

JOHN HANCOCK PREFERRED INCOME FUND II
Form N-Q
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-Q

**QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES**

Investment Company Act file number 811- 21202

John Hancock Preferred Income Fund II
(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: July 31

Date of reporting period: October 31, 2016

ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

John Hancock

Preferred Income Fund II

Quarterly portfolio holdings 10/31/16

Fund's investments Preferred Income Fund II

As of 10-31-16 (unaudited)

	Shares	Value
Preferred securities (a)		
134.8% (89.2% of Total investments)		\$623,768,847
(Cost \$599,654,678)		
Consumer staples 3.1%		14,365,008
Food and staples retailing 3.1%		
Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc., Series A, 6.250% (S)	160,000	14,365,008
Energy 6.1%		28,013,689
Oil, gas and consumable fuels 6.1%		
Kinder Morgan, Inc., 9.750%	608,332	28,013,689
Financials 50.8%		235,034,421
Banks 31.3%		
Bank of America Corp., 6.500%	180,000	4,840,199
Bank of America Corp., 6.625%	20,000	545,400
Barclays Bank PLC, Series 3, 7.100%	365,000	9,413,350
Barclays Bank PLC, Series 5, 8.125%		
BB&T Corp., 5.200% (Z)	330,000	8,537,100
BB&T Corp., 5.625% (Z)	450,000	11,610,000
Citigroup Capital	55,000	1,430,550

XIII, 7.257% (P) (Z) Citigroup, Inc.,	10,000	253,100
5.800% Citigroup, Inc.,	60,000	1,622,400
6.875% (Z) Citigroup, Inc. (6.875% to 11-15-23, then 3 month LIBOR + 4.130%) Citigroup, Inc. (7.125% to 9-30-23, then 3 month LIBOR + 4.040%) JPMorgan Chase & Co.,	242,253	6,950,239
5.450% (Z) JPMorgan Chase & Co.,	155,000	4,420,600
5.500% (Z) JPMorgan Chase & Co.,	60,000	1,545,600
6.100% (Z) JPMorgan Chase & Co.,	77,661	1,974,143
6.125% (Z) JPMorgan Chase & Co.,	276,500	7,377,020
6.300% (Z) Royal Bank of	501,419	13,468,114
	30,000	806,100
	465,000	11,694,750

Scotland Group PLC, Series L, 5.750% The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc., 5.375% (Z)	70,000	1,777,300
The PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. (6.125% to 5-1-22, then 3 month LIBOR + 4.067% (Z) U.S. Bancorp (6.000% to 4-15-17, then 3 month LIBOR + 4.861% (Z) U.S. Bancorp (6.500% to 1-15-22, then 3 month LIBOR + 4.468% (Z)	145,000	4,089,000
Wells Fargo & Company, 6.000% (Z)	200,000	5,122,000
Wells Fargo &	570,000	16,729,500
Wells Fargo & Company, 6.000% (Z)	250,000	6,550,000
Wells Fargo &	565,000	15,334,100

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Company, 8.000% (Z) Capital markets 6.1%		
Deutsche Bank Contingent Capital Trust II, 6.550%	5,500	126,830
Deutsche Bank Contingent Capital Trust III, 7.600% (Z)	300,000	7,287,000
Morgan Stanley, 6.625% (Z)	175,000	4,786,250
Morgan Stanley (6.375% to 10-15-24, then 3 month LIBOR + 3.708%)	70,000	1,932,000
State Street Corp., 5.250% (Z)	45,000	1,143,000
State Street Corp., 6.000% (Z)	445,000	11,837,000
The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., 5.950%	40,000	1,032,800
Consumer finance 3.2%		
Capital One Financial Corp., 6.200%	234,250	6,252,133
Capital One	52,925	1,486,663

