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# Asset manager profiles

### John Hancock USA

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Allocating assets to only one or a small number of the investment options (other than the Target Date 'Lifecycle' or Target Risk 'Lifestyle' options) should not be considered a balanced investment program. In particular, allocating assets to a small number of options concentrated in particular business or market sectors will subject your account to increased risk and volatility. Examples of business or market sectors where this risk may be particularly high include: a) technology-related businesses, including Internet-related businesses, b) small-cap securities and c) foreign securities. John Hancock does not provide advice regarding appropriate investment allocations.

### **Risks Applicable to All Funds**

Merger and Replacement Transition Risk for Sub-Account. It is possible that the Fund will be replaced with or merged into another investment option offered under your plan's group annuity contract. In the case of fund mergers and replacements, the affected funds that are being merged or replaced may implement the redemption of your interest by payment in cash or by distributing assets in kind. In either case, the redemption of your interest by the affected fund, as well as the investment of the redemption proceeds by the "new" fund, may result in transaction costs to the funds because the affected funds may find it necessary to sell securities and the "new" funds will find it necessary to invest the redemption proceeds. Also, the redemption and reinvestment processes, including any transition period that may be involved in completing such mergers and replacements, could be subject to market gains or losses, including those from currency exchange rates. The transaction costs and potential market gains or losses could have an impact on the value of your investment in the affected fund and in the "new" fund, and such market gains or losses could also have an impact on the value of any existing investment that you or other investors may have in the "new" fund. Although there can be no assurances that all risks can be eliminated, the portfolio manager(s) of the affected funds will use their best efforts to manage and minimize such risks and costs.

**Risk of Increase in Expenses for Sub-Account.** Your actual costs of investing in the fund may be higher than the expenses shown in "Annual fund operating expenses" for a variety of reasons. For example, expense ratios may be higher than those shown if a fee limitation is changed or terminated or if average net assets decrease. Net assets are more likely to decrease and fund expense ratios are more likely to increase when markets are volatile.

### Risk Disclosures: Additional Risks

**Cash Drag** The portfolio may fail to meet its investment objective because of positions in cash and equivalents.

Commodity Investments in commodity-related instruments are subject to the risk that the performance of the overall commodities market declines and that weather, disease, political, tax, and other regulatory developments adversely impact the value of commodities, which may result in a loss of principal and interest. Commodity-linked investments face increased price volatility and liquidity, credit, and issuer risks compared with their underlying measures.

Conflict of Interest A conflict of interest may arise if the advisor makes an investment in certain underlying funds based on the fact that those funds are also managed by the advisor or an affiliate or because certain underlying funds may pay higher fees to the advisor do than others. In addition, an advisor's participation in the primary or secondary market for loans may be deemed a conflict of interest and limit the ability of the investment to acquire those assets.

Convertible Securities Investments in convertible securities may be subject to increased interest-rate risks, rising in value as interest rates decline and falling in value when interest rates rise, in addition to their market value depending on the performance of the common stock of the issuer. Convertible securities, which are typically unrated or rated lower than other debt obligations, are secondary to debt obligations in order of priority during a liquidation in the event the issuer defaults.

Credit and Counterparty The issuer or guarantor of a fixed-income security, counterparty to an OTC derivatives contract, or other borrower may not be able to make timely principal, interest, or settlement payments on an obligation. In this event, the issuer of a fixed-income security may have its credit rating downgraded or defaulted, which may reduce the potential for income and value of the portfolio.

**Derivatives** Investments in derivatives may be subject to the risk that the advisor does not correctly predict the movement of the underlying security, interest rate, market index, or other financial asset, or that the value of the derivative does not correlate perfectly with either the overall market or the underlying asset from which the derivative's value is derived. Because derivatives usually involve a small investment relative to the magnitude of liquidity and other risks assumed, the resulting gain or loss from the transaction will be disproportionately magnified. These investments may result in a loss if the counterparty to the transaction does not perform as promised.

**Equity Securities** The value of equity securities, which include common, preferred, and convertible preferred stocks, will fluctuate based on changes in their issuers' financial conditions, as well as overall market and economic conditions, and can decline in the event of deteriorating issuer, market, or economic conditions.

ETF Investments in exchange-traded funds generally reflect the risks of owning the underlying securities they are designed to track, although they may be subject to greater liquidity risk and higher costs than owning the underlying securities directly because of their management fees. Shares of ETFs are subject to market trading risk, potentially trading at a premium or discount to net asset value.

ETN Investments in exchange-traded notes may be subject to the risk that their value is reduced because of poor performance of the underlying index or a downgrade in the issuer's credit rating, potentially resulting in default. The value of these securities may also be impacted by time to maturity, level of supply and demand, and volatility and lack of liquidity in underlying markets, among other factors. The portfolio bears its proportionate share of fees and expenses associated with investment in ETNs, and its decision to sell these holdings may be limited by the availability of a secondary market.

