

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

(Check all applicable)

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

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

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

0

D

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<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares | Derivative<br>Security | Security:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 5) |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------|----------------------------------|------------------------|---|
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |                     |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|---------------------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other               |
| Thomson Warren A.<br>C/O JOHN HANCOCK FUNDS<br>601 CONGRESS STREET<br>BOSTON, MA 02210 | Â             | Â         | Â       | Trustee of the Fund |

## Signatures

/s/ Warren A.  
Thomson

12/09/2012

\_\_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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