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

Investment Company Act file number 811- 4173

John Hancock Investors Trust
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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

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Date of fiscal year end: December 31

Date of reporting period: December 31, 2006

ITEM 1. REPORT TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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To Our Shareholders,

The future has arrived at John Hancock Funds.

We have always been firm believers in the powerful role the Internet can play in providing fund information to our shareholders and prospective investors. Recently, we launched a redesigned, completely overhauled Web site that is more visually pleasing, easier to navigate and, most importantly, provides more fund information and learning tools without overwhelming the user.

Not long after we embarked on this major project, a study was released by the Investment Company Institute, the mutual fund industry's main trade group, which found that an overwhelming majority of shareholders consider the Internet the "wave of the future" for accessing fund information.

Our new site sports fresher and faster ways to access account information. New innovations allow investors to view funds by risk level, track the performance of the John Hancock funds of their choice or sort funds by Morningstar, Inc.'s star ratings. Investors who own a John Hancock fund through a qualified retirement plan and don't pay sales charges when making a purchase have the option of sorting by a "Load Waived" Morningstar Rating, thereby creating an apples-to-apples comparison with no-load funds that may also be available in their retirement plan.

The new site also has more educational tools and interactive modules to educate and assist investors with their financial goals, from college savings to retirement planning. A new "I want to" feature allows investors to check

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performance, invest more money, update personal information or download prospectuses and forms quickly and easily.

In another of our ongoing efforts to provide our shareholders with top-notch service, we also redesigned our shareholder reports, as you may have noticed with this report. We hope the larger size, more colorful cover and redesigned presentation of the commentary and data tables will draw you in and make them easier to read.

After you've read your shareholder report, we encourage you to visit our new Web site www.jhfunds.com and take a tour. It's easy, fast and fun and allows you to be in control of what you see and do. In short, it's the wave of the future!

Sincerely,

Keith F. Hartstein,
President and Chief Executive Officer

This commentary reflects the CEO's views as of December 31, 2006. They are subject to change at any time.

Your fund at a glance

The Fund seeks a high level of current income consistent with prudent investment risk by investing in a diversified portfolio of debt securities.

Over the last twelve months

Bonds overcame rising interest rates to post solid gains in 2006 as the economy decelerated in the second half of the year.

High-yield corporate bonds were far and away the best performers, while Treasury securities lagged.

The Fund outperformed thanks to overweights in high-yield corporate bonds and mortgage-backed securities.

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Fund performance for the year ended December 31, 2006.

The total returns for the Fund include the reinvestment of all distributions. The performance data contained within this material represents past performance, which does not guarantee future results.

The yield at closing market price is calculated by dividing the current annualized distribution per share by the closing market price on the last day of the period.

Top 10 issuers

Federal National Mortgage Association	27.9%	Goldman Sachs Group	2.3%
U.S. Treasury Bonds/Notes	6.8%	Bank of America	2.0%
Countrywide Home Loans	3.8%	Bear Stearns Cos., Inc.	1.3%
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.	3.7%	Charter Communications, Inc.	0.8%

JPMorgan Chase & Co.

2.9%

Washington Mutual

0.8%

As a percentage of net assets plus value of preferred shares on December 31, 2006.

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Managers' report

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The U.S. bond market posted positive returns in 2006, overcoming a modest rise in interest rates. The Lehman Brothers U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, a broad measure of bond market performance, posted its seventh consecutive calendar year of positive performance.

The environment for bonds shifted markedly during the year. The first half of 2006 was a challenging period for bonds — economic growth was stronger than expected, inflation spiked higher in the spring and the Federal Reserve raised short-term interest rates for the 17th time in two years. In this environment, bonds declined in value as interest rates rose sharply.

Over the last six months, however, bonds staged a healthy rebound thanks to slowing economic growth, most notably in the slumping housing market, and moderating inflation, which largely reflected a decline in energy prices. The weaker economic environment led the Fed to hold short-term interest rates steady throughout the last half of 2006.

Bond yields finished the year slightly higher than where they started. Despite the significant yield fluctuations during the year, the yield curve remained "inverted" — meaning short-term bond yields were higher than the yields of longer-term bonds — throughout 2006.

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PERIOD'S PERFORMANCE... AND WHAT'S BEHIND THE NUMBERS

- Continental Airlines** □ Bonds backed by jets benefited from improving fundamentals and potential consolidation in the airline industry
- Ford Motor Credit** □ The sale of a majority stake in GMAC led investors to boost valuations in the auto finance industry
- Sprint** □ Competitive pressures weighed on telecom bonds in the first half of the year

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Portfolio Managers, MFC Global Investment Management (U.S.), LLC
Barry H. Evans, CFA, Jeffrey N. Given, CFA, and John F. Iles

From a sector perspective, every segment of the bond market gained ground during the year, but high-yield corporate bonds were by far the top performers. Strong balance sheets, a lack of credit defaults and increasing demand for yield led to double-digit gains for high yield bonds. Among investment-grade sectors, mortgage-backed securities posted the best returns, while Treasury bonds lagged.

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Fund performance

For the year ended December 31, 2006, John Hancock Investors Trust produced a total return of 6.54% at net asset value (NAV) and 15.41% at market value. The Fund's NAV return and its market performance differ because the market share price is subject to the dynamics of secondary market trading, which could cause it to trade at a discount or premium to the Fund's NAV share price at any time. The Fund's performance outpaced the 3.78% return of the Lehman Brothers Government/Credit Bond Index and was in line with the 6.58% return of the average closed-end intermediate-term bond fund, according to Morningstar, Inc.

Sector allocation paid off

The portfolio's outperformance of its benchmark index in 2006 resulted primarily from favorable sector weightings. We substantially increased our holdings of mortgage-backed securities, which boosted portfolio performance for the year as mortgage-backed bonds outperformed. In addition to the increase in residential mortgage-backed securities, we added to our position in commercial mortgage-backed securities. With high

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credit ratings, intermediate maturities and attractive yields, these bonds provided a way to add yield in a defensive manner.

Reducing our Treasury bond holdings substantially during the year also added value as these bonds underperformed. By the end of 2006, Treasury securities comprised the smallest sector weighting in the portfolio.

High yield bonds contributed strong results

Another positive factor was our overweight in high-yield corporate bonds, the top performers in the bond market in 2006. Although we trimmed our overall exposure to corporate securities, we sold mostly higher-quality securities while maintaining our high yield position. By the end of the year, high yield bonds made up two-thirds of the portfolio's corporate bond holdings, up from half at the beginning of the year.

Much of the increase in our high yield bond position resulted from finding specific securities that we found to be attractively valued. However, greater high yield exposure had the added benefit of helping protect the portfolio against the risk of leveraged buyouts (LBOs), which typically hurt bondholders. Private equity firms are hesitant to pursue debt-financed acquisitions of companies that already have a significant amount of debt, as most below investment-grade companies do.

Another way we protected against LBO risk was to focus on specific segments of the corporate bond market that are not suited to these types of transactions. We continued to emphasize bonds issued by utilities, banks and finance-related companies, which are generally reluctant to take on additional leverage because they need to protect the quality of their balance sheets as an ongoing requirement of their businesses.

SECTOR DISTRIBUTION¹

Government	
U.S. agency	32%
Financials	27%
Consumer discretionary	9%
Government U.S.	7%
Utilities	5%
Telecommunication	
services	5%
Materials	4%
Industrials	3%
Energy	3%
Consumer staples	1%
Health care	1%
Information technology	1%

A new maturity structure

The economy reached an inflection point in 2006, peaking in the first half of the year and then gradually slowing over the last six months. Consequently, we positioned the portfolio to benefit from a return to a "normal" relationship between short- and long-term bond yields — that is, longer-term bonds offering higher yields than short-term securities. This strategy involved reducing our holdings of long-term and short-term bonds and shifting the proceeds into intermediate-maturity bonds.

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This positioning tends to perform best when short- and long-term bond yields diverge, something that often occurs when economic growth slows and the market begins to price in expectations of one or more interest rate cuts by the Federal Reserve. Although this did not happen in 2006, we expect the inverted yield curve to unwind at some point in the not-too-distant future. Since 1980, the yield curve has inverted six times, and the average length of time for each inversion was seven months. The current inversion has lasted for just over a year.

□The portfolio□s outperformance of its benchmark index in 2006 resulted primarily from favorable sector weightings. □

Outlook

We expect the Federal Reserve to remain on hold for the next three to six months. We think the Fed□s next move will be an interest rate cut, but not until the second half of 2007. The timing will depend on how long it takes the weakness in the housing market to filter through to the rest of the economy.

Although yield spreads between Treasury and corporate bonds are near historically narrow levels, we are cautiously optimistic that corporate bonds — especially the high yield segment — will continue to outperform in a relatively stable interest rate environment. However, we also think that individual security selection will become increasingly important.

This commentary reflects the views of the portfolio managers through the end of the Fund's period discussed in this report. The managers' statements reflect their own opinions. As such, they are in no way guarantees of future events and are not intended to be used as investment advice or a recommendation regarding any specific security. They are also subject to change at any time as market and other conditions warrant.

1 As a percentage of the Fund's portfolio on December 31, 2006.

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Fund's investments

Securities owned by the Fund on 12-31-06

This schedule is divided into four main categories: bonds, preferred stocks, U.S. government and agencies securities and short-term investments. Bonds, preferred stocks and U.S. government and agencies securities are further broken down by industry group. Short-term investments, which represent the Fund's cash position, are listed last.

Issuer, description	Interest rate	Maturity date	Credit rating (A)	Par value (000)	Value
Bonds 88.29%					\$145,125,672
(Cost \$144,044,904)					
Aerospace & Defense 0.12%					198,000
L-3 Communications Corp., Gtd Sr Sub Note Ser B	6.375%	10-15-15	BB+	\$200	198,000
Agricultural Products 0.29%					486,250
Cosan SA Industria e Comercio, Gtd Sr Perpetual Bond (Brazil) (S)	8.250	02-15-49	BB	500	486,250
Airlines 0.62%					1,017,875
Continental Airlines, Inc., Pass Thru Ctf Ser 1999-1 Class A	6.545	02-02-19	A	392	405,620
Pass Thru Ctf Ser 2000-2 Class B	8.307	10-02-19	BB	393	406,725
Pass Thru Ctf Ser 2001-1 Class C	7.033	06-15-11	B+	206	205,530
Broadcasting & Cable TV 3.62%					5,958,250

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Canadian Satellite Radio Holdings, Inc.,					
Sr Note (Canada) (G)	12.750	02-15-14	CCC+	1,000	1,010,000
Charter Communications Holdings II, LLC/Charter Communications Holdings II, Capital Corp.,					
Sr Note	10.250	09-15-10	CCC□	2,000	2,092,500
Shaw Communications, Inc.,					
Sr Note (Canada)	8.250	04-11-10	BB+	1,000	1,062,500
Videotron Ltee,					
Gtd Sr Note (Canada)	6.375	12-15-15	B+	300	293,250
XM Satellite Radio, Inc.					
Gtd Sr Note (L)	9.750	05-01-14	CCC	1,500	1,500,000
Casinos & Gaming 5.60%					9,201,614
Chukchansi Economic Development Auth,					
Sr Note (S)	8.000	11-15-13	BB□	440	457,050
Isle of Capri Casinos, Inc.,					
Gtd Sr Sub Note	7.000	03-01-14	B	500	497,500
Jacobs Entertainment, Inc.,					
Gtd Sr Note (S)	9.750	06-15-14	B□	1,000	1,015,000

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Issuer, description	Interest rate	Maturity date	Credit rating (A)	Par value (000)	Value
Casinos & Gaming (continued)					
Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians,					
Sr Note (S)	10.250%	02-15-14	B	\$1,000	\$1,005,000

