

JOHN HANCOCK TAX-ADVANTAGED DIVIDEND INCOME FUND
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CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED

MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act file number 811- 21416

John Hancock Tax-Advantaged Dividend Income Fund
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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

Salvatore Schiavone
Treasurer

601 Congress Street

Boston, Massachusetts 02210
(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 617-663-4497

Date of fiscal year end: December 31

Date of reporting period: June 30, 2009

ITEM 1. REPORT TO SHAREHOLDERS.

Portfolio summary

Top 10 holdings¹

Progress Energy, Inc.	3.3%	DTE Energy Co.	2.8%
OGE Energy Corp.	3.2%	Atmos Energy Corp.	2.7%
Bank of America Corp., 8.625%, Ser MER	3.2%	Vectren Corp.	2.7%
NSTAR	2.9%	Duquesne Light Co., 6.500%	2.6%
Spectra Energy Corp.	2.9%	CH Energy Group, Inc.	2.6%

Industry composition^{1,2}

Multi-utilities	33%	Diversified banks	4%
Electric utilities	21%	Oil & gas storage & transportation	3%
Diversified financial services	18%	Life & health insurance	2%
Gas utilities	8%	Oil & gas exploration & production	2%
Wireless telecommunication services	4%	Short-term investments & other sectors	5%

¹ As a percentage of the Fund's total investments on June 30, 2009.

² Investments concentrated in one industry may fluctuate more widely than investments diversified across industries. Because the Fund may focus on particular industries, its performance may depend on the performance of those industries.

Fund's investments

Securities owned by the Fund on 6-30-09 (unaudited)

	Shares	Value
Common stocks 79.58%		\$356,328,420
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(Cost \$433,895,281)		
Electric Utilities 14.37%		64,333,350
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American Electric Power Co., Inc. (Z)	540,000	15,600,600
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Duke Energy Corp. (Z)	685,000	9,994,150
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Great Plains Energy, Inc. (Z)	40,000	622,000
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Pinnacle West Capital Corp. (Z)	215,000	6,482,250
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Progress Energy, Inc. (Z)	585,000	22,130,550
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Southern Co. (Z)	305,000	9,503,800
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Gas Utilities 8.86%		39,671,072
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Atmos Energy Corp. (Z)	741,800	18,574,672
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Northwest Natural Gas Co. (Z)	130,000	5,761,600
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ONEOK, Inc. (Z)	520,000	15,334,800
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Industrial Conglomerates 1.20%		5,391,200
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General Electric Co. (Z)	460,000	5,391,200
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Integrated Oil & Gas 2.19%		9,779,700
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BP PLC, SADR	80,000	3,814,400
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Total SA ADR (Z)	110,000	5,965,300

Integrated Telecommunication Services 0.93% **4,177,249**

Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc. (Z)	55,000	402,600
AT&T, Inc.	90,000	2,235,600
Fairpoint Communications, Inc.	4,248	2,549
Verizon Communications, Inc.	50,000	1,536,500

Multi-Utilities 45.94% **205,714,214**

Ameren Corp. (Z)	555,000	13,813,950
Black Hills Corp. (Z)	535,000	12,299,650
CH Energy Group, Inc. (Z)	375,000	17,512,500
Consolidated Edison, Inc. (Z)	310,000	11,600,200
Dominion Resources, Inc. (Z)	375,000	12,532,500
DTE Energy Co. (Z)	600,000	19,200,000
Integrays Energy Group, Inc. (Z)	580,000	17,394,200
NiSource, Inc. (Z)	790,500	9,217,230
NSTAR (Z)	610,000	19,587,100
OGE Energy Corp. (Z)	775,000	21,948,000
PNM Resources, Inc. (Z)	58,000	621,180
Public Service Enterprise Group, Inc. (Z)	330,000	10,767,900
TECO Energy, Inc. (Z)	387,800	4,626,454
Vectren Corp. (Z)	785,000	18,392,550

Xcel Energy, Inc. (Z)	880,000	16,200,800
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	Shares	Value
Oil & Gas Storage & Transportation 4.37%		\$19,542,600
Spectra Energy Corp. (Z)	1,155,000	19,542,600
Publishing 0.00%		995
Idearc, Inc. (I)	26,830	995
Wireless Telecommunication Services 1.72%		7,718,040
Vodafone Group PLC, ADR (Z)	396,000	7,718,040
	Shares	Value
Preferred stocks 71.07%		\$318,263,264
(Cost \$398,443,644)		
Broadcasting & Cable TV 0.59%		2,631,749
CBS Corp., 7.250%	145,000	2,631,749
Cable & Satellite 0.64%		2,876,460
Comcast Corp., 7.000% (Z)	125,500	2,876,460
Consumer Finance 1.13%		5,074,750
HSBC Finance Corp., 6.360%, Depository Shares, Ser B (Z)	150,000	2,385,000

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HSBC Holdings, 8.125% (Z)	50,000	1,189,500
SLM Corp., 6.970%, Ser A (Z)	42,500	1,500,250
Diversified Banks 5.36%		24,016,995
Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC, 5.750%, SADR, Ser L	858,500	8,370,375
USB Capital VIII, 6.350%, Ser 1	55,000	1,198,450
Wells Fargo & Co., 8.000% (Z)	647,900	14,448,170
Diversified Financial Services 27.64%		123,761,738
ABN AMRO Capital Funding Trust VII, 6.080%, Ser G	983,000	11,255,350
Bank of America Corp., 6.204%, Depository Shares, Ser D (Z)	240,000	4,420,800
Bank of America Corp., 6.375%, Ser 3 (Z)	139,000	2,267,090
Bank of America Corp., 6.625%, Ser I (Z)	355,000	5,946,250
Bank of America Corp., 6.700% (Z)	500,000	8,500,000
Bank of America Corp., 8.200% (Z)	185,000	3,653,750
Bank of America Corp., 8.625%, Ser MER	1,057,800	21,452,184
Citigroup Capital VIII, 6.950%	522,300	8,090,427
Citigroup, Inc., 8.125%, Depository Shares, Ser AA	343,050	6,408,174
Citigroup, Inc., 8.500%, Ser F	125,000	2,335,000
Deutsche Bank Capital Funding Trust VIII, 6.375% (Z)	282,000	5,183,160

Deutsche Bank Contingent Capital Trust II, 6.550% (Z)	310,000	5,573,800
Deutsche Bank Contingent Capital Trust III, 7.600% (Z)	797,893	15,750,409
ING Groep NV, 6.200% (Z)	109,100	1,617,953
ING Groep NV, 7.050% (Z)	140,000	2,308,600
JPMorgan Chase & Co., 5.490%, Ser G (Z)	256,100	10,500,100
JPMorgan Chase & Co., 5.720%, Ser F (Z)	15,100	622,271
JPMorgan Chase & Co., 6.150%, Ser E (Z)	98,000	4,238,500
JPMorgan Chase & Co., 8.625% (Z)	143,000	3,637,920

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	Shares	Value
Electric Utilities 17.52%		\$78,435,843
Alabama Power Co., 5.300%, Class A (Z)	176,500	3,657,080
Carolina Power & Light Co., 5.440% (Z)	111,493	9,577,951
Duquesne Light Co., 6.500% (Z)	427,000	17,547,053
Entergy Arkansas, Inc., 4.560% (Z)	9,388	640,438
Entergy Arkansas, Inc., 4.560%, Ser 1965 (Z)	9,818	669,772
Entergy Arkansas, Inc., 6.450% (Z)	110,000	2,227,500

