund has a funded commitment of \$4,267,720 and this amount has been recorded as Other Assets. In addition, there was no unrealized appreciation (depreciation) associated with these commitments.

**Overdrafts.** Pursuant to the custodian agreement, the Fund's custodian may, in its discretion, advance funds to the Fund to make properly authorized payments. When such payments result in an overdraft, the Fund is obligated to repay the custodian for any overdraft, including any costs or expenses associated with the overdraft. The custodian has a lien, security interest or security entitlement in any Fund property, that is not segregated, to the maximum extent permitted by law to the extent of any overdraft.

**Expenses.** The majority of expenses are directly attributable to an individual fund. Expenses that are not readily attributable to a specific fund are allocated among all funds in an equitable manner, taking into consideration, among other things, the nature and type of expense and the fund's relative assets. Expense estimates are accrued in the period to which they relate and adjustments are made when actual amounts are known.

**Federal income taxes.** The Fund intends to qualify as a regulated investment company by complying with the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and will not be subject to federal income tax on taxable income that is distributed to shareholders. Therefore, no federal income tax provision is required.

For federal income tax purposes, the Fund has a capital loss carryforward of \$5,897,670 available to offset future net realized capital gains as of October 31, 2009. The capital loss carryforward of \$5,897,670 expires on October 31, 2017.

As of October 31, 2009, the Fund had no uncertain tax positions that would require financial statement recognition, de-recognition or disclosure. The Fund's federal tax return is subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service for a period of three years.

**Managed distribution plan.** On March 12, 2010, the Board of Trustees has approved the adoption of a new managed distribution plan (the Plan). Under the Plan, the Fund will make quarterly distributions of an amount equal to 1.25% of the Fund's net asset value, based upon an annual rate of 5%, as of each measuring date. The amount of each quarterly distribution will be determined based on the net asset value of the Fund at the close of the NYSE on the last business day of the month ending two months prior to each quarterly declaration date.

Distributions under the Plan may consist of net investment income, net realized capital gains and, to the extent necessary, return of capital. Return of capital distributions may be necessary when the Fund's net investment income and net capital gains are insufficient to meet the minimum percentage dividend. In addition, the Fund may also make additional distributions to avoid federal income and excise taxes. The final determinations of tax characteristics of the Fund's distributions will occur at the end of the year, at which time it will be reported to shareholders.

The Board of Trustees may terminate the Plan at any time. The termination may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Fund's shares.

**Distribution of income and gains.** Distributions to shareholders from net investment income and net realized gains, if any, are recorded on the ex-date. The Fund generally declares and pays dividends quarterly through its managed distribution plan described above.

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Such distributions, on a tax basis, are determined in conformity with income tax regulations, which may differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Material distributions in excess of tax basis earnings and profits, if any, are reported in the Fund's financial statements as a return of capital. The final determination of tax characteristics of the Fund's distribution will occur at the end of the year, at which time it will be reported to shareholders. A portion of the distributions from the year ended October 31, 2010, may be deemed a tax return of capital.

Capital accounts within financial statements are adjusted for permanent book-tax differences. These adjustments have no impact on net assets or the results of operations. Temporary book-tax differences will reverse in a subsequent period.

**Note 3 □ Guarantees and indemnifications**

Under the Fund's organizational documents, its Officers and Trustees are indemnified against certain liabilities arising out of the performance of their duties to the Fund. Additionally, in the normal course of business, the Fund enters into contracts with service providers that contain general indemnification clauses. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown, as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Fund that have not yet occurred.

**Note 4 □ Fees and transactions with affiliates**

John Hancock Advisers, LLC (the Adviser) serves as investment adviser for the Fund. The Adviser is indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Manulife Financial Corporation (MFC).

**Management fee.** The Fund has an investment management contract with the Adviser under which the Fund pays a daily management fee to the Adviser at an annual rate of 1.15% of the Fund's average daily net assets. The Adviser has a subadvisory agreement with MFC Global Investment Management (U.S.), LLC, an indirect owned subsidiary of MFC and an affiliate of the Adviser. The Fund is not responsible for payment of the subadvisory fees.