Mashantucket West Pequot,

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Bond (S)	5.912	09-01-21	BBB□	275	262,991
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Mohegan Tribal Gaming Authority, Sr Sub Note (L)	7.125	08-15-14	B+	1,000	1,013,750
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MTR Gaming Group, Inc., Gtd Sr Note Ser B	9.750	04-01-10	B+	800	844,000
Gtd Sr Sub Note Ser B	9.000	06-01-12	B□	350	358,750
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Pokagon Gaming Auth, Sr Note (S)	10.375	06-15-14	B	500	547,500
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Seneca Gaming Corp., Sr Note	7.250	05-01-12	BB□	1,000	1,017,500
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Trump Entertainment Resorts, Inc., Gtd Sec Note	8.500	06-01-15	B□	1,000	995,000
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Waterford Gaming, LLC, Sr Note (S)	8.625	09-15-12	BB□	1,123	1,187,573
Commodity Chemicals 0.31%					509,375
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Lyondell Chemical Co., Gtd Sr Sub Note	10.875	05-01-09	B	500	509,375
Construction & Farm Machinery & Heavy Trucks 0.31%					505,000
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Manitowoc Co., Inc. (The), Gtd Sr Note	7.125	11-01-13	BB□	500	505,000
Consumer Finance 1.60%					2,632,562
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Ford Motor Credit Co., Note	7.375	10-28-09	BBB□	1,925	1,929,100
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HSBC Finance Capital Trust IX, Note (5.911% to 11-30-15 then variable)	5.911	11-30-35	BBB+	700	703,462
Diversified Banks 2.42%					3,978,546
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Bank of New York, Cap Security (S)	7.780	12-01-26	A□	620	644,678
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Barclays Bank Plc, Perpetual Bond (6.860% to 6-15-32 then variable) (United Kingdom) (S)	6.860	09-29-49	A+	1,595	1,729,795
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Chuo Mitsui Trust & Banking Co., Ltd., Perpetual Sub Note (5.506% to 04-15-15 then variable) (Japan) (S)	5.506	12-01-49	Baa1	905	864,401
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Royal Bank of Scotland Group Plc, Perpetual Bond (7.648% to 09-30-31 then variable) (United Kingdom)	7.648	08-29-49	A	630	739,672
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Diversified Chemicals 1.20%					\$1,979,438

NOVA Chemicals Corp. Med Term Note (Canada)	7.400%	04-01-09	BB+	\$1,955	1,979,438
Diversified Commercial & Professional Services 0.48%					784,919

Hutchison Whampoa International Ltd., Gtd Sr Note (Cayman Islands) (S)	6.500	02-13-13	A□	750	784,919
Diversified Financial Services 1.16%					1,910,024

Beaver Valley Funding Corp., Sec Lease Obligation Bond	9.000	06-01-17	BBB□	915	1,027,536
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St. George Funding Co., Perpetual Bond (8.485% to 06-30-17 then variable) (Australia) (S)	8.485	12-31-49	Baa1	840	882,488
Diversified Metals & Mining 0.60%					984,000

Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, Inc., Sr Note	6.875	02-01-14	B+	500	510,000
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Vedanta Resources Plc, Sr Note (United Kingdom) (S)	6.625	02-22-10	BB+	480	474,000
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Electric Utilities 5.47%						8,985,910
AES Eastern Energy LP, Pass Thru Ctf Ser 1999-A	9.000	01-02-17	BB+	1,182	1,323,406	
BVPS II Funding Corp., Collateralized Lease Bond	8.890	06-01-17	BB+	700	798,791	
CE Generation LLC, Sr Sec Note	7.416	12-15-18	BB□	725	755,326	
FPL Energy National Wind, Sr Sec Note (S)	5.608	03-10-24	BBB□	356	349,251	
HQI Transelect Chile SA, Sr Note (Chile)	7.875	04-15-11	A□	1,175	1,247,163	
Indiantown Cogeneration LP, 1st Mtg Note Ser A-9	9.260	12-15-10	BB+	364	380,610	
IPALCO Enterprises, Inc., Sr Sec Note	8.625	11-14-11	BB□	315	342,563	
MSW Energy Holdings II LLC/MSW Energy Finance Co., II, Inc., Sr Sec Note Ser B	7.375	09-01-10	BB□	750	765,000	
PNPP II Funding Corp., Deb	9.120	05-30-16	BB+	459	517,481	
System Energy Resources, Inc., Sec Bond (S)	5.129	01-15-14	BBB	409	399,445	
TransAlta Corp., Note (Canada)	5.750	12-15-13	BBB□	1,000	996,683	
TXU Corp., Sec Bond	7.460	01-01-15	BBB	571	580,381	
Waterford 3 Funding Corp., Sec Lease Obligation Bond	8.090	01-02-17	BBB□	526	529,810	

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Issuer, description	Interest rate	Maturity date	Credit rating (A)	Par value (000)	Value
Electronic Equipment Manufacturers 0.48%					\$782,321
Thomas & Betts Corp., Sr Note	7.250%	06-01-13	BBB□	\$745	782,321
Gas Utilities 0.72%					1,176,634
Energy Transfer Partners, Gtd Sr Note (G)	5.950	02-01-15	BBB□	1,170	1,176,634
Health Care Facilities 1.15%					1,894,646
Hanger Orthopedic Group, Inc., Gtd Sr Note (L)	10.250	06-01-14	CCC+	1,000	1,032,500
Manor Care, Inc., Gtd Note	6.250	05-01-13	BBB	855	862,146
Hotels, Resorts & Cruise Lines 1.45%					2,389,363
HRP Myrtle Beach Operations LLC/HRP Myrtle Beach Operations Capital Corp., Sr Sec Floating Rate Note (P)(S)	10.120	04-01-12	B	1,335	1,335,000
Hyatt Equities LLC, Note (S)	6.875	06-15-07	BBB	1,050	1,054,363
Industrial Conglomerates 0.38%					625,500
Waste Services, Inc., Gtd Sr Sub Note	9.500	04-15-14	CCC	600	625,500
Industrial Machinery 1.32%					2,162,986
Kennametal, Inc., Sr Note	7.200	06-15-12	BBB	1,385	1,458,521
Trinity Industries, Inc., Pass Thru Ctf (S)	7.755	02-15-09	Ba1	691	704,465
Integrated Oil & Gas 1.17%					1,918,454
Pemex Project Funding Master Trust, Gtd Note	9.125	10-13-10	BBB	565	633,648

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Petro-Canada, Deb (Canada)	9.250	10-15-21	BBB	1,000	1,284,806
Integrated Telecommunication Services	3.36%				5,515,920

AT&T Corp., Gtd Sr Note	8.000	11-15-31	A	490	607,932
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BellSouth Corp., Deb	6.300	12-15-15	A	960	981,304
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Cincinnati Bell, Inc., Sr Sub Note (L)	8.375	01-15-14	B ⁺	1,000	1,027,500
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Intelsat Subsidiary Holding Co., Ltd., Gtd Sr Floating Rate Note (Bermuda) (P)	10.484	01-15-12	B ⁺	450	453,938
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Qwest Capital Funding, Inc., Gtd Note (L)	7.000	08-03-09	B	1,700	1,729,750
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Telefonos de Mexico SA de CV Note (Mexico)	5.500	01-27-15	BBB	735	715,496
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Issuer, description	Interest rate	Maturity date	Credit rating (A)	Par value (000)	Value
Investment Banking & Brokerage	0.48%				\$792,450

Mizuho Financial Group Cayman Ltd., Gtd Sub Bond (Cayman Islands)	8.375%	12-29-49	A2	\$750	792,450
IT Consulting & Other Services	0.83%				1,367,090

NCR Corp., Note	7.125	06-15-09	BBB ⁻	375	384,590
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Unisys Corp., Sr Note	6.875	03-15-10	BB ⁺	1,000	982,500
Leisure Facilities	1.10%				1,810,994

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AMC Entertainment, Inc.,						
Sr Sub Note	9.500	02-01-11	CCC+	1,065	1,068,994	
Cinemark USA, Inc.,						
Sr Sub Note (L)	9.000	02-01-13	B□	700	742,000	
Life & Health Insurance 0.30%					489,187	
Phoenix Cos., Inc. (The),						
Bond	6.675	02-16-08	BBB	485	489,187	
Marine Ports & Services 0.61%					1,005,000	
Navios Maritime Holdings,						
Sr Note (Marshall Islands) (S)	9.500	12-15-14	B	1,000	1,005,000	
Metal & Glass Containers 1.65%					2,713,413	
BWAY Corp.,						
Gtd Sr Sub Note	10.000	10-15-10	B□	1,085	1,136,538	
Owens-Brockway Glass Container, Inc.,						
Gtd Sr Note	8.250	05-15-13	B	500	516,875	
Gtd Sr Sec Note	8.750	11-15-12	BB□	1,000	1,060,000	
Multi-Line Insurance 0.34%					563,448	
Liberty Mutual Group,						
Bond (S)	7.500	08-15-36	BBB	515	563,448	
Multi-Media 0.72%					1,190,516	
News America Holdings,						
Gtd Sr Deb	7.750	01-20-24	BBB	980	1,093,497	
Quebecor Media, Inc.,						
Sr Note (Canada)	7.750	03-15-16	B	95	97,019	
Multi-Utilities 1.56%					2,564,561	
CalEnergy Co., Inc.,						
Sr Bond	8.480	09-15-28	BBB+	525	669,253	
Dynergy-Roseton Danskamme,						
Gtd Pass Thru Ctf Ser B	7.670	11-08-16	B	500	518,125	
Salton Sea Funding Corp.,						
Sec Note Ser C	7.840	05-30-10	BB+	1,343	1,377,183	
Oil & Gas Drilling 0.92%					1,505,634	
Delek & Avner-Yam Tethys Ltd.,						

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Sr Sec Note (Israel) (S)	5.326	08-01-13	BBB□	317	308,134
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Gazprom, Loan Part Note (Germany) (S)	9.625	03-01-13	BB+	1,000	1,197,500
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Oil & Gas Equipment & Services 0.15%					\$243,750

Grant Prideco, Inc., Sr Note Ser B	6.125%	08-15-15	BB	\$250	243,750
Oil & Gas Refining & Marketing 0.60%					982,132

Enterprise Products Operations LP, Gtd Sr Note Ser B	5.600	10-15-14	BB+	1,000	982,132
Oil & Gas Storage & Transportation 0.56%					922,600

Atlas Pipeline Partners LP, Gtd Sr Note	8.125	12-15-15	B+	140	143,850
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Copano Energy LLC, Gtd Sr Note	8.125	03-01-16	B	250	258,750
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MarkWest Energy Partners LP/MarkWest Energy Finance Corp., Sr Note (S)	8.500	07-15-16	B	500	520,000
Packaged Foods & Meats 0.64%					1,050,200

ASG Consolidated LLC, Sr Disc Note (Zero to 11-1-08, then 11.500%) (O)	Zero	11-01-11	B□	1,180	1,050,200
Paper Packaging 1.94%					3,190,844

MDP Acquisitions Plc, Sr Note (Ireland)	9.625	10-01-12	B□	1,250	1,325,000
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Stone Container Corp.,

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Sr Note	9.750	02-01-11	CCC+	859	885,844
Sr Note	8.375	07-01-12	CCC+	1,000	980,000
Paper Products 0.21%					339,022

Plum Creek Timber Co., Inc.,					
Gtd Note	5.875	11-15-15	BBB□	345	339,022
Property & Casualty Insurance 0.49%					800,704

Ohio Casualty Corp.,					
Note	7.300	06-15-14	BB	750	800,704
Publishing 0.26%					426,190

Dex Media West,					
Gtd Sr Sub Note	9.875	08-15-13	B	391	426,190
Real Estate Management & Development 2.07%					3,406,469

Chelsea Property Group,					
Note	6.000	01-15-13	BBB+	1,040	1,066,762

Health Care REIT, Inc.,					
Sr Note	6.200	06-01-16	BBB□	345	346,654

Healthcare Realty Trust, Inc.,					
Sr Note	8.125	05-01-11	BBB□	165	178,955

HRPT Properties Trust,					
Sr Note	5.750	11-01-15	BBB	750	749,210

Post Apartment Homes,					
Sr Note	5.125	10-12-11	BBB	830	809,263

Ventas Realty LP/Capital Corp.,					
Sr Note	6.625	10-15-14	BB	250	255,625

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Issuer, description	Interest rate	Maturity date	Credit rating (A)	Par value (000)	Value
Regional Banks 1.69%					\$2,776,558