**Fixed-Income Securities** The value of fixed-income or debt securities may be susceptible to general movements in the bond market and are subject to interest-rate and credit risk.

Foreign Securities Investments in foreign securities may be subject to increased volatility as the value of these securities can change more rapidly and extremely than can the value of U.S. securities. Foreign securities are subject to increased issuer risk because foreign issuers may not experience the same degree of regulation as U.S. issuers do and are held to different reporting, accounting, and auditing standards. In addition, foreign securities are subject to increased costs because there are generally higher commission rates on transactions, transfer taxes, higher custodial costs, and the potential for foreign tax charges on dividend and interest payments. Many foreign markets are relatively small, and securities issued in less-developed countries face the risks of nationalization, expropriation or confiscatory taxation, and adverse changes in investment or exchange control regulations, including

# Risk disclosures continued

suspension of the ability to transfer currency from a country. Economic, political, social, or diplomatic developments can also negatively impact performance.

**Futures** Investments in futures contracts and options on futures contracts may increase volatility and be subject to additional market, active management, interest, currency, and other risks if the contract cannot be closed when desired.

**Hedging Strategies** The advisor's use of hedging strategies to reduce risk may limit the opportunity for gains compared with unhedged investments, and there is no guarantee that hedges will actually reduce risk.

**High Portfolio Turnover** Active trading may create high portfolio turnover, or a turnover of 100% or more, resulting in increased transaction costs. These higher costs may have an adverse impact on performance and generate short-term capital gains, creating potential tax liability even if an investor does not sell any shares during the year.

**High-Yield Securities** Investments in below-investment-grade debt securities and unrated securities of similar credit quality, commonly known as "junk bonds" or "high-yield securities," may be subject to increased interest, credit, and liquidity risks.

Index Correlation/Tracking Error A portfolio that tracks an index is subject to the risk that certain factors may cause the portfolio to track its target index less closely, including if the advisor selects securities that are not fully representative of the index. The portfolio will generally reflect the performance of its target index even if the index does not perform well, and it may underperform the index after factoring in fees, expenses, transaction costs, and the size and timing of shareholder purchases and redemptions.

**Industry and Sector Investing** Concentrating assets in a particular industry, sector of the economy, or markets may increase volatility because the investment will be more susceptible to the impact of market, economic, regulatory, and other factors affecting that industry or sector compared with a more broadly diversified asset allocation.

**IPO** Investing in initial public offerings may increase volatility and have a magnified impact on performance. IPO shares may be sold shortly after purchase, which can increase portfolio turnover and expenses, including commissions and transaction costs. Additionally, IPO shares are subject to increased market, liquidity, and issuer risks.

Large Cap Concentrating assets in large-capitalization stocks may subject the portfolio to the risk that those stocks underperform other capitalizations or the market as a whole. Large-cap companies may be unable to respond as quickly as small- and mid-cap companies can to new competitive pressures and may lack the growth potential of those securities. Historically, large-cap companies do not recover as quickly as smaller companies do from market declines.

**Leverage** Leverage transactions may increase volatility and result in a significant loss of value if a transaction fails. Because leverage usually involves investment exposure that exceeds the initial investment, the resulting gain or loss from a relatively small change in an underlying indicator will be disproportionately magnified.

**Loss of Money** Because the investment's market value may fluctuate up and down, an investor may lose money, including part of the principal, when he or she buys or sells the investment.

**Management** Performance is subject to the risk that the advisor's asset allocation and investment strategies do not perform as expected, which may cause the portfolio to underperform its benchmark, other investments with

similar objectives, or the market in general. The investment is subject to the risk of loss of income and capital invested, and the advisor does not guarantee its value, performance, or any particular rate of return.

Market/Market Volatility The market value of the portfolio's securities may fall rapidly or unpredictably because of changing economic, political, or market conditions, which may reduce the value of the portfolio.

**Mid-Cap** Concentrating assets in mid-capitalization stocks may subject the portfolio to the risk that those stocks underperform other capitalizations or the market as a whole. Mid-cap companies may be subject to increased liquidity risk compared with large-cap companies and may experience greater price volatility than do those securities because of more-limited product lines or financial resources, among other factors.

**MLP** Investments in master limited partnerships may be subject to the risk that their value is reduced because of poor performance of the underlying assets or if they are not treated as partnerships for federal income tax purposes. Investors in MLPs have more-limited control and voting rights on matters affecting the partnership compared with shareholders of common stock.