The investment management fees incurred for the six months ended April 30, 2010 were equivalent to an annual effective rate of 1.15% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

**Accounting and legal services.** The Fund has an agreement with the Adviser and affiliates to perform necessary tax, accounting and legal services for the Fund. The compensation for the period was at an annual rate of 0.25% of the average daily net assets of the Fund. The Adviser voluntarily agreed to limit the accounting and legal services fee to 0.10% of the Fund's average daily net assets. Accordingly, the expense reductions related to accounting and legal services fee amounted to \$276,378 for the six months ended April 30, 2010. The Adviser reserves the right to terminate this limitation in the future with the Trustees' approval. The accounting and legal services fees incurred for the six months ended April 30, 2010, amounted to an annual rate of 0.10% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

**Trustee expenses.** The Trust compensates each Trustee who is not an employee of the Adviser or its affiliates. These Trustees may, for tax purposes, elect to defer receipt of this compensation under the John Hancock Group of Funds Deferred Compensation Plan (the Plan). Deferred amounts are invested in various John Hancock funds and remain in the funds until distributed in accordance with the Plan. The investment of deferred amounts and the offsetting liability are included in the accompanying Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

**Note 5 □ Fund share transactions**

The Board of Trustees approved a share repurchase plan. Under the share repurchase plan approved on May 7, 2009, the Fund may purchase in the open market up to 10% of its outstanding common shares commencing May 7, 2009 through December 31, 2009. On December 8, 2009, the Board of Trustees approved the renewal of the Fund's share repurchase plan. As renewed, the Fund may purchase, in the open market, up to an additional 10% of its outstanding common shares between January 1, 2010 and December 31, 2010 (based on common shares outstanding as of December 31, 2009).

During the six month period ended April 30, 2010 and the year ended October 31, 2009, the Fund repurchased 114,100 and 290,700, respectively (0.55% and 1.38% of shares outstanding, respectively) of its common shares under the share repurchase program. The corresponding dollar amount of the share repurchase amounted to \$1,697,428 and \$3,776,593 during the six months ended April 30, 2010 and the year ended October 31, 2009, respectively.

**Note 6 □ Purchase and sale of securities**

Purchases and sales of securities, other than short-term securities, aggregated \$59,845,429 and \$51,614,737, respectively for the six months ended April 30, 2010.

## Additional information

**Unaudited****Investment objective and policy**

The Fund is a closed-end diversified management investment company, shares of which were initially offered to the public on August 23, 1994, and are publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange. Its investment objective is long-term capital appreciation. On November 20, 2001, the Fund's Trustees approved the following investment policy changes effective December 15, 2001: Under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its net assets in equity securities of U.S. regional banks and thrifts and holding companies that primarily own or receive a substantial portion of their income from regional banks or thrifts. □Net assets□ is defined as net assets plus borrowings for investment purposes. □Primarily owned□ means that the bank or financial holding company derives a substantial portion of its business from U.S. regional banks or thrifts as determined by the Adviser, based upon generally accepted measures such as revenues, asset size and number of employees. U.S. regional banks or thrifts are ones that provide full-service banking (i.e., savings accounts, checking accounts, commercial lending and real estate lending) and whose assets are primarily of domestic origin. The Fund will notify shareholders at least 60 days prior to any change in this 80% investment policy.

The Fund may invest in investment-grade debt securities as well as debt securities rated BB or below by Standard & Poor's Ratings group (Standard & Poor's) or Ba or below by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. (Moody's) or, if unrated by such rating organizations, determined by the Adviser to be of comparable quality.

**Bylaws**

On November 19, 2002, the Board of Trustees adopted several amendments to the Fund's bylaws, including provisions relating to the calling of a special meeting and requiring advance notice of shareholder proposals or nominees for Trustee. The advance notice provisions in the bylaws require shareholders to notify the Fund in writing of any proposal that they intend to present at an annual meeting of shareholders, including any nominations for Trustee, between 90 and 120 days prior to the first anniversary of the mailing date of the notice from the prior year's annual meeting of shareholders. The notification must be in the form prescribed by the bylaws. The advance notice provisions provide the Fund and its Trustees with the opportunity to thoughtfully consider and address the matters proposed before the Fund prepares and mails its proxy statement to shareholders. Other amendments set forth the procedures that must be followed in order for a shareholder to call a special meeting of shareholders.