Colonial Capital II,

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Gtd Cap Sec Ser A	8.920%	01-15-27	BB	\$1,029	1,076,771
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First Chicago NDB Institutional Capital, Gtd Cap Bond Ser A (S)	7.950	12-01-26	A1	500	520,355
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NB Capital Trust IV, Gtd Cap Security Restaurants 0.62%	8.250	04-15-27	A	1,130	1,179,432 1,015,000
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Dave & Buster's, Inc., Gtd Sr Note Specialized Finance 2.45%	11.250	03-15-14	CCC+	1,000	1,015,000 4,029,682
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Astoria Depositor Corp., Pass Thru Ctf Ser B (G)(S)	8.144	05-01-21	BB	750	819,503
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Bosphorous Financial Services, Sec Floating Rate Note (P)(S)	7.174	02-15-12	Baa3	500	506,887
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CCM Merger, Inc., Note (S)	8.000	08-01-13	CCC+	1,000	977,500
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Drummond Co., Inc., Sr Note (L)(S)	7.375	02-15-16	BB	785	769,300
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ESI Tractebel Acquisition Corp., Gtd Sec Bond Ser B Steel 0.74%	7.990	12-30-11	BB	932	956,492 1,224,000
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Metallurg Holdings, Inc., Sr Sec Note (G)(S) Thrifths & Mortgage Finance 28.57%	10.500	10-01-10	B	1,200	1,224,000 46,965,273
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Banc of America Commercial Mortgage, Inc., Mtg Pass Thru Ctf Ser 2005-6 Class A4 (P)	5.181	09-10-47	AAA	905	899,266
Mtg Pass Thru Ctf Ser 2006-4 Class A3A	5.600	07-10-46	AAA	1,200	1,218,757
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Banc of America Funding Corp., Mtg Pass Thru Ctf Ser 2006-B Class 6A1 (P)	5.889	03-20-36	AAA	1,064	1,069,569
Mtg Pass Thru Ctf Ser 2006-D Class 6B2 (P)	5.967	05-20-36	AA	1,764	1,750,323
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Bear Stearns Alt-A Trust, Mtg Pass Thru Ctf Ser 2005-3					
Class B2 (P)	5.320	04-25-35	AA+	439	433,453
Mtg Pass Thru Ctf Ser 2006-4					
Class 3B1	6.342	07-25-36	AA	2,469	2,502,626

Bear Stearns Commercial Mortgage Securities, Inc., Mtg Pass Thru Ctf Ser 2005-T20					
Class A4A (P)	5.155	10-12-42	Aaa	440	437,048

Chaseflex Trust, Mtg Pass Thru Ctf Ser 2005-2					
Class 4A1	5.000	05-25-20	AAA	1,062	1,036,477

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Issuer, description	Interest rate	Maturity date	Credit rating (A)	Par value (000)	Value
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Thriffs & Mortgage Finance (continued)

Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust, Inc., Mtg Pass Thru Ctf Ser 2005-5					
Class 2A3	5.000%	08-25-35	AAA	\$623	\$609,110

Citigroup/Deutsche Bank Commercial Mortgage Securities, Mtg Pass Thru Ctf Ser 2005-CD1					
Class A4 (P)	5.226	07-15-44	AAA	595	593,639
Mtg Pass Thru Ctf Ser 2005-CD1					
Class C (P)	5.226	07-15-44	AA	285	281,754

ContiMortgage Home Equity Loan Trust, Pass Thru Ctf Ser 1995-2					
Class A-5	8.100	08-15-25	AAA	108	110,901

Countrywide Alternative Loan Trust, Mtg Pass Thru Ctf Ser 2004-24CB					
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Class 1A1 Mtg Pass Thru Ctf Ser 2005-6	6.000	11-25-34	AAA	685	684,716
Class 2A1 Mtg Pass Thru Ctf Ser 2005-J1	5.500	04-25-35	Aaa	567	553,122
Class 3A1 Mtg Pass Thru Ctf Ser 2006-11CB	6.500	08-25-32	AAA	437	441,462
Class 3A1	6.500	05-25-36	Aaa	4,037	4,078,762
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Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP, Mtg Pass Thru Ctf Ser 2005-21					
Class A1	5.500	10-25-35	Aaa	3,880	3,832,987
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DB Master Finance LLC, Mtg Pass Thru Ctf Ser 2006-1					
Class M1 (S)	8.285	06-20-31	BB	1,000	1,016,919
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First Horizon Alternative Mortgage Securities, Mtg Pass Thru Ctf Ser 2004-AA5					
Class B1 (P)	5.228	12-25-34	AA	306	302,203
Mtg Pass Thru Ctf Ser 2006-AA2					
Class B1 (G)(P)	6.215	05-25-36	AA	250	251,844
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Global Signal Trust, Sub Bond Ser 2004-2A Class D (S)	5.093	12-15-14	Baa2	385	380,237
Sub Bond Ser 2006-1 Class E (S)	6.495	02-15-36	Baa3	370	375,050
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GMAC Commercial Mortgage Securities, Inc., Mtg Pass Thru Ctf Ser 2002-C1					
Class A1	5.785	11-15-39	AAA	1,623	1,633,713
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Greenwich Capital Commercial Funding Corp., Mtg Pass Thru Ctf Ser 2005-GG5					
Class A2	5.117	04-10-37	AAA	1,220	1,215,662

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Interest Maturity Credit Par value

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Issuer, description	rate	date	rating (A)	(000)	Value
Thriffs & Mortgage Finance (continued)					
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GSR Mortgage Loan Trust, Mtg Pass Thru Ctf Ser 2004-9 Class B1 (G)(P)	4.621%	08-25-34	AA	\$1,190	\$1,171,671
Mtg Pass Thru Ctf Ser 2006-4F Class 6A1	6.500	05-25-36	AAA	4,537	4,615,371
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Indymac Index Mortgage Loan Trust, Mtg Pass Thru Ctf Ser 2004-AR13 Class B1	5.296	01-25-35	AA	447	444,882
Mtg Pass Thru Ctf Ser 2005-AR5 Class B1 (P)	5.386	05-25-35	AA	508	504,045
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JP Morgan Alternative Loan Trust, Mtg Pass Thru Ctf Ser 2005-S1 Class 1A4	6.000	12-25-35	AAA	4,283	4,285,661
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JP Morgan Chase Commercial Mortgage Security Corp., Mtg Pass Thru Ctf Ser 2005-LDP4 Class B	5.129	10-15-42	Aa2	1,965	1,920,274
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Merrill Lynch Mortgage Trust, Mtg Pass Thru Ctf Ser 2005-CK11 Class A6 (P)	5.244	11-12-37	AAA	820	818,675
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Morgan Stanley Capital I, Mtg Pass Thru Ctf Ser 2005-HQ7 Class A4 (P)	5.203	11-14-42	AAA	810	806,582
Mtg Pass Thru Ctf Ser 2005-IQ10 Class A4A	5.230	09-15-42	AAA	1,180	1,170,814
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Nomura Asset Acceptance Corp., Mtg Pass Thru Ctf Ser 2006-AF1 Class CB1	6.540	06-25-36	AA	1,000	1,020,393
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Provident Funding Mortgage Loan Trust, Mtg Pass Thru Ctf Ser 2005-1 Class B1 (P)	4.358	05-25-35	AA	386	376,386
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SBA CMBS Trust, Sub Bond Ser 2005-1A Class D (S)	6.219	11-15-35	Baa2	225	228,528
Sub Bond Ser 2005-1A Class E (S)	6.706	11-15-35	Baa3	200	204,483

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Sovereign Capital Trust I, Gtd Cap Security	9.000	04-01-27	BB	1,000	1,031,494
Washington Mutual Alternative Loan Trust, Mtg Pass Thru Ctf Ser 2005-6 Class 1CB	6.500	08-25-35	AAA	616	622,381
Washington Mutual, Inc., Mtg Pass Thru Ctf Ser 2005-AR4 Class B1 (P)	4.673	04-25-35	AA	1,456	1,408,273
Wells Fargo Mortgage Backed Securities Trust, Mtg Pass Thru Ctf Ser 2004-7 Class 2A2	5.000	07-25-19	AAA	639	625,760

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Issuer, description	Interest rate	Maturity date	Credit rating (A)	Par value (000)	Value
Wireless Telecommunication Services					\$8,153,368
4.96%					
America Movil SA de CV, Sr Note (Mexico)	5.750%	01-15-15	BBB	\$1,225	1,211,972
Centennial Communications Corp., Sr Note	10.000	01-01-13	CCC	1,000	1,063,750
Crown Castle Towers LLC, Sub Bond Ser 2005-1A Class D	5.612	06-15-35	Baa2	655	651,568
Sub Bond Ser 2006-1A Class G	6.795	11-15-36	Ba2	1,000	998,511
Dobson Communications Corp., Sr Note	8.875	10-01-13	CCC	1,000	1,018,750
Mobile Telesystems Finance SA, Gtd Sr Note (Luxembourg) (S)	9.750	01-30-08	BB□	350	362,250

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Nextel Communications, Inc., Sr Note Ser D	7.375	08-01-15	BBB+	1,250	1,281,781
Rogers Wireless, Inc., Sr Sub Note (Canada)	8.000	12-15-12	B+	500	533,750
Sprint Capital Corp., Note	6.900	05-01-19	BBB□	1,000	1,031,036

Issuer, description			Credit rating (A)	Shares	Value
Preferred stocks 1.84% (Cost \$3,066,289)					\$3,027,775
Agricultural Products 0.61%					1,009,375
Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc., 6.25%, Ser A (S)			BB+	12,500	1,009,375
Multi-Utilities 0.62%					1,014,400
Dominion CNG Capital Trust I, 7.80%			BB+	40,000	1,014,400
Real Estate Management & Development 0.61%					1,004,000
Public Storage, Inc., 6.50%, Depository Shares, Ser W			BBB+	40,000	1,004,000

Issuer, description	Interest rate	Maturity date	Credit rating (A)	Par value (000)	Value
U.S. government and agencies securities 58.44% (Cost \$95,373,775)					\$96,063,228
Government U.S. 10.38%					17,058,270
United States Treasury, Bond (L)	6.875%	08-15-25	AAA	\$790	977,997
Bond (L)	6.250	08-15-23	AAA	1,650	1,899,176
Bond (L)	4.500	02-15-16	AAA	3,055	3,006,310
Bond (L)	4.500	02-15-36	AAA	5,495	5,225,404
Note (L)	5.125	05-15-16	AAA	3,635	3,744,193
Note (L)	4.250	11-15-13	AAA	2,265	2,205,190

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Issuer, description	Interest rate	Maturity date	Credit rating (A)	Par value (000)	Value
Government U.S. Agency 48.06%					\$79,004,958

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.,

20 Yr Pass Thru Ctf	11.250%	01-01-16	AAA	\$19	19,423
30 Yr Pass Thru Ctf	6.000	08-01-34	AAA	3,232	3,256,172
30 Yr Pass Thru Ctf	6.000	02-01-35	AAA	366	368,952
Adj Rate Mtg (P)	5.159	11-01-35	AAA	2,064	2,022,828
CMO REMIC 2978	5.500	01-15-31	AAA	2,590	2,575,810
CMO REMIC 3184-PD	5.500	07-15-34	AAA	1,000	984,664

Federal National Mortgage Assn.,

15 Yr Pass Thru Ctf	7.500	02-01-08	AAA	4	3,616
15 Yr Pass Thru Ctf	7.000	09-01-10	AAA	20	20,991
15 Yr Pass Thru Ctf	7.000	10-01-12	AAA	16	16,903
15 Yr Pass Thru Ctf	7.000	04-01-17	AAA	40	40,894
15 Yr Pass Thru Ctf	6.000	05-01-21	AAA	3,971	4,026,847
30 Yr Pass Thru Ctf	6.500	07-01-36	AAA	4,508	4,592,582
30 Yr Pass Thru Ctf	6.000	05-01-35	AAA	3,509	3,532,627
30 Yr Pass Thru Ctf	6.000	08-01-35	AAA	2,223	2,238,190
30 Yr Pass Thru Ctf	6.000	10-01-35	AAA	1,126	1,134,248
30 Yr Pass Thru Ctf	6.000	04-01-36	AAA	1,946	1,958,965
30 Yr Pass Thru Ctf	6.000	06-01-36	AAA	7,628	7,679,475
30 Yr Pass Thru Ctf	6.000	08-01-36	AAA	4,794	4,826,948
30 Yr Pass Thru Ctf	6.000	08-01-36	AAA	1,380	1,389,689
30 Yr Pass Thru Ctf	6.000	09-01-36	AAA	11,231	11,307,281
30 Yr Pass Thru Ctf	6.000	09-01-36	AAA	2,454	2,470,308
30 Yr Pass Thru Ctf	6.000	11-01-36	AAA	6,977	7,024,503
30 Yr Pass Thru Ctf	5.500	04-01-35	AAA	583	576,880
30 Yr Pass Thru Ctf	5.500	11-01-35	AAA	1,946	1,923,852
30 Yr Pass Thru Ctf	5.500	01-01-36	AAA	2,420	2,392,632
30 Yr Pass Thru Ctf	5.321	11-01-35	AAA	3,585	3,554,689
CMO REMIC 2006-99-PD	5.500	01-25-35	AAA	4,913	4,852,018
CMO REMIC 2006-57-PD	5.500	01-25-35	AAA	1,445	1,418,652
CMO REMIC 2006-67-PD	5.500	12-25-34	AAA	1,180	1,160,317
Note	6.000	05-30-25	AAA	1,652	1,607,898

