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John Hancock Patriot Premium Dividend Fund I
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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Date of fiscal year end: September 30

Date of reporting period: September 30, 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 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 September 30, 2006. They are subject to change at any time.

Your fund at a glance

The Fund seeks to provide high current income, consistent with modest growth of capital, for holders of its common shares by investing at least 80% of its assets in dividend-paying securities.

Over the last twelve months

■ Despite uncertainty over interest rates, preferred and utility common stocks posted solid gains.

■ Utility common stock holdings aided the Fund's returns.

■ Tax-advantaged preferred holdings performed well, but those without tax benefits detracted from performance.

Top 10 issuers

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------|------|
| NSTAR | 8.5% | Energy East Corp. | 2.8% |
| Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc. | 4.3% | Alabama Power Co. | 2.6% |
| CH Energy Group, Inc. | 3.5% | South Carolina Electric & Gas Co. | 2.5% |
| KeySpan Corp. | 2.9% | PPL Electric Utilities Corp. | 2.5% |
| Bear Stearns Cos., Inc. (The) | 2.8% | Xcel Energy, Inc. | 2.4% |

As a percentage of net assets plus the value of preferred shares on September 30, 2006.

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Managers' report

John Hancock

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Preferred stocks and utility common stocks □ the two primary areas of emphasis for John Hancock Patriot Premium Dividend Fund I □ posted solid gains for the 12-month period ended September 30, 2006. The period began on a weak note, as a bout of profit-taking hurt both segments. Conditions improved significantly from December 2005 through February 2006 as signs of a slowing economy bolstered hopes that the Federal Reserve Board would soon stop raising interest rates. Because preferreds and utility commons typically make fixed income payments in the form of dividends, their prices generally are sensitive to interest rate movements.

From March through June, fixed-income investments performed poorly, hurt by news of strong economic growth and mounting inflation pressures, which in turn fueled concerns about more rate hikes. During that period, preferreds also were forced to contend with a glut of new issuance, which typically came to market with higher yields than already-outstanding securities, making older issues less attractive and putting pressure on their prices. In June, July and August, preferreds and utility commons rallied strongly, bolstered by renewed optimism that the Fed would hold interest rates steady, which it did on August 8, 2006. Against that backdrop, preferred stocks that offered a certain tax advantage known as the □dividends received deduction (DRD)□ outpaced those without the tax benefit. Utility common stocks also were helped by a mini wave of merger

SCORECARD

| INVESTMENT | PERIOD□S PERFORMANCE... AND WHAT□S BEHIND THE NUMBERS |
|------------------------|---|
| Alliant Energy | □ Renewed focus on core regulated business drives earnings and dividends higher |
| Bank of America | □ Securities coveted amid scarcity for high-quality, tax-advantaged securities |
| Georgia Power | □ Lower coupon and lack of tax advantages mute returns |

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Gregory K. Phelps and Mark T. Maloney for the MFC Global Investment Management (U.S.), LLC□s Portfolio Management Team

and acquisition activity, as well as by growing investor interest in defensive industries that tend to perform well amid slowing economic conditions. Even a decline in energy prices in the final weeks of the period didn□t really hurt utility common stocks, which had been viewed by many investors as hidden energy plays.

Performance

For the 12 months ended September 30, 2006, John Hancock Patriot Premium Dividend Fund I returned 6.71% at net asset value and 3.27% at market value. The Fund□s yield at closing market price on September 30, 2006 was 5.42% . The difference in the Fund□s net asset value (NAV) performance and its market performance stems from the fact that 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. By comparison, the average closed-end specialty-utilities fund returned 9.77% at net asset value, according to Morningstar, Inc. For the same 12-month period, the Lehman Brothers Aggregate Bond Index gained 3.67%, the Merrill Lynch Preferred Stock DRD Index rose 6.66% and the S&P 400 Mid-Cap Utilities Index returned 3.97% .

□Our utility common stock

holdings provided the

biggest boost to the Fund's

performance.

Leaders and laggards

Our utility common stock holdings provided the biggest boost to the Fund's performance. Among the most significant contributors was KeySpan Corp., which operates regulated gas utilities throughout the northeastern United States. It was buoyed by news that it would be acquired by British network operator National Grid. Another big winner was Alliant Energy Corp., pushed higher by renewed investor interest after the company decided

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to resume growing its dividend, to rid itself of money-losing foreign investments and to renew its focus on core regulated utility businesses. National Fuel Gas Co. also performed well, thanks in large part to strong pricing conditions for natural gas. Kinder Morgan, Inc. also helped boost returns, soaring on news that the company's senior management and co-founder were teaming up to take the major energy pipeline company private in a deal that would be one of the largest management buyouts in history. Two of our telecommunications holdings — AT&T, Inc. and Verizon Communications, Inc. — also fared well due to growing recognition that these companies' stocks provided attractive dividend yields, that their respective mergers were working and that they were gaining market share in the broadband and wireless segments.

Among our preferred holdings, we enjoyed strong performance from PNM Resources, Inc., a New Mexico electric utility. It was helped by the company's move to reopen one of its nuclear plants that had been shut down due to mechanical problems. Our holdings in MetLife, Inc. also served us well, aided by strong demand for DRD-eligible preferreds. Bank of America Corp. preferred holdings, which we purchased very recently, also enjoyed a strong performance, helped by investor demand for attractively priced tax-advantaged preferred stocks issued by high-quality companies amid a dearth of such securities.

In contrast, high-quality companies that didn't offer the DRD tax advantage and carried a dividend yield lower than that of newly issued preferred stocks proved to be our biggest disappointments during the year, languishing amid a lack of investor interest. Even high-quality holdings such as Georgia Power Co. and Baltimore Gas & Electric Co. languished because they couldn't buck investors' growing preference for higher-yielding, tax-advantaged preferred stocks.

