

HANCOCK JOHN BANK & THRIFT OPPORTUNITY FUND
Form N-Q
September 30, 2005

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 811-8568

John Hancock Bank & Thrift Opportunity Fund
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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

Alfred E. Ouellette, Senior Attorney & Assistant Secretary
601 Congress Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02210
(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 617-663-4324

Date of fiscal year end: October 31

Date of reporting period: July 31, 2005

ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

JOHN HANCOCK
Bank and Thrift Opportunity Fund

7.31.2005

Quarterly Portfolio Holdings

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center middle of page. A tag line below reads "JOHN HANCOCK FUNDS."]

John Hancock
Bank and Thrift Opportunity Fund
Securities owned by the Fund on
July 31, 2005 (unaudited)

Issuer, description	Interest rate (%)	Maturity date	Credit rating
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Bonds 0.09%
(Cost \$770,000)

Regional Banks 0.09%
CSBI Capital Trust I,
Gtd Sub Cap Inc Ser A (B) (G)

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Issuer

Common stocks 90.45%
(Cost \$385,265,281)

Asset Management & Custody Banks 4.37%
Affiliated Managers Group, Inc. (MA) (I) (L)
Bank of New York Co., Inc. (The) (NY)
Federated Investors, Inc. (Class B) (PA)
Legg Mason, Inc. (MD)
Mellon Financial Corp. (PA)
Northern Trust Corp. (IL)
State Street Corp. (MA)

Consumer Finance 0.25%
MBNA Corp. (DE)

Diversified Banks 13.63%
Bank of America Corp. (NC)
Comerica, Inc. (MI)
Toronto-Dominion Bank (The) (Canada)
U.S. Bancorp. (MN)
Wachovia Corp. (NC)
Wells Fargo & Co. (CA)

Other Diversified Financial Services 3.89%
Citigroup, Inc. (NY)
JPMorgan Chase & Co. (NY)

Regional Banks 61.84%
ABC Bancorp. (GA)
Alabama National Bancorp. (AL)
Amegy Bancorp., Inc. (TX)
AmericanWest Bancorp. (WA) (I)
AmSouth Bancorp. (AL)
BB&T Corp. (NC)
Benjamin Franklin Bancorp., Inc. (MA)
Beverly National Corp. (MA)
BOK Financial Corp. (OK)
Camden National Corp. (ME)
Capital City Bank Group, Inc. (FL)
Cardinal Financial Corp. (VA) (I)
Cascade Bancorp. (OR)
Chittenden Corp. (VT)
City Holding Co. (WV)
City National Corp. (CA)
CoBiz, Inc. (CO)
Colonial BancGroup, Inc. (The) (AL)
Columbia Bancorp. (MD)
Columbia Bancorp. (OR)
Columbia Banking System, Inc. (WA)
Commercial Bankshares, Inc. (FL)
Community Bancorp. (NV) (I)

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Community Banks, Inc. (PA) (L)
Compass Bancshares, Inc. (AL)
Cullen/Frost Bankers, Inc. (TX)
Dearborn Bancorp., Inc. (MI) (I)
Desert Community Bank (CA)
DNB Financial Corp. (PA)
East West Bancorp., Inc. (CA)
EuroBancshares, Inc. (Puerto Rico) (I)
F.N.B. Corp. (PA)
Fifth Third Bancorp. (OH) (L)
Financial Institutions, Inc. (NY)
First Charter Corp. (NC)
First Horizon National Corp. (TN)
First Midwest Bancorp., Inc. (IL)
First National Lincoln Corp. (ME)
First Regional Bancorp. (CA) (I)
First State Bancorp. (NM)
FirstMerit Corp. (OH)
Fulton Financial Corp. (PA)
Glacier Bancorp., Inc. (MT)
Harleysville National Corp. (PA)
Hibernia Corp. (Class A) (LA)
Independent Bank Corp. (MI)
International Bancshares Corp. (TX)
KeyCorp (OH) (L)
Lakeland Financial Corp. (IN)
M&T Bank Corp. (NY) (L)
Marshall & Ilsley Corp. (WI) (L)
MB Financial, Inc. (IL)
Mercantile Bankshares Corp. (MD)
Merrill Merchants Bankshares, Inc. (ME)
Mid-State Bancshares (CA)
National City Corp. (DE)
North Fork Bancorp., Inc. (NY)
Northrim Bancorp., Inc. (AK)
Oriental Financial Group, Inc. (Puerto Rico)
Pacific Capital Bancorp. (CA)
Placer Sierra Bancshares (CA)
PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. (PA)
Prosperity Bancshares, Inc. (TX)
Provident Bankshares Corp. (MD)
Regions Financial Corp. (AL) (L)
Republic Bancorp., Inc. (MI)
S&T Bancorp., Inc. (PA)
Sandy Spring Bancorp., Inc. (MD)
Security Bank Corp. (GA)
Sky Financial Group, Inc. (OH)
SNB Bancshares, Inc. (TX) (I)
Southwest Bancorp., Inc. (OK)
Summit Bancshares, Inc. (TX)
SunTrust Banks, Inc. (GA) (L)
Synovus Financial Corp. (GA)
Taylor Capital Group, Inc. (IL)
TCF Financial Corp. (MN)
TD Banknorth, Inc. (ME)
Texas United Bancshares, Inc. (TX)
TriCo Bancshares (CA)
UCBH Holdings, Inc. (CA) (L)
Umpqua Holdings Corp. (OR)
Univest Corp. (PA)
Valley National Bancorp. (NJ)
Vineyard National Bancorp., Co. (CA)