Government National
Mortgage Assn.,

30 Yr Pass Thru Ctf	10.000	11-15-20	AAA	7	7,381
30 Yr Pass Thru Ctf	9.500	01-15-21	AAA	4	4,727
30 Yr Pass Thru Ctf	9.500	02-15-25	AAA	13	13,996

Issuer, description, maturity date	Credit rating (A)	Par value (000)	Value
Short-term investments 2.81% (Cost \$4,615,387)			\$4,616,000
Government U.S. Agency 2.80%			4,600,000
Federal Home Loan Bank, Discount Note, 01-02-07	AAA	\$4,600	4,600,000

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Issuer, description, maturity date	Interest rate	Credit rating (A)	Par value (000)	Value
Joint Repurchase Agreement 0.01%				\$16,000
Investment in a joint repurchase agreement transaction with Cantor Fitzgerald, L.P. □ Dated 12-29-06, due 1-3-07 (Secured by U.S. Treasury Inflation Indexed Notes 1.625%, due 1-15-15, 2.500%, due 7-15-16, and 3.875%, due 1-15-09). Maturity value: \$16,011	4.920%		\$16	16,000
Total investments (Cost \$247,100,355) 151.38%				\$248,832,675
Other assets and liabilities, net 0.97%				\$1,596,932
Fund preferred shares and accrued dividends (52.35%)				(\$86,055,606)
Total net assets 100.00%				\$164,374,001

(A) Credit ratings are unaudited and are rated by Moody's Investors Service where Standard & Poor's ratings are not available unless indicated otherwise.

(G) Security rated internally by John Hancock Advisers, LLC.

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(O) Cash interest will be paid on this obligation at the stated rate beginning on the stated date.

(L) All or a portion of this security is on loan as of December 31, 2006.

(P) Represents rate in effect on December 31, 2006.

(S) These securities are 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. Rule 144A securities amounted to \$26,172,638 or 15.92% of the Fund's net assets as of December 31, 2006.

Parenthetical disclosure of a foreign country in the security description represents country of a foreign issuer; however, security is U.S. dollar-denominated.

The percentage shown for each investment category is the total value of that category as a percentage of the net assets of the Fund.

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Statement of assets and liabilities 12-31-06

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

Investments at value (cost \$247,100,355) including \$23,098,341 of securities loaned	\$248,832,675
Cash and cash equivalents	13,742
Cash segregated for futures contracts	113,750
Receivable for investments sold	61,866
Receivable for dividends reinvested	203,145
Dividends and interest receivable	2,717,143
Receivable for futures variation margin	21,875
Other assets	15,208
Total assets	251,979,404

Liabilities

Payable for investments purchased	1,053,750
Payable to affiliates	
Management fees	335,070
Other	10,292
Other payable and accrued expenses	150,685

Total liabilities	1,549,797
Auction Preferred Shares (APS) Series A, including accrued dividends, unlimited number of shares of beneficial interest authorized with no par value, 1,720 shares issued, liquidation preference of \$25,000 per share	43,027,803
APS Series B, including accrued dividends, unlimited number of shares of beneficial interest authorized with no par value, 1,720 shares issued, liquidation preference of \$25,000 per share	43,027,803

Net assets

Common shares capital paid-in	170,205,838
Accumulated net realized loss on investments and financial futures contracts	(7,701,106)
Net unrealized appreciation of investments and financial futures contracts	1,882,853
Distributions in excess of net investment income	(13,584)
Net assets applicable to common shares	\$164,374,001

Net asset value per common share

Based on 8,261,284 common shares outstanding □ the Fund has an unlimited number of shares authorized with no par value	\$19.90
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Statement of operations For the year ended 12-31-06.

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

Interest	\$15,950,423
Dividends	221,125
Securities lending	92,795
Total investment income	16,264,343

Expenses

Investment management fees (Note 2)	1,334,120
Accounting and legal services fees (Note 2)	38,704
Compliance fees	2,780
APS auction fees	229,216

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Transfer agent fees	77,220
Custodian fees	76,842
Printing	57,666
Professional fees	36,161
Registration and filing fees	23,933
Trustees' fees	9,583
Interest	3,734
Security lending fees	3,600
Miscellaneous	20,684
Total expenses	1,914,243
Net investment income	14,350,100

Realized and unrealized loss

Net realized gain (loss) on

Investments	(2,585,270)
Financial futures contracts	537,945

Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of

Investments	1,139,390
Financial futures contracts	328,003

Net realized and unrealized loss **(579,932)**

Distributions to APS Series A	(2,039,310)
Distributions to APS Series B	(2,068,798)

Increase in net assets from operations **\$9,662,060**

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Statement 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.

	Year ended 12-31-05	Year ended 12-31-06
Increase in net assets		

From operations

Net investment income	\$13,939,244	\$14,350,100
Net realized loss	(1,320,043)	(2,047,325)
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	(7,435,354)	1,467,393
Distributions to APS Series A and B	(2,784,014)	(4,108,108)
Increase in net assets resulting from operations	2,399,833	9,662,060

Distributions to common shareholders

From net investment income	(12,004,375)	(10,742,292)
From Fund share transactions	1,014,114	886,409

Net assets

Beginning of period	173,158,252	164,567,824
End of period¹	\$164,567,824	\$164,374,001

1 Includes accumulated (distributions in excess of) net investment income of \$80,790 and (\$13,584), respectively.

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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.

COMMON SHARES

Period Ended 12-31-02¹ 12-31-03 12-31-04 12-31-05 12-31-06

Per share operating performance

Net asset value, beginning of period	\$20.98	\$21.21	\$21.55	\$21.22	\$20.04
Net investment income ²	1.20	1.37	1.71	1.70	1.74
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	0.25	1.14	(0.21)	(1.07)	(0.07)
Distributions to APS Series A and B ³	□	(0.02)	(0.16)	(0.34)	(0.50)
Total from investment operations	1.45	2.49	1.34	0.29	1.17
Less distributions to common shareholders					
From net investment income	(1.22)	(1.42)	(1.67)	(1.47)	(1.31)
From net realized gain	□	(0.60)	□	□	□
	(1.22)	(2.02)	(1.67)	(1.47)	(1.31)
Capital charges					
Offering costs and underwriting discounts related to APS	□	(0.13)	□	□	□

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Net asset value, end of period	\$21.21	\$21.55	\$21.22	\$20.04	\$19.90
Per share market value, end of period	\$19.12	\$19.98	\$22.46	\$17.70	\$19.04
Total return at market value⁴ (%)	6.89	15.29	21.60	(15.06)	15.41

Ratios and supplemental data

Net assets applicable to common shares, end of period (in millions)	\$170	\$175	\$173	\$165	\$164
Ratio of expenses to average net assets (%)	0.84	0.88 ⁵	1.16 ⁵	1.17 ⁵	1.17 ⁵
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets (%)	5.74	6.25 ⁶	8.03 ⁶	8.25 ⁶	8.80 ⁶
Portfolio turnover (%)	314	245	128	144	63

Senior securities

Total APS Series A outstanding (in millions)	□	\$43	\$43	\$43	\$43
Total APS Series B outstanding (in millions)	□	\$43	\$43	\$43	\$43
Involuntary liquidation preference APS Series A per unit (in thousands)	□	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25
Involuntary liquidation preference APS Series B per unit (in thousands)	□	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25
Average market value per unit (in thousands)	□	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25
Asset coverage per unit ⁷	□	\$74,836	\$74,713	\$72,072	\$72,917

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1 Audited by previous auditor.

2 Based on the average of the shares outstanding.

3 APS Series A and B were issued on 11-4-03.

4 Assumes dividend reinvestment.

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5 Ratios calculated on the basis of expenses relative to the average net assets of common shares. Without the exclusion of preferred shares, the ratios of expenses would have been 0.82%, 0.77%, 0.77% and 0.77% for the years ended 12-31-03, 12-31-04, 12-31-05 and 12-31-06, respectively.

6 Ratios calculated on the basis of net investment income relative to the average net assets of common shares. Without the exclusion of preferred shares, the ratios of net investment income would have been 5.81%, 5.36%, 5.47% and 5.77% for the years ended 12-31-03, 12-31-04, 12-31-05 and 12-31-06, respectively.

7 Calculated by subtracting the Fund's total liabilities from the Fund's total assets and dividing that amount by the number of APS outstanding, as of the applicable 1940 Act Evaluation Date, which may differ from the financial reporting date.

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Note 1 Accounting policies

John Hancock Investors Trust (the "Fund") is a closed-end diversified investment management company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act"), as amended.

Significant accounting policies of the Fund are as follows:

Valuation of investments

Securities in the Fund's portfolio are valued on the basis of market quotations, valuations provided by independent pricing services or at fair value as determined in good faith in accordance with procedures approved by the Trustees. Short-term debt investments which have a remaining maturity of 60 days or less may be valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value. The Fund determines the net asset value of the common shares each business day.

Joint repurchase agreement

Pursuant to an exemptive order issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Fund, along with other registered investment companies having a management contract with John Hancock Advisers, LLC (the "Adviser"), a wholly owned subsidiary of John Hancock Financial Services, Inc., a subsidiary of Manulife Financial Corporation ("MFC"), may participate in a joint repurchase agreement transaction. Aggregate cash balances are invested in one or more large repurchase agreements, whose underlying securities are obligations of the U.S. government and/or its agencies. The Fund's custodian bank receives delivery of the underlying securities for the joint account on the Fund's behalf. The Adviser is responsible for ensuring that the agreement is fully collateralized at all times.

Investment transactions

Investment 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. Net realized gains and losses on sales of investments are determined on the identified cost basis. Some securities may be purchased on a "when-issued" or "forward commitment" basis, which means that the securities will be delivered to the Fund at a future date, usually beyond customary settlement date.

Discount and premium on securities

The Fund accretes discount and amortizes premium from par value on securities from either the date of issue or the date of purchase over the life of the security.

Expenses

The majority of the expenses are directly identifiable to an individual fund. Expenses that are not readily identifiable to a specific fund will be allocated in such a manner as deemed equitable, taking into consideration, among other things, the nature and type of expense and the relative sizes of the funds.

Securities lending

The Fund may lend securities to certain qualified brokers who pay the Fund negotiated lender fees. The loans are collateralized at all times with cash or securities with a market value at least equal to the market value of the securities on loan. As with other extensions of credit, the Fund may bear the risk of delay of the loaned securities in recovery or even loss of rights in the collateral, should the borrower of the securities fail financially. At December 31, 2006, the Fund loaned securities having a market value of \$23,098,341 collateralized by securities in the amount of \$23,999,691. Securities lending expenses are paid by the Fund to the lending agent.

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Financial futures contracts

The Fund may buy and sell financial futures contracts. Buying futures tends to increase the Fund's exposure to the underlying instrument. Selling futures tends to decrease the Fund's exposure to the underlying instrument or hedge other Fund's instruments. At the time the Fund enters into financial futures contracts, it is required to deposit with its custodian a specified amount of cash or U.S. government securities, known as "initial margin," equal to a certain percentage of the value of the financial futures contract being traded. Each day, the futures contract is valued at the official settlement price of the board of trade or U.S. commodities exchange on which it trades. Subsequent payments to and from the broker, known as "variation margin," are made on a daily basis as the market price of the financial futures contract fluctuates. Daily variation margin adjustments arising from this "mark to market" are recorded by the Fund as unrealized gains or losses.

