John Hancock Investment Management

# John Hancock Global Thematic Opportunities Fund

Class A/JTKAX

# ANNUAL SHAREHOLDER REPORT | OCTOBER 31, 2024

This annual shareholder report contains important information about the John Hancock Global Thematic Opportunities Fund (the fund) for the period of November 1, 2023 to October 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 |
|---|--------------------------------|---|
| Global Thematic Opportunities Fund<br>(Class A/JTKAX) | \$139                          | 1.20%   |

### **Management's Discussion of Fund Performance**

# SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Global Thematic Opportunities Fund (Class A/JTKAX) returned 30.83% (excluding sales charges) for the year ended October 31, 2024. Global equities delivered strong performance as inflationary pressures subsided and a hard economic landing in the U.S. was avoided. With inflation edging closer to central bank target levels, interest-rate policy turned supportive. Sector-wise, information technology (IT) and communication services companies emerged as the strongest performers, with returns concentrated among a few large companies, particularly those associated with artificial intelligence (AI)-focused infrastructure investments.

# TOP PERFORMANCE CONTRIBUTORS

**Key Al beneficiaries** | Semiconductor makers NVIDIA Corp., Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company, Ltd. and KLA Corp. were the strongest contributors to returns as this nascent market for Al chips continues to impress investors with strong profit growth and a rapidly expanding market.

**Industrials** | The fund's holdings in the sector were a significant contributor to returns. Schneider Electric SE rose on strong demand from datacenter and electrical infrastructure end markets while waste management provider Republic Services, Inc. was supported by solid earnings growth driven by strong pricing and continued shedding of lower margin business.

**Health care** | Sector performance was led by medical device maker Boston Scientific Corp., which delivered above-average performance thanks to product innovations such as its Farapulse device to treat irregular heart rhythm.

# TOP PERFORMANCE DETRACTORS

**Consumer staples** | The fund's holdings in this sector were negative for the period. Cosmetics maker L'Oreal SA was hurt by weaker global demand, especially in Asian markets like China.

**Weakness in specific holdings** | The largest negative contribution came from Samsung Electronics Company, Inc. in the IT sector. The stock was hurt by product certification delays by a key semiconductor customer, greater competition in the semiconductor equipment industry, and cyclical headwinds in the semiconductor memory market. Athleisure company Lululemon Athletica, Inc., a designer of yoga apparel in the

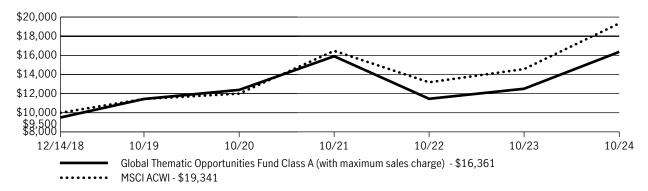
consumer discretionary sector, suffered from slower growth and worries over competitive pressures. Meanwhile, Sunnova Energy International, Inc. suffered due to high interest rates increasing financing costs to fuel solar project growth while demand for new solar installations was weak.

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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 | Since inception |
|---|--------|---------|-----------------|
| Global Thematic Opportunities Fund (Class A/JTKAX)                        | 24.29% | 6.33%   | 8.72%           |
| Global Thematic Opportunities Fund (Class A/JTKAX)—excluding sales charge | 30.83% | 7.42%   | 9.68%           |
| MSCI ACWI   | 32.79% | 11.08%  | 11.87%          |

The fund has designated MSCI ACWI as its broad-based securities market index in accordance with the revised definition for such an index.

Performance figures assume all distributions have been reinvested and reflect the beneficial effect of any expense reductions. Figures reflect maximum sales charge on Class A shares of 5.00%. 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                    | \$169,301,404 |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Total number of portfolio holdings | 48            |
| Total advisory fees paid (net)     | \$1,347,846   |
| Portfolio turnover rate            | 42%           |

### **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 |       |
|--------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|
| Visa, Inc., Class A            | 4.2% | Information technology            | 25.9% | United States       | 62.6% |
| UnitedHealth Group, Inc.       | 3.9% | Health care                       | 19.6% | France              |       |
| Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc. | 3.3% | Consumer discretionary            | 17.4% | Switzerland         | 8.1%  |
| Microsoft Corp.                | 3.2% | Industrials                       | 15.3% | Netherlands         | 5.3%  |
| NextEra Energy, Inc.           | 3.1% | Financials                        | 5.1%  |                     | 4.5%  |
| NVIDIA Corp.                   | 3.1% | Communication services            | 5.0%  | Canada              | 4.4%  |
| Roper Technologies, Inc.       | 2.9% | Utilities                         | 4.1%  | Denmark<br>■        | 2.4%  |
| Amazon.com, Inc.               | 2.9% | Materials                         | 3.8%  | Germany             | 2.3%  |
| Alphabet, Inc., Class A        | 2.8% | Consumer staples                  | 2.2%  | United Kingdom      | 2.2%  |
| ASML Holding NV                | 2.6% | Other assets and liabilities, net | 1.6%  | Taiwan              | 2.1%  |
|                                |      |                                   |       | Ireland             |       |
|                                |      |                                   |       | Other countries     | 2.0%  |
|                                |      |                                   |       |                     | 4.1%  |

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 prospectus. For more information, please refer to the "Principal risks" section of the prospectus.

# **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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