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Entergy Mississippi, Inc., 4.920% (Z)	8,190	588,913
Entergy Mississippi, Inc., 6.250% (Z)	197,500	4,912,812
FPC Capital I, 7.100%, Ser A (Z)	70,000	1,704,500
FPL Group Capital Trust I, 5.875% (Z)	260,000	6,136,000
Interstate Power & Light Co., 7.100%, Ser C (Z)	20,700	513,567
Interstate Power & Light Co., 8.375%, Ser B (Z)	233,000	6,139,550
PPL Electric Utilities Corp., 6.250%, Depository Shares (Z)	300,000	6,459,390
PPL Energy Supply LLC, 7.000% (Z)	297,512	7,476,477
Southern California Edison Co., 6.000%, Ser C (Z)	30,000	2,236,875
Southern California Edison Co., 6.125% (Z)	50,000	3,851,565
Xcel Energy, Inc., 4.560%, Ser G (Z)	53,900	4,096,400
Gas Utilities 3.17%		14,217,693
Southern Union Co., 7.550%, Ser A	602,700	14,217,693
Investment Banking & Brokerage 0.01%		29,699
Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc., 5.670%, Depository Shares, Ser D (H)	65,000	3,900
Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc., 5.940%, Depository Shares, Ser C (H)	274,760	13,738
Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc., 6.500%, Depository Shares, Ser F (H)	219,300	12,061
Life & Health Insurance 3.58%		16,029,000

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Metlife, Inc., 6.500%, Ser B (Z)	780,000	16,029,000
Multi-Utilities 3.73%		16,710,030
BGE Capital Trust II, 6.200%	147,100	2,794,900
Constellation Energy Group, Inc., 8.625%	300,000	6,579,000
Pacific Enterprises, 4.500% (Z)	45,000	3,330,000
Public Service Electric & Gas Co., 5.050%, Ser D	22,987	1,953,895
Public Service Electric & Gas Co., 5.280%, Ser E	22,930	2,052,235
Oil & Gas Exploration & Production 3.40%		15,228,675
Nexen, Inc., 7.350%	742,500	15,228,675
Specialized Finance 0.49%		2,216,500
CIT Group, Inc., 6.350%, Ser A	310,000	2,216,500
U.S. Government Agency 0.02%		80,400
Federal National Mortgage Assn. (8.250% to 12-31-10 then variable) (I)	60,000	80,400
Wireless Telecommunication Services 3.79%		16,953,732
Telephone & Data Systems, Inc., 7.600%, Ser A	430,000	8,836,500
United States Cellular Corp., 7.500%	398,294	8,117,232

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	Rate	Maturity date	Shares	Value
Short-term investments 0.51%				\$2,300,000
(Cost \$2,300,000)				
U.S. Government Agency 0.51%				2,300,000
Federal Home Loan Bank Discount Notes	0.010%	7/1/09	2,300,000	2,300,000
Total investments (Cost \$834,638,925)†151.16%				\$676,891,684
Other assets and liabilities, net (51.16%)				(\$229,099,829)
Total net assets 100.00%				\$447,791,855

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

ADR American Depositary Receipts

SADR Sponsored American Depositary Receipts

(H) Non-income-producing issuer that has filed for protection under the Federal Bankruptcy Code and/or is in default of interest payment.

(I) Non-income-producing security.

(Z) All or a portion of this security is pledged as collateral for the Committed Facility Agreement (see Note 9). Total collateral value at June 30, 2009 was \$507,427,652.

† At June 30, 2009, the aggregate cost of investment securities for federal income tax purposes was \$845,273,909. Net unrealized depreciation aggregated \$168,382,225, of which \$115,685,667 related to appreciated investment securities and \$284,067,892 related to depreciated investment securities.

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Statement of assets and liabilities 6-30-09 (unaudited)

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 \$834,638,925)	\$676,891,684
Dividends and interest receivable	2,939,207
Due from adviser	938
Prepaid trustee expenses	27,122
Other receivables and prepaid assets	9,193
Total assets	679,868,144

Liabilities

Due to custodian	254,014
Payable for investments purchased	641,886
Committed facility agreement payable (Note 9)	226,300,000
Unrealized depreciation of swap contracts (Note 3)	4,742,562
Interest payable	18,724
Payable to affiliates	
Accounting and legal services fees	29,257
Management fees	4,691
Other liabilities and accrued expenses	85,155
Total liabilities	232,076,289

Net assets

Capital paid-in	726,751,902
Accumulated distributions in excess of net investment income	(5,215,018)
Accumulated net realized gain (loss) on investments and swap agreements	(111,255,226)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments and swap agreements	(162,489,803)
Net assets	\$447,791,855

Net asset value per share

Based on 38,400,117 shares of beneficial interest outstanding —	
Unlimited number of shares authorized with no par value.	\$11.66

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Statement of operations For the period ended 6-30-09 (unaudited)¹

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

Investment income

Dividends (net of foreign withholding taxes of \$26,099)	\$25,638,339
Interest	2,666
Total investment income	25,641,005

Expenses

Investment management fees (Note 6)	2,337,096
Transfer agent fees (Note 6)	18,660
Accounting and legal services fees (Note 6)	82,374
Trustees' fees (Note 6)	22,546
Printing and postage fees (Note 6)	122,613
Professional fees	67,181
Custodian fees	48,755
Registration and filing fees	20,315
Interest expense (Note 9)	1,961,297
Miscellaneous	2,911

Total expenses	4,683,748
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Less expense reductions (Note 6)	(520,970)
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Net expenses	4,162,778
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Net investment income	21,478,227
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Realized and unrealized gain (loss)**Net realized gain (loss) on**

Investments	(90,349,075)
Swap contracts	(329,294)
	(90,678,369)

Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of

Investments	64,370,708
Swap contracts	(116,832)
	64,253,876
Net realized and unrealized loss	(26,424,493)
Decrease in net assets from operations	(\$4,946,266)

¹ Semiannual period from 1-1-09 to 6-30-09.

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Statements 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.

	Six months ended 6-30-09¹	Year ended 12-31-08
Increase (decrease) in net assets		
From operations		
Net investment income	\$21,478,227	\$45,341,667
Net realized loss	(90,678,369)	(10,172,908)
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	64,253,876	(273,056,724)
Distributions to APS	—	(6,127,843)
Decrease in net assets resulting from operations	(4,946,266)	(244,015,808)
Distributions to shareholders		
From net investment income	(26,672,127) ²	(39,254,688)
From net realized gain	—	(6,140,997)
From tax return of capital	—	(17,698,324)
Total distributions	(26,672,127)	(63,094,009)
From Fund share transactions (Note 7)	(859,412)	(53,556,991)

Total decrease (32,477,805) (360,666,808)

Net assets

Beginning of period	480,269,660	840,936,468
End of period	\$447,791,855	\$480,269,660
Accumulated distributions in excess of net investment income	(\$5,215,018)	(\$21,118)

¹ Semiannual period from 1-1-09 to 6-30-09. Unaudited.

² A portion of the distributions may be deemed a tax return of capital at year-end.

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Statement of cash flows 6-30-09 (unaudited)

This statement of cash flows shows cash flow from operating and financing activities for the period stated.