SECTOR DISTRIBUTION¹

| | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Multi-utilities | 39% |
| Electric utilities | 30% |
| Investment | |
| banking & brokerage | 8% |
| Oil & gas | |
| exploration & | |
| production | 6% |
| Gas utilities | 5% |
| Integrated | |
| telecommunication | |
| services | 3% |
| Regional banks | 2% |
| Life & health insurance | 2% |
| Diversified banks | 1% |

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|-----------------------|----|
| Agricultural products | 1% |
| Thriffs & mortgage | |
| finance | 1% |
| Oil & gas storage & | |
| transportation | 1% |
| Consumer finance | 1% |

A word about dividends

The Federal Reserve Board's 17 quarter-point interest rate increases since June 2004 have significantly increased the Fund's leverage costs, reducing the income available to the common shareholders. At the same time, longer-term interest rates have fallen below short-term rates. Furthermore, new

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preferred issuance has weighed heavily on our existing preferreds. With many of our higher-yielding preferred securities being called, the Fund has been forced to reinvest the proceeds at lower yields. In order to maintain our approach of only paying dividends from income generated by underlying securities within the portfolio, the Fund's dividend has been reduced. We believe this is necessary at this time to avoid a return of capital. We declared a new monthly dividend on July 3, 2006. The new dividend amount of \$0.0390 equates to an annualized yield of 5.42%, based on the Fund's closing market price as of September 30, 2006.

Over the longer term, we remain

quite optimistic that gradually

slowing economic conditions

will bode well for fixed-income

investments, including preferred

and utility common stocks.

Outlook

At the end of the period, the bond market was pricing in at least one rate cut by mid-2007. While we agree with the notion that the Fed's next move will be to lower rates, rather than raise them further, we believe that such action will come later than the market currently anticipates. For that reason, we believe the Treasury market could be due for a sell off amid any signs of economic strength, which likely would weigh on preferred and utility common stocks as well over the short term. Over the longer term, we remain quite optimistic that gradually slowing economic conditions will bode well for fixed-income investments, including preferred and utility common stocks. We also believe that long-term demand — driven by the baby boom generation's increasing need for income-producing investments — will continue to provide support for preferred and utility stocks.

This commentary reflects the views of the portfolio management team through the end of the Fund's period discussed in this report. The team's 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.

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The Fund normally will invest at least 25% of its managed assets in securities of companies in the utilities industry. Such an investment concentration makes the Fund more susceptible than a more broadly diversified fund to factors adversely affecting the utilities industry. Sector investing is subject to greater risks than the market as a whole.

1 As a percentage of the Fund's portfolio on September 30, 2006.

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Fund's investments

Securities owned by the Fund on 9-30-06

This schedule is divided into three main categories: common stocks, preferred stocks and short-term investments. Common stocks and preferred stocks are further broken down by industry group. Short-term investments, which represent the Fund's cash position, are listed last.

| Issuer | Shares | Value |
|--|---------|---------------------|
| Common stocks 53.28% (Cost \$67,558,055) | | \$80,444,784 |
| Electric Utilities 3.89% | | 5,878,290 |
| FPL Group, Inc. | 20,000 | 900,000 |
| Pinnacle West Capital Corp. | 37,000 | 1,666,850 |
| Progress Energy, Inc. | 72,500 | 3,290,050 |
| Progress Energy, Inc., (Contingent Value Obligation) (B) (I) | 69,000 | 21,390 |
| Gas Utilities 3.01% | | 4,549,508 |
| National Fuel Gas Co. | 59,850 | 2,175,548 |
| Peoples Energy Corp. | 58,400 | 2,373,960 |
| Integrated Telecommunication Services 2.93% | | 4,414,999 |
| AT&T, Inc. | 97,850 | 3,185,996 |
| Verizon Communications, Inc. | 33,100 | 1,229,003 |
| Multi-Utilities 42.41% | | 64,029,237 |
| Alliant Energy Corp. | 144,380 | 5,158,697 |

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|---|---------|------------------|
| Ameren Corp. | 45,900 | 2,423,061 |
| CH Energy Group, Inc. | 151,050 | 7,774,544 |
| Consolidated Edison, Inc. | 32,000 | 1,478,400 |
| Dominion Resources, Inc. | 64,300 | 4,918,307 |
| DTE Energy Co. | 126,000 | 5,230,260 |
| Duke Energy Corp. | 84,650 | 2,556,430 |
| Energy East Corp. | 257,000 | 6,096,040 |
| KeySpan Corp. | 154,100 | 6,339,674 |
| NiSource, Inc. | 87,450 | 1,901,163 |
| NSTAR | 350,000 | 11,676,000 |
| SCANA Corp. | 21,700 | 873,859 |
| TECO Energy, Inc. | 173,000 | 2,707,450 |
| WPS Resources Corp. | 30,400 | 1,508,752 |
| Xcel Energy, Inc. | 164,000 | 3,386,600 |
| Oil & Gas Storage & Transportation 1.04% | | 1,572,750 |
| Kinder Morgan, Inc. | 15,000 | 1,572,750 |

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| Issuer, description | Credit rating (A) | Shares | Value |
|--|----------------------|--------|----------------------|
| Preferred stocks 90.34% (Cost \$133,901,981) | | | \$136,398,126 |
| Agricultural Products 1.88% | | | 2,840,471 |