When the contracts are closed, the Fund recognizes a gain or loss. Risks of entering into financial futures contracts include the possibility that there may be an illiquid market and/or that a change in the value of the contracts may not correlate with changes in the value of the underlying securities. In addition, the Fund could be prevented from opening or realizing the benefits of closing out financial futures positions because of position limits or limits on daily price fluctuation imposed by an exchange.

For federal income tax purposes, the amount, character and timing of the Fund's gains and/or losses can be affected as a result of financial futures contracts.

On December 31, 2006, the Fund had deposited \$113,750 in a segregated account to cover margin requirements on open financial futures contracts.

The Fund had the following financial futures contracts open on December 31, 2006:

OPEN CONTRACTS	NUMBER OF CONTRACTS	POSITION	EXPIRATION	APPRECIATION
U.S. 10-year Treasury Note	175	Short	Mar 07	\$150,533

Federal income taxes

The Fund qualifies 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 \$7,140,746 of a capital loss carryforward available, to the extent provided by regulations, to offset future net realized capital gains. To the extent that such carryforward is used by the Fund, no capital gain distributions will be made. The loss carryforward expires as follows: December 31, 2012 □ \$1,668,465, December 31, 2013 □ \$2,866,857 and December 31, 2014 □ \$2,605,424. Net capital losses of \$534,678 that are attributable to security transactions incurred after October 31, 2005, are treated as arising on January 1, 2006, the first day of the Fund's next taxable year.

New accounting pronouncements

In June 2006, Financial Accounting Standards Board (□FASB□) Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes (the □Interpretation□) was issued, and is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006 and is to be applied to all open tax years as of the effective date. The Interpretation prescribes a minimum threshold for financial statement recognition of the benefit of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return, and requires certain expanded disclosures. Management is currently evaluating the application of the Interpretation to the Fund, and has not at this time quantified the impact, if any, resulting from the adoption of the Interpretation on the Fund's financial statements. The Fund will implement this pronouncement no later than June 29, 2007 and the effects will be noted in the Fund's semiannual financial statements.

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In September 2006, FASB Standard No. 157, Fair Value Measurements (□FAS 157□) was issued, and is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. FAS 157 defines fair value, establishing a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosure about fair value measurements. Management is currently evaluating the application of FAS 157 to the Fund, and its impact, if any, resulting from the adoption of FAS 157 on the Fund's financial statements.

Dividends, interest and distributions

Dividend income on investment securities is recorded on the ex-dividend date or, in the case of some foreign securities, on the date thereafter when the Fund identifies the dividend. Interest income on investment securities is recorded on the accrual basis. The Fund may place a security on non-accrual status and reduce related investment income by ceasing current accruals or writing off interest receivable when the collection of income has become doubtful. Foreign income may be subject to foreign withholding taxes, which are accrued as applicable.

The Fund records distributions to shareholders from net investment income and net realized gains, if any, on the ex-dividend date. During the year ended December 31, 2005, the tax character of distributions paid was as follows: ordinary income \$14,788,389. During the year ended December 31, 2006, the tax character of distributions paid was as follows: ordinary income \$14,850,400.

As of December 31, 2006, the components of distributable earnings on a tax basis included \$53,101 of undistributed ordinary income.

Such distributions and distributable earnings, 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. Distributions in excess of tax basis earnings and profits, if any, are reported in the Fund's financial statements as a return of capital.

Use of estimates

The preparation of these financial statements, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, incorporates estimates made by management in determining the reported amount of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses of the Fund. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Note 2

Management fee and transactions with affiliates and others

The Fund has an investment management contract with the Adviser. Under the investment management contract, the Fund pays a quarterly management fee to the Adviser, equivalent on an annual basis, to the sum of (a) 0.650% of the first \$150,000,000 of the Fund's average weekly net asset value and the value attributable to the Auction Preferred Shares (collectively, "managed assets"); (b) 0.375% of the next \$50,000,000; (c) 0.350% of the next \$100,000,000 and (d) 0.300% of the Fund's average daily managed assets in excess of \$300,000,000.

Effective December 31, 2005, the investment management teams of the Adviser were reorganized into Sovereign Asset Management LLC ("Sovereign"), a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of John Hancock Life Insurance Company ("JHLICO"), a subsidiary of MFC. The Adviser remains the principal advisor on the Fund and Sovereign acts as subadviser under the supervision of the Adviser. The restructuring did not have an impact on the Fund, which continues to be managed using the same investment philosophy and process. The Fund is not responsible for payment of the subadvisory fees.

Effective October 1, 2006, Sovereign changed its name to MFC Global Investment Management (U.S.), LLC.

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 year amounted to \$38,704. The Fund also paid the Adviser the amount of \$100 for certain publishing services, included in the printing fees. The Fund reimbursed JHLICO for certain compliance costs, included in the Fund's Statement of Operations.

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Mr. James R. Boyle is Chairman of the Adviser, as well as affiliated Trustee of the Fund, and is compensated by the Adviser and/or its affiliates. The compensation of unaffiliated Trustees is borne by the Fund. The unaffiliated Trustees may elect to defer, for tax purposes, their receipt of this compensation under the John Hancock Group of Funds Deferred Compensation Plan. The Fund makes investments into other John Hancock funds, as applicable, to cover its liability for the deferred compensation. Investments to cover the Fund's deferred compensation liability are recorded on the Fund's books as an other asset. The deferred compensation liability and the related other asset are always equal and are marked to market on a periodic basis to reflect any income earned by the investments, as well as any unrealized gains or losses. The Deferred Compensation Plan investments had no impact on the operations of the Fund.

The Fund is listed for trading on the New York Stock Exchange ("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 Securities and Exchange Commission the certification of its chief executive officer and chief financial officer required by Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

Note 3**Fund share transactions**

This listing illustrates the reclassification of the Fund's capital accounts, dividend reinvestments and the number of common shares outstanding at the beginning and end of the last two periods, along with the corresponding dollar value.

	Year ended 12-31-05		Year ended 12-31-06	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
Beginning of period	8,160,880	\$167,750,954	8,213,076	\$168,874,698
Distributions reinvested	52,196	1,014,114	48,208	886,409
Reclassification of capital accounts	□	109,630	□	444,731
End of period	8,213,076	\$168,874,698	8,261,284	\$170,205,838

Auction preferred shares

The Fund issued a total of 3,440 Auction Preferred Shares: 1,720 shares of Series A Auction Preferred Shares and 1,720 shares of Series B Auction Preferred Shares (collectively, the "Preferred Shares" or "APS") on November 4, 2003, in a public offering. The total offering costs of \$178,036 and the total underwriting discount of \$860,000 has been charged to capital paid-in of common shares during the years ended December 31, 2003 and December 31, 2004.

Dividends on the APS, which accrue daily, are cumulative at a rate that was established at the offering of the APS and has been reset every seven days thereafter by an auction. Dividend rates on APS Series A ranged from 4.00% to 5.25% and Series B from 3.85% to 5.32% during the year ended December 31, 2006. Accrued dividends on APS are included in the value of APS on the Fund's Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

The APS are redeemable at the option of the Fund, at a redemption price equal to \$25,000 per share, plus accumulated and unpaid dividends on any dividend payment date. The APS are also subject to mandatory redemption at a redemption price equal to \$25,000 per share, plus accumulated and unpaid dividends, if the Fund is in default on its asset coverage requirements with respect to the APS as defined in the Fund's by-laws. If the dividends on the APS shall remain unpaid in an amount equal to two full years' dividends, the holders of the APS, as a class, have the right to elect a majority of the Board of Trustees. In general, the holders of the APS and the common shareholders have equal voting rights of one vote per share, except that the holders of the APS, as a class, vote to elect two members of the Board of Trustees, and separate class votes are required on certain matters that affect the respective interests of the APS and common shareholders.

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Note 4

Investment transactions

Purchases and proceeds from sales or maturities of securities, other than short-term securities and obligations of the U.S. government, during the year ended December 31, 2006, aggregated \$127,239,329 and \$121,720,792, respectively. Purchases and proceeds from sales or maturities of obligations of the U.S. government aggregated \$27,775,045 and \$30,112,131, respectively, during the year ended December 31, 2006.

The cost of investments owned on December 31, 2006, including short-term investments, for federal income tax purposes was \$247,544,981. Gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation of investments aggregated \$3,393,066 and \$2,105,372, respectively, resulting in net unrealized appreciation of \$1,287,694. The difference between book basis and tax basis net unrealized appreciation of investments is attributable primarily to the tax deferral of losses on certain sales of securities and amortization of premiums on debt securities.

Note 5

Reclassification of accounts

During the year ended December 31, 2006, the Fund reclassified amounts to reflect an increase in accumulated net realized loss on investments of \$850,657, a decrease in accumulated net investment loss of \$405,926 and an increase in capital paid-in of \$444,731. This represents the amounts necessary to report these balances on a tax basis, excluding certain temporary differences, as of December 31, 2006. Additional adjustments may be needed in subsequent reporting periods. These reclassifications, which have no impact on the net asset value of the Fund, are primarily attributable to certain differences in the computation of distributable income and capital gains under federal tax rules versus accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, book and tax differences in accounting for amortization of premium and REIT adjustments. The calculation of net investment income per share in the Fund's Financial Highlights excludes these adjustments.

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Auditors' report

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Trustees and Shareholders of John Hancock Investors Trust,

In our opinion, the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the schedule of investments, and the related statements of operations and of changes in net assets and the financial highlights present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of John Hancock Investors Trust Fund (the "Fund") at December 31, 2006, the results of its operations, the changes in its net assets and the financial highlights for the periods indicated, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements and financial highlights (hereafter referred to as "financial statements") are the responsibility of the Fund's management; our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these financial statements in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits, which included confirmation of securities at December 31, 2006 by correspondence with the custodian and brokers, provide a reasonable basis for our opinion. The financial highlights for each of the periods ended on or before December 31, 2002, were audited by other independent auditors, whose report dated February 7, 2003, expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Boston, Massachusetts
February 16, 2007

Tax information

Unaudited

For federal income tax purposes, the following information is furnished with respect to the distributions of the Fund, if any, paid during its taxable year ended December 31, 2006.

With respect to the ordinary dividends paid by the Fund for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006, 0.14% of the dividends qualifies for the corporate dividends-received deduction.

The Fund hereby designates the maximum amount allowable of its net taxable income as qualified dividend income as provided in the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003. This amount will be reflected on Form 1099-DIV for the calendar year 2006.

Shareholders were mailed a 2006 U.S. Treasury Department Form 1099-DIV in January 2007. This will reflect the total of all distributions that are taxable for calendar year 2006.

Investment objective and policy

The Fund is a closed-end diversified management investment company, common shares of which were initially offered to the public on January 29, 1971 and are publicly traded on the NYSE. The Fund's primary investment objective is to generate income for distribution to its shareholders, with capital appreciation as a secondary objective. The preponderance of the Fund's assets are invested in a diversified portfolio of debt securities, some of which may carry equity features. Up to 50% of the value of the Fund's assets may be invested in restricted securities acquired through direct placement. The Fund may also invest in repurchase agreements. The Fund may issue a single class of senior securities not to exceed 33 1/3% of the market or fair value of its net assets and may borrow from banks as a temporary measure for emergency purposes in amounts not to exceed 5% of its total assets taken at cost. The Fund may lend portfolio securities not to exceed 33 1/3 % of total assets.

Bylaws

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

On August 21, 2003, shareholders approved the amendment of the Fund's bylaws, effective August 26, 2003, to provide for the issuance of preferred shares. Effective March 9, 2004, the Trustees approved additional changes to conform with the Fund's maximum dividend rate on the preferred shares with the rate used by other John Hancock funds.

On September 14, 2004, the Trustees approved an amendment to the Fund's bylaws increasing the maximum applicable dividend rate ceiling on the preferred shares to conform with the modern calculation methodology used by the industry and other John Hancock funds.