	For the period ended 6-30-09
Cash flows from operating activities	
Net decrease in net assets from operations	(\$4,946,266)
Net decrease in net assets from operations excluding distributions to preferred shareholders	(4,946,266)
Adjustments to reconcile net decrease in net assets from operations to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Investments purchased	(616,918,149)
Investments sold	641,347,247
Net amortization of premium (discount)	(39,106)
Decrease in dividends and interest receivable	(129,011)
Decrease in receivable from affiliates	(9,234)
Increase in payable for investments purchased	386,911

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Increase in receivable for investments sold	11,723,642
Decrease in prepaid Committed Facility Agreement administration fees	(107,250)
Decrease in unrealized depreciation of swap contracts	(116,832)
Decrease in payable to affiliates	(24,892)
Increase in interest payable	3,508
Decrease in accrued expenses	(67,764)
Net change in unrealized (appreciation) depreciation on investments	(64,370,708)
Net realized gain on investments	90,349,075

Net cash provided by operating activities **\$57,081,171**

Cash flows from financing activities

Repayments of committed facility agreement payable	(40,900,000)
Repurchase of common shares	(859,412)
Distributions to common shareholders	(26,672,127)

Net cash used in financing activities **(\$68,431,539)**

Net decrease in cash **(\$11,350,368)**

Cash at beginning of period **\$11,096,354**

Cash at end of period **(\$254,014)**

Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information

Cash paid for interest **\$7,575,010**

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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.

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Period ended	6-30-09 ¹	12-31-08	12-31-07	12-31-06	12-31-05 ²	12-31-04 ^{2,3}
Per share operating performance						
Net asset value, beginning						
of year	\$12.48	\$19.99	\$22.90	\$19.93	\$20.48	19.10⁴
Net investment income ⁵	0.56	1.13	1.26	1.43 ⁶	1.22	1.14
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(0.69)	(7.07)	(1.98)	3.62	(0.23)	1.54
Distribution to APS	—	(0.15)	(0.41)	(0.39)	(0.29)	(0.29)
Total from investment operations	(0.13)	(6.09)	(1.13)	4.66	0.70	2.39
Less distributions to common shareholders						
From net investment income	(0.69)²⁰	(0.99)	(1.19)	(1.16)	(1.16)	(0.87)
From net realized gain	—	(0.15)	(0.59)	(0.53)	(0.09)	—
From tax return of capital	—	(0.44)	—	—	—	—
Total distributions	(0.69)	(1.58)	(1.78)	1.69	(1.25)	(0.87)
Anti-dilutive impact of repurchase plan	7	0.16⁷	—	—	—	—
Capital charges						
Offering costs related to common shares	—	—	—	—	—	(0.02)
Offering costs and underwriting discounts related to APS	—	—	—	—	—	(0.12)
Net asset value, end of year	\$11.66	\$12.48	\$19.99	\$22.90	\$19.93	20.48
Per share market value, end of year	\$10.04	\$10.30	\$17.90	\$20.32	\$16.81	\$17.99
Total return at net asset value (%)^{8,11}	1.29⁹	(29.97)	(4.19)	(25.67)¹⁰	4.44¹⁰	12.85^{9,10}
Total return at market value (%)⁸	5.68⁹	(35.46)	(3.32)	(32.21)	0.28	(5.47)^{9,12}
Ratios and supplemental data						
Net assets applicable to common shares, end of year (in millions)	\$448	\$480	\$841	\$964	\$838	\$862
Ratios (as a percentage of average net assets):						
Expenses before reductions (excluding interest expense)	1.41 ¹³	1.42	1.27 ¹⁴	1.28 ¹⁴	1.32 ¹⁴	1.23 ^{13,14}
Interest expense (Note 10)	1.01 ¹³	0.87	—	—	—	—

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Expenses before reductions (including interest expense)	2.42 ¹³	2.29	1.27 ¹⁴	1.28 ¹⁴	1.32 ¹⁴	1.23 ^{13,14}
Expenses net of all fee waivers (excluding interest expense)	1.14 ¹³	1.12	0.99	1.00	1.03	0.95 ¹³
Expenses net of all fee waivers (including interest expense)	2.15 ¹³	1.99	0.99 ¹⁵	1.00 ¹⁵	1.03 ¹⁵	0.95 ^{13,15}
Net investment income	11.08 ¹³	7.02	5.65 ¹⁶	6.76 ¹⁶	5.97 ¹⁶	6.11 ^{13,16}
Portfolio turnover (%)	9	29	26	41	24	42

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Period ended	6-30-09 ¹	12-31-08	12-31-07	12-31-06	12-31-05 ²	12-31-04 ^{2,3}
Senior securities						
Total value of APS outstanding (in millions)	—	—	\$380	\$380	\$380	\$380
Involuntary liquidation preference per unit (in thousands)	—	—	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25
Average market value per unit (in thousands)	—	—	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25
Asset coverage per unit ¹⁷	—	—	\$81,737	\$88,352	\$79,901	\$79,542
Total debt outstanding end of period (in millions) (Note 9)	\$226	\$267	—	—	—	—
Asset coverage per \$1,000 of APS ¹⁸	—	—	\$3,212	\$3,536	\$3,207	\$3,268
Asset coverage per \$1,000 of debt ¹⁹	\$2,979	\$2,797	—	—	—	—

¹ Semiannual period from 1-1-09 to 6-30-09. Unaudited.

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² Audited by previous Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.

³ Commencement of operations period from 2-27-04 to 12-31-04.

⁴ Reflects the deduction of a \$0.90 per share sales load.

⁵ Based on the average of the shares outstanding.

⁶ Net investment income per share and the ratio of net investment income to average net assets reflects a special dividend received by the Fund for the periods ended June 30 and December 31, 2008, which amounted to \$0.13 per share and 0.63% of average net assets, respectively.

⁷ The repurchase plan was completed at an average repurchase price of \$9.79 and \$14.92, respectively, for 87,800 shares and 3,589,570 shares, respectively. The redemptions for the periods ended June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008 were \$859,412 and \$53,556,991, respectively, and had a less than \$0.005 and \$0.16 NAV impact, respectively.

⁸ Total return based on net asset value reflects changes in the Fund's net asset value during each period. Total return based on market value reflects changes in market value. Each figure assumes that dividend and capital gain distributions, if any, were reinvested. These figures will differ depending upon the level of any discount from or premium to net asset value at which the Fund's shares traded during the period.

⁹ Not annualized.

¹⁰ Unaudited.

¹¹ Total returns would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced during the periods shown.

¹² Assumes dividend reinvestment and a purchase at \$20.01 per share on the inception date and a sale at the current market price on the last day of the period.

¹³ Annualized.

¹⁴ Ratios calculated on the basis of gross expenses relative to the average net assets of common shares that does not take into consideration expense reductions during the periods shown. Without the exclusion of preferred shares, the annualized ratios of expenses would have been 0.89%, 0.91%, 0.90% and 0.90% for the years ended 12-31-04, 12-31-05, 12-31-06 and 12-31-07, respectively.

¹⁵ Ratios calculated on the basis of net expenses relative to the average net assets of common shares. Without the exclusion of preferred shares, the annualized ratios of expenses would have been 0.69%, 0.71%, 0.70% and 0.70% for the years ended 12-31-04, 12-31-05, 12-31-06 and 12-31-07, respectively.

¹⁶ 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 annualized ratio of net investment income would have been 4.42%, 4.14%, 4.74% and 4.03% for the years ended 12-31-04, 12-31-05, 12-31-06 and 12-31-07, respectively.