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|--|------|---------|--------------------------------|
| Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc., 6.25%, Ser A (S) Consumer Finance 0.80% | BB+ | 35,000 | 2,840,471 1,205,980 |
| CIT Group, Inc., 6.35%, Ser A | BBB+ | 20,000 | 516,200 |
| SLM Corp., 6.97%, Ser A Diversified Banks 1.97% | BBB+ | 13,000 | 689,780 2,967,270 |
| Abbey National Plc, 7.375%, Depositary Shares, Ser B (United Kingdom) | A | 29,700 | 779,328 |
| HSBC Holdings Plc, 6.20%, Ser A (United Kingdom) | A□ | 25,000 | 625,750 |
| Royal Bank of Scotland Group Plc, 5.75%, Ser L (United Kingdom) Electric Utilities 37.54% | A | 65,200 | 1,562,192 56,674,097 |
| Alabama Power Co., 5.20% | BBB+ | 240,000 | 5,736,000 |
| Boston Edison Co., 4.25% | A□ | 58,152 | 4,681,235 |
| Boston Edison Co., 4.78% | A□ | 25,558 | 2,312,999 |
| Duquesne Light Co., 6.50% | BB+ | 105,900 | 5,216,634 |
| Entergy Arkansas, Inc., 6.45% | BB+ | 50,000 | 1,265,625 |
| Entergy Mississippi, Inc., 6.25% | BB+ | 150,000 | 3,707,820 |
| FPC Capital I, 7.10%, Ser A | BB+ | 150,400 | 3,794,592 |
| Georgia Power Co., 6.00%, Ser R | A | 213,800 | 5,280,860 |
| Great Plains Energy, Inc., 4.50% | BB+ | 12,510 | 1,013,310 |
| Great Plains Energy, Inc., 8.00%, Conv | BBB□ | 99,900 | 2,497,500 |
| HECO Capital Trust III, 6.50% | BBB□ | 107,900 | 2,684,552 |
| Interstate Power & Light Co., 7.10%, Ser C | BBB□ | 25,000 | 646,095 |

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Interstate Power & Light Co.,

| | | | |
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| 8.375%, Ser B | Baa3 | 25,000 | 775,000 |
|---------------|------|--------|---------|

PPL Electric Utilities

| | | | |
|--------------|-----|-------|---------|
| Corp., 4.60% | BBB | 3,917 | 342,493 |
|--------------|-----|-------|---------|

PPL Electric Utilities Corp.,

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|--------------------------|-----|---------|-----------|
| 6.25%, Depositary Shares | BBB | 200,000 | 5,093,760 |
|--------------------------|-----|---------|-----------|

PPL Energy Supply, LLC, 7.00%

| | | |
|-----|--------|-----------|
| BBB | 70,000 | 1,785,000 |
|-----|--------|-----------|

Public Service Electric & Gas

| | | | |
|-------------------|-----|-------|---------|
| Co., 4.30%, Ser C | BB+ | 8,280 | 662,400 |
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Public Service Electric & Gas

| | | | |
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| Co., 6.92% | BB+ | 26,800 | 2,801,439 |
|------------|-----|--------|-----------|

Southern California Edison Co.,

| | | | |
|--------------|-----|--------|-----------|
| 6.00%, Ser C | BBB | 18,000 | 1,825,506 |
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| Issuer, description | Credit rating (A) | Shares | Value |
|--|-------------------|---------|-------------------|
| Electric Utilities (continued) | | | |
| Southern California Edison Co., 6.125% | BBB | 35,000 | \$3,490,158 |
| Virginia Electric & Power Co., \$7.05 | BB+ | 10,200 | 1,061,119 |
| Gas Utilities 3.43% | | | 5,184,358 |
| Southern Union Co., 7.55%, Ser A | BB+ | 201,100 | 5,184,358 |
| Integrated Telecommunication Services 1.63% | | | 2,457,828 |
| Telephone & Data Systems, Inc., 6.625% | A | 101,900 | 2,457,828 |
| Investment Banking & Brokerage 11.19% | | | 16,901,739 |

Bear Stearns Cos., Inc. (The),

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| | | | |
|--|------------------|---------|--------------------------------|
| 5.49%, Depositary Shares, Ser G | BBB | 25,200 | 1,159,200 |
| Bear Stearns Cos., Inc. (The), 5.72%, Depositary Shares, Ser F | BBB | 102,460 | 4,984,679 |
| Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., 6.20%, Ser B | A ⁺ | 20,000 | 518,000 |
| Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc., 5.67%, Depositary Shares, Ser D | A ⁺ | 102,700 | 4,929,600 |
| Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc., 5.94%, Depositary Shares, Ser C | A ⁺ | 90,400 | 4,533,560 |
| Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc., 6.375%, Depositary Shares, Ser 3 Life & Health Insurance 1.97% | A ⁺ | 30,000 | 776,700 2,979,650 |
| MetLife, Inc., 6.50%, Ser B Multi-Utilities 15.23% | BBB | 115,000 | 2,979,650 22,993,173 |
| Baltimore Gas & Electric Co., 6.99%, Ser 1995 | Ba1 | 34,000 | 3,531,750 |
| BGE Capital Trust II, 6.20% | BBB ⁻ | 205,000 | 4,901,550 |
| PNM Resources, Inc., 6.75%, Conv | BBB ⁻ | 98,049 | 4,906,372 |
| PSEG Funding Trust II, 8.75% | BB+ | 71,400 | 1,852,116 |
| South Carolina Electric & Gas Co., 6.52% | Baa1 | 55,000 | 5,515,472 |
| TECO Capital Trust I, 8.50% | B | 12,501 | 318,400 |
| Xcel Energy, Inc., \$4.11, Ser D Oil & Gas Exploration & Production 8.61% | BB+ | 24,921 | 1,967,513 12,995,298 |
| Apache Corp., 5.68%, Depositary Shares, Ser B | BBB | 26,700 | 2,660,823 |
| Devon Energy Corp., 6.49%, Ser A | BB+ | 50,000 | 5,053,125 |
| Nexen, Inc., 7.35% (Canada) | BB+ | 205,500 | 5,281,350 |

