## Annual Shareholder Report July 31, 2023



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## Federated Hermes Capital Reserves Fund

A Portfolio of Federated Hermes Money Market Obligations Trust

Dear Valued Shareholder,

We are pleased to present the Annual Shareholder Report for your fund covering the period from August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023. This report includes a complete listing of your fund's holdings, performance information and financial statements along with other important fund information.

As a global leader in active, responsible investment management, Federated Hermes is guided by our conviction that responsible investing is the best way to create wealth over the long term. The company provides capabilities across a wide range of asset classes to investors around the world.

In addition, FederatedHermes.com/us offers quick and easy access to valuable resources that include timely fund updates, economic and market insights from our investment strategists and financial planning tools. You can also access many of those insights by following us on Twitter (@FederatedHermes) and LinkedIn.

Thank you for investing with us. We hope you find this information useful and look forward to keeping you informed.

Sincerely.

J. Christopher Donahue, President

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The Fund is a Retail Money Market Fund and is only available for investment to accounts beneficially owned by natural persons.

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At July 31, 2023, the Fund's portfolio composition was as follows:

Security Type	Percentage of Total Net Assets
Commercial Paper	34.5%
Variable Rate Instruments	44.8%
Bank Instruments	3.3%
Other Repurchase Agreements and Repurchase Agreements	16.5%
Cash Equivalent <sup>2</sup>	0.7%
Other Assets and Liabilities—Net <sup>3</sup>	0.2%
TOTAL	100%

At July 31, 2023, the Fund's effective maturity<sup>4</sup> schedule was as follows:

Securities With an Effective Maturity of:	Percentage of Total Net Assets
1-7 Days	71.9% <sup>5</sup>
8-30 Days	2.0%
31-90 Days	8.2%
91-180 Days	13.6%
181 Days or more	4.1%
Other Assets and Liabilities—Net <sup>3</sup>	0.2%
TOTAL	100%

<sup>1</sup> See the Fund's Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information for more complete information regarding these security types.

<sup>2</sup> Cash Equivalents include any investments in money market mutual funds.

<sup>3</sup> Assets, other than investments in securities, less liabilities. See Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

<sup>4</sup> Effective maturity is determined in accordance with the requirements of Rule 2a-7 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, which regulates money market mutual funds.

<sup>5</sup> Overnight securities comprised 22.8% of the Fund's portfolio.

## Portfolio of Investments

July 31, 2023

or Shares		Value
	<sup>1</sup> COMMERCIAL PAPER—34.5%	
	Banking—11.7%	
\$150,000,000	Anglesea Funding LLC, (Bank of Nova Scotia, Toronto COL)/(HSBC Bank PLC COL)/(Royal Bank of Canada COL), 5.330%, 8/1/2023	\$ 150,000,000
25,000,000	BPCE SA, 5.452%, 11/17/2023	24,602,125
25,000,000	HSBC USA, Inc., 5.788%, 11/20/2023	24,566,791
85,000,000	LMA-Americas LLC, (Credit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank LIQ), 5.708%—5.743%, 12/1/2023 - 12/4/2023	83,383,629
50,000,000	Manhattan Asset Funding Company LLC, (Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp. LIQ), 5.310%, 8/1/2023	50,000,000
20,000,000	Royal Bank of Canada, 5.519%, 3/20/2024	19,323,333
10,000,000	Royal Bank of Canada, 5.522%, 10/31/2023	9,867,797
50,000,000	Societe Generale, Paris, 5.437%, 11/20/2023	49,184,458
20,000,000	Toronto Dominion Bank, 5.800%, 5/16/2024	19,119,353
	TOTAL	430,047,486
	Electric Power—4.1%	
150,000,000	Avangrid, Inc., 5.414%—5.471%, 8/1/2023 - 8/8/2023	149,973,799
	Finance - Commercial—2.0%	_
75,000,000	Atlantic Asset Securitization LLC, 5.499%—5.710%, 11/2/2023 - 12/4/2023	73,690,937
	Finance - Retail—10.8%	
100,000,000	Chariot Funding LLC, 5.544%, 9/22/2023	99,211,333
120,000,000	Fairway Finance Co. LLC, 5.658%—5.674%, 12/1/2023 - 12/8/2023	117,708,070
50,000,000	Old Line Funding, LLC, 4.960%, 8/2/2023	49,993,111
35,000,000	Sheffield Receivables Company LLC, 5.502%, 9/18/2023	34,746,833
100,000,000	Thunder Bay Funding, LLC, 5.711%, 12/15/2023	97,903,334
	TOTAL	399,562,681
	Food & Beverage—0.5%	
18,350,000	Mondelez International, Inc., 5.412%, 8/7/2023	18,333,516
	Insurance—1.5%	
55,000,000	UnitedHealth Group, Inc., 5.305%, 8/2/2023	54,991,903
	Oil & Oil Finance—3.9%	
125,000,000	BP Capital Markets PLC, (Guaranteed by BP PLC), 5.396%, 8/4/2023 - 8/7/2023	124,921,396