¹⁷ Calculated by subtracting the Fund's total liabilities from the Fund's total assets and dividing that amount by the number of APS outstanding, as of the applicable 1940 Act Evaluation Date, which may differ from the financial reporting date.

¹⁸ Asset coverage equals the total net assets plus APS divided by the APS of the Fund outstanding at period end (Note 8).

¹⁹ Asset coverage equals the total net assets plus borrowings divided by the committed facility agreement of the Fund outstanding at period end (Note 8).

²⁰ A portion of the distributions may be deemed a tax return of capital at year-end.

See notes to financial statements

Notes to financial statements (unaudited)

Note 1 Organization

John Hancock Tax-Advantaged Dividend Income Fund (the Fund) is a closed-end diversified management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. The Fund began operations February 27, 2004.

Note 2

Significant accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, which require management to make certain estimates and assumptions at the date of the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The following summarizes the significant accounting policies of the Fund:

Security valuation

Investments are stated at value as of the close of the regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), normally at 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time. Equity securities held by the Fund are valued at the last sale price or official closing price (closing bid price or last evaluated price if no sale has occurred) as of the close of business on the principal securities exchange (domestic or foreign) on which they trade. Debt obligations are valued based on the evaluated prices provided by an independent pricing service, which utilizes both dealer-supplied and electronic data processing techniques, which take into account factors such as institutional-size trading in similar groups of securities, yield, quality, coupon rate, maturity, type of issue, trading characteristics and other market data. Foreign securities and currencies are valued in U.S. dollars, based on foreign currency exchange rates supplied by an independent pricing service. Securities traded only in the over-the-counter market are valued at the last bid price quoted by brokers making markets in the securities at the close of trading. Equity and debt obligations, for which there are no prices available from an independent pricing service, are valued based on broker quotes or fair valued as described below. Certain short-term debt instruments are valued at amortized cost.

Other portfolio securities and assets for which market quotations are not readily available are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by the Fund's Pricing Committee in accordance with procedures adopted by the Board of Trustees. Generally, trading in non-U.S. securities is substantially completed each day at various times prior to the close of trading on the NYSE. The values of such securities used in computing the net asset value of the Fund's shares are generally determined as of such times. Occasionally, significant events that affect the values of such securities may occur between the times at which such values are generally determined and the close of the NYSE. Upon such an occurrence, these securities will be valued at fair value as determined in good faith under consistently applied procedures established by and under the general supervision of the Board of Trustees.

Valuations change in response to many factors including the historical and prospective earnings of the issuer, the value of the issuer's assets, general economic and market conditions, interest rates, investor perceptions and market liquidity.

Fair value measurements

The Fund uses a three-tier hierarchy to prioritize the assumptions, referred to as inputs, used in valuation techniques to measure fair value. The three-tier hierarchy of inputs and the valuation techniques used are summarized below:

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Level 1 – Exchange traded prices in active markets for identical securities. This technique is used for exchange-traded domestic common and preferred equities, certain foreign equities, warrants, rights, options and futures. In addition, investment companies, including mutual funds, are valued using this technique.

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Level 2 – Prices determined using significant observable inputs. Observable inputs may include quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk. Prices for securities valued using these techniques are received from independent pricing vendors and are based on an evaluation of the inputs described. These techniques are used for certain domestic preferred equities, certain foreign equities, unlisted rights and warrants, and fixed income securities. Also, over-the-counter derivative contracts, including swaps, foreign forward currency contracts, and certain options use these techniques.

Level 3 – Prices determined using significant unobservable inputs. In situations where quoted prices or observable inputs are unavailable, such as when there is little or no market activity for an investment, unobservable inputs may be used. Unobservable inputs reflect the Fund’s Pricing Committee’s own assumptions about the factors that market participants would use in pricing an investment and would be based on the best information available. Securities using this technique are generally thinly traded or privately placed, and may be valued using broker quotes, which may not only use observable or unobservable inputs but may also include the use of the brokers’ own judgments about the assumptions that market participants would use.

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

The following is a summary of the inputs used to value the Funds’ investments as of June, 30, 2009, by major security category or security type. Other financial instruments are derivative instruments not reflected in the Portfolio of Investments, such as futures, forwards, options and swap contracts, which are stated at market value.

Investments in Securities	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	TOTALS
Consumer Discretionary	\$5,509,205	—	—	\$5,509,205
Energy	58,768,668	—	—	58,768,668
Financials	171,209,082	—	—	171,209,082
Industrials	5,391,200	—	—	5,391,200
Telecommunications	28,849,020	—	—	28,849,020
Utilities	356,152,240	\$48,712,269	—	404,864,509
Short-term	—	2,300,000	—	2,300,000
Totals	\$625,879,415	\$51,012,269	—	\$676,891,684
Other Financial Instruments	—	(\$4,742,562)	—	(\$4,742,562)

Total	\$625,879,416	\$46,269,707	— \$672,149,122
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Security transactions and related investment income

Investment security 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. Interest income is accrued as earned. Dividend income and distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Foreign dividends are recorded on the ex-date or when the Fund becomes aware of the dividends from cash collections. Discounts/premiums are accreted/ amortized for financial reporting purposes.

Non-cash dividends are recorded at the fair market value of the securities received. Debt obligations may be placed in a non-accrual status and related interest income may be reduced by ceasing current accruals and writing off interest receivables when the collection of all or a portion of interest has become doubtful. The Fund uses identified cost method for determining realized gain or loss on investments for both financial statement and federal income tax reporting purposes.

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Overdrafts

Pursuant to the custodian agreement, the Custodian may, in its discretion, advance funds to the Fund to make properly authorized payments. When such payments result in an overdraft, the Fund is obligated to repay the Custodian for any overdraft, including any costs or expenses associated with the overdraft. The Custodian has a lien, security interest or security entitlement in any Fund property, that is not segregated, to the maximum extent permitted by law to the extent of any overdraft.

Expenses

The majority of expenses are directly identifiable to an individual fund. 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 size of the funds. Expense estimates are accrued in the period to which they relate and adjustments are made when actual amounts are known.

Statement of cash flows

The cash amount shown in the Statement of cash flows of a Fund is the amount included in the Fund’s Statement of Assets and Liabilities and represents the cash on hand at its custodian and does not include any short-term investments.

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 \$9,941,872 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, it will reduce the amount of capital gain distribution to be paid. The loss carryforward expires as follows: December 31, 2016 — \$9,941,872.

As of June 30, 2009, the Fund had no uncertain tax positions that would require financial statement recognition, de-recognition, or disclosure. Each of the Fund's federal tax returns filed in the 3-year period ended December 31, 2008 remains subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service.

Distribution of income and gains

The Fund records distributions to shareholders from net investment income and net realized gains, if any, on the ex-dividend date. The Fund generally declares and pays dividends monthly. Capital gains, if any, are distributed annually. During the year ended December 31, 2008, the tax character of distributions paid was as follows: ordinary income \$49,582,867, long-term capital gain \$1,940,661 and return of capital \$17,698,324.

Such distributions, 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. The final determination of tax characteristics of the Fund's distributions will occur at the end of the year at which time it will be reported to shareholders.

Note 3

Financial instruments

The Fund has adopted the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 161, *Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities* (FAS 161). This new standard requires the Fund to disclose information to assist investors in understanding how the Fund uses derivative instruments, how derivative instruments are accounted for under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities* (FAS 133) and how derivative instruments affect the Fund's financial position, results of operations and Statements of Changes in net assets. This disclosure for the period ended June 30, 2009 is presented in accordance with FAS 161 and is included as part of the Notes to the Financial Statements.