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| Issuer, description | Credit rating (A) | Shares | Value |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Regional Banks 4.49% | | | \$6,786,262 |
| Bank of America Corp., 6.204%, Depository Shares, Ser D | A | 170,000 | 4,338,400 |
| HSBC USA, Inc., \$2.8575 (G) Thriffs & Mortgage Finance 1.60% | A1 | 50,700 | 2,447,862 2,412,000 |
| Sovereign Bancorp, Inc., 7.30%, Depository Shares, Ser C | BB+ | 90,000 | 2,412,000 |
| Issuer, description, maturity date | Interest rate | Par value (000) | Value |
| Short-term Investments 0.40% (Cost \$596,913) | | | \$596,913 |
| Consumer Finance 0.40% | | | 596,913 |
| Chevron Texaco Corp., Due 10-2-2006 | 5.240% | \$597 | 596,913 |
| Total investments (cost \$202,056,949) 144.02% | | | \$217,439,823 |
| Other assets and liabilities, net 1.50% | | | \$2,261,623 |
| Fund preferred shares and accrued dividends (45.52%) | | | (\$68,718,140) |
| Total net assets 100.00% | | | \$150,983,306 |

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

(B) This security is fair valued in good faith under procedures established by the Board of Trustees. These securities amounted to \$21,390 or .01% of the Fund's net assets as of September 30, 2006.

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

(I) Non-income-producing security.

(S) This security is exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. Such security may be resold, normally to qualified institutional buyers, in transactions exempt from registration. Rule 144A securities amounted to \$2,840,471 or 1.88% of the Fund's net assets as of September 30, 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 9-30-06

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 \$202,056,949) | \$217,439,823 |
| Cash | 734 |
| Receivable for investments sold | 1,397,645 |
| Dividends receivable | 1,113,268 |
| Other assets | 29,294 |
| Total assets | 219,980,764 |

Liabilities

| | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Payable to affiliates | |
| Management fees | 160,484 |
| Other | 17,975 |
| Other payables and accrued expenses | 100,859 |
| Total liabilities | 279,318 |

Dutch Auction Rate Transferable Securities preferred shares Series A (DARTS), including accrued dividends, unlimited number of shares of beneficial interest authorized with no par value, 685 shares issued, liquidation preference of \$100,000 per share

68,718,140

Net assets

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|---|----------------------|
| Common shares capital paid-in | 143,171,019 |
| Accumulated net realized loss on investments | (7,675,141) |
| Net unrealized appreciation of investments | 15,382,874 |
| Accumulated net investment income | 104,554 |
| Net assets applicable to common shares | \$150,983,306 |

Net asset value per common share

Based on 15,292,571 shares of beneficial interest outstanding □ unlimited number of shares authorized with no par value

\$9.87

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Statement of operations For the year ended 9-30-06.

This Statement of Operations summarizes the Fund's investment income earned and expenses incurred in operating the Fund. It also shows net gains (losses) and distributions paid to DARTS shareholders for the period stated.

Investment income

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Dividends | \$12,319,961 |
| Interest | 269,901 |
| Total investment income | 12,589,862 |

Expenses

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Investment management fees (Note 2) | 1,697,138 |
| Administration fees (Note 2) | 213,529 |
| Compliance fees | 4,011 |
| DARTS auction fees | 178,750 |
| Printing | 52,014 |
| Registration and filing fees | 48,598 |
| Transfer agent fees | 47,337 |
| Custodian fees | 44,901 |
| Professional fees | 32,348 |
| Trustees' fees | 12,603 |
| Federal excise tax | 5,667 |
| Interest | 193 |
| Total expenses | 2,337,089 |
| Net investment income | 10,252,773 |

Realized and unrealized gain (loss)

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Net realized loss on investments | (3,060,432) |
| Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments | 3,838,279 |

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Net realized and unrealized gain | 777,847 |
| Distributions to DARTS | (2,492,338) |
| Increase in net assets from operations | \$8,538,282 |

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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 9-30-05¹ | Year ended 9-30-06 |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| Increase (decrease) in net assets | | |
| From operations | | |
| Net investment income | \$9,914,661 | \$10,252,773 |
| Net realized loss | (4,591,620) | (3,060,432) |
| Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) | 14,710,245 | 3,838,279 |
| Distributions to DARTS | (1,717,338) | (2,492,338) |
| Increase in net assets resulting from operations | 18,315,948 | 8,538,282 |
| Distributions to common shareholders | | |
| From net investment income | (9,172,547) | (8,120,355) |
| From Fund share transactions | 350,124 | □ |
| Net assets | | |
| Beginning of period | 141,071,854 | 150,565,379 |
| End of period² | \$150,565,379 | \$150,983,306 |

1 Audited by previous auditor.

2 Includes accumulated net investment income of \$458,807 and \$104,554, 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.

| Period ended | 9-30-02 ¹ | 9-30-03 ¹ | 9-30-04 ¹ | 9-30-05 ¹ | 9-30-06 |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Per share operating performance | | | | | |
| Net asset value, beginning of period | \$9.74 | \$8.30 | \$8.82 | \$9.25 | \$9.85 |
| Net investment income ² | 0.78 | 0.69 | 0.64 | 0.65 | 0.67 |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments | (1.49) | 0.54 | 0.56 | 0.66 | 0.04 |
| Distributions to DARTS | (0.08) | (0.06) | (0.05) | (0.11) | (0.16) |
| Total from investment operations | (0.79) | 1.17 | 1.15 | 1.20 | 0.55 |
| Less distributions to common shareholders | | | | | |
| From net investment income | (0.65) | (0.65) | (0.72) | (0.60) | (0.53) |
| Net asset value, end of period | \$8.30 | \$8.82 | \$9.25 | \$9.85 | \$9.87 |
| Per share market value, end of period | \$9.15 | \$9.24 | \$9.38 | \$8.90 | \$8.63 |
| Total return at market value³ (%) | 12.03 | 8.91 | 9.76 | 1.09 | 3.27 |
| Ratios and supplemental data | | | | | |
| Net assets applicable to common shares, end of period (in millions) | \$125 | \$134 | \$141 | \$151 | \$151 |
| Ratio of expenses to average net assets ⁴ (%) | 1.79 | 1.90 | 1.70 | 1.65 | 1.61 |
| Ratio of net investment income to average net assets ⁵ (%) | 8.42 | 8.33 | 7.06 | 6.69 | 7.07 |
| Portfolio turnover (%) | 11 | 10 | 16 | 17 | 30 |
| SENIOR SECURITIES | | | | | |
| Total value of DARTS outstanding (in millions) | \$68 | \$69 | \$69 | \$69 | \$69 |
| Involuntary liquidation preference per unit (in thousands) | \$100 | \$100 | \$100 | \$100 | \$100 |
| Average market value per unit (in thousands) | \$100 | \$100 | \$100 | \$100 | \$100 |
| Asset coverage per unit ⁶ | \$280,462 | \$287,811 | \$304,418 | \$320,275 | \$318,822 |

