

HOFFMAN THERON S  
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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting  
Person \*

Â HOFFMAN THERON S

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O JOHN HANCOCK  
FUNDS,Â 601 CONGRESS  
STREET

(Street)

BOSTON,Â MAÂ 02210

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring  
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)  
12/01/2012

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

John Hancock Tax-Advantaged Global Shareholder Yield  
Fund [HTY]

4. Relationship of Reporting  
Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Officer ☒ Other  
(give title below) (specify below)  
Trustee of the Fund

6. Individual or Joint/Group  
Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting  
Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One  
Reporting Person

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security  
(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities  
Beneficially Owned  
(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership  
Form:  
Direct (D)  
or Indirect  
(I)  
(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial  
Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

common shares of beneficial interest

942

D Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially  
owned directly or indirectly.

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### Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security  
(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and  
Expiration Date  
(Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of  
Securities Underlying  
Derivative Security  
(Instr. 4)

4. Conversion  
or Exercise  
Price of

5. Ownership  
Form of  
Derivative

6. Nature of Indirect  
Beneficial Ownership  
(Instr. 5)

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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
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## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HOFFMAN THERON S

C/O JOHN HANCOCK FUNDS

601 CONGRESS STREET

BOSTON, MA 02210

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Trustee of the Fund

## Signatures

/s/ Theron S.

Hoffman

12/09/2012

Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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