+0.400%), 8/1/2023

50,000,000

3,175,000

Bank Ltd. LOC), 5.720%, 8/3/2023

Amount or Shares		Value
	<sup>2</sup> NOTES-VARIABLE—continued	
	Banking—continued	
\$ 9,825,000	The KVR Insurance Trust, Series 2014, (BOKF, N.A. LOC), 5.520%, 8/3/2023	\$ 9,825,000
7,145,000	The Raymon Lee Ince Irrevocable Trust, (BOKF, N.A. LOC), 5.520%, 8/3/2023	7,145,000
25,000,000	Toronto Dominion Bank, 6.010% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.700%), 8/1/2023	25,000,000
90,000,000	Toronto Dominion Bank, 6.010% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.700%), 8/1/2023	90,000,000
35,000,000	Versailles Commercial Paper LLC, (Natixis LIQ), 5.460% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.160%), 8/1/2023	35,000,000
50,000,000	Versailles Commercial Paper LLC, (Natixis LIQ), 5.700% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.400%), 8/1/2023	50,000,000
50,000,000	Westpac Banking Corp. Ltd., Sydney, 5.830% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.530%), 8/1/2023	50,000,000
13,000,000	Yavapai County, AZ IDA—Recovery Zone Facility (Drake Cement LLC), Taxble (Series 2015) Weekly VRDNs, (Bank of Nova Scotia, Toronto LOC), 5.150%, 8/3/2023	13,000,000
	TOTAL	1,251,120,818
	Finance - Retail—8.8%	
50,000,000	Barton Capital S.A., 5.450% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.150%), 8/1/2023	50,000,000
50,000,000	Barton Capital S.A., 5.480% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.180%), 8/1/2023	50,000,000
50,000,000	Barton Capital S.A., 5.760% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.460%), 8/1/2023	50,000,000
25,000,000	Starbird Funding Corp., 5.460% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.160%), 8/1/2023	25,000,000
40,000,000	Starbird Funding Corp., 5.670% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.370%), 8/1/2023	40,000,000
30,000,000	Starbird Funding Corp., 5.680% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.380%), 8/1/2023	30,000,000
30,000,000	Starbird Funding Corp., 5.750% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.450%), 8/1/2023	30,000,000
50,000,000	Starbird Funding Corp., 5.820% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.520%), 8/1/2023	50,000,000
	TOTAL	325,000,000
	Finance - Commercial—1.1%	
40,000,000	Atlantic Asset Securitization LLC, 5.760% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.460%), 8/1/2023	40,000,000
	Government Agency—0.5%	
3,935,000	Jerry P. Himmel Irrevocable Trust No. 1, (Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas I OC) 5 400% 8/3/2023	3 935 000