Financial Corp., 6.700%		
Navient Corp., 6.000%	177,500	4,059,425
SLM Corp., Series A, 6.970%	64,000	3,216,640
Insurance 10.1%		
Aegon NV, 6.375% (Z)	430,000	10,947,800
Aegon NV, 6.500% (Z)	220,000	5,704,600
Prudential Financial, Inc., 5.750% (Z)	160,000	4,222,400

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	Shares	Value
Financials (continued)		
Insurance (continued)		
Prudential PLC,	103,000	\$2,687,270
6.500% (Z)		
The Phoenix Companies, Inc.,	216,500	4,106,745
7.450%		
W.R. Berkley Corp.,	740,000	18,966,200
5.625% (Z)		
Thrifts and mortgage finance		0.1%
Federal National Mortgage Association, Series S,	75,000	295,500
8.250% (I)		
Health care		5.9%
Pharmaceuticals		5.9%
Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd.,	36,100	27,363,800
7.000%		
Industrials		2.1%
Machinery		2.1%
Stanley Black & Decker, Inc.,	370,000	9,575,600
5.750% (Z)		
Real estate		12.1%
Equity real estate investment trusts		12.1%
Digital Realty Trust, Inc.,	25,592	709,666
7.375%		
Kimco Realty Corp.,	725,000	18,386,000
6.000% (Z)		
	255,000	6,482,100

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Public Storage, 5.200% (Z)		
Public Storage, 5.750% (Z)	340,000	8,639,400
Senior Housing Properties Trust, 5.625% (Z)	667,000	16,608,300
Ventas Realty LP, 5.450% (Z)	200,000	5,304,000
Telecommunication services 9.7%		44,896,169
Diversified telecommunication services 2.4%		
Qwest Corp., 6.125%	30,000	757,500
Qwest Corp., 6.875%	65,000	1,677,000
Qwest Corp., 7.000%	60,000	1,524,000
Qwest Corp., 7.500%	86,550	2,200,101
Verizon Communications, Inc., 5.900% (Z)	185,000	4,982,050
Wireless telecommunication services 7.3%		
Telephone & Data Systems, Inc., 6.625% (Z)	161,300	4,179,283
Telephone & Data Systems, Inc., 6.875% (Z)	85,000	2,182,800
Telephone & Data Systems, Inc.,	283,000	7,208,010

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7.000%		
United States Cellular Corp., 6.950% (Z)	772,500	20,185,425
Utilities 45.0%		208,390,694
Electric utilities 29.4%		
Duke Energy Corp., 5.125% (Z)	720,000	18,792,000
Entergy Louisiana LLC, 5.250% (Z)	220,000	5,678,200
FPL Group Capital Trust I, 5.875% (Z)	255,000	6,619,800
Great Plains Energy, Inc., 7.000%	485,000	25,700,150
HECO Capital Trust III, 6.500% (Z)	187,750	4,950,968
Interstate Power & Light Company, 5.100% (Z)	154,600	4,152,556
NextEra Energy Capital Holdings, Inc., 5.125% (Z)	80,000	2,004,800
NextEra Energy Capital Holdings, Inc., 5.700% (Z)	665,000	17,010,700
NSTAR Electric Company,	15,143	1,506,880

4.780%		
PPL		
Capital		
Funding,	1,050,000	27,363,000
Inc.,		
5.900% (Z)		
SCE		
Trust I,	105,000	2,685,900
5.625% (Z)		
SCE		
Trust II,	426,000	10,914,120
5.100% (Z)		
SCE		
Trust III		
(5.750%		
to		
3-15-24,	20,000	574,000
then 3		
month		
LIBOR		
+		
2.990% (Z)		
The		
Southern	310,000	8,280,100
Company,		
6.250% (Z)		