Mortgage-Backed and Asset-Backed Securities Investments in mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities may be subject to increased price volatility because of changes in interest rates, issuer information availability, credit quality of the underlying assets, market perception of the issuer, availability of credit enhancement, and prepayment of principal. The value of ABS and MBS may be adversely affected if the underlying borrower fails to pay the loan included in the security.

**Not FDIC Insured** The investment is not a deposit or obligation of, or guaranteed or endorsed by, any bank and is not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Reserve Board, or any other U.S. governmental agency.

**Other** The investment's performance may be impacted by its concentration in a certain type of security, adherence to a particular investing strategy, or a unique aspect of its structure and costs.

**Quantitative Investing** Holdings selected by quantitative analysis may perform differently from the market as a whole based on the factors used in the analysis, the weighting of each factor, and how the factors have changed over time.

**Restricted/Illiquid Securities** Restricted and illiquid securities may fall in price because of an inability to sell the securities when desired. Investing in restricted securities may subject the portfolio to higher costs and liquidity risk.

Risks Relating to John Hancock. The fund invests a portion of its assets (including cash and cash equivalents) in a separate account of John Hancock Life & Health Insurance Company (John Hancock Life & Health). The fund's right to receive payments for the benefit of, and its ability to distribute payments to, plan participants depends on the timely liquidation of separate account assets. While an insolvency of John Hancock Life & Health should not diminish the assets of the Separate Account, it could delay the timing of payments to plan participants. Because the fund invests in the separate account, the value of the fund and its ability to honor withdrawal requests from plan participants depends, in part, on the performance of John Hancock Life & Health.

**Short Sale** Selling securities short may be subject to the risk that an advisor does not correctly predict the movement of the security, resulting in a loss if a security must be purchased on the market above its initial borrowing price to return to the lender, in addition to interest paid to the lender for borrowing the security.

**Small Cap** Concentrating assets in small-capitalization stocks may subject the portfolio to the risk that those stocks underperform other capitalizations or the market as a whole. Smaller, less-seasoned companies may be subject to increased liquidity risk compared with mid- and large-cap companies and may experience greater price volatility than do those securities because of limited product lines, management experience, market share, or financial resources, among other factors.

**Socially Conscious** Adhering to social, moral, or environmental criteria may preclude potentially profitable opportunities in sectors or firms that would otherwise be consistent with the investment objective and strategy.

Swaps Investments in swaps, such as interest-rate swaps, currency swaps and total return swaps, may increase volatility and be subject to increased liquidity, credit, and counterparty risks. Depending on their structure, swaps may increase or decrease the portfolio's exposure to long- or short-term interest rates, foreign currency values, corporate borrowing rates, security prices, index values, inflation rates, credit, or other factors.

Target Risk Portfolio Risk. A Target Risk Portfolio ("Lifestyle Fund") is a "fund of funds" which invests in a number of underlying funds. The portfolio managers control security selection and asset allocation. The Portfolio's ability to achieve its investment objective will depend largely on the ability of the subadviser to select the appropriate mix of underlying funds and on the underlying funds' ability to meet their investment objectives. There can be no assurance that either the Portfolio or the underlying funds will achieve their investment objectives. The Portfolio is subject to the same risks as the underlying funds in which it invests.

The Target Risk Portfolios available range from a conservative to aggressive investment strategy. Each seeks to maintain a consistent level of risk over time regardless of the market environment. Each Target Risk Portfolio is diversified across a mix of stocks, bonds and other capital preserving investments and while this may reduce the overall portfolio risk and volatility, diversification does not ensure a gain or guarantee a protection against a loss. For a more complete description of these and other risks, please refer to the Fund Sheet and the underlying fund's prospectus, which is available upon request.

**Underlying Fund/Fund of Funds** A portfolio's risks are closely associated with the risks of the securities and other investments held by the underlying or subsidiary funds, and the ability of the portfolio to meet its investment objective likewise depends on the ability of the underlying funds to meet their objectives. Investment in other funds may subject the portfolio to higher costs than owning the underlying securities directly because of their management fees.

### **Sub-Account Details**

#### Risk/Return Category<sup>1A</sup>

Growth



### Asset Class/Investment Style5A

**Guaranteed Income Feature** 

## Performance\*\*

Returns (as of 12-31-24)

	Fund	Index <sup>1</sup>	Index <sup>2</sup>	Peer Group
1 year	11.50%	25.02%	12.61%	12.97%
3 year	2.30%	8.94%	3.78%	3.34%
5 year	3.43%	14.53%	7.95%	7.50%
10 year	4.36%	13.10%	7.92%	7.24%

### Expense Ratio (as of 12-31-24)\*\*\*\*

Expense Ratio****	1.24%
Cost Per \$1,000	\$12.40

Sub-Account Inception Date: November 6, 2009 Underlying fund Inception Date: January 7, 1997

On March 3, 2014, the underlying fund changed its investment objective and principal investment strategies. The performance information shown for the period prior to this date does not reflect these changes. Refer to footnote 171 for more details.