3,935,000

Bank of Dallas LOC), 5.400%, 8/3/2023

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	<sup>2</sup> NOTES-VARIABLE—continued		
	Government Agency—continued		
\$ 7,060,000	Millbrook, AL Redevelopment Authority, RAM Millbrook Hospitality LLC Project, Series 2017, (Federal Home Loan Bank of New York LOC), 5.200%, 8/3/2023	\$	7,060,000
6,060,000	Roberts Insurance Trusts, LLC, (Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines LOC), 5.400%, 8/3/2023		6,060,000
	TOTAL		17,055,000
	Municipal—0.4%		
15,000,000	Texas State, Veterans Bonds (Taxable Series 2023A) Weekly VRDNs, (Texas State LIQ), 5.420%, 8/2/2023		15,000,000
	TOTAL NOTES-VARIABLE	1,	648,175,818
	CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT—3.3%		
	Banking—3.3%		
38,000,000	Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, 5.250%, 2/5/2024		38,000,000
75,000,000	Royal Bank of Canada, New York Branch, 6.020%, 7/2/2024		75,000,000
10,000,000	Toronto Dominion Bank, 5.000%, 9/26/2023		10,000,000
	TOTAL CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT		123,000,000
	OTHER REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS—12.8%		
125,000,000	Repurchase agreement, 5.40% dated 7/31/2023 under which BNP Paribas SA will repurchase the securities provided as collateral for \$125,018,750 on 8/1/2023. The securities provided as collateral at the end of the period held with BNY Mellon, tri-party agent, were corporate bonds, asset-backed securities, collateralized mortgage-backed obligations, medium term notes and U.S. government agency securities with various maturities to 4/8/2068 and the market value of those underlying securities was \$127,628,621.		125,000,000
50,000,000	Interest in \$100,000,000 joint repurchase agreement, 5.85% dated 12/6/2022 under which BofA Securities, Inc. will repurchase the securities provided as collateral for \$104,468,750 on 9/7/2023. The securities provided as collateral at the end of the period held with BNY Mellon, tri-party agent, were asset-backed securities with various maturities to 10/25/2059 and the market value of those underlying securities		50,000,000
50,000,000	was \$102,016,575.  Interest in \$110,000,000 joint repurchase agreement, 5.41% dated 12/13/2022 under which BofA Securities, Inc. will repurchase the securities provided as collateral for \$113,967,333 on 8/10/2023. The securities provided as collateral at the end of the period held with BNY Mellon, tri-party agent, were corporate bonds with various maturities to 4/15/2043 and the market value of those underlying securities was \$112,217,125.		50,000,000

Amount or Shares		Value
	OTHER REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS—continued	
\$ 50,000,000	Interest in \$75,000,000 joint repurchase agreement, 5.35% dated 7/31/2023 under which BofA Securities, Inc. will repurchase the securities provided as collateral for \$75,011,146 on 8/1/2023. The securities provided as collateral at the end of the period held with BNY Mellon, tri-party agent, were commercial papers with various maturities to 1/8/2024 and the market value of those underlying securities was \$76,500,000.	\$ 50,000,000
50,000,000	Interest in \$100,000,000 joint repurchase agreement, 5.50% dated 7/6/2023 under which Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. will repurchase the securities provided as collateral for \$100,534,722 on 8/10/2023. The securities provided as collateral at the end of the period held with BNY Mellon, tri-party agent, were convertible bonds and U.S. Treasury securities with various maturities to 1/1/2999 and the market value of those underlying securities was \$102,389,546.	50,000,000
60,000,000	Repurchase agreement, 5.42% dated 7/31/2023 under which HSBC Securities (USA), Inc. will repurchase the securities provided as collateral for \$60,009,033 on 8/1/2023. The securities provided as collateral at the end of the period held with BNY Mellon, tri-party agent, were corporate bonds and medium-term notes with various maturities to 12/31/2079 and the market value of those underlying securities was \$61,200,454.	60,000,000
10,000,000	Interest in \$50,000,000 joint repurchase agreement, 5.76% dated 2/9/2023 under which Mizuho Securities USA LLC will repurchase the securities provided as collateral for \$51,712,000 on 9/11/2023. The securities provided as collateral at the end of the period held with BNY Mellon, tri-party agent, were asset-backed securities with various maturities to 11/25/2050 and the market value of those underlying securities was \$51,514,081.	10,000,000
25,000,000	Repurchase agreement, 5.94% dated 6/16/2023 under which Wells Fargo Securities LLC will repurchase the securities provided as collateral for \$25,371,250 on 9/14/2023. The securities provided as collateral at the end of the period held with BNY Mellon, tri-party agent, were convertible bonds with various maturities to 9/15/2027 and the market value of those underlying securities was \$25,693,922.	25,000,000
25,000,000	Repurchase agreement, 5.96% dated 2/3/2022 under which Wells Fargo Securities LLC will repurchase the securities provided as collateral for \$27,603,361 on 10/25/2023. The securities provided as collateral at the end of the period held with BNY Mellon, tri-party agent, were convertible bonds with various maturities to 12/15/2026 and the market value of those underlying securities was \$25,521,945.	25,000,000