Financial futures contracts and options

The Fund may buy and sell financial futures contracts and options on futures contracts to hedge against the effects of fluctuations in interest rates and other market conditions. The Fund's ability to hedge successfully will depend on the Adviser's ability to predict accurately the future direction of interest rate changes and other market factors. There is no assurance that a liquid market for futures and options will always exist.

In addition, the Fund could be prevented from opening, or realizing the benefits of closing out, a futures or options position because of position limits or limits on daily price fluctuations imposed by an exchange.

The Fund will not engage in transactions in futures contracts and options on futures for speculation, but only for hedging or other permissible risk management purposes. All of the Fund's futures contracts and options on futures will be traded on a U.S. commodity exchange or board of trade. The Fund will not engage in a transaction in futures or options on futures if, immediately thereafter, the sum of initial margin deposits on existing positions and premiums paid for options on futures would exceed 5% of the Fund's total assets.

Dividend and distributions

During the year ended December 31, 2006, dividends from net investment income totaling \$1.3050 per share were paid to shareholders.

The dates of payments and the amounts per share are as follows:

PAYMENT DATE	INCOME DIVIDEND
March 31, 2006	\$0.3425
June 30, 2006	0.3350
September 29, 2006	0.3250
December 29, 2006	0.3025

Dividend reinvestment plan

The Fund offers its common shareholders a Dividend Reinvestment Plan (the "Plan"), which offers the opportunity to earn compounded yields. Any holder of common shares of record of the Fund may elect to participate in the Plan and receive the Fund's common shares in lieu of all or a portion of the cash dividends. The Plan is available to all common shareholders without charge. Mellon Investor Services (the "Plan Agent") will act as agent for participating shareholders.

Shareholders may join the Plan by notifying the Plan Agent by telephone, in writing or by visiting the Plan Agent's Web site at www.melloninvestor.com, showing an election to reinvest all or a portion of dividend payments. If received in proper form by the Plan Agent prior to the record date for a dividend, the election will be effective with respect to all dividends paid after such record date. Shareholders whose shares are held in the name of a broker or nominee should contact the broker or nominee to determine whether and how they may participate in the Plan.

The Board of Trustees of the Fund will declare dividends from net investment income payable in cash or, in the case of shareholders participating in the Plan, partially or entirely in the Fund's common shares. The number of shares to be issued for the benefit of each shareholder will be determined by dividing the amount of the cash dividend, otherwise payable to such shareholder on shares included under the Plan, by the per share net asset value of the common shares on the date for payment of the dividend, unless the net asset value per share on the payment date is less than 95% of the market price per share on that date, in which event the number of shares to be issued to a shareholder will be determined by dividing the amount of the cash dividend payable to such shareholder, by 95% of the market price per share of the common shares on the payment date. The market price of the common shares on a particular date shall be the mean between the highest and lowest sales price on the NYSE on that date. Net asset value will be determined in accordance with the established procedures of the Fund. However, if as of such payment date the market price of the common shares is lower than such net asset value per share, the number of shares to be issued will be determined on the basis of such market price. Fractional shares, carried out to four decimal places, will be credited to the shareholder's account. Such fractional shares will be entitled to future dividends.

The shares issued to participating shareholders, including fractional shares, will be held by the Plan Agent in the name of the participant. A confirmation will be sent to each shareholder promptly, normally within seven days, after the payment date of the dividend. The confirmation will show the total number of shares held by such shareholder before and after the dividend, the amount of the most recent cash dividend that the shareholder has elected to reinvest and the number of shares acquired with such dividend.

Participation in the Plan may be terminated at any time by contacting the Plan Agent by telephone, in writing or by visiting the Plan Agent's Web site, and such termination will be effective immediately. However, notice of termination must be received prior to the record date of any distribution to be effective for that distribution. Upon termination, certificates will be issued representing the number of full shares of common shares held by the Plan Agent. A shareholder will receive a cash payment for any fractional share held.

The reinvestment of dividends will not relieve participants of any federal, state or local income tax, which may be due with respect to such dividend. Dividends reinvested in common shares will be treated on your federal income tax return as though you had received a dividend in cash in an amount equal to the fair market value of the shares received, as determined by the prices for common shares

of the Fund on the NYSE as of the dividend payment date. Distributions from the Fund's long-term capital gains will be processed as noted above for those electing to reinvest in common shares and will be taxable to you as long-term capital gains. The confirmation referred to above will contain all the information you will require for determining the cost basis of shares acquired and should be retained for that purpose. At year end, each account will be supplied with detailed information necessary to determine total tax liability for the calendar year.

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 3338, South Hackensack, New Jersey 07606-1938 (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

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Shareholder meeting (unaudited)

On March 22, 2006, the Annual Meeting of the Fund was held to elect nine Trustees and to ratify the actions of the Trustees in selecting independent auditors for the Fund.

Proxies covering 6,950,516 shares of beneficial interest were voted at the meeting. The common shareholders elected the following Trustees to serve until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified with the votes tabulated as follows:

	FOR	WITHHELD AUTHORITY
James R. Boyle	6,940,493	10,023
James F. Carlin	6,941,235	9,281
Richard P. Chapman, Jr.	6,940,348	10,168
William H. Cunningham	6,938,066	12,450
Richard Dion	6,937,557	12,959
Charles Ladner	6,943,553	6,963
Stephan Pruchansky	6,941,928	8,588

The preferred shareholders elected Dr. John A. Moore and Patti McGill Peterson to serve as the Fund's Trustees until their successors are duly elected and qualified, with the votes tabulated as follows: 2,880 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 9 ABSTAINING.

The common and preferred shareholders ratified the Trustees' selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Fund's independent auditor for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2006, with votes tabulated as follows:

6,946,588 FOR, 24,339 AGAINST and 63,210 ABSTAINING.

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Board Consideration of and Continuation of Investment Advisory Agreement and Subadvisory Agreement: John Hancock Investors Trust

The Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act") requires the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of John Hancock Investors Trust (the "Fund"), including a majority of the Trustees who have no direct or indirect interest in the investment advisory agreement and are not "interested persons" of the Fund, as defined in the 1940 Act (the "Independent Trustees"), annually to review and consider the continuation of: (i) the investment advisory agreement (the "Advisory Agreement") with John Hancock Advisers, LLC (the "Adviser") and (ii) the investment subadvisory agreement (the "Subadvisory Agreement") with Sovereign Asset Management LLC (the "Subadviser"). The Advisory Agreement and the Subadvisory Agreement are collectively referred to as the "Advisory Agreements."

At meetings held on May 1st and June 5th, 2006, the Board considered the factors and reached the conclusions described below relating to the selection of the Adviser and Subadviser and the continuation of the Advisory Agreements. During such meetings, the Board's Contracts/ Operations Committee and the Independent Trustees also met in executive sessions with their independent legal counsel.

In evaluating the Advisory Agreements, the Board, including the Contracts/ Operations Committee and the Independent Trustees, reviewed a broad range of information requested for this purpose by the Independent Trustees, including: (i) the investment performance of the Fund relative to a category of relevant funds (the "Category") and a peer group of comparable funds (the "Peer Group") each selected by Morningstar Inc. ("Morningstar"), an independent provider of investment company data, for a range of periods ended December 31, 2005,² (ii) advisory and other fees incurred by, and the expense ratios of, the Fund relative to a Category and a Peer Group, (iii) the advisory fees of comparable portfolios of other clients of the Adviser and the Subadviser, (iv) the Adviser's financial results and condition, including its and certain of its affiliates' profitability from services performed for the Fund, (v) breakpoints in the Fund's and the Peer Group's fees, and information about economies of scale, (vi) the Adviser's and Subadviser's record of compliance with applicable laws and regulations, with the Fund's investment policies and restrictions, and with the applicable Code of Ethics, and the structure and responsibilities of the Adviser's and Subadviser's compliance department, (vii) the background and experience of senior management and investment professionals, and (viii) the nature, cost and character of advisory and non-investment management services provided by the Adviser and its affiliates and by the Subadviser.

The Board's review and conclusions were based on a comprehensive consideration of all information presented to the Board and not the result of any single controlling factor. It was based on performance and other information as of December 31, 2005; facts may have changed between that date and the date of this shareholders report. The key factors considered by the Board and the conclusions reached are described below.

Nature, extent and quality of services

The Board considered the ability of the Adviser and the Subadviser, based on their resources, reputation and other attributes, to attract and retain qualified investment professionals, including research, advisory, and supervisory personnel. The Board further considered the compliance programs and compliance records of the Adviser and Subadviser. In addition, the Board took into account the administrative services provided to the Fund by the Adviser and its affiliates.

Based on the above factors, together with those referenced below, the Board concluded that, within the context of its full deliberations, the nature, extent and quality of the investment advisory services provided to the Fund by the Adviser and Subadviser were sufficient to support renewal of the Advisory Agreements.

Fund performance

The Board considered the performance results for the Fund over various time periods ended December 31, 2005. The Board also considered these results in comparison to the performance of the Category, as well as the Fund's Peer Group and

benchmark index. Morningstar determined the Category and Peer Group for the Fund. The Board reviewed with a representative of Morningstar the methodology used by Morningstar to select the funds in the Category and the Peer Group. The Board noted the imperfect comparability of the Peer Group.

The Board noted the Fund's performance was lower than the performance of the Category and Peer Group medians and its benchmark index, the Lehman Brothers Aggregate Bond Index, over the 1-year period. The Board also noted that the Fund's performance for the 3- and 5-year periods was lower than the median performance of its Category and Peer Group, but higher than its benchmark index. The Board noted the Fund's performance was lower than the performance of the Category median, but higher than its Peer Group median and benchmark index over the 10-year period. The Adviser discussed with the Board factors contributing to the Fund's performance results. The Adviser noted that, in its view, the Fund's Peer Group was not comparable, and that the Fund's performance was consistent with other similarly leveraged closed-end funds. The Board indicated its intent to continue to monitor the Fund's performance trends.

Investment advisory fee and subadvisory fee rates and expenses

The Board reviewed and considered the contractual investment advisory fee rate payable by the Fund to the Adviser for investment advisory services (the "Advisory Agreement Rate"). The Board received and considered information comparing the Advisory Agreement Rate with the advisory fees for the Category and Peer Group. The Board noted that the Advisory Agreement Rate was higher than the median rate of the Peer Group and equal to the median rate of the Category.

The Board received and considered expense information regarding the Fund's various components, including advisory fees, and other non-advisory fees, including transfer agent fees, custodian fees, and other miscellaneous fees (e.g., fees for accounting and legal services). The Board considered comparisons of these expenses to the Peer Group median. The Board also received and considered expense information regarding the Fund's total operating expense ratio ("Expense Ratio"). The Board received and considered information comparing the Expense Ratio of the Fund to that of the Category and Peer Group medians. The Board noted that the Fund's Expense Ratio was higher than the Category and Peer Group medians.

The Adviser also discussed the Morningstar data and rankings, and other relevant information, for the Fund. Based on the above-referenced considerations and other factors, the Board concluded that the Fund's overall expense results and performance supported the re-approval of the Advisory Agreements.

The Board also received information about the investment subadvisory fee rate (the "Subadvisory Agreement Rate") payable by the Adviser to the Subadviser for investment sub-advisory services. The Board concluded that the Subadvisory Agreement Rate was fair and equitable, based on its consideration of the factors described here.

Profitability

The Board received and considered a detailed profitability analysis of the Adviser based on the Advisory Agreements, as well as on other relationships between the Fund and the Adviser and its affiliates, including the Subadviser. The Board concluded that, in light of the costs of providing investment management and other services to the Fund, the profits and other ancillary benefits reported by the Adviser were not unreasonable.

Economies of scale

The Board received and considered general information regarding economies of scale with respect to the management of the Fund, including the Fund's ability to appropriately benefit from economies of scale under the Fund's fee structure. The Board recognized the inherent limitations of any analysis of economies of scale, stemming largely from the Board's understanding that most of the Adviser's and Subadviser's costs are not specific to individual Funds, but rather are incurred across a variety of products and services.

The Board noted that the Advisory Agreements offered breakpoints. However, the Board

considered the limited relevance of economies of scale in the context of a closed-end fund that, unlike an open-end fund, does not continuously offer its shares. The Board noted that the Fund, as a closed-end investment company, was not expected to increase materially in size and that its assets would grow (if at all) through the investment performance of the Fund. Therefore, the Board did not consider potential economies of scale as a principal factor in assessing the fees payable under the Agreements, but concluded that the fees were fair and equitable based on relevant factors.