#### ¥See important notes

\*\*The performance data presented represents past performance. Past performance is no guarantee of future results and current performance may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. An investment in a subaccount will fluctuate in value to reflect the value of the underlying portfolio and, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than original cost. Performance does not reflect any applicable contract-level or participant-level charges, fees for guaranteed benefits if elected by participant, or any redemption fees imposed by an underlying fund company. These charges, if included, would otherwise reduce the total return for a participant's account. Performance information current to the most recent month-end is available on our website myplan.johnhancock.com.

Performance data for a sub-account for any period prior to the date introduced is shown in bold and is hypothetical based on the performance of the underlying fund.

The total revenue John Hancock receives on this Fund is higher than those advised or sub-advised exclusively by unaffiliated entities. John Hancock and its affiliates provide advisory and/or sub-advisory services for the underlying fund. For these services, John Hancock and its affiliates receive additional fees which are included in the underlying fund expense ratio (i.e. Fund Expense Ratio or FER).

The Index<sup>1</sup> is S&P 500.<sup>i58</sup>

The Index² is 49% Russell 3000/ 21% MSCI EAFE/ 30% BarCap Agg Bond. 1166

The peer group is Moderately Aggressive Allocation. P67

Principal risks include:hedging strategies; mid-cap; high portfolio turnover; futures; IPO; foreign securities; MLP; swaps; equity securities; commodity; large cap; loss of money; derivatives; cash drag; credit and counterparty; management; John Hancock; risk of increase expenses; merger and replacement transition; Target Risk portfolio; other; index correlation/tracking error; conflict of interest; underlying fund/fund of funds; high-yield securities; Risked-income securities; ETN; quantitative investing; socially conscious; mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities; small cap; convertible securities; FTN; short sale; leverage; industry and sector investing and not FDIC insured. For more details, see Risk Disclosures section of this booklet.



# **Select Asset Allocation Growth**

## Portfolio 13,35,91,127,128,135,171,18

Investing solely in JHVIT Managed Volatility Growth Portfolio (Class 1) Sub-advised by John Hancock Investment Management

Ticker Symbol\*: JELGX

## **Fund Highlights**

**Investment Objective and Policies** ➤ Seeks long term growth of capital while seeking to both manage the volatility of return and limit the magnitude of portfolio losses. The fund seeks to limit the volatility of returns to a range of 11% to 13%.

### Why Consider this Fund

- You have a long-term investment time horizon and seek growth of capital as the primary focus, with some consideration given to current income. You can accept levels of risk similar to that of equity markets
- You want instant and broad diversification with exposure to a wide range of asset classes and investment styles including domestic stocks, international stocks, and fixed-income securities

### Holdings, Weightings and Allocations of the underlying fund

#### Top Holdings (as of 10-31-24)¤ JHVIT Strategic Equity Allocation NAV 28.8% JHVIT Select Bond NAV 17.4% JHancock Bond NAV 6.8% JHancock Fundamental Large Cap Core NAV 6.3% JHVIT Equity Income NAV 5.4% JHancock Emerging Markets Equity NAV 3.8% JHVIT Blue Chip Growth NAV 3.8% JHancock Multifactor Developed Intl ETF 3.6% Future on E-mini S&P 500 Futures 3.2% JHVIT Core Bond NAV 2.4%

### Totals 81.5% of assets

### Asset Allocation (as of 10-31-24)¤

US Stock	48.5%
US Bond	24.6%
Non US Stock	21.2%
Cash	3.9%
Non US Bond	1.6%
Preferred	0.1%
Convertible	0.1%

### Top Country Holdings (as of 10-31-24)¤

United States	76.4%	
Japan	3.1%	
United Kingdom	2.7%	
France	2.1%	
Switzerland	1.8%	
Germany	1.6%	
India	1.5%	
China	1.5%	
Taiwan	1.1%	
Australia	1.1%	

## Top Sector Weightings (as of 10-31-24)¤

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15.6%
10.8%
7.9%
7.5%
7.4%
4.9%
4.1%
2.9%
2.2%
2.1%
2.0%

### Key Statistics (as of 12-31-24 unless noted)¤

- Number of Holdings: 33
- ▶ Sharpe Ratio: -0.08
- Beta: 0.75 (Morningstar US Mod Agg Tgt Alloc NR USD)
- R<sup>2</sup>: 87.24 (Morningstar US Mod Agg Tgt Alloc NR USD)
- Turnover (annualized)§: 8.00
- Net Assets: \$5.4 billion
- Underlying fund expense ratios:
  - Gross\* 0.84%
  - Net\* 0.84%
- Market Cap (millions): 85851.43

