

JOHN HANCOCK BANK & THRIFT OPPORTUNITY FUND
Form N-CSRS
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-CSR

CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED

MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act file number 811-8568

John Hancock Bank and Thrift Opportunity 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: October 31

Date of reporting period: April 30, 2012

ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

Portfolio summary

Top 10 Holdings (34.8% of Net Assets on 4-30-12)^{1,2}

Wells Fargo & Company	4.4%	SunTrust Banks, Inc.	3.0%
PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.	4.3%	Bank of America Corp.	3.0%
Cullen/Frost Bankers, Inc.	4.2%	SVB Financial Group	3.0%
JPMorgan Chase & Company	3.8%	BB&T Corp.	2.9%
U.S. Bancorp	3.3%	Zions Bancorporation	2.9%

Industry Composition^{1,3}

Commercial Banks	79.4%	Diversified Financial Services	8.2%
Thrifts & Mortgage Finance	11.4%	Short-Term Investments & Other	1.0%

¹ As a percentage of net assets on 4-30-12

² Cash and cash equivalents not included.

³ Investments focused on one industry may fluctuate more widely than investments across multiple industries.

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Fund's investments

As of 4-30-12 (unaudited)

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	Shares	Value
Common Stocks 91.9%		\$321,903,077
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(Cost \$299,515,370)		
Financials 91.9%		321,903,077
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Commercial Banks 74.4%		
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1st United Bancorp, Inc. (I)	445,519	2,699,845
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Ameris Bancorp (I)	243,266	3,016,498
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Anchor Bancorp, Inc. (I)	88,416	937,210
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Avenue Bank (R)	300,000	1,599,673
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Bank of Marin Bancorp	12,596	466,934
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Bar Harbor Bankshares	34,552	1,278,424
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BB&T Corp.	322,283	10,325,947
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Bond Street Holdings LLC, Class A (I)(S)	291,804	5,252,472
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Bridge Capital Holdings (I)	150,564	2,302,124
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Bryn Mawr Bank Corp.	80,000	1,719,200
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BSB Bancorp, Inc. (I)	87,822	1,057,377
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California United Bank (I)	86,082	941,737
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Camden National Corp.	36,776	1,195,956
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Centerstate Banks, Inc.	362,291	2,912,820
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Citizens Republic Bancorp, Inc. (I)	484,565	8,174,612
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City Holding Company	39,363	1,312,756

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Comerica, Inc.	287,393	9,202,324
Cullen/Frost Bankers, Inc.	251,048	14,801,790
DNB Financial Corp.	78,515	1,089,788
Eastern Virginia Bankshares, Inc. (I)	69,998	269,492
ECB Bancorp, Inc.	27,208	256,027
Evans Bancorp, Inc.	47,032	705,950
Fifth Third Bancorp	452,067	6,432,913
First Bancorp, Inc.	146,499	2,125,700
First California Financial Group, Inc. (I)	325,499	1,777,225
First Horizon National Corp.	180,033	1,652,703
First Merchants Corp.	118,683	1,463,361
First Southern Bancorp, Inc., Class B (I)	78,390	587,925
FirstMerit Corp.	116,586	1,958,645
FNB Corp.	767,513	8,711,273
Glacier Bancorp, Inc.	223,556	3,330,984
Hancock Holding Company	232,176	7,471,424
Heritage Commerce Corp. (I)	387,733	2,613,320
Heritage Financial Corp.	134,466	1,761,505
Heritage Oaks Bancorp (I)	650,719	3,247,088

	Shares	Value
Commercial Banks (continued)		
Horizon Bancorp	12,864	\$323,787
Huntington Bancshares, Inc.	610,005	4,080,933
Independent Bank Corp. — MA	195,961	5,500,625
Intermountain Community Bancorp (I)	1,020,000	1,142,400
KeyCorp	216,866	1,743,603
M&T Bank Corp.	102,651	8,855,702
MB Financial, Inc.	213,354	4,410,027
NewBridge Bancorp. (I)	175,573	765,498
Northrim BanCorp, Inc.	77,232	1,694,470
Pacific Continental Corp.	183,645	1,632,604
Park National Corp.	39,113	2,630,349
Park Sterling Corp. (I)	329,909	1,553,871
Peoples Bancorp, Inc.	64,573	1,187,497
PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.	227,658	15,098,279
Prosperity Bancshares, Inc.	127,654	5,955,059
Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc.	54,695	985,057
Sierra Bancorp	140,000	1,282,400

