

Thomson Warren A.
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Thomson Warren A.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O JOHN HANCOCK FUNDS, 601 CONGRESS STREET

(Street)

BOSTON, MA 02210

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

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

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

JOHN HANCOCK BANK & THRIFT OPPORTUNITY FUND [BTO]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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

(Check all applicable)

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

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

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

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

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

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

common shares of beneficial interest

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

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

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

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of

5. Ownership Form of Derivative

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

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

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Thomson Warren A.

C/O JOHN HANCOCK FUNDS

601 CONGRESS STREET

BOSTON, MA 02210

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Trustee of the Fund

Signatures

/s/ Warren A.

12/09/2012

Thomson

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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