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	Shares	Value
Utilities (continued)		
Independent power and renewable electricity producers 0.3%		
AES		
Trust III, 6.750%	31,733	\$1,604,103
Multi-utilities 15.3%		
BGE		
Capital Trust II, 6.200% (Z)	539,000	13,879,250
Dominion Resources, Inc., 6.750% (Z)	569,667	28,739,700
DTE		
Energy Company, 5.250% (Z)	415,420	10,634,752
DTE		
Energy Company, 6.500%	40,000	2,130,000
DTE		
Energy Company, 6.500% (Z)	355,000	9,041,850
Integrys Holding, Inc. (6.000%		
to 8-1-23, then 3 month LIBOR +	225,372	6,127,865
3.220%) (Z)		
Common stocks 10.6% (7.0% of Total investments) (Cost \$44,482,736)		\$49,079,131
Energy 10.1%		46,571,131
Oil, gas and consumable fuels 10.1%		
BP PLC, ADR (Z)	481,000	17,099,550
Royal Dutch Shell	373,019	18,580,076

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PLC, ADR, Class A (Z) Spectra Energy Corp. (Z) Utilities 0.5% Multi-utilities 0.5% CenterPoint Energy, Inc. (Z)	Rate (%)	Maturity date	Par value^	Value
			260,500	10,891,505
				2,508,000
			110,000	2,508,000
Capital preferred securities (b) 1.3% (0.9% of Total investments) (Cost \$5,574,000)				\$6,206,085
Utilities 1.3%				6,206,085
Multi-utilities 1.3%				
Dominion Resources Capital 8.400		01-15-31	5,000,000	6,206,085
Trust III (Z)				
Corporate bonds 2.6% (1.7% of Total investments) (Cost \$13,369,254)				\$11,780,875
Energy 1.6%				7,305,875
Oil, gas and consumable fuels 1.6%				
Energy Transfer Partners	3.774	11-01-66	10,550,000	7,305,875
LP (P)				
Utilities 1.0%				4,475,000
Electric utilities 1.0%				
Southern California Edison Company (6.250% to 2-1-22, 6.250 then 3 month LIBOR + 4.199%) (Q) (Z)		02-01-22	4,000,000	4,475,000
	Yield* (%)	Maturity date	Par value^	Value
Short-term investments 1.8% (1.2% of Total investments) (Cost \$8,352,000)				\$8,352,000
U.S. Government Agency 1.5%				6,747,000
	0.200	11-01-16	6,747,000	6,747,000

Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corp. Discount Note ()		
	Par value^	Value
Repurchase agreement 0.3% Repurchase Agreement with State Street Corp. dated 10-31-16 at 0.030% to be repurchased at \$1,605,001 on 11-1-16, collateralized by \$1,640,000		\$1,605,000
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., 1.000% due 8-15-18 (valued at \$1,642,050, including interest)	1,605,000	1,605,000
Total investments (Cost \$671,432,668)	151.1%	\$699,186,938
Other assets and liabilities, net (51.1%)		(\$236,486,340)
Total net assets 100.0%		\$462,700,598

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The percentage shown for each investment category is the total value of the category as a percentage of the net assets of the fund unless otherwise indicated.

^All par values are denominated in U.S. dollars unless otherwise indicated.

Key to Security

Abbreviations

and Legend

- American
- ADR Depository Receipts
- London
- LIBOR Interbank Offered Rate
- Includes preferred stocks and hybrid securities with
- (a) characteristics of both equity and debt that pay dividends on a periodic basis.
- Includes hybrid securities with characteristics
- (b) of both equity and debt that trade with, and pay, interest income.
- Non-income
- (I) producing security.

- Variable rate obligation.
- (P) The coupon rate shown represents the rate at period end.
- (Q) Perpetual bonds have no stated maturity date. Date shown as maturity date is next call date.
- (S) These securities are exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933. Such securities may be resold, normally to qualified institutional buyers, in transactions exempt from registration.
- (Z) All or a portion of this security is pledged as collateral pursuant to the Credit Facility Agreement.
- Total collateral value at 10-31-16 was \$494,417,062.
- * Yield represents either the annualized yield at the date of purchase, the

stated coupon
rate or, for
floating rate
securities, the
rate at period
end.

