

# John Hancock Global Equity Fund

Class C/JGECX

## ANNUAL SHAREHOLDER REPORT | AUGUST 31, 2024

This annual shareholder report contains important information about the John Hancock Global Equity Fund (the fund) for the period of September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024. You can find additional information about the fund at [jhinvestments.com/documents](https://www.jhinvestments.com/documents). 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
Global Equity Fund (Class C/JGECX)	\$220	2.00%

## Management's Discussion of Fund Performance

### SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Global Equity Fund (Class C/JGECX) returned 20.37% (excluding sales charges) for the year ended August 31, 2024. The most significant factors affecting fund performance during the period included declining global inflation and interest rate cuts by several of the world's major central banks, which contributed to a broad global stock market rally.

### TOP PERFORMANCE CONTRIBUTORS

**Financials stocks** | The financials sector was one of the fund's largest weightings and was the top-performing sector.

**Microsoft Corp.** | The technology giant benefited from strong growth for its Azure cloud computing services and AI-related Copilot products.

**Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc.** | Strong results, higher earnings guidance, and increased expectations for rising Japanese interest rates boosted the stock of this Japanese financial services provider.

### TOP PERFORMANCE DETRACTORS

**Cisco Systems, Inc.** | The networking products company lowered revenue guidance and entered into an inventory correction cycle, which weighed on the stock.

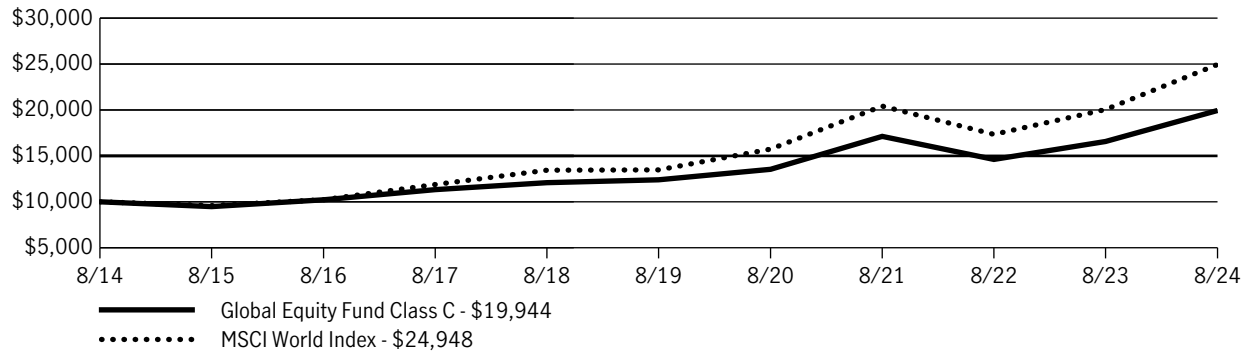
**FMC Corp.** | Distorted global weather patterns and high inventory levels reduced demand for the company's crop protection products.

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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
Global Equity Fund (Class C/JGECX)	19.37%	9.98%	7.15%
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MSCI World Index	24.43%	13.11%	9.57%

*The fund has designated MSCI World 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 A 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 [jhinvestments.com/investments](http://jhinvestments.com/investments) 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	\$598,866,208
Total number of portfolio holdings	60
Total advisory fees paid (net)	\$4,628,183
Portfolio turnover rate	36%

## 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		COUNTRY COMPOSITION	
Microsoft Corp.	4.2%	Information technology	18.0%	United States	62.0%
Apple, Inc.	3.6%	Industrials	16.9%	France	10.2%
Philip Morris International, Inc.	3.3%	Financials	12.8%	Japan	8.9%
Samsung Electronics Company, Ltd.	3.1%	Consumer discretionary	10.6%	Netherlands	4.6%
Elevance Health, Inc.	3.0%	Health care	9.8%	South Korea	3.1%
ConocoPhillips	2.9%	Consumer staples	9.0%	Ireland	2.9%
Alphabet, Inc., Class A	2.8%	Communication services	7.9%	Switzerland	2.8%
CRH PLC (London Stock Exchange)	2.3%	Materials	6.2%	United Kingdom	1.8%
Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings, Inc.	2.1%	Energy	4.9%	Spain	1.4%
FANUC Corp.	2.1%	Utilities	1.6%	Taiwan	1.3%
		Real estate	1.0%	Other countries	1.0%
		Short-term investments and other	1.3%		

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](https://jhinvestments.com/documents), you can find additional information about the fund, including the fund's:

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

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