Swap contracts

The Fund may enter interest rate, credit default, cross-currency, and other forms of swaps to manage its exposure to credit, currency and interest rate risks, to gain exposure in lieu of buying in the physical market, or to enhance income. Swaps are privately negotiated agreements between counterparties to exchange cash flows, assets, foreign currencies or market-linked returns at specified intervals. In connection with these agreements, the Fund will hold cash and/ or liquid securities equal to the net amount of the Fund's exposure, in order to satisfy the Fund's obligations in the event of default or bankruptcy/insolvency.

Swaps are marked to market daily based upon values from third party vendors or quotations from market makers to the extent available, and the change in value, if any, is recorded as unrealized appreciation/depreciation on the Fund's Statement of Assets and Liabilities. If market quotations are not readily available or not deemed reliable, certain swaps may be fair valued in good faith by the Fund's Pricing Committee in accordance with procedures adopted by the Board of Trustees.

Entering into swaps involves, to varying degrees, elements of credit, market and documentation risk in excess of the amounts recognized on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Such risks involve the possibility that there will be no liquid market for these agreements that a counterparty may default on its obligation under the swap or disagree as to the meaning of the swap's terms, and that there may be unfavorable interest rate changes. The Fund may also suffer losses if it is unable to terminate outstanding swaps or reduce its exposure through offsetting transactions.

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The Fund is a party to International Swap Dealers Association, Inc., Master Agreements (“ISDA Master Agreements”) with select counterparties that govern over the counter derivative transactions, which may include foreign exchange derivative transactions, entered into by the Fund and those counterparties. The ISDA Master Agreements typically include standard representations and warranties, as well as a Credit Support Annex (“CSA”) that accompanies a schedule to ISDA master agreements provisions outlining the general obligations of the Fund and counterparties relating to events of default, termination events and other standard provisions. Termination events may include a decline in the Fund’s net asset value below a certain point over a certain period of time that is specified in the Schedule to the ISDA Master Agreement; such an event may entitle the counterparty to elect to terminate early and calculate damages based on that termination, with respect to some or all outstanding transactions under the applicable damage calculation provisions of the ISDA Master Agreement. An election by one or more counterparties to terminate ISDA Master Agreements could have a material impact in the financial statements of the Fund.

Interest rate swap agreements

Interest rate swaps represent an agreement between two counterparties to exchange cash flows based on the difference in the two interest rates, applied to the notional principal amount for a specified period. The payment flows are usually netted against each other, with the difference being paid by one party to the other. The Fund settles accrued net receivable or payable under the swap contracts on a periodic basis.

The Fund had the following interest rate swap contract open on June 30, 2009:

NOTIONAL AMOUNT	FIXED PAYMENTS MADE BY FUND	VARIABLE PAYMENTS RECEIVED BY FUND	TERMINATION DATE	COUNTERPARTY	UNREALIZED DEPRECIATION
\$95,000,000	3.600%	3-month LIBOR (a)	Jan 2011	Bank of America	(\$4,742,562)

(a) At June 30, 2009, the 3-month LIBOR rate was 0.590%.

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During the period ended June 30, 2009, the Fund used interest rate swaps to manage against interest rate changes. Notional amounts of interest rate swaps at June 30, 2009 are representative of the interest rate swap activity.

Fair value of derivative instruments by risk category

The table below summarizes the fair values of derivatives held by the Fund at June 30, 2009 by risk category:

DERIVATIVES NOT ACCOUNTED FOR AS HEDGING INSTRUMENTS UNDER FAS 133	STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES LOCATION	FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS LOCATION	ASSET DERIVATIVES FAIR VALUE	LIABILITY DERIVATIVES FAIR VALUE
Interest rate contracts	Unrealized depreciation of swap contracts	Interest rate swap contracts	—	(\$4,742,562)
Total			—	(\$4,742,562)

Effect of derivative instruments on the Statement of Operations

The table below summarizes the realized gain (loss) recognized in the net increase (decrease) in net assets from operations, classified by derivative instrument and risk category for the period ended June 30, 2009:

DERIVATIVES NOT ACCOUNTED FOR AS HEDGING INSTRUMENTS UNDER FAS 133	SWAPS	TOTAL
Statement of Operations location — Net realized		
gain (loss) on	Swap contracts	
Interest rate contracts	(\$329,294)	(\$329,294)
Total	(\$329,294)	(\$329,294)

The table below summarizes the change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) recognized in the net increase (decrease) in net assets from operations, classified by derivative instrument and risk category for the period ended June 30, 2009:

DERIVATIVES NOT ACCOUNTED FOR AS HEDGING INSTRUMENTS UNDER FAS 133	SWAPS	TOTAL
Statement of Operations location — Change in		
unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on	Swap contracts	
Interest rate contracts	(\$116,832)	(\$116,832)
Total	(\$116,832)	(\$116,832)

Note 4**Risk and uncertainties****Derivatives and counterparty risk**

The use of derivative instruments may involve risks different from, or potentially greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities. Specifically, derivative instruments expose the Fund to the risk that the counterparty to an over-the-counter (OTC) derivatives contract will be unable or unwilling to make timely settlement payments or otherwise to honor its obligations. OTC derivatives transactions typically can only be closed out with the other party to the transaction. If the counterparty defaults, the Fund will have contractual remedies, but there is no assurance that the counterparty will meet its contractual obligations or that, in the event of default, the Fund will succeed in enforcing them.

Sector risk — utilities industry

Fund performance will be closely tied to a single sector of the economy, which may underperform other sectors over any given period of time. Utilities can be hurt by higher interest costs in connection

with capital construction programs, costs associated with environmental and other regulations and the effects of economic declines, surplus capacity and increased competition. Accordingly, the concentration may make the Fund's value more volatile and investment values may rise and fall more rapidly.

Sector risk — financial services

The Fund may concentrate investments in a particular industry, sector of the economy or invest in a limited number of companies. The concentration is closely tied to a single sector of the economy which may cause the Fund to underperform other sectors. Specifically, financial services companies can be hurt by economic declines, changes in interest rates, regulatory and market impacts. Accordingly, the concentration may make the Fund's value more volatile and investment values may rise and fall more rapidly.

Leverage utilization risk

The Fund utilizes leverage to increase assets available for investment. See Note 8 for risks associated with the utilization of leverage.

Note 5**Guarantees and indemnifications**

Under the Fund's organizational documents, its Officers and Trustees are indemnified against certain liability arising out of the performance of their duties to the Fund. Additionally, in the normal course of business, the Fund enters into contracts with service providers that contain general indemnification clauses. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown, as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Fund that have not yet occurred.

Note 6**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 daily management fee to the Adviser at an annual rate of 0.75% of the Fund's average daily net asset value and the value attributed to the committed facility agreement (see Note 8) (collectively, managed assets). The Fund and the Adviser have subadvisory agreements with MFC Global Investment Management (U.S.), LLC, a subsidiary of John Hancock Financial Services, Inc., and Analytic Investors, LLC. The Fund is not responsible for payment of subadvisory fees.

Effective July 2009, the Fund has implemented a covered call options strategy ("options strategy"), which is managed by Analytic Investors, LLC. The Fund is limited to writing options on no more than 30% of its total assets.