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Southcoast Financial Corp. (I)	54,757	130,869
Southern First Bancshares Inc (I)	3,453	28,315
Southwest Bancorp, Inc. (I)	156,326	1,421,003
State Bank Financial Corp. (I)	103,998	1,793,966
Sun Bancorp, Inc. (I)	379,715	1,097,376
SunTrust Banks, Inc.	437,631	10,625,681
SVB Financial Group (I)	161,505	10,350,855
Talmer Bancorp, Inc. (I)(S)	505,965	3,833,116
TriCo Bancshares	202,536	3,329,692
Trustmark Corp.	123,537	3,144,017
U.S. Bancorp	359,665	11,570,423
Union First Market Bankshares Corp.	161,746	2,257,974
United Bancorp, Inc. (I)	317,968	1,128,786
Univest Corp. of Pennsylvania	19,000	305,900
Washington Banking Company	67,556	941,731
Washington Trust Bancorp, Inc.	123,905	2,932,831
Wells Fargo & Company	465,800	15,571,694
WesBanco, Inc.	99,295	2,033,562
Westamerica Bancorp.	30,499	1,398,989
Wilshire Bancorp, Inc. (I)	618,257	3,313,858

Zions Bancorporation	492,172	10,035,387
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Diversified Financial Services 6.8%

Bank of America Corp.	1,278,555	10,369,081
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JPMorgan Chase & Company	307,556	13,218,757
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Thriffs & Mortgage Finance 10.7%

Berkshire Hill Bancorp, Inc.	358,903	8,143,509
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Cheviot Financial Corp.	111,922	970,364
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Citizens South Banking Corp.	343,181	1,715,905
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First Defiance Financial Corp.	125,381	2,154,046
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First Financial Holdings, Inc.	208,427	2,405,248
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Flushing Financial Corp.	187,981	2,449,392
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	Shares	Value
Thriffs & Mortgage Finance (continued)		
Heritage Financial Group, Inc.	95,762	\$1,079,238
Hingham Institution for Savings	80,000	4,612,000
Home Federal Bancorp, Inc.	125,986	1,233,403
Homestreet Inc (I)	76,537	2,672,672
Kaiser Federal Financial Group, Inc.	109,586	1,533,108

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New York Community Bancorp, Inc.		365,166	4,926,089
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Southern Missouri Bancorp, Inc.		29,822	734,218
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WSFS Financial Corp.		73,787	2,944,839
		Shares	Value
Preferred Securities 3.8%			\$13,380,858
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(Cost \$12,242,766)			
Financials 3.8%			13,380,858
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Commercial Banks 1.9%			
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Banner Corp., 5.000%		4,000	3,621,625
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First Republic Bank of San Francisco, 6.700%		20,000	519,200
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First Southern Bancorp, Inc. (I)		134	398,572
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Monarch Financial Holdings, Inc., Series B, 7.800%		43,339	1,213,492
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Southern Community Capital Trust II, 7.950%		38,111	369,677
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Zions Bancorporation, Series C, 9.500%		27,646	724,878
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Diversified Financial Services 1.3%			
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Bank of America Corp., Series MER, 8.625%		123,599	3,183,910
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Citigroup Capital XII (8.500% to 3-30-15, then 3 month LIBOR + 5.870%)		50,000	1,287,000
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Thriffs & Mortgage Finance 0.6%			
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First Pctrust Bancorp Inc, 7.500% (I)		80,000	2,062,504
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	Rate (%)	Maturity date	Par value
Corporate Bonds 2.1%			Value
			\$7,559,744

(Cost \$6,960,730)

Financials 2.1% **7,559,744****Commercial Banks 2.1%**

Regions Financial Corp.	7.375	12-10-37	\$1,869,000	1,831,620
Synovus Financial Corp.	5.125	06-15-17	1,000,000	930,000
Synovus Financial Corp.	7.875	02-15-19	3,000,000	3,176,250
Western Alliance Bancorp	10.000	09-01-15	1,500,000	1,621,874

Capital Preferred Securities 0.1% **\$260,384**

(Cost \$263,539)

Financials 0.1% **260,384****Commercial Banks 0.1%**

Banponce Trust I, Series A	8.327	02-01-27	360,000	260,384
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	Shares	Value
Warrants 1.1%		\$3,743,418

(Cost \$3,657,202)

Financials 1.1% **3,743,418****Commercial Banks 0.9%**

Bank of Marin Bancorp (Expiration Date: 12-5-18, Strike Price: \$27.23) (I)	57,849	641,423
Comerica, Inc. (Expiration Date: 11-14-18, Strike Price: \$29.40) (I)(J)	93,762	762,285

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Horizon Bancorp (Expiration Date: 12-19-18, Strike Price: \$17.68) (I)	118,860	1,591,760
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TCF Financial Corp. (Expiration Date: 11-14-18, Strike Price: \$16.93) (I)	71,775	153,599
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Valley National Bancorp (Expiration Date: 11-14-18, Strike Price: \$16.92) (I)(J)	33,222	49,501
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Diversified Financial Services 0.1%

Citigroup, Inc. (Expiration Date: 1-4-19; Strike Price: \$106.10) (I)	1,045,183	433,751
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Thriffs & Mortgage Finance 0.1%