Effective September 9, 2008, the Fund's bylaws were amended with respect to notice requirements for Trustee nominations and other proposals by the Fund's shareholders. These provisions require the disclosure of the nominating shareholder and the nominee's investment interests as they relate to the Fund, as well as the name of any other shareholder supporting the nominee for election as a Trustee or the proposal of other business. In order for notice to be proper, such notice must disclose the economic interests of the nominating shareholder and nominee, including his or her holdings of shares in the Fund, the intent upon which those shares were acquired, and any hedging arrangements (including leveraged or short positions) made with respect to the shares of the Fund. Additionally, any material interest that the shareholder has in the business to be brought before the meeting must be disclosed.

Please contact the Secretary of the Fund for additional information about the advance notice requirements or the other amendments to the bylaws.

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## Dividends and distributions

During the six month period ended April 30, 2010, dividends from net investment income totaling \$0.25 per share were paid to shareholders. The dates of payments and the amounts per share were as follows:

| PAYMENT DATE      | DIVIDEND <sup>1</sup> |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| December 31, 2009 | 0.0319                |
| March 31, 2010    | 0.2223                |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>0.2542</b>         |

<sup>1</sup> A portion of the distribution may be deemed a tax return of capital at year-end.

## Dividend reinvestment plan

The Fund offers its shareholders a Dividend Reinvestment Plan (the Plan), which offers the opportunity to earn compounded yields. Each shareholder will automatically have all distributions of dividends and capital gains reinvested by Mellon Bank, N.A. as Plan agent (the Plan Agent), unless an election is made to receive cash. Each registered shareholder will receive from the Plan Agent an authorization card to be signed and returned if the shareholder elects to receive distributions from net investment income in cash or elects not to receive capital gains distributions in the form of a shares dividend. Shareholders may also make their election by notifying the Plan Agent by telephone or by visiting the Plan Agent's Web site at [www.melloninvestor.com](http://www.melloninvestor.com). Holders of common shares who elect not to participate in the Plan will receive all distributions in cash paid by check mailed directly to the shareholder of record (or if the common shares are held in street or other nominee name, then to the nominee) by the Plan Agent, as dividend disbursing agent. Shareholders whose shares are held in the name of a

broker or nominee, or shareholders transferring such an account to a new broker or nominee, should contact the broker or nominee to determine whether and how they may participate in the Plan.

The Plan Agent serves as agent for the holders of common shares in administering the Plan. After the Fund declares a dividend or makes a capital gains distribution, the Plan Agent will, as agent for the participants, receive the cash payment and use it to buy common shares in the open market, on the New York Stock Exchange or elsewhere, for the participants' accounts. The Fund will not issue any new shares in connection with the Plan. The Plan Agent's fees for the handling of reinvestment of dividends and other distributions will be paid by the Fund. Each participant will pay a pro rata share of brokerage commissions incurred with respect to the Plan Agent's open market purchases in connection with the reinvestment of distributions. There are no other charges to participants for reinvesting dividends or capital gain distributions.

Participants in the Plan may withdraw from the Plan at any time by contacting the Plan Agent by telephone, in writing or by visiting the Plan Agent's Web site at [www.melloninvestor.com](http://www.melloninvestor.com). Such withdrawal will be effective immediately if received prior to a dividend record date; otherwise, it will be effective for all subsequent dividend record dates. When a participant withdraws from the Plan or upon termination of the Plan, as provided below, either a cash payment will be made to the participant for the full value of the common shares credited to the account upon instruction by the participant, or certificates for whole common shares credited to his or her account under the Plan will be issued and a cash payment will be made for any fraction of a common share credited to such account. The Plan Agent maintains each shareholder's account in the Plan and furnishes monthly written confirmations of all transactions in the accounts, including information needed by the shareholders for personal and tax records. The Plan Agent will hold common shares in the account of each Plan participant in non-certificated form in the name of the participant. Proxy material relating to shareholders' meetings of the Fund will include those shares purchased as well as shares held pursuant to the Plan. In the case of shareholders such as banks, brokers or nominees, which hold common shares for others who are the beneficial owners, the Plan Agent will administer the Plan on the basis of the number of common shares certified from time to time by the record

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shareholders as representing the total amount registered in the record shareholder's name and held for the account of beneficial owners who are participants in the Plan. Shares may be purchased through broker-dealers.

