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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement John Hancock Hedged Equity & Income Fund [HEQ] Mattiko Gregory A (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2017 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 280 CONGRESS STREET (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person BOSTON, MAÂ 02210 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One Officer of Investment Adviser Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not

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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		4. Conversion or Exercise	Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Derivative Security: Security Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Mattiko Gregory A

280 CONGRESS STREET Officer of Investment Adviser BOSTON, MAÂ 02210

Signatures

Lance C. Dial -Attorney-in-Fact 01/05/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

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