Washington Federal, Inc. (Expiration Date: 11-14-18, Strike Price: \$17.57) (I)(J)	27,297	111,099
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	Yield (%)	Maturity date	Par value	Value
Certificate of Deposit 0.0%				\$60,669

(Cost \$60,669)

Country Bank for Savings	1.640	08-28-12	\$1,879	1,879
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First Bank Richmond	2.226	12-05-13	19,076	19,076
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First Bank System, Inc.	0.992	04-01-13	4,809	4,816
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Framingham Cooperative Bank	1.147	09-08-13	3,862	3,862
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Home Bank	0.867	12-04-13	18,442	18,442
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Midstate Federal Savings and Loan	1.189	05-27-12	1,935	1,935
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Milford Bank	0.995	06-04-13	1,853	1,853
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Mount Mckinley Savings Bank	0.400	12-03-12	1,689	1,689
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Newburyport Bank	1.250	10-22-12	2,010	2,010
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Newton Savings Bank	0.999	05-30-13	1,892	1,892
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OBA Federal Savings and Loan	0.750	06-15-13	1,307	1,307
Plymouth Savings Bank	0.600	04-21-13	1,908	1,908
			Par value	Value
Short-Term Investments 0.5%				\$1,863,000
(Cost \$1,863,000)				
Repurchase Agreement 0.5%				1,863,000
Repurchase Agreement with State Street Corp. dated 4-30-12 at 0.010% to be repurchased at \$1,863,001 on 5-1-12, collateralized by \$1,905,000 Federal Home Loan Bank, 0.700% due 4-24-15 (valued at \$1,905,000, including interest)				
			\$1,863,000	1,863,000
Total investments (Cost \$324,563,276)†99.5%				\$348,771,150
Other assets and liabilities, net 0.5%				\$1,636,687
Total net assets 100.0%				\$350,407,837

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

Notes to Schedule of Investments

LIBOR London Interbank Offered Rate

(I) Non-income producing security.

(J) These securities are issued under the U.S. Treasury Department's Capital Purchase Program.

(R) Direct placement securities are restricted to resale and the Fund has limited rights to registration under the Securities Act of 1933.

Issuer, Description	Original acquisition date	Acquisition cost	Beginning share amount	Ending share amount	Value as a percentage of Fund's net assets	Value as of 4-30-12
Avenue Bank	1-29-07	\$3,000,000	300,000	300,000	0.46%	\$1,599,673

(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.

† At 4-30-12, the aggregate cost of investment securities for federal income tax purposes was \$324,578,821. Net unrealized appreciation aggregated \$24,192,329, of which \$50,525,201 related to appreciated investment securities and \$26,332,872 related to depreciated investment securities.

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Statement of assets and liabilities 4-30-12 (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 \$324,563,276)	\$348,771,150
Cash	1,537,183
Receivable for investments sold	20,469
Dividends and interest receivable	313,602
Other receivables and prepaid expenses	97,577
Total assets	350,739,981

Liabilities

Payable for investments purchased	200,541
Payable to affiliates	
Administrative services fees	28,470
Trustees' fees	59,785
Other liabilities and accrued expenses	43,348

Total liabilities	332,144
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Net assets

Paid-in capital	\$331,427,604
Accumulated distributions in excess of net investment income	(6,219,250)
Accumulated net realized gain on investments	991,609
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments	24,207,874

Net assets	\$350,407,837
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Net asset value per share

Based on 18,713,429 shares of beneficial interest outstanding — unlimited number of shares authorized with no par value	\$18.72
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Statement of operations For the six-month period ended 4-30-12
(unaudited)

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	\$3,448,925
Interest	184,215
Total investment income	3,633,140

Expenses

Investment management fees	1,833,576
Administrative services fees	398,508
Transfer agent fees	11,625
Trustees' fees	24,461
Printing and postage	77,952

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Professional fees	26,845
Custodian fees	19,756
Stock exchange listing fees	19,212
Other	12,615
Total expenses	2,424,550
Less expense reductions	(239,104)
Net expenses	2,185,446
Net investment income	1,447,694

Realized and unrealized gain (loss)

Net realized gain on investments	1,007,154
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	62,055,920
Net realized and unrealized gain	63,063,074
Increase in net assets from operations	\$64,510,768

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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 4-30-12 (unaudited)	Year ended 10-31-11
Increase (decrease) in net assets		

From operations

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Net investment income	\$1,447,694	\$1,655,834
Net realized gain	1,007,154	16,024,246
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	62,055,920	(25,425,998)
Increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	64,510,768	(7,745,918)
Distributions to shareholders		
From net investment income	(7,690,492) ¹	(1,743,149)
From net realized gain	—	(16,035,169)
Total distributions	(7,690,492)	(17,778,318)
From Fund share transactions		
Repurchased	(4,007,449)	