<sup>\*</sup> The Net expense ratio shown is for the underlying fund and reflects any fee waivers or expense reimbursements and is subject to change. Please refer to the underlying prospectus or offering documents for additional information.^

# ¥ Important notes

Please call 800-395-1113 to obtain the Fund Sheet for the group annuity investment option sub-accounts and/or to obtain a prospectus (or Offering Memorandum/Trust Document) for the sub-accounts' underlying fund, that are available on request. The prospectuses (or Offering Memorandum/Trust Documents) for the sub-accounts' underlying funds contain complete details on investment objectives, risks, fees, charges and expenses as well as other information about the underlying funds which should be carefully considered before investing.

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Fees and expenses are only one of several factors that you should consider when making investment decisions. The cumulative effect of fees and expenses can substantially reduce the growth of your retirement account. You can visit the Employee Benefit Security Administration's Web site for an example demonstrating the long-term effect of fees and expenses.

Contributions under a group annuity contract issued by John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) (John Hancock USA) are allocated to investment options which: (a) invest solely in shares of an underlying mutual fund, collective trust, ETF, or other investment vehicle in which the sub-account invests; (b) invest in a combination of these; or (c) are Guaranteed Interest Accounts and which will be held in the John Hancock USA general account. For more information on a particular investment option, please refer to John Hancock USA's fund sheets, available through our web site myplan.johnhancock.com or your John Hancock USA representative.

Allocating assets to only one or a small number of the investment options (other than an asset allocation investment option such as a target date or target risk option) should not be considered a balanced investment program. In particular, allocating assets to a small number of investment options concentrated in particular business or market sectors could subject an account to increased risk and volatility.

\* When contributions are allocated to funds under your employer's group annuity contract with John Hancock, they will be held in a sub-account (also referred to as "Fund"), which invests in shares of the specified underlying mutual fund, collective trust, ETF, or other investment vehicle in which the sub-account invests. The ticker symbols shown are for the underlying mutual fund, collective trusts, ETFs, or other investment vehicle in which the sub-account is invested. The ticker symbols do not directly apply to the John Hancock sub-account and therefore any public information accessed using these symbols will not reflect the unit value of the subaccount, nor will such information reflect sub-account, contract-level or participant-level charges under your plan's group annuity contract.

### Information Concerning John Hancock's Short-Term Trading Policy

The group annuity contract is not designed for short-term trading. The effect of short-term trading may disrupt or be potentially disruptive to the management of the fund underlying an investment option and may thereby adversely impact the underlying fund's performance, either by impacting fund management practices or by increasing fund transaction costs. These impacts are absorbed by other fund investors, including retirement plan participants. For the protection of the participants, account changes are subject to the following short-term trading guidelines when exchanging investment options under your company's qualified retirement plan account with John Hancock. Requests may be cancelled if not within our guidelines.

Participants are allowed a maximum of two exchanges per calendar month. An exchange is defined as the full rebalance of a participant's account, or single or multiple fund-to-fund transfers that involve multiple investment options (also referred to as "inter-account transfers") on one day, and may be made online or with a client account representative.

Recognizing that there may be extreme market or other circumstances requiring a participant to make a further change, John Hancock will allow a participant to move 100% of their assets to a Money Market or Stable Value Fund (as available under the contract) after the exchange limit has been reached;

**no subsequent exchanges may be made for 30 days.** Once the 30-day hold has expired, participants can trade again in accordance with the above guidelines.

The guidelines do not apply to regular allocations, loans, or withdrawals.

In addition, on an ongoing basis, participant account activity is reviewed for trading activity that, though within the monthly exchange limit, could be detrimental to an underlying fund and/or contrary to its exchange policies, as described in the fund's prospectus. As a result of this review, or if requested by a fund company, additional restrictions may be imposed on a participant's retirement account, including but not limited to:

- •Applying redemption fees and/or trade restrictions as requested by the underlying fund manager. Such trade restrictions may be more restrictive than the above quidelines
- •Restricting the number of exchanges made during a defined period
- Restricting the dollar amount of exchange
- •Restricting the method used to submit exchanges (e.g., requiring exchange requests to be submitted in writing via U.S. mail)
- •Restricting exchanges into and out of certain investment options

Participants can read about the short-term trading policy at myplan.johnhancock.com under the "modify your account - change account" feature. Redemption fees or market value adjustments associated with exchanges from particular investment options are described on applicable fund sheets, which are available online. For more information or to order prospectuses for the underlying investments, call 800-395-1113 and speak to a client account representative.