Dividends and capital gains distributions are taxable whether received in cash or reinvested in additional common shares, and the automatic reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions will not relieve participants of any U.S. federal income tax that may be payable or required to be withheld on such dividends or distributions. The amount of dividends to be reported on 1099-DIV should be the amount of cash used by the Plan Agent to purchase shares in the open market, including the amount of cash allocated to brokerage commissions paid on such purchases. Experience under the Plan may indicate that changes are desirable. Accordingly, the Fund reserves the right to amend or terminate the Plan as applied to any distribution paid subsequent to written notice of the change sent to all shareholders of the Fund at least 90 days before the record date for the dividend or distribution. The Plan may be amended or terminated by the Plan Agent by at least 90 days' written notice to all shareholders of the Fund. All correspondence or additional information concerning the Plan should be directed to the Plan Agent, Mellon Bank, N.A., c/o Mellon Investor Services, P.O. Box 358015, Pittsburgh, PA 15252-8015 (Telephone:1-800-852-0218).

### **Shareholder communication and assistance**

If you have any questions concerning the Fund, we will be pleased to assist you. If you hold shares in your own name and not with a brokerage firm, please address all notices, correspondence, questions or other communications regarding the Fund to the transfer agent at:

**Mellon Investor Services  
Newport Office Center VII  
480 Washington Boulevard**

**Jersey City, NJ 07310**  
**Telephone: 1-800-852-0218**

If your shares are held with a brokerage firm, you should contact that firm, bank or other nominee for assistance.

### Shareholder meeting (unaudited)

The Fund held its Annual Meeting of Shareholders on January 22, 2010. The following action was taken by the shareholders:

**Proposal:** Election of four (4) Trustees to serve for a three-year term ending at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders in 2013. The votes cast with respect to each Trustee are set forth below:

### THE PROPOSAL PASSED FOR ALL TRUSTEES ON JANUARY 22, 2010.

|                       | TOTAL VOTES FOR<br>THE NOMINEE | TOTAL VOTES WITHHELD<br>FROM THE NOMINEE |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| James R. Boyle        | 16,819,035                     | 1,543,087                                |
| Deborah C. Jackson    | 16,786,309                     | 1,575,813                                |
| Patti McGill Peterson | 16,842,180                     | 1,519,942                                |
| Steven R. Pruchansky  | 16,847,153                     | 1,514,969                                |

The following seven Trustees of the Fund were not up for election and remain in office: James F. Carlin, William H. Cunningham, Charles L. Ladner, Stanley Martin, John A. Moore, Gregory A. Russo, and John G. Vrysen.

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### Trustees

Patti McGill Peterson,  
*Chairperson*  
 James R. Boyle  
 James F. Carlin  
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 Deborah C. Jackson\*  
 Charles L. Ladner  
 Stanley Martin\*  
 Dr. John A. Moore  
 Steven R. Pruchansky\*

### Officers

Keith F. Hartstein  
*President and  
 Chief Executive Officer*  
 Andrew G. Arnott  
*Chief Operating Officer*  
 Thomas M. Kinzler  
*Secretary and  
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John Hancock Advisers, LLC

### Subadviser

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 Management (U.S.), LLC

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Gregory A. Russo

John G. Vrysen

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Non-Independent Trustee

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*Chief Compliance Officer*

Charles A. Rizzo

*Chief Financial Officer*

Salvatore Schiavone

*Treasurer*

### **Transfer agent**

Mellon Investor Services

### **Legal counsel**

K&L Gates LLP

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The Fund's proxy voting policies and procedures, as well as the Fund's proxy voting record for the most recent twelve-month period ended June 30, are available free of charge on the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) or on our Web site.

The Fund's complete list of portfolio holdings, for the first and third fiscal quarters, is filed with the SEC on Form N-Q. The Fund's Form N-Q is available on our Web site and the SEC's Web site, [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov), and can be reviewed and copied (for a fee) at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. Call 1-800-SEC-0330 to receive information on the operation of the SEC's Public Reference Room.