¹ Audited by previous auditor.

² Based on the average of the shares outstanding.

³ Assumes dividend reinvestment.

⁴ Ratios calculated on the basis of expenses relative to the average net assets of common shares. Without the exclusion of preferred shares, the ratio of expenses would have been 1.20%, 1.23%, 1.14%, 1.13% and 1.09%, respectively.

⁵ 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 ratio of net investment income would have been 5.65%, 5.39%, 4.73%, 4.57% and 4.80%, respectively.

⁶ Calculated by subtracting the Fund's total liabilities from the Fund's total assets and dividing such amount by the number of DARTS outstanding as of the applicable 1940 Act Evaluation Date, which may differ from the financial reporting date.

See notes to financial statements

Patriot Premium Dividend Fund I

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Notes to financial statements

Note 1 Accounting policies

John Hancock Patriot Premium Dividend Fund I (the "Fund") is a diversified closed-end management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, 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.

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.

Expenses

The majority of the expenses are directly identifiable to an individual fund. Expenses that are not readily identifiable to a specific fund are 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.

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 \$7,244,165 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 September 30, 2014.

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.

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

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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, or dividends 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 September 30, 2005, the tax character of distributions paid was as follows: ordinary income \$10,889,885. During the year ended September 30, 2006, the tax character of distributions paid was as follows: ordinary income \$10,612,693.

As of September 30, 2006, the components of distributable earnings on a tax basis included \$354,421 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 John Hancock Advisers, LLC (the "Adviser"), a wholly owned subsidiary of John Hancock Financial Services, Inc., a subsidiary of Manulife Financial Corporation ("MFC"). Under the investment management contract, the Fund pays a monthly management fee to the Adviser at an annual rate of 0.50% of the Fund's average weekly net asset value plus the value attributable to the Dutch Auction Rate Transferable Securities preferred shares (collectively, "managed assets"), plus 5.00% of the Fund's weekly gross income, \$629,493 for the year ended September 30, 2006. The Adviser's total fee is limited to a maximum amount equal to 1.00% annually of the Fund's average weekly managed assets. For the year ended September 30, 2006, the advisory fee incurred did not exceed the maximum advisory fee allowed.

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.

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The Fund has an administrative agreement with the Adviser under which the Adviser oversees the custodial, auditing, valuation, accounting, legal, stock transfer and dividend disbursing services and maintains Fund communications with shareholders. The Fund pays the Adviser a monthly administration fee at an annual rate of 0.10% of the Fund's average weekly managed assets. The compensation for the year amounted to \$213,529. The Fund also paid the Adviser the amount of \$104 for certain publishing services, included in the printing fees. The Fund also reimbursed JHLICO for certain compliance costs, included in the Fund's Statement of Operations.

Mr. James R. Boyle is Chairman of the Adviser, as well as an 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,

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

| | Shares | Year ended 9-30-05 ¹ | | Year ended 9-30-06 | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|--|
| | | Amount | Shares | Amount | |
| Beginning of period | 15,255,559 | \$142,897,046 | 15,292,571 | \$143,176,686 | |
| Distributions reinvested | 37,012 | 350,124 |    |    | |
| Reclassification of capital accounts |    | (70,484) |    | (5,667) | |
| End of period | 15,292,571 | \$143,176,686 | 15,292,571 | \$143,171,019 | |

¹ Audited by previous auditor.

Dutch Auction Rate Transferable Securities preferred shares Series A

The Fund issued 685 shares of Dutch Auction Rate Transferable Securities preferred shares Series A (  DARTS  ) in a public offering. The underwriting discount was recorded as a reduction of the capital of common shares.

Dividends on the DARTS, which accrue daily, are cumulative at a rate that was established at the offering of the DARTS and has been reset every 49 days thereafter by an auction. Dividend rates on DARTS ranged from 2.85% to 4.19% during the year ended September 30, 2006. Accrued dividends on DARTS are included in the value of DARTS on the Fund's Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

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The DARTS are redeemable at the option of the Fund, at a redemption price equal to \$100,000 per share, plus accumulated and unpaid dividends on any dividend payment date. The DARTS are also subject to mandatory redemption at a redemption price equal to \$100,000 per share, plus accumulated and unpaid dividends, if the Fund is in default on its asset coverage requirements with respect to the DARTS, as defined in the Fund's bylaws. If the dividends on the DARTS shall remain unpaid in an amount equal to two full years' dividends, the holders of the DARTS, as a class, have the right to elect a majority of the Board of Trustees. In general, the holders of the DARTS and the common shareholders have equal voting rights of one vote per share, except that the holders of the DARTS, 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 DARTS and common shareholders.

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

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the year ended September 30, 2006, aggregated \$64,082,889 and \$63,688,815, respectively.

The cost of investments owned on September 30, 2006, including short-term investments, for federal income tax purposes was \$202,487,887. Gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation of investments aggregated \$19,042,071 and \$4,090,135, respectively, resulting in net unrealized appreciation of \$14,951,936. 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.