## ±Weightings - Applicable to only the Target Date (Lifecycle Portfolio) and Target Risk (Lifestyle Portfolios)

Each Target Risk/Target Date Portfolio has a target percentage allocation designed to meet the investment objectives of a corresponding investment orientation. Allocation percentages may vary or be adjusted due to market or economic conditions or other reasons as set out in the prospectus. Due to abnormal market conditions or redemption activity the fund may temporarily invest in cash and cash equivalents.

The underlying mutual fund, collective trust, ETF, or other investment vehicle in which the sub-account invests has the right to restrict trade activity without prior notice if a participant's trading is determined to be in excess of their exchange policy, as stated in an underlying fund's offering document.

all information shown is based on the most recent available information for the underlying mutual fund, collective trust, ETF, or other investment vehicle in which the sub-account invests (collectively referred to as underlying fund) as of the date of printing and is subject to change. Listed holdings do not represent all of the holdings in the underlying fund.

<sup>G</sup>Average Credit Quality is from a Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization (NRSRO).

1A. Your company's qualified retirement plan offers participants the opportunity to contribute to investment options available under a group annuity contract with John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.) (John Hancock USA). These investment options may be sub-accounts (pooled funds) investing directly in underlying mutual fund, collective trusts, ETFs, or other investment vehicles, or they may be Guaranteed Interest Accounts.

The funds offered on the JH Signature platform are classified into five risk categories. The risk category in which a fund is placed is determined based on where the 10 year Standard Deviation (defined below) of the underlying fund's Morningstar Category falls on the following scale: if the 10 year Standard

# ¥ Important notes continued

Deviation of the underlying fund's Morningstar Category is 17.00 or higher, the Fund is classified as "Aggressive;" between 11.50 and 16.99 as "Growth;" between 7.00 and 11.49 as "Growth & Income;" between 2.50 and 6.99 as "Income;" and 2.49 and below as "Conservative." If a 10 year Standard Deviation is not available for a Morningstar Category, then the 5 year Standard Deviation of the underlying fund's Morningstar Category is used to determine the Fund's risk category. If a 5 year Standard Deviation is not available for a Morningstar Category, then the 5 year Standard Deviation of the underlying fund's Morningstar Category Index is used to determine the Fund's risk category. Standard Deviation is defined by Morningstar as a statistical measurement of dispersion about an average, which, for an underlying fund, depicts how widely the returns varied over a certain period of time.

The placement of each investment option's risk/return category is subject to change. This information is not intended as investment advice and there can be no assurance that any investment option will achieve its objectives or experience less volatility than another.

2A. Manager or Sub-Adviser refers to the manager of the underlying fund, or to the sub-adviser of the underlying John Hancock Trust, John Hancock Funds II, or John Hancock Funds III fund in which the sub-account invests. "Underlying fund" includes the underlying mutual fund, collective trust, ETF, or other investment vehicle in which a sub-account invests.

3A. Date sub-account or Guaranteed Interest Account first available under group annuity contract. This class was introduced May 23, 2008. If the sub-account inception date is after May 23, 2008, then the class introduction date is the same as the sub-account inception date.

4A. The performance data for a sub-account for any period prior to the sub-account Inception Date is hypothetical based on the performance of the underlying investment since inception of the underlying investment. All other performance data is actual (except as otherwise indicated). Returns for any period greater than one year are annualized. Performance data reflects changes in the prices of a sub-account's investments (including the shares of an underlying mutual fund, collective trust, or ETF), reinvestment of dividends and capital gains and deductions for the sub-account charges.

The performance data presented represents past performance. Past performance is no guarantee of future results and current performance may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. An investment in a sub-account will fluctuate in value to reflect the value of the sub-account's underlying fund and, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than original cost. Performance does not reflect any applicable contract-level or participant-level charges, fees for guaranteed benefits if elected by participant, or any redemption fees imposed by an underlying mutual fund, collective trust or ETF. These charges, if included, would otherwise reduce the total return for a participant's account. Performance current to the most recent month-end is available at myplan.johnhancock.com.

5A. Asset class/Investment style: Asset class refers to the broad category of investments the portfolio, or underlying fund, currently holds. Fixed income, or bond funds are often categorized by the duration and credit quality of the bonds held in the underlying fund. Equity, or stock underlying funds may be categorized by the size of the securities in which the fund invests (market capitalization). Investment style tells you whether the underlying fund invests in securities of companies that exhibit growth-style characteristics, such as above-average revenue and earnings growth, or in securities that exhibit value-style characteristics, such as shares considered to be underpriced in relation to fundamental measures such as revenues, earnings and assets.