The Adviser has contractually agreed to limit the Fund's management fee to the following: 0.55% of the Fund's average daily managed assets until the fifth anniversary of the commencement of the Fund's operations, 0.60% of such assets in the sixth year, 0.65% of such assets in the seventh year and 0.70% of average daily managed assets in the eighth year. After the eighth year, the Adviser will no longer waive a portion of the management fee. Accordingly, the expense reductions related to the reduction in the management fee amounted to \$520,970 for the period ended June 30, 2009. The effective rate for the period ended June 30, 2009 is 0.58% of the Fund's average daily net asset value.

The Fund has an agreement with the Adviser and affiliates to perform necessary tax, accounting, compliance, legal and other administrative services of the Fund. The accounting and legal services fees incurred for the period ended June 30, 2009, were equivalent to an annual effective rate of less than 0.03% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

Mr. James R. Boyle is Chairman of the Adviser, as well as affiliated Trustee of the Fund, and is compensated by the Adviser and/or its affiliates. Mr. John G. Vrysen is a Board member of the Adviser, as well as affiliated Trustee of the Fund, and is compensated by the Adviser and/or its affiliates. The compensation of unaffiliated Trustees is borne by the Fund. The unaffiliated Trustees may elect to defer, for tax purposes, their receipt of this compensation under the John Hancock Group of Funds

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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 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 7

Fund share transactions

Common shares

In December 2007, the Board of Trustees approved a share repurchase plan. Under the plan, the Fund may repurchase in the open market up to 10% of its outstanding common shares. The plan was in effect until December 31, 2008. On December 8, 2008, the Board of Trustees approved a subsequent repurchase plan. Under the plan, the Fund may repurchase in the open market up to 10% of its outstanding common shares. The plan will remain in effect until December 31, 2009.

During the periods ended June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, the Fund repurchased 87,800 (0.22% of shares outstanding) and 3,589,570 (8.53% of shares outstanding) of its common shares, respectively. The corresponding dollar amount of the share repurchase amounted to \$859,412 and \$53,556,991 for the periods ended June 30, 2009 and December 31, 2008, respectively.

Note 8

Leverage

The Fund utilizes a Committed Facility Agreement (CFA) to increase its assets available for investment. In prior fiscal periods, the Fund used Auctioned Preferred Shares (APS) for leverage. When the Fund leverages its assets, common shareholders pay all fees associated with and have the potential to benefit from leverage. Consequently, the Fund and the Adviser may have differing interests in determining whether to leverage the Fund's assets. Leverage creates risks which may adversely affect the return for the holders of common shares, including:

- the likelihood of greater volatility of net asset value and market price of common shares

- fluctuations in the interest rate paid for those of the credit facility
- increased operating costs, which may reduce the Fund's total return to the holders of common shares
- the potential for a decline in the value of an investment acquired through leverage, while the Fund's obligations under such leverage remains fixed
- the fund is more likely to have to sell securities in a volatile market in order to meet asset coverage or other debt compliance requirements

To the extent the income or capital appreciation derived from securities purchased with funds received from leverage exceeds the cost of leverage, the Fund's return will be greater than if leverage had not been used, conversely, return would be lower if the cost of the leverage exceeds the income or capital appreciation derived.

The Fund issued total of 15,200 APS on May 3, 2004. In May 2008, the Fund's Trustees approved a plan whereby the Fund's form of leverage was changed from APS to a CFA. A third party commercial bank has agreed to provide this credit facility that enabled the refinancing of the Fund's APS to debt. The redemption of all series was completed on May 28, 2008. Below is a comparison of the leverage methods utilized by the Fund:

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	APS	CFA
Required Asset Coverage	200%	200% (300% at time of draw)
Maximum Leverage amount	\$380 million	\$351 million
Costs Associated with Leverage	Dividends paid to preferred shareholders (maximum rate equals the overnight commercial paper rate plus 1.25%)	Interest expense (one month LIBOR (reset daily) plus 0.85%)
	APS auction fees	Arrangement fee*
	Auction agent expenses	Commitment fees (0.60% of the unused portion of the CFA)
	Preferred share transfer agent expenses	

*Arrangement fee is \$877,500 amortized over the first 270 days of the CFA.

Note 9

Committed facility agreement

Effective May 7, 2008, the Fund entered into the CFA with a third party commercial bank that allows it to borrow up to an initial limit of \$351 million and to invest the borrowings in accordance with its investment practices. Borrowings under the CFA are secured by the assets of the Fund as disclosed in the Schedule of Investments. Prior to January 1, 2009, interest was charged at the overnight LIBOR rate plus 0.70%, payable monthly. Effective January 1, 2009, interest charged is one month LIBOR (reset daily) plus 0.85%. Under the terms of the CFA, the Fund also pays an arrangement fee of 0.25% in the first year of the agreement on the committed financing and commitment fees of 0.60% per annum on the unused portion of the facility. Arrangement and commitment fees for the period ended June 30, 2009 totaled \$342,676 and \$107,250, respectively, and are included in interest expense in the Statement of Operations. As of June 30, 2009, the Fund had borrowings of \$226,300,000 at an interest rate of 1.159% which are reflected in the CFA payable on the Statement of Asset and Liabilities. The Fund may reduce or terminate the amount of the CFA upon 270 days' notice to the lender, and it may terminate the agreement with 60 days' notice if the Board of Trustees has determined that the elimination of all indebtedness leveraging the Fund's investments are in the best interests of the Fund's shareholders. In certain circumstances, the CFA may automatically terminate, and in other specified circumstances it may be reduced to a 30-day facility. In addition, upon the occurrence of certain defaults, the lender may terminate the agreement, and it may modify or terminate the agreement upon 270 days' notice.

Note 10

Purchase and sale of securities

Purchases and proceeds from sales or maturities of securities, other than short-term securities and obligations of the U.S. government, during the period ended June 30, 2009, aggregated \$59,019,812 and \$85,756,712, respectively.

Note 11

Change in fiscal year end

The Board of Trustees approved a change in the Fund's fiscal year end from December 31 to October 31. The fiscal year end change is effective October 31, 2009.

Note 12 Subsequent events

The Fund has adopted the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 165, *Subsequent Events* (FAS 165). The objective of FAS 165 is to establish general standards of accounting for and disclosure of events that occur after the balance sheet date but before financial statements are issued or are available to be issued.

For the period ended June 30, 2009, Management has evaluated subsequent events until August 27, 2009, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. As of August 27, 2009, there were no material events that required adjustments or additional disclosures within the financial statements.

Investment objective and policy

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The Fund's investment objective is to provide a high level of after-tax total return from dividend income and gains and capital appreciation.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its assets (net assets plus borrowings for investment purposes) in dividend-paying common and preferred securities that the Adviser believes at the time of acquisition are eligible to pay dividends which, for individual shareholders, qualify for U.S. federal income taxation at rates applicable to long-term capital gains, which currently are taxed at a maximum rate of 15% ("tax-advantaged dividends"). Tax-advantaged dividends generally include dividends from domestic corporations and dividends from foreign corporations that meet certain specified criteria. The Fund generally can pass the tax treatment of tax-advantaged dividends it receives through to its common shareholders.

The fund may write (sell) covered call index options on up to 30% of the value of the fund's total assets.

On March 31, 2008, the shareholders approved the following changes to the Fund's investment policy: To eliminate the Fund's "concentration" policy (i.e., investing at least 25% of its net assets) with respect to securities issued by financial securities corporations; to modify the Fund's concentration policy with respect to investing in the utilities sector by permitting the Fund to invest in both U.S. and foreign utilities corporations, rather than only U.S. utilities corporations (as required under the current policy).