Principal Amount or Shares			Value
	OTHER REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS—continued	_	
\$ 25,000,000	Repurchase agreement, 5.94% dated 1/9/2023 under which Wells Fargo Securities LLC will repurchase the securities provided as collateral for \$26,167,375 on 10/19/2023. The securities provided as collateral at the end of the period held with BNY Mellon, tri-party agent, were convertible bonds with various maturities to 12/15/2026 and the market value of those underlying securities was \$25,546,646.	\$	25,000,000
	TOTAL OTHER REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS		470,000,000
	REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS—3.7%		
50,000,000	Interest in \$450,000,000 joint repurchase agreement, 5.30% dated 7/31/2023 under which BMO Harris Bank will repurchase the securities provided as collateral for \$450,066,250 on 8/1/2023. The securities provided as collateral at the end of the period held with BNY Mellon, tri-party agent, were U.S. government agency securities with various maturities to 12/20/2043 and the market value of those underlying securities was \$464,524,649.		50,000,000
87,000,000	Interest in \$1,339,000,000 joint repurchase agreement, 5.30% dated 7/31/2023 under which Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. will repurchase the securities provided as collateral for \$1,339,197,131 on 8/1/2023. The securities provided as collateral at the end of the period held with BNY Mellon, tri-party agent, were U.S. Treasury with various maturities to 12/31/2027 and the market value of those underlying securities was \$1,365,981,158.		87,000,000
	TOTAL REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS	_	137,000,000
	INVESTMENT COMPANY—0.7%	_	,,
26,997,300	Federated Hermes Institutional Prime Value Obligations Fund, Institutional Shares, 5.32% <sup>3</sup>		27,000,103
	TOTAL INVESTMENT IN SECURITIES—99.8% (AT AMORTIZED COST) <sup>4</sup>		3,676,334,461

Securities that are subject to the federal alternative minimum tax (AMT) represent 0.3% of the Fund's portfolio as calculated based upon total market value (unaudited).

8,065,724

\$3,684,400,185

OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES—0.2%5

TOTAL NET ASSETS—100%

Transactions with affiliated investment companies, which are funds managed by the Adviser or an affiliate of the Adviser, during the period ended July 31, 2023, were as follows:

	Federated Herme Institutional Prime Value Obligations Fund Institutional Share		
Value as of 7/31/2022	\$27,000,103		
Purchases at Cost	\$ -		
Proceeds from Sales	\$ -		
Change in Unrealized Appreciation/Depreciation	\$ —		
Net Realized Gain/(Loss)	\$ —		
Value as of 7/31/2023	\$27,000,103		
Shares Held as of 7/31/2023	26,997,300		
Dividend Income	\$ 1,116,594		

- 1 Discount rate at time of purchase for discount issues, or the coupon for interest-bearing issues.
- 2 Floating/variable note with current rate and current maturity or next reset date shown. Certain variable rate securities are not based on a published reference rate and spread but are determined by the issuer or agent and are based on current market conditions. These securities do not indicate a reference rate and spread in their description above.
- 3 7-day net yield.
- 4 Also represents cost of investments for federal tax purposes.
- 5 Assets, other than investments in securities, less liabilities. See Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Note: The categories of investments are shown as a percentage of total net assets at July 31, 2023.

Various inputs are used in determining the value of the Fund's investments. These inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

Level 1—quoted prices in active markets for identical securities.

Level 2—other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.). Also includes securities valued at amortized cost.

Level 3—significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments).