### \*\*\*\*Expense Ratio (ER)

This material shows expenses for a specific unit class for investment options available under a John Hancock group annuity contract. The Expense Ratio ("ER") shown represents the total annual operating expenses for the investment options made available by John Hancock. It is made up of John Hancock's (i) "Revenue from Sub-account", and (ii) the expenses of the underlying fund (based on expense ratios reported in the most recent prospectuses available as of the date of

printing; "FER"). In the case where an underlying fund has either waived a portion of, or capped, its fees, the FER used to determine the ER of the sub-account that invests in the underlying fund is the net expense ratio of the underlying fund. "Underlying fund" or "fund" refers to the underlying mutual fund, collective trust, or exchanged traded fund ("ETF") in which the investment option invests. The FER is determined by the underlying fund and may be subject to fluctuation. Any change in the FER of an underlying fund will affect the Expense Ratio of the investment option which invests in the underlying fund.

The ER applies daily at a rate equivalent to the annual rate shown, and may vary to reflect changes in the expenses of an underlying fund and other factors. For Expense Ratio information current as of the most recent quarter end, please refer to the monthly "Return and Fees" listing available from John Hancock upon request. For more information, please contact your financial representative.

### \*\* Performance of the Sub-account

The performance data for a sub-account for any period prior to the sub-account Inception Date is hypothetical based on the performance of the underlying portfolio.\*This class was introduced May 23, 2008. If the sub-account inception date is after May 23, 2008, then the class introduction date is the same as the sub-account inception date. Returns for any period greater than one year are annualized. Performance data reflects changes in the prices of a sub-account's investments (including the shares of an underlying fund), reinvestment of dividends and capital gains and deductions for the Expense Ratio (ER). Performance does not reflect any applicable contract-level or certain participant-level charges, fees for guaranteed benefits if elected by participant under the group annuity contract or redemption fees imposed by the underlying portfolio. These charges, if included, would otherwise reduce the total return for a participant's account. All performance calculations shown have been prepared solely by John Hancock USA. The underlying fund company has not reviewed the sub-account's performance.

### 6A. Morningstar Category:

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Morningstar assigns categories by placing funds into peer groups based on their underlying holdings. The underlying securities in each portfolio are the primary factor Morningstar uses as the investment objective and investment strategy stated in a fund's prospectus may not be sufficiently detailed for our proprietary classification methodology. Funds are placed in a category based on their portfolio statistics and compositions over the past three years. Analysis of performance and other indicative facts are also considered. If the fund is new and has no portfolio history, Morningstar estimates where it will fall before giving it a permanent category assignment. Categories may be changed based on recent changes to the portfolio.

### \*\*\*Morningstar Portfolio Ratings

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AThe amounts displayed represent the gross and net expense ratios of the underlying fund in which the sub-account invests. Where the figures are different, the underlying fund has either waived a portion of, or capped its fees, and the result of such fee waiver or cap is reflected in the net expense ratio. The waiver or cap is subject to expiration, in which case the Expense Ratio and performance of the sub account may be impacted. Refer to the prospectus of the underlying fund for details.

When calculating the Expense Ratio of the sub-account, the net expense ratio of the underlying fund is used. Returns shown reflect the Expense Ratio of the sub-account.

- 13. The total revenue John Hancock receives on this Fund is higher than those advised or sub-advised exclusively by unaffiliated entities. John Hancock and its affiliates provide advisory and/or sub-advisory services for the underlying fund. For these services, John Hancock and its affiliates receive additional fees which are included in the underlying fund expense ratio (i.e. Fund Expense Ratio or FER).
- 35. Although the Guaranteed Income feature provides a guaranteed income base as well as guaranteed minimum withdrawal benefits, the Guaranteed Income feature investment options are variable investments and may lose value. Asset allocation portfolios are 'fund of funds' which invests in a number of underlying funds. For a complete description of the risks associated with the Fund, please review the underlying fund's prospectus, which is available upon request. Diversification does not assure against loss. Note: There is an additional fee to invest in this feature. The fee information can be found on the form used to select this feature.
- 91. The underlying John Hancock Variable Insurance Trust portfolio is not a retail mutual fund and is only available under variable annuity contracts, variable life policies or through participation in tax qualified retirement plans. Although the portfolios' investment adviser or sub-advisers may manage retail mutual funds with similar names and investment objectives, no representation is made, and no assurance is given, that any portfolio's investment results will be comparable to the investment results of any other fund, including other funds with the same investment adviser or sub-adviser. Past performance is no guarantee of future
- 127. During periods of extreme market volatility, the Portfolio's economic exposure to equity or fixed-income securities could be reduced to 0% and its economic exposure to cash and cash equivalents could increase to 100%.
- 128. The indicated separate account is operated by John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.), which has claimed an exclusion from the definition of the term 'Commodity Pool Operator' under the Commodity Exchange Act and, therefore, is not subject to registration or regulation as a pool operator under such Act.
- 135. The Guaranteed Income for Life Select Funds utilize a Managed Volatility Strategy (MVS) which seeks to reduce the volatility in a portfolio's performance and limit the magnitude of portfolio losses through the use of a derivatives overlay which adjusts the asset allocation mix based on current market conditions. During certain extreme market conditions, the fund's exposure to cash/cash equivalent could be 100%. If achieved, this goal can smooth out the performance of the fund, which may produce "lower highs and higher lows".