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Virginia Commerce Bancorp., Inc. (VA) (I)
 Virginia Financial Group, Inc. (VA)
 West Coast Bancorp. (OR)
 Western Alliance Bancorp. (NV) (I)
 Whitney Holding Corp. (LA)
 Wilmington Trust Corp. (DE)
 Yardville National Bancorp. (NJ)
 Zions Bancorp. (UT) (L)

Specialized Finance 0.23%
 CIT Group, Inc. (NJ)

Thrifts & Mortgage Finance 6.24%
 Astoria Financial Corp. (NY) (L)
 Commercial Capital Bancorp., Inc. (CA)
 Countrywide Financial Corp. (CA)
 Freddie Mac (VA)
 Hingham Institute for Savings (MA)
 Hudson City Bancorp., Inc. (NJ)
 LSB Corp. (MA)
 New York Community Bancorp., Inc. (NY)
 NewAlliance Bancshares, Inc. (CT)
 PennFed Financial Services, Inc. (NJ)
 Sovereign Bancorp., Inc. (PA)
 Washington Mutual, Inc. (WA)
 Webster Financial Corp. (CT)

Issuer, description, maturity date	Interest rate (%)

Short-term investments 9.46%
 (Cost \$94,055,939)

Certificates of Deposit 0.01%
 Deposits in mutual banks

Joint Repurchase Agreement 2.22%
 Investment in a joint repurchase agreement
 transaction with Bank of America Corp. - Dated
 07-29-05 due 08-01-05 (secured by U.S. Treasury
 STRIP'S due 11-15-10 thru 08-15-27)

3.300

Cash Equivalents 7.23%
 AIM Cash Investment Trust (T)

Total investments 100.00%

John Hancock
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 Footnotes to Schedule of Investments
 July 31, 2005 (unaudited)

(B) This security is fair valued in good faith under procedures established by the Board of Trustees.

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- (G) Security rated internally by John Hancock Advisers, LLC.
- (I) Non-income-producing security.
- (L) All or a portion of this security is on loan as of July 31, 2005.
- (T) Represents investment of securities lending collateral.

Parenthetical disclosure of a foreign country in the security description represents country of a foreign issuer.

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

The cost of investments owned on July 31, 2005, including short-term investments, was \$480,091,220. Gross unrealized appreciation and depreciation of investments aggregated \$515,065,986 and \$769,341, respectively, resulting in net unrealized appreciation of \$514,296,645.

For more information

Trustees

Ronald R. Dion, Chairman
James R. Boyle+
James F. Carlin
Richard P. Chapman, Jr.*
William H. Cunningham
Charles L. Ladner*
Dr. John A. Moore*
Patti McGill Peterson*
Steven R. Pruchansky
+Non-Independent Trustee
*Members of the Audit Committee

Officers

Keith F. Hartstein
President and Chief Executive Officer

William H. King
Vice President and Treasurer

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This report is for the information of the shareholders
of John Hancock Bank and Thrift Opportunity Fund.

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ITEM 2. 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-Q, the registrant's principal executive officer and principal accounting 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 last fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 3. EXHIBITS.

Separate certifications for the registrant's principal executive officer

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and principal accounting officer, as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, are attached.

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 Bank and Thrift Opportunity Fund

By: /s/ Keith F. Hartstein

Keith F. Hartstein
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: September 30, 2005

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: September 30, 2005

By: /s/ John G. Vrysen

John G. Vrysen
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: September 30, 2005