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*The report is certified under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, which requires mutual funds and other public companies to affirm that, to the best of their knowledge, the information in their financial reports is fairly and accurately stated in all material respects.*

*The Fund is listed for trading on the NYSE and has filed with the NYSE its chief executive officer certification regarding compliance with the NYSE's listing standards. The Fund also files with the SEC the certification of its chief executive officer and chief financial officer required by Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.*

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ITEM 2. CODE OF ETHICS.

Not applicable at this time.

ITEM 3. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT.

Not applicable at this time.

ITEM 4. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES.

Not applicable at this time.

ITEM 5. AUDIT COMMITTEE OF LISTED REGISTRANTS.

Not applicable at this time.

ITEM 6. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

(a) Not applicable.

(b) Not applicable.

ITEM 7. DISCLOSURE OF PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES.

Not applicable.

ITEM 8. PORTFOLIO MANAGERS OF CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES.

Not applicable.

ITEM 9. PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES BY CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY AND AFFILIATED PURCHASERS.

Not applicable.

(a) Not applicable.

**REGISTRANT PURCHASES OF EQUITY  
SECURITIES**

(b)

| <b>Period</b>                            | <b>Total<br/>Number of<br/>Shares<br/>Purchased</b> | <b>Average<br/>Price<br/>per Share</b> | <b>Total Number<br/>of<br/>Shares<br/>Purchased<br/>as Part of<br/>Publicly<br/>Announced<br/>Plan*</b> | <b>Maximum<br/>Number<br/>of Shares<br/>that May<br/>Yet Be<br/>Purchased<br/>Under the<br/>Plan</b> |
|--|---|--|---|--|
| November 1, 2009 to<br>November 30, 2009 | 30,600  | \$13.581                               | 30,600  | 2,050,330  |
| December 1, 2009 to<br>December 31, 2009 | 19,500  | 13.712                                 | 50,100  | 2,030,830  |
| January 1, 2010 to<br>January 31, 2010   | 43,000  | 14.973                                 | 93,100  | 1,987,830  |
| February 1, 2010 to<br>February 28, 2010 | 0   | 0                                      | 93,100  | 1,987,830  |
| March 1, 2010 to<br>March 31, 2010       | 0   | 0                                      | 93,100  | 1,987,830  |
| April 1, 2010 to<br>April 30, 2010       | 21,000  | 17.630                                 | 114,100   | 1,966,830  |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>114,100</b>                                      | <b>\$14.877</b>                        |   |  |

\* On May 7, 2009, the Board of Trustees approved a subsequent repurchase plan. Under the plan, the Fund may repurchase in the open market up to 10% of its outstanding common shares. The plan will remain in effect until December 31, 2009. On December 8, 2009, the Board of Trustees approved the renewal of the Fund's current share repurchase plan, which is set to expire on December 31, 2009. As renewed, the Fund may purchase, in the open market, up to an additional 10% of its outstanding common shares between January 1, 2010 and December 31, 2010 (based on common shares outstanding as of December 31, 2009).

ITEM 10. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS.

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There were no material changes to previously disclosed John Hancock Funds ☐ Governance Committee Charter.

ITEM 11. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

(a) Based upon their evaluation of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures as conducted within 90 days of the filing date of this Form N-CSR, the registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that those disclosure controls and procedures provide reasonable assurance that the material information required to be disclosed by the registrant on this report is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms.

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(b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal half-year (the registrant's second fiscal half-year in the case of an annual report) that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 12. EXHIBITS.

(a) Separate certifications for the registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as required by Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, are attached.

(b) Separate certifications for the registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as required by 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, and Rule 30a-2(b) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, are attached. The certifications furnished pursuant to this paragraph are not deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section. Such certifications are not deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, except to the extent that the Registrant specifically incorporates them by reference.

(c)(1) Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders is attached. See attached ☐John Hancock Funds ☐ Governance Committee Charter☐.

(c)(2) Contact person at the registrant.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

John Hancock Bank and Thrift Opportunity Fund

By: /s/ Keith F. Hartstein

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Keith F. Hartstein  
President and  
Chief Executive Officer

Date: June 22, 2010

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By: /s/ Keith F. Hartstein

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Keith F. Hartstein  
President and  
Chief Executive Officer

Date: June 22, 2010

By: /s/ Charles A. Rizzo

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Charles A. Rizzo  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: June 22, 2010

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