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

The following is a summary of the inputs used, as of July 31, 2023, in valuing the Fund's assets carried at fair value:

#### **Valuation Inputs**

	Level 1— Quoted Prices	Level 2— Other Significant Observable Inputs	Level 3— Significant Unobservable Inputs	Total
Debt Securities:				
Commercial Paper	\$ —	\$1,271,158,540	\$—	\$1,271,158,540
Certificates of Deposit	_	123,000,000	_	123,000,000
Notes-Variable	_	1,648,175,818	_	1,648,175,818
Other Repurchase Agreements	_	470,000,000	_	470,000,000
Repurchase Agreements	_	137,000,000	_	137,000,000
Investment Company	27,000,103	_	_	27,000,103
TOTAL SECURITIES	\$27,000,103	\$3,649,334,358	\$—	\$3,676,334,461

The following acronym(s) are used throughout this portfolio:

COL —Collateralized GTD —Guaranteed

IDA —Industrial Development Authority

LIQ —Liquidity Agreement LOC —Letter of Credit

VRDNs—Variable Rate Demand Notes

## Financial Highlights

(For a Share Outstanding Throughout Each Period)

Year Ended July 31	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Income from Investment Operations:	_				
Net investment income	0.034	0.001	$0.000^{1}$	0.007	0.016
Net realized gain (loss)	0.000 <sup>1</sup>	$0.000^{1}$	$0.000^{1}$	$0.000^{1}$	$0.000^{1}$
TOTAL FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS	0.034	0.001	0.000 <sup>1</sup>	0.007	0.016
Less Distributions:					
Distributions from net income	(0.034)	(0.001)	$(0.000)^{1}$	(0.007)	(0.016)
Distributions from net realized gain	(0.000) <sup>1</sup>	$(0.000)^{1}$	$(0.000)^{1}$	$(0.000)^{1}$	$(0.000)^{1}$
TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS	(0.034)	(0.001)	(0.000)1	(0.007)	(0.016)
Net Asset Value, End of Period	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Total Return <sup>2</sup>	3.46%	0.11%	0.01%	0.68%	1.58%
Ratios to Average Net Assets:					
Net expenses <sup>3</sup>	1.02%4	0.45%	0.23%4	0.94%4	1.02%4
Net investment income	3.36%	0.11%	0.01%	0.65%	1.58%
Expense waiver/reimbursement <sup>5</sup>	0.18%	0.76%	0.97%	0.28%	0.19%
Supplemental Data:					
Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)	\$3,684,400	\$4,375,913	\$4,295,924	\$4,312,748	\$4,030,191

- 1 Represents less than \$0.001.
- 2 Based on net asset value.
- 3 Amount does not reflect net expenses incurred by investment companies in which the Fund may invest.
- The net expense ratio is calculated without reduction for expenses offset arrangements. The net expense ratio was 1.02%, 0.23%, 0.94% and 1.02% for the years ended July 31, 2023, 2021, 2020 and 2019, respectively, after taking into account these expense reductions.
- 5 This expense decrease is reflected in both the net expense and the net investment income ratios shown above. Amount does not reflect expense waiver/reimbursement recorded by investment companies in which the Fund may invest.

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities

July 31, 2023

Assets:

Investment in securities, at value including, \$27,000,103 of investment in affiliated holding* (identified cost \$3,069,334,461 including \$27,000,103 of identified cost in affiliated holding)	\$3,069,334,461	
Investments in other repurchase agreements and repurchase agreements	607,000,000	
Investment in securities, at amortized cost and fair value	_	\$3,676,334,461
Cash		282,731
Receivable for investments sold	-	151,101,893
Income receivable	-	9,221,004
Income receivable from affiliated holding		121,038
Receivable for shares sold		220
TOTAL ASSETS		3,837,061,347
Liabilities:		
Payable for investments purchased	150,000,000	
Payable for shares redeemed	4,293	
Payable for distribution services fee (Note 5)	1,409,358	
Payable for other service fees (Notes 2 and 5)	784,422	
Payable for investment adviser fee (Note 5)	11,146	
Payable for administrative fee (Note 5)	8,103	
Accrued expenses (Note 5)	443,840	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		152,661,162

Net Asset Value,	Offering	Price	and	Redemption	Proceeds
Per Share:					

Net assets for 3,684,318,413 shares outstanding

Net Assets Consists of:
Paid-in capital

TOTAL NET ASSETS

Total distributable earnings (loss)

\$3,684,400,185 ÷ 3,684,318,413 shares outstanding, no par value, unlimited shares authorized \$ 1.00

\$3,684,400,185

\$3,684,305,856

\$3,684,400,185

94,329

<sup>\*</sup> See information listed after the Fund's Portfolio of Investments.