Dividends and distributions

During the period ended June 30, 2009, dividends from net investment income totaling \$0.693 per share were paid to shareholders. The dates of payments and the amounts per share were as follows:

PAYMENT DATE	INCOME DIVIDEND ¹
January 30, 2009	\$0.140
February 27, 2009	0.140
March 31, 2009	0.140
April 30, 2009	0.091
May 29, 2009	0.091
June 30, 2009	0.091
Total	\$0.693

¹A portion of the distributions may be deemed a tax return of capital at year-end.

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 may elect to have all distributions of dividends and capital gains reinvested by Mellon Investor Services, as plan agent for the common shareholders (the Plan Agent). Holders of common shares who do not elect 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 may join the Plan by filling out and mailing an authorization card, by notifying the Plan Agent by telephone or by visiting the Plan Agent's Web site at www.melloninvestor.com. Shareholders must indicate an election to reinvest all or a portion of dividend payments. If received in proper form by the Plan Agent before the record date of a dividend, the election will be effective with respect to all dividends paid after such record date. Shareholders whose shares are held in the name of a broker or nominee should contact the broker or nominee to determine whether and how they may participate in the Plan.

If the Fund declares a dividend payable either in common shares or in cash, nonparticipants 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

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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 participants' 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. In each case, 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 not less than ten days 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 noncertificated 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 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.

Shareholder meeting (unaudited)

On April 28, 2009, an adjourned session of the Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of John Hancock Tax-Advantaged Dividend Income Fund was held at 601 Congress Street, Boston, Massachusetts for the purpose of considering and voting upon the proposals listed below:

Proposal 1: Election of six Trustees to serve until their respective successors have been duly elected and qualified.

PROPOSAL 1 PASSED FOR ALL TRUSTEES ON APRIL 28, 2009.

	FOR	WITHHELD AUTHORITY
Charles L. Ladner	20,024,167	1,160,108
Stanley Martin	20,048,566	1,135,709
John A. Moore	20,030,946	1,153,329
Gregory A. Russo	20,063,140	1,121,135
Deborah C. Jackson	20,011,128	1,173,147
John G. Vrysen	20,058,284	1,125,991

Proposal 2: To adopt a new form of investment advisory agreement.

PROPOSAL 2 PASSED ON APRIL 28, 2009.

For	16,322,454
Against	796,827
Withheld	542,230
Broker Non-Votes	3,522,764

Proposal 3: To approve Analytic Investors, LLC as a subadviser to John Hancock Tax-Advantaged Dividend Income Fund.

PROPOSAL 3 PASSED ON APRIL 28, 2009.

For	16,329,593
Against	790,532
Withheld	541,386
Broker Non-Votes	3,522,764

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Evaluation by the Board of Investment Advisory Agreement and Subadvisory Agreements

The Investment Company Act of 1940 (the 1940 Act) requires the Board of Trustees (the Board) of John Hancock Tax-Advantaged Dividend Income Fund (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 meet in person to review and consider the continuation of existing advisory and subadvisory agreements. At meetings held on May 6–7 and June 8–9, 2009, the Board considered the renewal of:

- (i) the investment advisory agreement (the Advisory Agreement) with John Hancock Advisers, LLC (the Adviser) and
- (ii) the investment subadvisory agreement (the Subadvisory Agreement) with MFC Global Investment Management (U.S.), LLC (MFC Global) for the Fund.

The Advisory Agreement and the Subadvisory Agreements are collectively referred to as the Advisory Agreements. The Board considered the factors and reached the conclusions described below relating to the selection of the Adviser and MFC Global 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 its Independent Trustees, reviewed a broad range of information requested for this purpose. The Independent Trustees considered the legal advice of independent legal counsel and relied on their own business judgment in determining the factors to be considered in evaluating the materials that were presented to them and the weight to be given to each such factor. 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. 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 MFC Global, based on their resources, reputation and other attributes, to attract and retain qualified investment professionals, including research, advisory, and supervisory personnel. It considered the background and experience of senior management and investment professionals responsible for managing the Fund. The Board considered the investment philosophy, research and investment decision-making processes of the Adviser and MFC Global, which are responsible for the investment activities of the Fund. The Board considered MFC Global’s history and experience with the Fund. The Board considered the Adviser’s execution of its oversight responsibilities. The Board further considered the culture of compliance, resources dedicated to compliance, compliance programs, record of compliance with applicable laws and

regulation, with the Fund's investment policies and restrictions and with the applicable Code of Ethics, and the responsibilities of the Adviser's and MFC Global's compliance department. In addition, the Board took into account the administrative and other non-advisory 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 MFC Global supported renewal of the Advisory Agreements.

Fund performance

The Board noted that the Fund had less than five full years of operational history and considered the performance results for the Fund over 1- and 3-year time periods ended December 31, 2008. The Board also considered these results in comparison to the performance of a category of relevant funds (the Category), a peer group of comparable funds (the Peer Group) and a benchmark index. The funds within each Category and Peer Group were selected by Morningstar Inc. (Morningstar), an independent provider of

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investment company data. The Board reviewed the methodology used by Morningstar to select the funds in the Category and the Peer Group, and noted the imperfect comparability of the Peer Group. The Board also considered updated performance information at its May and June 2009 meetings. Performance and other information may be quite different as of the date of this shareholders report.

The Board viewed favorably that the Fund's performance for the time periods under review was higher than the performance of the Peer Group and Category medians, and appreciably higher than the performance of its benchmark index, the Merrill Lynch Preferred Stock DRD Eligible Index.

Investment advisory fee and subadvisory fee rates and expenses

The Board reviewed and considered the contractual investment advisory fee rate payable by the Fund to the Adviser for investment advisory services (the Advisory Agreement Rate). The Board received and considered information comparing the Advisory Agreement Rate with the advisory fees for the Category and Peer Group. The Board noted that the Advisory Agreement Rate was inline with the Category median and not appreciably higher than the Peer Group median.

The Board received and considered expense information regarding the Fund's various components, including advisory fees, and other non-advisory fees, including transfer agent fees, custodian fees, and other miscellaneous fees (*e.g.*, fees for accounting and legal services). The Board considered comparisons of these expenses to the Peer Group median. The Board also received and considered expense information regarding the Fund's total operating expense ratio (Gross Expense Ratio) and total operating expense ratio after taking the fee waiver arrangement applicable to the Advisory Agreement Rate into account (Net Expense Ratio). The Board received and considered information comparing the Gross Expense Ratio and Net Expense Ratio of the Fund to that of the Category and Peer Group medians. The Board noted that Gross Expense Ratio was higher than the Category and Peer Group medians. The Board also noted that the Net Expense Ratio was equal to the Category median and inline with 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 overall performance and expense results supported the re-approval of the Advisory Agreements.

The Board also received information about the investment subadvisory fee rate (the Subadvisory Agreement Rate) payable by the Adviser to MFC Global for investment subadvisory services. The Board concluded that the Subadvisory Agreement Rates were 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 MFC Global. The Board also considered a comparison of the Adviser's profitability to that of other similar investment advisers whose profit-ability information is publicly available. 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 MFC Global'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

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of a closed-end fund that, unlike an open-end fund, does not continuously offer its shares. The Board noted that the Fund, as a closed-end investment company, was not expected to increase materially in size and that its assets would grow (if at all) through the investment performance of the Fund. Therefore, the Board did not consider potential economies of scale as a principal factor in assessing the fees payable under the 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, including MFC Global, as a result of their relationship with the Fund. Such benefits could include, among others, benefits directly attributable to the relationship of the Adviser and MFC Global with the Fund and benefits potentially derived from an increase in business as a result of their relationship with the Fund (such as the ability to market to shareholders other financial products offered by the Adviser and its affiliates).