Note 5

Reclassification of accounts

During the year ended September 30, 2006, the Fund reclassified amounts to reflect an increase in accumulated net investment income of \$5,667 and a decrease in capital paid-in of \$5,667. This represents the amounts necessary to report these balances on a tax basis, excluding certain temporary differences, as of September 30, 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 federal excise tax. 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 Patriot Premium Dividend Fund I,

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 Patriot Premium Dividend Fund I (the "Fund") as of September 30, 2006, the results of its operations, the changes in its net assets and the financial highlights for the year then ended, 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 audit. We conducted our audit 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 audit, which included confirmation of securities as of September 30, 2006 by correspondence with the custodian and brokers, provide a reasonable basis for our opinion. The statement of changes in net assets of the Fund for the year ended September 30, 2005 and the financial highlights for each of the four years ended on or before September 30, 2005 were audited by another independent registered public accounting firm, whose report dated November 11, 2005 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Boston, Massachusetts
November 8, 2006

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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 September 30, 2006.

With respect to the ordinary dividends paid by the Fund for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006, 88.69% 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 will be 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.

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Investment objective and policy

The Fund's investment objective is to provide a high current income consistent with modest growth of capital for holders of its common shares of beneficial interest. The Fund will pursue its objective by investing in a diversified portfolio of dividend-paying preferred and common stocks.

The Fund's non-fundamental investment policy with respect to the quality of ratings of its portfolio investments, which was changed by a vote of the Fund's Trustees on September 13, 1994 and became effective October 15, 1994, stipulates that preferred stocks and debt obligations in which the Fund will invest will be rated investment grade (at least "BBB" by S&P or "Baa" by Moody's) at the time of investment or will be preferred stocks of issuers of investment grade senior debt, some of which may have speculative characteristics, or, if not rated, will be of comparable quality as determined by the Adviser. The Fund will invest in common stocks of issuers whose senior debt is rated investment grade or, in the case of issuers that have no rated senior debt outstanding, whose senior debt is considered by the Adviser to be of comparable quality.

This revised policy supersedes the requirement that at least 80% of the Fund's total assets consist of preferred stocks and debt obligations rated "A" or higher and dividend-paying common stocks whose issuers have senior debt rated "A" or higher.

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On November 20, 2001, the Fund's Trustees approved the following investment policy investment restriction change, effective December 15, 2001. Under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its assets in dividend-paying securities. The "Assets" are defined as net assets, including the liquidation preference amount of the DARTS, plus borrowings for investment purposes. The Fund will notify shareholders at least 60 days prior to any change in this 80% investment policy.

By-laws

In November 2002, the Board of Trustees adopted several amendments to the Fund's by-laws, 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 by-laws 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 by-laws. 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 by-laws.

On December 16, 2003, the Trustees approved the following change to the Fund's by-laws. The auction preferred section of the Fund's bylaws was changed to update the rating agency requirements, in keeping with recent changes to the agencies' basic maintenance reporting requirements for leveraged closed-end funds. By-laws now require an independent accountant's confirmation only once per year, at the Fund's fiscal year end, and changes to the agencies' basic maintenance reporting requirements that include modifications to the eligible assets and their respective discount factors. These revisions bring the Fund's by-laws in line with current rating agency requirements.

On September 14, 2004, the Trustees approved an amendment to the Fund's by-laws 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.

Dividends and distributions

During the year ended September 30, 2006, dividends from net investment income totaling \$0.531 per share were paid to shareholders. The dates of payments and the amounts per share are as follows:

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| PAYMENT DATE | INCOME DIVIDEND |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| <hr/> | |
| October 31, 2005 | \$0.046 |
| November 30, 2005 | 0.046 |
| December 30, 2005 | 0.046 |
| January 31, 2006 | 0.046 |
| February 28, 2006 | 0.046 |
| March 31, 2006 | 0.046 |
| April 28, 2006 | 0.046 |
| June 2, 2006 | 0.046 |
| June 30, 2006 | 0.046 |
| July 31, 2006 | 0.039 |
| August 31, 2006 | 0.039 |
| September 29, 2006 | 0.039 |

Dividend reinvestment plan

The Fund offers its shareholders a Dividend Reinvestment Plan (the "Plan"), which offers the opportunity to earn compounded yields. Each holder of common shares will automatically have all distributions of dividends and capital gains reinvested by Mellon Investor Services, as Plan agent for the common shareholders (the "Plan Agent"), unless an election is made to receive cash. Holders of common shares who elect not to participate in the Plan will receive all distributions in cash, paid by check mailed directly to the shareholder of record (or, if the common shares are held in street or other nominee name, then to the nominee) by the Plan Agent, as dividend-disbursing agent. Shareholders whose shares are held in the name of a broker or a nominee should contact the broker or nominee to determine whether and how they may participate in the Plan.

If the Fund declares a dividend payable either in common shares or in cash, non-participants will receive cash and participants in the Plan will receive the equivalent in common shares. If the market price of the common shares on the payment date of the dividend is equal to or exceeds their net asset value as determined on the payment date, participants will be issued common shares (out of authorized but unissued shares) at a value equal to the higher of net asset value or 95% of the market price. If the net asset value exceeds the market price of the common shares at such time, or if the Board of Trustees declares a dividend payable only in cash, the Plan Agent will, as agent for Plan participants, buy shares in the open market, on the New York Stock Exchange or elsewhere, for the participant's accounts. Such purchases will be made promptly after the payable date for such dividend and, in any event, prior to the next ex-dividend date after such date, except where necessary to comply with federal securities laws. If, before the Plan Agent has completed its purchases, the market price exceeds the net asset value of the common shares, the average per share purchase price paid by the Plan Agent may exceed the net asset value of the common shares, resulting in the acquisition of fewer shares than if the dividend had been paid in shares issued by the Fund.