## Statement of Operations

Year Ended July 31, 2023

Investment Income:			
Interest	_		\$176,916,143
Dividends received from an affiliated holding*	_		1,116,594
TOTAL INCOME			178,032,737
Expenses:			
Investment adviser fee (Note 5)	_	\$ 8,123,121	
Administrative fee (Note 5)	_	3,175,928	
Custodian fees	_	138,873	
Transfer agent fees	_	4,077,606	
Directors'/Trustees' fees (Note 5)	_	22,858	
Auditing fees	_	25,135	
Legal fees	_	11,618	
Distribution services fee (Note 5)	_	22,338,582	
Other service fees (Notes 2 and 5)	_	10,023,479	
Portfolio accounting fees	_	180,304	
Share registration costs	_	574,562	
Printing and postage	_	262,173	
Miscellaneous (Note 5)		35,788	
TOTAL EXPENSES		48,990,027	
Waivers, Reimbursement and Reduction:			
Waiver/reimbursement of investment adviser fee (Note 5)	\$(3,393,698)		
Waiver of other operating expenses (Notes 2 and 5)	- (4,061,560)		
Reduction of custodian fees (Note 6)	(25,662)		
TOTAL WAIVERS, REIMBURSEMENT AND REDUCTION		(7,480,920)	
Net expenses			41,509,107
Net investment income			136,523,630
Net realized gain on investments			94,878
Change in net assets resulting from operations			\$136,618,508

<sup>\*</sup> See information listed after the Fund's Portfolio of Investments.

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

2023	2022
\$ 136,523,630	\$ 4,995,954
94,878	16,180
136,618,508	5,012,134
(136,565,720)	(4,972,760)
1,930,583,347	1,758,477,348
132,614,687	4,899,871
(2,754,763,773)	(1,683,427,684)
(691,565,739)	79,949,535
(691,512,951)	79,988,909
4,375,913,136	4,295,924,227
\$ 3,684,400,185	\$ 4,375,913,136
	\$ 136,523,630 94,878 136,618,508 (136,565,720) 1,930,583,347 132,614,687 (2,754,763,773) (691,565,739) (691,512,951) 4,375,913,136

#### Notes to Financial Statements

July 31, 2023

#### 1. ORGANIZATION

Federated Hermes Money Market Obligations Trust (the "Trust") is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Act"), as an open-end, management investment company. The Trust consists of 16 portfolios. The financial statements included herein are only those of Federated Hermes Capital Reserves Fund (the "Fund"), a diversified portfolio. The financial statements of the other portfolios are presented separately. The assets of each portfolio are segregated and a shareholder's interest is limited to the portfolio in which shares are held. Each portfolio pays its own expenses. The investment objective of the Fund is to provide current income consistent with stability of principal and liquidity.

The Fund operates as a retail money market fund. As a retail money market fund, the Fund: (1) will generally continue to use amortized cost to value its portfolio securities and transact at a stable \$1.00 net asset value (NAV); (2) has adopted policies and procedures reasonably designed to limit investments in the Fund to accounts beneficially owned by natural persons as required for a retail money market fund by Rule 2a-7 under the Act; and (3) has adopted policies and procedures to impose liquidity fees on redemptions and/or temporary redemption gates in the event that the Fund's weekly liquid assets were to fall below a designated threshold, if the Fund's Board of Trustees (the "Trustees") determine such liquidity fees or redemption gates are in the best interest of the Fund.