The use of the MVS in Guaranteed Income for Life Select may limit the growth of your account's market value in certain market conditions. For example, during rising markets - especially strong, rising markets with high volatility - your account may rise less than would have been the case if you had been invested in a Portfolio without the MVS. Lower investment performance could result in a lower Benefit Base, and could reduce your future guaranteed minimum withdrawal payments.

The Benefit Base provided by the guarantee feature of Guaranteed Income for Life Select is paid for by the participant and already provides protection against

potential market losses. The similarities between the guarantee feature and MVS (e.g., protection against market losses) may offer little to no benefit to participants in certain market scenarios.

The selection of any Fund that utilizes these MVS strategies in addition to income protection provided by Guaranteed Income for Life Select should be consistent with your individual investment objectives and may not be appropriate for everyone. The Fund Sheets and the prospectus of the underlying fund contains more complete information, such as investment objectives, risks, charges, expenses, limitations and restrictions. For further details regarding this Fund and Guaranteed Income for Life Select, speak to your financial representative.

- 171. On March 3, 2014, the underlying fund changed its investment objective and principal investment strategies. The performance information shown for the period prior to this date does not reflect these changes. Under the underlying fund's prior investment objective and principal investment strategies, the underlying fund normally invested approximately 70% of its assets in funds that invest primarily in equity securities and approximately 30% of its assets in funds that invest primarily in fixed-income securities and did not use certain risk management techniques to seek to manage the volatility of returns (i.e. standard deviation) and limit the magnitude of portfolio losses. Refer to the Fund Highlights section of the Fund Sheet for details of the current investment objective and policies.
- 187. The underlying fund changed its name effective on or about November 3, 2017. Performance shown for periods prior to that date reflect the results under its former name.

### **Index Performance:**

With respect to the Funds that display an index performance. Index performance shown is for a broad-based securities market index. Indexes are unmanaged and cannot be invested in directly. Index returns were prepared using Morningstar Direct. The performance of an Index does not include any portfolio or insurance-related charges. If these charges were reflected, performance would be lower. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.

i58. S&P 500 Index: A market capitalization-weighted index, composed of 500 widely-held common stocks. This index is designed to be a leading indicator of U.S. equities and is meant to reflect the risk/return characteristics of the large-cap universe.

i166. 49% Russell 3000/ 21% MSCI EAFE/ 30% BarCap Agg Bond Index: 49% Russell 3000/ 21% MSCI EAFE/ 30% BarCap Agg Bond Index

### **Peer Group Performance:**

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p67. Moderately Aggressive Allocation: Funds in allocation categories seek to provide both income and capital appreciation by primarily investing in multiple asset classes, including stocks, bonds, and cash. These moderately aggressive strategies prioritize capital appreciation over preservation. They typically expect volatility similar to a strategic equity exposure between 70% and 85%.

### **Key Statistics**

<sup>§</sup>The Turnover Ratio shown is based on the most recent available financial statements for the underlying mutual fund, collective trust, ETF, or other investment vehicle in which the sub-account invests, as of the date of printing and is subject to change.

### \*Wrap Provider Exposure

#### S&P

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grade; credit ratings BB\* and below are lower-rated securities ("junk bonds"); and credit ratings of CCC\* or below have high default risk. The credit quality breakdown does not give effect to the impact of any credit derivative investments made by the fund.

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### Financial Strength Rating<sup>‡</sup>

### A.M. Best Rating

AM Best's methodologies for rating is a comprehensive overview of the credit rating process, which consists of quantitative and qualitative evaluations of balance sheet strength, operating performance, business profile, and enterprise risk management.

#### Fitch Ratings

The terms "investment grade" and "speculative grade" have established themselves over time as shorthand to describe the categories 'AAA' to 'BBB' (investment grade) and 'BB' to 'D' (speculative grade). The terms investment grade and speculative grade are market conventions and do not imply any recommendation or endorsement of a specific security for investment purposes. Investment grade categories indicate relatively low to moderate credit risk, while ratings in the speculative categories either signal a higher level of credit risk or that a default has already occurred.

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