Other benefits to the Adviser

The Board received information regarding potential "fall-out" or ancillary benefits received by the Adviser and its affiliates as a result of the Adviser's relationship with the Fund. Such benefits could include, among others, benefits directly attributable to the relationship of the Adviser with the Fund and benefits potentially derived from an increase in the business of the Adviser as a result of its relationship with the Fund (such as the ability to market to shareholders other financial products offered by the Adviser and its affiliates).

The Board also considered the effectiveness of the Adviser's, Subadviser's and Fund's policies and procedures for complying with the requirements of the federal securities laws, including those relating to best execution of portfolio transactions and brokerage allocation.

Other factors and broader review

As discussed above, the Board reviewed detailed materials received from the Adviser and Subadviser as part of the annual re-approval process. The Board also regularly reviews and assesses the quality of the services that the Fund receives throughout the year. In this regard, the Board reviews reports of the Adviser and Subadviser at least quarterly, which include, among other things, fund performance reports and compliance reports. In addition, the Board meets with portfolio managers and senior investment officers at various times throughout the year.

After considering the above-described factors and based on its deliberations and its evaluation of the information described above, the Board concluded that approval of the continuation of the Advisory Agreements for the Fund was in the best interest of the Fund and its shareholders. Accordingly, the Board unanimously approved the continuation of the Advisory Agreements.

1 The Board previously considered information about the Subadvisory Agreement at the September and December 2005 Board meetings in connection with the Adviser's reorganization.

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Information about the portfolio managers

Management Biographies and Fund ownership

Below is an alphabetical list of the portfolio managers who share joint responsibility for the day-to-day investment management of the Fund. It provides a brief summary of their business careers over the past five years and their range of beneficial share ownership in the Fund as of December 31, 2006.

Barry H. Evans, CFA

President, Chief Fixed Income Officer and Chief Operating Officer, MFC Global Investment Management (U.S.), LLC since 2005

Senior Vice President, Chief Fixed Income Officer and Chief Operating Officer, John Hancock Advisers LLC (1986-2005)

Began business career in 1986

Joined fund team in 2002

Fund ownership □ \$1-\$10,000

Jeffrey N. Given, CFA

Vice President, MFC Global Investment Management (U.S.), LLC since 2005
 Second Vice President, John Hancock Advisers LLC (1993-2005)
 Began business career in 1993
 Joined fund team in 1999
 Fund ownership □ \$1-\$10,000

John F. Iles

Vice President, MFC Global Investment Management (U.S.), LLC since 2005
 Vice President, John Hancock Advisers LLC (1999-2005)
 Began business career in 1984
 Joined fund team in 2005
 Fund ownership □ None

Other Accounts the Portfolio Managers are Managing

The table below indicates for each portfolio manager information about the accounts over which the portfolio manager has day-to-day investment responsibility. All information on the number of accounts and total assets in the table is as of December 31, 2006. For purposes of the table, □Other Pooled Investment Vehicles□ may include investment partnerships and group trusts, and □Other Accounts□ may include separate accounts for institutions or individuals, insurance company general or separate accounts, pension funds and other similar institutional accounts.

PORTFOLIO MANAGER	OTHER ACCOUNTS MANAGED BY THE PORTFOLIO MANAGERS
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Barry H. Evans, CFA	Other Investment Companies: 5 funds with assets of approximately \$3.7 billion. Other Pooled Investment Vehicles: 2 accounts with assets of approximately \$103 million Other Accounts: 121 accounts with assets of approximately \$5.5 billion.
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Jeffrey N. Given, CFA	Other Investment Companies: 5 funds with assets of approximately \$892 million. Other Pooled Investment Vehicles: None Other Accounts: 20 accounts with assets of approximately \$4.7 billion
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John F. Iles	Other Investment Companies: 1 fund with assets of approximately \$1.3 billion. Other Pooled Investment Vehicles: 2 accounts with assets of approximately \$103 million. Other Accounts: 2 accounts with total assets of
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approximately \$684 million

Neither the Adviser nor Subadviser receives a fee based upon the investment performance of any of the accounts included under "Other Accounts Managed by the Portfolio Managers" in the table above.

When a portfolio manager is responsible for the management of more than one account, the potential arises for the portfolio manager to favor one account over another. For the reasons outlined below, the Fund does not believe that any material conflicts are likely to arise out of a portfolio manager's responsibility for the management of the Fund as well as one or more other accounts. The Adviser and the Subadviser have adopted procedures, overseen by the Chief Compliance Officer, that are intended to monitor compliance with the policies referred to in the following paragraphs.

The Subadviser has policies that require a portfolio manager to allocate investment opportunities in an equitable manner and generally to allocate such investments proportionately among all accounts with similar investment objectives.

When a portfolio manager intends to trade the same security for more than one account, the policies of the Subadviser generally require that such trades for the individual accounts are aggregated so each account receives the same price. Where not possible or may not result in the best possible price, the Subadviser will place the order in a manner intended to result in as favorable a price as possible for such client.

The investment performance on specific accounts is not a factor in determining the portfolio manager's compensation. See "Compensation of Portfolio Managers" below. Neither the Adviser nor the Subadviser receives a performance-based fee with respect to other accounts managed by the Fund's portfolio managers.

The Subadviser imposes certain trading restrictions and reporting requirements for accounts in which a portfolio manager or certain family members have a personal interest in order to confirm that such accounts are not favored over other accounts.

The Subadviser seeks to avoid portfolio manager assignments with potentially conflicting situations. However, where a portfolio manager is responsible for accounts with differing investment objectives and policies, it is possible that the portfolio manager will conclude that it is in the best interest of one account to sell a portfolio security while another account continues to hold or increase the holding in such security.

Compensation of Portfolio Managers

The Subadviser has adopted a system of compensation for portfolio managers and others involved in the investment process that is applied consistently among investment professionals. At the Subadviser, the structure of compensation of investment professionals is currently comprised of the following basic components: fixed base salary, and an annual investment bonus plan, as well as customary benefits that are offered generally to all full-time employees of the Subadviser. A limited number of senior portfolio managers, who serve as officers of both the Subadviser and its parent company, may also receive options or restricted stock grants of common shares of Manulife Financial.

Only investment professionals are eligible to participate in the Investment Bonus Plan on an annual basis. While the amount of any bonus is discretionary, the following factors are generally used in

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determining bonuses: 1) The investment performance of all accounts managed by the investment professional over one and three-year periods are considered. The pre-tax performance of each account is measured relative to an appropriate peer group benchmark. 2) The profitability of the Subadviser and its parent company are also considered in determining bonus awards, with greater emphasis placed upon the profitability of the Adviser. 3) The more intangible contributions of an investment professional to the Subadviser's business, including the investment professional's support of sales activities, new fund/strategy idea generation, professional growth and development, and management, where applicable, are evaluating in determining the amount of any bonus award.

While the profitability of the Subadviser and the investment performance of the accounts that the investment professionals maintain are factors in determining an investment professional's overall compensation, the investment professional's compensation is not linked directly to the net asset value of any fund.

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Trustees and Officers

This chart provides information about the Trustees and Officers who oversee your John Hancock fund. Officers elected by the Trustees manage the day-to-day operations of the Fund and execute policies formulated by the Trustees.

Independent Trustees

Name, age Position(s) held with Fund Principal occupation(s) and other directorships during past 5 years	Number of Trustee of Fund since ¹	Number of John Hancock funds overseen by Trustee
<p>Ronald R. Dion , Born: 1946 <i>Independent Chairman (since 2005);</i> Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, R.M. Bradley & Co., Inc.; Director, The New England Council and Massachusetts Roundtable; Trustee, North Shore Medical Center; Director, Boston Stock Exchange; Director, BJ's Wholesale Club, Inc. and a corporator of the Eastern Bank; Trustee, Emmanuel College; Director, Boston Municipal Research Bureau; Member of the Advisory Board, Carroll Graduate School of Management at Boston College.</p>	2005	64
<p>James F. Carlin , Born: 1940 Director and Treasurer, Alpha Analytical Laboratories Inc. (chemical analysis) (since 1985); Part Owner and Treasurer, Lawrence Carlin Insurance Agency, Inc. (since 1995); Part Owner and Vice President, Mone Lawrence Carlin Insurance Agency, Inc. (until 2005); Director and Treasurer, Rizzo Associates (engineering) (until 2000); Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Carlin Consolidated, Inc. (management/investments) (since 1987); Director and Partner, Proctor Carlin & Co., Inc. (until 1999); Trustee, Massachusetts Health and Education Tax Exempt Trust (since 1993); Director of the following: Uno Restaurant Corp. (until 2001), Arbella Mutual (insurance) (until 2000), HealthPlan Services, Inc. (until 1999), Flagship Healthcare, Inc. (until 1999), Carlin Insurance Agency, Inc. (until 1999); Chairman, Massachusetts Board of Higher Education (until 1999).</p>	2005	64
<p>Richard P. Chapman, Jr.,² Born: 1935 President and Chief Executive Officer, Brookline Bancorp, Inc. (lending) (since 1972); Chairman and Director, Lumber Insurance Co. (insurance) (until 2000); Chairman and Director, Northeast Retirement Services, Inc. (retirement administration) (since 1998); Vice Chairman, Northeastern University Board of Trustees (since 2004).</p>	1975	64

William H. Cunningham , Born: 1944	2005	64
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Former Chancellor, University of Texas System and former President of the University of Texas, Austin, Texas; Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, IBT Technologies (until 2001); Director of the following: Hire.com (until 2004), STC Broadcasting, Inc. and Sunrise Television Corp. (until 2001), Symtx, Inc. (electronic manufacturing) (since 2001), Adorno/Rogers Technology, Inc. (until 2004), Pinnacle Foods Corporation (until 2003), rateGenius (until 2003), Lincoln National Corporation (insurance) (since 2006), Jefferson-Pilot Corporation (diversified life insurance company) (until 2006), New Century Equity Holdings

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Independent Trustees (continued)

Name, age Position(s) held with Fund Principal occupation(s) and other directorships during past 5 years	Trustee of Fund since¹	Number of John Hancock funds overseen by Trustee
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William H. Cunningham , Born: 1944 (continued) (formerly Billing Concepts) (until 2001), eCertain (until 2001), ClassMap.com (until 2001), Agile Ventures (until 2001), AskRed.com (until 2001), Southwest Airlines, Introgen and Viasystems Group, Inc. (electronic manufacturer) (until 2003); Advisory Director, Interactive Bridge, Inc. (college fundraising) (until 2001); Advisory Director, Q Investments (until 2003); Advisory Director, JPMorgan Chase Bank (formerly Texas Commerce Bank ☐ Austin), LIN Television (since 2002), WilTel Communications (until 2003) and Hayes Lemmerz International, Inc. (diversified automotive parts supply company) (since 2003).	2005	64
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Charles L. Ladner,² Born: 1938 Chairman and Trustee, Dunwoody Village, Inc. (retirement services) (until 2003); Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, UGI Corporation (public utility holding company) (retired 1998); Vice President and Director, AmeriGas, Inc. (retired 1998); Director, AmeriGas Partners, L.P. (gas distribution) (until 1997); Director, EnergyNorth, Inc. (until 1995); Director, Parks and History Association (until 2007).	2004	64
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John A. Moore,² Born: 1939 President and Chief Executive Officer, Institute for Evaluating Health Risks, (nonprofit institution) (until 2001); Senior Scientist, Sciences International (health research) (until 2003); Former Assistant Administrator and Deputy Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; Principal, Hollyhouse (consulting) (since 2000); Director, CIIT Center for Health Science Research (nonprofit research) (since 2002).	1996	64
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Patti McGill Peterson,² Born: 1943	1996	64
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Executive Director, Council for International Exchange of Scholars and Vice President, Institute of International Education (since 1998); Senior Fellow, Cornell Institute of Public Affairs, Cornell University (until 1998); Former President of Wells College and St. Lawrence University; Director, Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (until 2003); Director, Ford Foundation, International Fellowships Program (since 2002); Director, Lois Roth Endowment (since 2002); Director, Council for International Educational Exchange (since 2003).