Each participant will pay a pro rata share of brokerage commissions incurred with respect to the Plan Agent's open market purchases in connection with the reinvestment of dividends and distributions. The cost per share of the shares purchased for each participant's account will be the average cost, including brokerage commissions, of any shares purchased on the open market plus the cost of any shares issued by the Fund. There will be no brokerage charges with respect to common shares issued directly by the Fund. There are no other charges to participants for reinvesting dividends or capital gain distributions.

Participants in the Plan may withdraw from the Plan at any time by contacting the Plan Agent by telephone, in writing or by visiting the Plan Agent's Web site at www.melloninvestor.com. Such withdrawal will be effective immediately if received prior to a dividend record date; otherwise, it will be effective for all subsequent dividend record dates. When a participant withdraws from the Plan or upon termination of the Plan, as provided below, certificates for whole common shares credited to his or her account under the Plan will be issued and a cash payment will be made for any fraction of a share credited to such account.

The Plan Agent maintains each shareholder's account in the Plan and furnishes monthly written confirmations of all transactions in the accounts, including information needed by the shareholders for personal and tax records. The Plan Agent will hold common shares in the account of each Plan participant in non-certificated form in the name of the participant. Proxy material relating to the shareholders' meetings of

the Fund will include those shares purchased, as well as shares held pursuant to the Plan.

The reinvestment of dividends and distributions will not relieve participants of any federal income tax that may be payable or required to be withheld on such dividends or distributions. Participants under the Plan will receive tax information annually. The amount of dividend to be reported on 1099-DIV should be: (1) in the case of shares issued by the Fund, the fair market value of such shares on the dividend payment date and (2) in the case of shares purchased by the Plan Agent in the open market, the amount of cash used by the Plan Agent to purchase shares in the open market, including the amount of cash allocated to brokerage commissions paid on such purchases.

Experience under the Plan may indicate that changes are desirable. Accordingly, the Fund reserves the right to amend or terminate the Plan as applied to any dividend or distribution paid subsequent to written notice of the change sent to all shareholders of the Fund at least 90 days before the record date for the dividend or

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distribution. The Plan may be amended or terminated by the Plan Agent after at least 90 days written notice to all shareholders of the Fund. 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, NJ 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

If your shares are held with a brokerage firm, you should contact that firm, bank or other nominee for assistance.

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Shareholder meeting

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

Proxies covering 12,024,581 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 (there were no current nominees for election by the preferred shareholders), with the votes tabulated as follows:

| | FOR | WITHHELD AUTHORITY |
|-------------------|------------|-----------------------|
| James R. Boyle | 11,673,322 | 351,259 |
| Charles L. Ladner | 11,678,444 | 346,137 |
| John A. Moore | 11,680,916 | 343,665 |

The preferred shareholders elected Ronald R. Dion as a Trustee of the Fund until his successor is duly elected and qualified, with the votes tabulated as follows: 392 FOR, 0 AGAINST and 0 ABSTAINING.

The common and preferred shareholders also ratified the Trustees' selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Fund's independent auditors for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, with the votes tabulated as follows: 11,775,553 FOR, 89,112 AGAINST and 159,916 ABSTAINING.

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Board Consideration of and Continuation of Investment Advisory Agreement and Sub-Advisory Agreement: John Hancock Patriot Premium Dividend Fund I

The Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act") requires the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of John Hancock Patriot Premium Dividend Fund I (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 sub-advisory agreement (the "Sub-Advisory Agreement") with Sovereign Asset Management LLC (the "Sub-Adviser"). The Advisory Agreement and the Sub-Advisory Agreement are collectively referred to as the "Advisory Agreements."

At meetings held on May 1st and June 5th, 2006,¹ the Board considered the factors and reached the conclusions described below relating to the selection of the Adviser and Sub-Adviser 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 and a peer group of comparable funds (the "Peer Group") 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 Peer Group, (iii) the Adviser's financial results and condition, including its and certain of its affiliates' profitability from services performed for the Fund, (iv) breakpoints in the Fund's and the Peer Group's fees and information about economies of scale, (v) the Adviser's and Sub-Adviser'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 Sub-Adviser's compliance department, (vi) the background and experience of senior management and investment professionals, and (vii) the nature, cost and character of advisory and non-investment management services provided by the Adviser and its affiliates and by the Sub-Adviser.

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 Sub-Adviser, 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 Sub-Adviser. 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 Sub-Adviser 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 Peer Group, as well as the

Fund's benchmark index. Morningstar determined the Peer Group for the Fund. The Board reviewed with a representative of Morningstar the methodology used by Morningstar to select the funds in the Peer Group. The Board noted the imperfect comparability of the Peer Group and that Morningstar was not able to select a comparative Category for the Fund.

The Board noted that the Fund's performance during the 5-year period was lower than the performance of the median of the Peer Group and its benchmark index, the Merrill Lynch Preferred Stock DRD Eligible Index. The Board also noted that Fund's more recent performance during the 1- and 3-year periods was either higher than or not appreciably lower than the performance of the Peer Group median, and its benchmark index.

Investment advisory fee and sub-advisory 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 Peer Group. The Board noted that the Advisory Agreement Rate was lower than the median rate of the Peer Group.

The Board received and considered expense information regarding the Fund's various components, including advisory fees, and other non-advisory fees, including administrative fees, 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 Peer Group median. The Board noted that the Fund's Expense Ratio was higher than the Peer Group median.

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 plans for improving overall performance and lowering the Expense Ratio supported the re-approval of the Advisory Agreements.

The Board also received information about the investment sub-advisory fee rate (the "Sub-Advisory Agreement Rate") payable by the Adviser to the Sub-Adviser for investment sub-advisory services. The Board concluded that the Sub-Advisory 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 Sub-Adviser. 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 Sub-Adviser's costs are not specific to individual Funds, but rather are incurred across a variety of products and services.

The Board observed that the Advisory Agreements did not offer 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

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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 Advisory 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).