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Fund in the preparation of its financial statements. These policies are in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

#### Investment Valuation

Securities are valued at amortized cost. The amortized cost method of valuation generally prescribes that an investment is valued at its acquisition cost as adjusted daily for amortization of premium or accretion of discount to the specified redemption value on the nearest call, demand or maturity date, as appropriate. If amortized cost is determined not to approximate fair value, the value of the portfolio securities will be determined in accordance with the procedures described below. There can be no assurance that the Fund could obtain the fair value assigned to an investment if it sold the investment at approximately the time at which the Fund determines its NAV per share, and the actual value obtained could be materially different.

Pursuant to Rule 2a-5 under the Act, the Trustees have designated Federated Investment Management Company (the "Adviser") as the Fund's valuation designee to perform any fair value determinations for securities and other assets held by the Fund. The Adviser is subject to the Trustees' oversight and certain reporting and other requirements intended to provide the Trustees the information needed to oversee the Adviser's fair value determinations.

The Adviser, acting through its valuation committee ("Valuation Committee"), is responsible for determining the fair value of investments. The Valuation Committee is comprised of officers of the Adviser and certain of the Adviser's affiliated companies and determines fair value of securities and oversees the comparison of amortized cost to market-based value. The Valuation Committee is also authorized to use pricing services to provide fair value evaluations of the current value of certain investments for purposes of monitoring the relationship of market-based value and amortized cost. The Valuation Committee employs various methods for reviewing third-party pricing-service evaluations including periodic reviews of third-party pricing services' policies, procedures and valuation methods (including key inputs and assumptions), and review of price challenges by the Adviser based on recent market activity. In the event that market quotations and price evaluations are not available for an investment, the Valuation Committee determines the fair value of the investment in accordance with procedures adopted by the Adviser. The Trustees periodically review the fair valuations made by the Valuation Committee. The Trustees have also approved the Adviser's fair valuation and significant events procedures as part of the Fund's compliance program and will review any changes made to the procedures.

#### Repurchase Agreements

The Fund may invest in repurchase agreements for short-term liquidity purposes. It is the policy of the Fund to require the other party to a repurchase agreement to transfer to the Fund's custodian or sub-custodian eligible securities or cash with a market value (after transaction costs) at least equal to the repurchase price to be paid under the repurchase agreement. The eligible securities are transferred to accounts with the custodian or sub-custodian in which the Fund holds a "securities entitlement" and exercises "control" as those terms are defined in the Uniform Commercial Code. The Fund has established procedures for monitoring the market value of the transferred securities and requiring the transfer of additional eligible securities if necessary to equal at least the repurchase price. These procedures also allow the other party to require securities to be transferred from the account to the extent that their market value exceeds the repurchase price or in exchange for other eligible securities of equivalent market value.

The insolvency of the other party or other failure to repurchase the securities may delay the disposition of the underlying securities or cause the Fund to receive less than the full repurchase price. Under the terms of the repurchase agreement, any amounts received by the Fund in excess of the repurchase price and related transaction costs must be remitted to the other party.

The Fund may enter into repurchase agreements in which eligible securities are transferred into joint trading accounts maintained by the custodian or sub-custodian for investment companies and other clients advised by the Adviser and its affiliates. The Fund will participate on a pro rata basis with the other investment companies and clients in its share of the securities transferred under such repurchase agreements and in its share of proceeds from any repurchase or other disposition of such securities.

Repurchase agreements are subject to Master Netting Agreements which are agreements between the Fund and its counterparties that provide for the net settlement of all transactions and collateral with the Fund, through a single payment, in the event of default or termination. Amounts presented on the Portfolio of Investments and

Statement of Assets and Liabilities are not net settlement amounts but gross. As indicated above, the cash or securities to be repurchased, as shown on the Portfolio of Investments, exceeds the repurchase price to be paid under the agreements reducing the net settlement amount to zero.

#### Investment Income, Gains and Losses, Expenses and Distributions

Investment transactions are accounted for on a trade-date basis. Realized gains and losses from investment transactions are recorded on an identified cost basis. Interest income and expenses are accrued daily. Distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Distributions of net investment income, if any, are declared daily and paid monthly. Amortization/accretion of premium and discount is included in investment income. The detail of the total fund expense waivers, reimbursement and reduction of \$7,480,920 is disclosed in various locations in this Note 2, Note 5 and Note 6.