At 10-31-16,
the aggregate
cost of
investment
securities for
federal income
tax purposes
was

\$671,581,204.

Net unrealized
appreciation

aggregated to

\$27,605,734,

of which

\$37,402,031

related to

appreciated

investment

securities and

\$9,796,297

related to

depreciated

investment

securities.

The fund had the following country composition as a percentage of total investments on 10-31-16:

United States	83.9%
United Kingdom	7.1%
Netherlands	5.1%
Israel	3.9%
TOTAL	100.0%

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Notes to Fund's investments (unaudited)

Security valuation. Investments are stated at value as of the scheduled close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), normally at 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time. In case of emergency or other disruption resulting in the NYSE not opening for trading or the NYSE closing at a time other than the regularly scheduled close, the net asset value may be determined as of the regularly scheduled close of the NYSE pursuant to the fund's Valuation Policies and Procedures. The time at which shares and transactions are priced and until which orders are accepted may vary to the extent permitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission and applicable regulations.

In order to value the securities, the fund uses the following valuation techniques: Equity securities held by the fund are typically valued at the last sale price or official closing price on the exchange or principal market where the security trades. In the event there were no sales during the day or closing prices are not available, the securities are valued using the last available bid price. Debt obligations are valued based on the evaluated prices provided by an independent pricing vendor or from broker-dealers. Independent pricing vendors utilize matrix pricing which takes 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, as well as broker supplied prices. Swaps are valued using evaluated prices obtained from an independent pricing vendor. Futures contracts are valued at settlement prices, which are the official closing prices published by the exchange on which they trade.

In certain instances, the Pricing Committee may determine to value equity securities using prices obtained from another exchange or market if trading on the exchange or market on which prices are typically obtained did not open for trading as scheduled, or if trading closed earlier than scheduled, and trading occurred as normal on another exchange or market.

Other portfolio securities and assets, for which reliable market quotations are not readily available, are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by the fund's Pricing Committee following procedures established by the Board of Trustees. The frequency with which these fair valuation procedures are used cannot be predicted and fair value of securities may differ significantly from the value that would have been used had a ready market for such securities existed.

The fund uses a three-tier hierarchy to prioritize the pricing assumptions, referred to as inputs, used in valuation techniques to measure fair value. Level 1 includes securities valued using quoted prices in active markets for identical securities. Level 2 includes securities valued using other significant observable inputs. Observable inputs may include quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds and credit risk. Prices for securities valued using these inputs are received from independent pricing vendors and brokers and are based on an evaluation of the inputs described. Level 3 includes securities valued using significant unobservable inputs when market prices are not readily available or reliable, including the fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments. Factors used in determining value may include market or issuer specific events or trends, changes in interest rates and credit quality. The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risks associated with investing in those securities. Changes in valuation techniques and related inputs may result in transfers into or out of an assigned level within the disclosure hierarchy.

The following is a summary of the values by input classification of the fund's investments as of October 31, 2016, by major security category or type:

Total value at 10-31-16	Level 1 quoted price	Level 2 significant observable inputs	Level 3 significant unobservable inputs
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Preferred securities			
Consumer staples	\$14,365,008		\$14,365,008
Energy	28,013,689	\$28,013,689	
Financials	235,034,421	230,927,676	4,106,745
Health care	27,363,800	27,363,800	
Industrials	9,575,600	9,575,600	
Real estate	56,129,466	56,129,466	
Telecommunication services	44,896,169	39,914,119	4,982,050
Utilities	208,390,694	202,262,829	6,127,865
Common stocks	49,079,131	49,079,131	
Capital preferred securities	6,206,085		6,206,085
Corporate bonds	11,780,875		11,780,875
Short-term investments	8,352,000		8,352,000
Total investments in securities	\$699,186,938	\$643,266,310	\$55,920,628
Other financial instruments:			
Futures	\$762,653	\$762,653	
Interest rate swaps	(89,567)		(\$89,567)