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The Board also considered the effectiveness of the Adviser's, Sub-Adviser'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 Sub-Adviser 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 Sub-Adviser 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 Sub-Advisory Agreement at the September and December 2005 Board meetings in connection with the Adviser's reorganization.

² Morningstar also provided a comparative analysis for most, but not all of the John Hancock Funds, of the investment performance and advisory and other fees incurred by, and the expense ratios of, the John Hancock Funds relative to a category of relevant funds (the "Category"). Morningstar was not able to select a comparative Category for the John Hancock Patriot Premium Dividend Fund I. Therefore, Morningstar did not provide such an analysis.

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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 September 30, 2006.

Gregory K. Phelps

Senior Vice President, MFC Global Investment Management (U.S.), LLC since 2005
Senior Vice President, John Hancock Advisers, LLC (1995-2005)
Began business career in 1981
Joined fund team in 1995
Fund ownership □ None

Mark T. Maloney

Vice President, MFC Global Investment Management (U.S.), LLC since 2005
Vice President, John Hancock Advisers, LLC (1982-2005)
Began business career in 1976
Joined fund team in 1997
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 September 30, 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.

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| PORTFOLIO MANAGER | OTHER ACCOUNTS MANAGED BY THE PORTFOLIO MANAGERS |
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|-------------------|---|
| Gregory K. Phelps | Other Registered Investment Companies: 8 (eight) funds with total assets of approximately \$4.9 billion. Other Pooled Investment Vehicles: 2 (two) accounts with total assets of approximately \$45 million. Other Accounts: None |
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|-----------------|---|
| Mark T. Maloney | Other Registered Investment Companies: 8 (eight) funds with total assets of approximately \$4.9 billion. Other Pooled Investment Vehicles: 2 (two) accounts with total assets of approximately \$45 million. Other Accounts: None |
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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 Sub-Adviser have adopted procedures, overseen by the Chief Compliance Officer, that are intended to monitor compliance with the policies referred to in the following paragraphs.

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□ The Sub-Adviser 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 Sub-Adviser 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 Sub-Adviser 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 Sub-Adviser receives a performance-based fee with respect to other accounts managed by the Fund's portfolio managers.

□ The Sub-Adviser 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 Sub-Adviser 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 Sub-Adviser 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 Sub-Adviser, the structure

of compensation of investment professionals is currently composed 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 Sub-Adviser. A limited number of senior portfolio managers, who serve as officers of both the Sub-Adviser and its parent company, may also receive options or restricted stock grants of common shares of Manulife Financial Corporation.

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 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 Sub-Adviser 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 Sub-Adviser'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 Sub-Adviser 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 | Trustee of Fund since¹ | Number of John Hancock funds overseen by Trustee |
|---|--|---|
| Ronald R. Dion , Born: 1946 <i>Independent Chairman (since 2005); 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.</i> | 1998 | 53 |
| 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 | 1988 | 53 |

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(engineering) (until 2000); Chairman and CEO, 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).

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| Richard P. Chapman, Jr.,² Born: 1935 | 2005 | 53 |
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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).

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| William H. Cunningham , Born: 1944 | 1995 | 160 |
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Former Chancellor, University of Texas System and former President of the University of Texas, Austin, Texas; Chairman and CEO, 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 (formerly Billing Concepts)

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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) | 1995 | 160 |
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(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).

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Charles L. Ladner,² Born: 1938 1992 160
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 for AmeriGas, Inc.
(retired 1998); Director of AmeriGas Partners, L.P. (gas distribution) (until 1997);
Director, EnergyNorth, Inc. (until 1995); Director, Parks and History Association
(until 2007).

John A. Moore,² Born: 1939 2002 53
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).

Patti McGill Peterson,² Born: 1943 2002 53
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 1992 53
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 President, John Hancock Annuities; Executive Vice President, John Hancock Life Insurance Company (since June, 2004); Chairman and Director, John | 2005 | 262 |
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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

Keith F. Hartstein, Born: 1956

2005

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 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).

Principal officers who are not Trustees (continued)**Name, age****Position(s) held with Fund****Principal occupation(s) and****directorships during past 5 years****Officer****of Fund****since****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

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.

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.jhfunds.com/proxy

On the SEC's Web site

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common shareholders**

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

ASSET ALLOCATION & LIFESTYLE

Allocation Core Portfolio
Allocation Growth + Value 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

INTERNATIONAL

Greater China Opportunities Fund
International Classic Value Fund
International Core Fund

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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
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 & Thrift Opportunity
Financial Trends
Income Securities
Investors Trust
Patriot Global Dividend
Patriot Preferred Dividend
Patriot Premium Dividend I
Patriot Premium Dividend II
Patriot Select Dividend
Preferred Income
Preferred Income II
Preferred Income III
Tax-Advantaged Dividend

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

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ITEM 2. CODE OF ETHICS.

As of the end of the period, September 30, 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 \$33,000 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 and \$24,650 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 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 September 30, 2005 and fiscal year ended September 30, 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 \$2,400 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 and \$3,500 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 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 \$4,000 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 and \$3,000 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006. There were no other fees during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 and September 30, 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.

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(e)(2) There were no fees that were approved by the audit committee pursuant to the de minimis exception for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2005 and September 30, 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 September 30, 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 \$71,400 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005, and \$520,432 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 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:

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

(a) The registrant has adopted procedures by which shareholders may recommend nominees to the registrant's Board of Trustees. A copy of the procedures is filed as an exhibit to this Form N-CSR. See attached "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 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)(1) 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) Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders is attached. See attached "John Hancock Funds - Governance Committee Charter".

(c)(3) Approval of Audit, Audit-related, Tax and Other Services is attached.

(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 Patriot Premium Dividend Fund I

By: /s/ Keith F. Hartstein

Keith F. Hartstein
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: November 29, 2006

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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