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John Hancock Blue Chip Growth Fund

Class C/JBGCX

ANNUAL SHAREHOLDER REPORT | AUGUST 31, 2024

This annual shareholder report contains important information about the John Hancock Blue Chip Growth Fund (the fund) for the period of September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024. You can find additional information about the fund at <u>jhinvestments.com/documents</u>. You can also request this information by contacting us at 800-225-5291.

What were the fund costs during the last year?

(Based on a hypothetical \$10,000 investment)

| Fund (Class) | Costs of a \$10,000 investment | Costs paid as a percentage of a \$10,000 investment |
|--|--------------------------------|--|
| Blue Chip Growth Fund (Class C/JBGCX) | \$217 | 1.86% |

Management's Discussion of Fund Performance

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Blue Chip Growth Fund (Class C/JBGCX) returned 33.58% (excluding sales charges) for the year ended August 31, 2024. Large-cap U.S. equities registered strong gains in the annual period, reflecting the favorable backdrop of positive economic growth, stable corporate earnings, and expectations for an accommodative policy shift by the U.S. Federal Reserve. Technology-related stocks performed particularly well due to excitement surrounding Al and investors' broader preference for faster-growing companies.

TOP PERFORMANCE CONTRIBUTORS

Information technology | The fund's holdings in the sector made the largest contribution to absolute returns. NVIDIA Corp., which is seen as being uniquely positioned to benefit from the growth of AI, was the leading performer. Holdings in Microsoft Corp. and Apple, Inc. further helped the fund capitalize on the rally in mega-cap technology stocks.

Communication services and consumer discretionary | The fund produced robust returns in both areas due to its positions in Meta Platforms, Inc., Alphabet, Inc., and Amazon.com, Inc.

Health care | This sector was another area of strength thanks to a position in Eli Lilly & Company, which rose on optimism about the total available market for its weight loss drugs.

TOP PERFORMANCE DETRACTORS

Energy | The fund's one holding in the sector—Schlumberger NV—lost ground on concerns that major oil producers would continue to emphasize shareholder returns over capital investment.

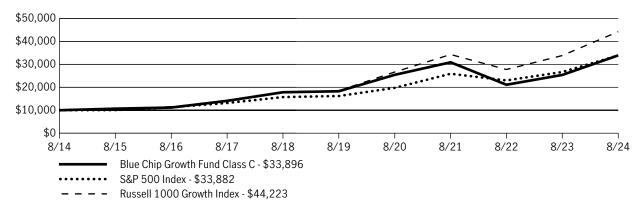
Weakness in specific holdings | Outside of energy, key detractors included Tesla, Inc., BILL Holdings, Inc., and Dollar General Corp.

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Fund Performance

The following graph compares the initial and subsequent account values at the end of each of the most recently completed 10 fiscal years of the fund (or for the life of the fund, if shorter). It assumes a \$10,000 initial investment in the fund and in an appropriate, broad-based securities market index for the same period.

GROWTH OF \$10,000



| AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURN | 1 Year | 5 Years | 10 Years |
|--|--------|---------|----------|
| Blue Chip Growth Fund (Class C/JBGCX) | 32.58% | 13.17% | 12.98% |
| Blue Chip Growth Fund (Class C/JBGCX)—excluding sales charge | 33.58% | 13.17% | 12.98% |
| S&P 500 Index | 27.14% | 15.92% | 12.98% |
| Russell 1000 Growth Index | 30.75% | 19.08% | 16.03% |

The fund has designated S&P 500 Index as its broad-based securities market index in accordance with the revised definition for such an index.

Class C shares were first offered on 3-27-15. Returns prior to this date are those of Class NAV shares that have not been adjusted for class-specific expenses; otherwise, returns would vary.

Performance figures assume all distributions have been reinvested and reflect the beneficial effect of any expense reductions. Class C shares sold within one year of purchase are subject to a 1.00% contingent deferred sales charge. Past performance does not guarantee future results. The return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Due to market volatility and other factors, the fund's current performance may be higher or lower than the performance shown and can be found at <u>jhinvestments.com/investments</u> or by calling 800-225-5291. The graph and table do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on fund distributions or redemption of fund shares. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

Fund Statistics

| Fund net assets | \$4,293,100,149 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Total number of portfolio holdings | 81 |
| Total advisory fees paid (net) | \$27,062,757 |
| Portfolio turnover rate | 12% |

Graphical Representation of Holdings

The tables below show the investment makeup of the fund, representing percentage of the total net assets of the fund.

| TOP TEN HOLDINGS | | SECTOR COMPOSITION | |
|-------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------|-------|
| Microsoft Corp. | 12.6% | Information technology | 44.3% |
| NVIDIA Corp. | 12.0% | Communication services | 15.2% |
| Apple, Inc. | 9.4% | Consumer discretionary | 14.1% |
| Amazon.com, Inc. | 7.8% | Health care | 10.9% |
| Alphabet, Inc., Class C | 6.0% | Financials | 10.0% |
| Meta Platforms, Inc., Class A | 4.9% | Industrials | 1.8% |
| Eli Lilly & Company | 3.9% | Consumer staples | 1.3% |
| Visa, Inc., Class A | 2.8% | Materials | 0.9% |
| Mastercard, Inc., Class A | 2.4% | Utilities | 0.7% |
| ServiceNow, Inc. | 2.1% | Energy | 0.3% |
| | | Short-term investments and other | 0.5% |

Holdings may not have been held by the fund for the entire period and are subject to change without notice. Portfolio composition is subject to review in accordance with the fund's investment strategy and may vary in the future. Current and future portfolio holdings are subject to risk and may change at any time.

The fund is subject to various risks as described in the fund's prospectuses. For more information, please refer to the "Principal risks" section of the prospectuses.

Availability of Additional Information

At jhinvestments.com/documents, you can find additional information about the fund, including the fund's:

- Prospectus
- Financial information
- Fund holdings
- Proxy voting information

You can also request this information by contacting us at 800-225-5291.

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