Other factors and broader review

As discussed above, the Board reviewed detailed materials received from the Adviser and MFC Global 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 MFC Global 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.

At its meeting on December 8-9, 2008, the Board, including all the Independent Trustees approved a new form of Advisory Agreement for the Fund and a new form of Subadvisory Agreement with Analytic.

The Board, including the Independent Trustees, is responsible for selecting the Fund's investment adviser, approving the Adviser's selection of Fund subadvisers and approving the Fund's advisory and subadvisory agreements, their periodic continuation and any amendments.

Consistent with SEC rules, the Board regularly evaluates the Fund's advisory and subadvisory arrangements, including consideration of the factors listed below. The Board may also consider other factors (including

conditions and trends prevailing generally in the economy, the securities markets and the industry) and does not treat any single factor as determinative, and each Trustee may attribute different weights to different factors. The Board is furnished with an analysis of its fiduciary obligations in connection with its evaluation and, throughout the evaluation process, the Board is assisted by counsel for the Fund and the Independent Trustees are also separately assisted by independent legal counsel. The factors considered by the Board are:

- the nature, extent and quality of the services to be provided by the Adviser or subadviser, as the case may be, to the Fund;
- the investment performance of the Fund;
- the extent to which economies of scale would be realized as the Fund grows and whether fee levels reflect these economies of scale for the benefit of shareholders of the Fund;
- the costs of the services to be provided and the profits to be realized by the Adviser (including any subadvisers affiliated with the Adviser) and its affiliates from the Adviser's relationship with the Fund; and
- comparative services rendered and comparative advisory fee rates.

The Board believes that information relating to all these factors is relevant to its evaluation of the Fund's Advisory Agreement.

With respect to its evaluation of the Subadvisory Agreement with Analytic, which is not affiliated with the Adviser, the Board

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believes that the costs of the services to be provided and the profits to be realized by Analytic generally are not a material factor in the Board's consideration of the Subadvisory Agreement because such fees are paid by the Adviser and not by the fund and the Board relies on the ability of the Adviser to negotiate the subadvisory fees at arm's-length. In evaluating subadvisory arrangements, the Board also considers other material business relationships that unaffiliated subadvisers and their affiliates have with the Adviser or its affiliates, including the involvement by certain affiliates of certain subadvisers in the distribution of financial products, including shares of the funds, offered by the Adviser and other affiliates of the Adviser.

December 2008 meeting

At its meeting on December 8-9, 2008, the Board, including all the Independent Trustees, approved a new form of Sub-advisory Agreement with Analytic Investors, LLC (Analytic).

Nature, extent and quality of services

The Board considered the ability of Analytic, based on their resources, reputation and other attributes, to attract and retain qualified investment professionals, including research, advisory, and supervisory personnel. The Board considered the investment philosophy, research and investment decision-making processes of the Analytic. The Board considered that the Adviser will have responsibility for oversight of Analytic.

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 to be provided to the Fund by Analytic supported approval of its Subadvisory Agreement.

Investment subadvisory fee rates and expenses

The Board also obtained information about the investment subadvisory fee rate (the Subadvisory Agreement Rate) payable by the Adviser to Analytic for investment subadvisory services. The Board concluded that the Subadvisory Agreement Rate was not unreasonable.

Factors not considered relevant

In light of the fact that Analytic had not yet begun providing its Subadvisory services to the Fund, the Trustees noted that certain factors, such as Analytic’s contribution to performance, were not germane to the initial approval.

The Board did not consider profitability information with respect to Analytic, which is not affiliated with the Adviser. The Board considered that the Subadvisory Agreement Rate paid to Analytic had been negotiated by the Adviser on an arm’s length basis and that Analytic’ separate profitability from its relationship with the Fund was not a material factor in determining whether to approve its Subadvisory Agreement.

The Board considered other material business relationships that unaffiliated subadvisers and their affiliates have with the Adviser or its affiliates, including the involvement by certain affiliates of certain subadvisers in the distribution of financial products, including shares of the funds, offered by the Adviser and other affiliates of the Adviser.

Other factors and broader review

The Board regularly reviews and assesses the quality of the services that the Fund will receive throughout the year. In this regard, the Board reviews reports of the 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 Sub- Advisory Agreement with Analytic for the Fund was in the best interest of the Fund and its shareholders. Accordingly, the Board unanimously approved the Subadvisory Agreement.

More information

Trustees

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James R. Boyle†

James F. Carlin

William H. Cunningham*

Deborah C. Jackson*

Charles L. Ladner

Stanley Martin*

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John G. Vrysen†

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The Fund's proxy voting policies and procedures, as well as the Fund's proxy voting record for the most recent twelve month period ended June 30, are available free of charge on the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Website at www.sec.gov or on our Website.

The Fund's complete list of portfolio holdings, for the first and third fiscal quarters, is filed with the SEC on Form N-Q. The Fund's Form N-Q is available on our Website and the SEC's Website, www.sec.gov, and can be reviewed and copied (for a fee) at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. Call 1-800-SEC-0330 to receive information on the operation of the SEC's Public Reference Room.

We make this information on your fund, as well as **monthly portfolio holdings**, and other fund details available on our Website www.jhfunds.com or by calling 1-800-852-0218.

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ITEM 2. CODE OF ETHICS.

Not applicable.

ITEM 3. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT.

Not applicable at this time.

ITEM 4. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES.

Not applicable at this time.

ITEM 5. AUDIT COMMITTEE OF LISTED REGISTRANTS.

Not applicable at this time.

ITEM 6. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

(a) Not applicable.

(b) Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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.

(a) Not applicable.

(b)	REGISTRANT PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES			
	Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased *	Average Price per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plan *
January 1, 2009 to January 31, 2009	0	\$0	0	3,848,792
February 1, 2009 to February 28, 2009	0	0	0	3,848,792
March 1, 2009 to March 31, 2009	0	0	0	3,848,792
April 1, 2009 to April 30, 2009	0	0	0	3,848,792
May 1, 2009 to May 31, 2009	0	0	0	3,848,792
June 1, 2009 to June 30, 2009	87,800	9.79	87,800	3,840,012
Total	87,800	\$9.79		

*On December 8, 2008, the Board of Trustees approved a subsequent share repurchase plan. Under the plan, the Fund may repurchase in the open market up to 10% of its outstanding common shares. The plan will remain in effect until December 2009. During the period ended June 30, 2009, the Fund repurchased 87,800 common shares or 0.22% of the outstanding

common shares.

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

Not applicable.

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) Separate certifications for the registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as required by Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, are attached.

(b) Separate certifications for the registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as required by 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, and Rule 30a-2(b) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, are attached. The certifications furnished pursuant to this paragraph are not deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section. Such certifications are not deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, except to the extent that the Registrant specifically incorporates them by reference.

(c) 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 Tax-Advantaged Dividend Income Fund

By: /s/ Keith F. Hartstein

Keith F. Hartstein
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: August 26, 2009

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

Date: August 26, 2009

By: /s/ Charles A. Rizzo

Charles A. Rizzo
Chief Financial Officer

Date: August 26, 2009