Steven R. Pruchansky , Born: 1944	2005	64
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Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Greenscapes of Southwest Florida, Inc. (since 2000); Director and President, Greenscapes of Southwest Florida, Inc. (until 2000); Managing Director, JonJames, LLC (real estate) (since 2001); Director, First Signature Bank & Trust Company (until 1991); Director, Mast Realty Trust (until 1994); President, Maxwell Building Corp. (until 1991).

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Non-Independent Trustee³

Name, age Position(s) held with Fund Principal occupation(s) and other directorships during past 5 years	Trustee of Fund since¹	Number of John Hancock funds overseen by Trustee
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James R. Boyle , Born: 1959	2005	259
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President, John Hancock Annuities; Executive Vice President, John Hancock Life Insurance Company (since June 2004); Chairman and Director, John Hancock Advisers, LLC (the "Adviser"), John Hancock Funds, LLC and The Berkeley Financial Group, LLC ("The Berkeley Group") (holding company) (since 2005); President, U.S. Annuities; Senior Vice President, The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) (until 2004).

Principal officers who are not Trustees

Name, age Position(s) held with Fund Principal occupation(s) and directorships during past 5 years	Officer of Fund since
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Keith F. Hartstein , Born: 1956	2005
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President and Chief Executive Officer
Senior Vice President, Manulife Financial Corporation (since 2004); Director, President and Chief Executive Officer, the Adviser, The Berkeley Group, John Hancock Funds, LLC (since 2005); Director, MFC Global Investment Management (U.S.), LLC ("MFC Global (U.S.)") (since 2005); Director, John Hancock Signature Services, Inc. (since 2005); President and Chief Executive Officer, John Hancock Investment Management Services, LLC (since 2006); President and Chief Executive

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Officer, John Hancock Funds II, John Hancock Funds III and John Hancock Trust;
 Director, Chairman and President, NM Capital Management, Inc. (since 2005);
 Chairman, Investment Company Institute Sales Force Marketing Committee
 (since 2003); Director, President and Chief Executive Officer, MFC Global (U.S.)
 (2005-2006); Executive Vice President, John Hancock Funds, LLC (until 2005).

Thomas M. Kinzler, Born: 1955 2006
Secretary and Chief Legal Officer

Vice President and Counsel, John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.)
 (since 2006); Secretary and Chief Legal Officer, John Hancock Funds, John
 Hancock Funds II, John Hancock Funds III and John Hancock Trust (since 2006);
 Vice President and Associate General Counsel, Massachusetts Mutual Life
 Insurance Company (1999-2006); Secretary and Chief Legal Counsel, MML
 Series Investment Fund (2000-2006); Secretary and Chief Legal Counsel,
 MassMutual Institutional Funds (2000-2004); Secretary and Chief Legal Counsel,
 MassMutual Select Funds and MassMutual Premier Funds (2004-2006).

Francis V. Knox, Jr., Born: 1947 2005
Chief Compliance Officer

Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer, John Hancock Investment
 Management Services, LLC, the Adviser and MFC Global (U.S.) (since 2005);
 Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer, John Hancock Funds II, John
 Hancock Funds III and John Hancock Trust (since 2005); Vice President and
 Assistant Treasurer, Fidelity Group of Funds (until 2004); Vice President and
 Ethics & Compliance Officer, Fidelity Investments (until 2001).

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Principal officers who are not Trustees (continued)

Name, age	Officer
Position(s) held with Fund	of Fund
Principal occupation(s) and	since
directorships during past 5 years	

Gordon M. Shone, Born: 1956 2006
Treasurer

Treasurer, John Hancock Funds (since 2006), John Hancock Funds II, John
 Hancock Funds III and John Hancock Trust (since 2005); Vice President and
 Chief Financial Officer, John Hancock Trust (2003-2005); Senior Vice President,
 John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) (since 2001); Vice President,
 John Hancock Investment Management Services, Inc., John Hancock Advisers,
 LLC (since 2006) and The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.)
 (1998-2000).

John G. Vrysen, Born: 1955 2005
Chief Financial Officer

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Senior Vice President, Manulife Financial Corporation (since 2006); Director, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, the Adviser, The Berkeley Group and John Hancock Funds, LLC (since 2005); Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, John Hancock Investment Management Services, LLC (since 2005); Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, MFC Global (U.S.) (since 2005); Director, John Hancock Signature Services, Inc. (since 2005); Chief Financial Officer, John Hancock Funds II, John Hancock Funds III and John Hancock Trust (since 2005); Vice President and General Manager, Fixed Annuities, U.S. Wealth Management (until 2005); Vice President, Operations, Manulife Wood Logan (2000-2004).

The business address for all Trustees and Officers is 601 Congress Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02210-2805. The Statement of Additional Information of the Fund includes additional information about members of the Board of Trustees of the Fund and is available, without charge, upon request, by calling 1-800-225-5291.

¹Each Trustee serves until resignation, retirement age or until his or her successor is elected.

²Member of Audit Committee.

³Non-Independent Trustee holds positions with the Fund's investment adviser, underwriter and certain other affiliates.

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For more information

The Fund's proxy voting policies, procedures and records are available without charge, upon request:

By phone

1-800-225-5291

On the Fund's Web site

www.jhffunds.com/proxy

On the SEC's Web site

www.sec.gov

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Subadviser

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A listing of month-end portfolio holdings is available on our Web site, www.jhfunds.com. A more detailed portfolio holdings summary is available on a quarterly basis 60 days after the fiscal quarter on our Web site or upon request by calling 1-800-225-5291, or on the Securities and Exchange Commission's Web site, www.sec.gov.

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JOHN HANCOCK FAMILY OF FUNDS

EQUITY

Balanced Fund
Classic Value Fund
Classic Value Fund II
Core Equity Fund
Focused Equity Fund
Growth Fund
Growth Opportunities Fund
Growth Trends Fund
Intrinsic Value Fund
Large Cap Equity Fund
Large Cap Select Fund
Mid Cap Equity Fund
Mid Cap Growth Fund
Multi Cap Growth Fund
Small Cap Equity Fund
Small Cap Fund
Small Cap Intrinsic Value Fund

INTERNATIONAL

Greater China Opportunities Fund
International Allocation Portfolio
International Classic Value Fund
International Core Fund
International Fund
International Growth Fund

INCOME

Bond Fund
Government Income Fund
High Yield Fund
Investment Grade Bond Fund
Strategic Income Fund

TAX-FREE INCOME

California Tax-Free Income Fund
High Yield Municipal Bond Fund

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Sovereign Investors Fund
U.S. Core Fund
U.S. Global Leaders Growth Fund
Value Opportunities Fund

ASSET ALLOCATION

Allocation Core Portfolio
Allocation Growth + Value Portfolio
Lifecycle 2010 Portfolio
Lifecycle 2015 Portfolio
Lifecycle 2020 Portfolio
Lifecycle 2025 Portfolio
Lifecycle 2030 Portfolio
Lifecycle 2035 Portfolio
Lifecycle 2040 Portfolio
Lifecycle 2045 Portfolio
Lifecycle Retirement Portfolio
Lifestyle Aggressive Portfolio
Lifestyle Balanced Portfolio
Lifestyle Conservative Portfolio
Lifestyle Growth Portfolio
Lifestyle Moderate Portfolio

SECTOR

Financial Industries Fund
Health Sciences Fund
Real Estate Fund
Regional Bank Fund
Technology Fund
Technology Leaders Fund

Massachusetts Tax-Free Income Fund
New York Tax-Free Income Fund
Tax-Free Bond Fund

MONEY MARKET

Money Market Fund
U.S. Government Cash Reserve

CLOSED-END

Bank and Thrift Opportunity Fund
Financial Trends Fund, Inc.
Income Securities Trust
Investors Trust
Patriot Global Dividend Fund
Patriot Preferred Dividend Fund
Patriot Premium Dividend Fund I
Patriot Premium Dividend Fund II
Patriot Select Dividend Fund
Preferred Income Fund
Preferred Income II Fund
Preferred Income III Fund
Tax-Advantaged Dividend Income Fund

For more complete information on any John Hancock Fund and an Open-End fund prospectus, which includes charges and expenses, call your financial professional, or John Hancock Funds at 1-800-225-5291 for Open-End fund information and 1-800-852-0218 for Closed-End fund information. Please read the Open-End fund prospectus carefully before investing or sending money.

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ITEM 2. CODE OF ETHICS.

As of the end of the period, December 31, 2006, the registrant has adopted a code of ethics, as defined in Item 2 of Form N-CSR, that applies to its Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer (respectively, the principal executive officer, the principal financial officer and the principal accounting officer, the "Senior Financial Officers"). A copy of the code of ethics is filed as an exhibit to this Form N-CSR.

ITEM 3. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT.

Charles L. Ladner is the audit committee financial expert and is "independent", pursuant to general instructions on Form N-CSR Item 3.

ITEM 4. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES.

(a) Audit Fees

The aggregate fees billed for professional services rendered by the principal accountant(s) for the audit of the registrant's annual financial statements or services that are normally provided by the accountant(s) in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements amounted to \$34,535 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005 and \$26,250 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006. These fees were billed to the registrant and were approved by the registrant's audit committee.

(b) Audit-Related Services

There were no audit-related fees during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005 and fiscal year ended December 31, 2006 billed to the registrant or to the registrant's investment adviser (not including any sub-adviser whose role is primarily portfolio management and is subcontracted with or overseen by another investment adviser), and any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the adviser that provides ongoing services to the registrant ("control affiliates").

(c) Tax Fees

The aggregate fees billed for professional services rendered by the principal accountant(s) for the tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning ("tax fees") amounted to \$4,400 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005 and \$3,500 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006. The nature of the services comprising the tax fees was the review of the registrant's income tax returns and tax distribution requirements. These fees were billed to the registrant and were approved by the registrant's audit committee. There were no tax fees billed to the control affiliates.

(d) All Other Fees

The all other fees billed to the registrant for products and services provided by the principal accountant were \$3,100 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005 and \$3,000 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006. There were no other fees during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2006 billed to control affiliates for products and services provided by the principal accountant. The nature of the services comprising the all other fees was related to the principal accountant's report on the registrant's Eligible Asset Coverage. These fees were approved by the registrant's audit committee.

(e)(1) See attachment "Approval of Audit, Audit-related, Tax and Other Services", with the audit committee pre-approval policies and procedures.

(e)(2) There were no fees that were approved by the audit committee pursuant to the de minimis exception for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2005 and December 31, 2006 on behalf of the registrant or on behalf of the control affiliates that relate directly to the operations and financial reporting of the registrant.

(f) According to the registrant's principal accountant, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006, the percentage of hours spent on the audit of the registrant's financial statements for the most recent fiscal year that were attributed to work performed by persons who were not full-time, permanent employees of principal accountant was less than 50%.

(g) The aggregate non-audit fees billed by the registrant's accountant(s) for services rendered to the registrant and rendered to the registrant's control affiliates for each of the last two fiscal years of the registrant were \$29,500 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005, and \$872,192 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006.

(h) The audit committee of the registrant has considered the non-audit services provided by the registrant's principal accountant(s) to the control affiliates and has determined that the services that were not pre-approved are compatible with maintaining the principal accountant(s)' independence.

ITEM 5. AUDIT COMMITTEE OF LISTED REGISTRANTS.

The registrant has a separately-designated standing audit committee comprised of independent trustees. The members of the audit committee are as follows:

Dr. John A. Moore - Chairman
Richard P. Chapman, Jr.
Charles L. Ladner
Patti McGill Peterson

ITEM 6. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

Not applicable.

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

See attached Exhibit "Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures".

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.

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

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

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and Exchange Commission's rules and forms.

(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)(1) Code of Ethics for Senior Financial Officers is attached.

(a)(2) 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) Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures are attached.

(c)(2) Approval of Audit, Audit-related, Tax and Other Services is attached.

(c)(3) Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders is attached. See attached []John Hancock [] Governance Committee Charter[].

(c)(4) Contact person at the registrant.

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 Investors Trust

By: /s/ Keith F. Hartstein

Keith F. Hartstein
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: February 27, 2007

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

Keith F. Hartstein
President and Chief Executive Officer

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Date: February 27, 2007

By: /s/ John G. Vrysen

John G. Vrysen
Chief Financial Officer

Date: February 27, 2007