#### Other Service Fees

The Fund may pay other service fees up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets of the Fund to unaffiliated financial intermediaries or to Federated Shareholder Services Company (FSSC) for providing services to shareholders and maintaining shareholder accounts. Subject to the terms described in the Expense Limitation note, FSSC may voluntarily reimburse the Fund for other service fees. In addition, unaffiliated third-party financial intermediaries may waive other service fees. This waiver can be modified or terminated at any time. For the year ended July 31, 2023, there were no fees waived or reimbursed.

#### Federal Taxes

It is the Fund's policy to comply with the Subchapter M provision of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and to distribute to shareholders each year substantially all of its income. Accordingly, no provision for federal income tax is necessary. As of and during the year ended July 31, 2023, the Fund did not have a liability for any uncertain tax positions. The Fund recognizes interest and penalties, if any, related to tax liabilities as income tax expense in the Statement of Operations. As of July 31, 2023, tax years 2020 through 2023 remain subject to examination by the Fund's major tax jurisdictions, which include the United States of America and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

#### When-Issued and Delayed-Delivery Transactions

The Fund may engage in when-issued or delayed-delivery transactions. The Fund records when-issued securities on the trade date and maintains security positions such that sufficient liquid assets will be available to make payment for the securities purchased. Securities purchased on a when-issued or delayed-delivery basis are marked to market daily and begin earning interest on the settlement date. Losses may occur on these transactions due to changes in market conditions or the failure of counterparties to perform under the contract.

#### **Restricted Securities**

The Fund may purchase securities which are considered restricted. Restricted securities are securities that either: (a) cannot be offered for public sale without first being registered, or being able to take advantage of an exemption from registration, under the Securities Act of 1933; or (b) are subject to contractual restrictions on public sales. In some cases, when a security cannot be offered for public sale without first being

registered, the issuer of the restricted security has agreed to register such securities for resale, at the issuer's expense, either upon demand by the Fund or in connection with another registered offering of the securities. Many such restricted securities may be resold in the secondary market in transactions exempt from registration. Restricted securities may be determined to be liquid under criteria established by the Trustees. The Fund will not incur any registration costs upon such resales. Restricted securities are valued at amortized cost in accordance with Rule 2a-7 under the Act

#### Other

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts of assets, liabilities, expenses and revenues reported in the financial statements. Actual results could differ materially from those estimated. The Fund applies investment company accounting and reporting quidance.

#### 3. SHARES OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST

The following table summarizes share activity:

Year Ended July 31	2023	2022
Shares sold	1,930,583,347	1,758,477,348
Shares issued to shareholders in payment of distributions declared	132,614,687	4,899,871
Shares redeemed	(2,754,763,773)	(1,683,427,684)
NET CHANGE RESULTING FROM FUND SHARE TRANSACTIONS	(691,565,739)	79,949,535

#### 4. FEDERAL TAX INFORMATION

The tax character of distributions as reported on the Statement of Changes in Net Assets for the years ended July 31, 2023 and 2022, was as follows:

	2023	2022
Ordinary Income <sup>1</sup>	\$136,562,136	\$4,972,760
Long-term capital gains	\$ 3,584	\$ —

1 For tax purposes, short-term capital gain distributions are considered ordinary income distributions.

As of July 31, 2023, the components of distributable earnings on a tax-basis were as follows:

Undistributed ordinary income <sup>1</sup>	\$94,329
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1 For tax purposes, short-term capital gains are considered ordinary income in determining distributable earnings.

## 5. INVESTMENT ADVISER FEE AND OTHER TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

#### Investment Adviser Fee

The advisory agreement between the Fund and the Adviser provides for an annual fee equal to 0.20% of the Fund's average daily net assets. Subject to the terms described in the Expense Limitation note, the Adviser may voluntarily choose to waive any portion of its fee and/or reimburse certain operating expenses of the Fund. For the year ended July 31, 2023, the Adviser voluntarily waived \$3,343,773 of its fee.

The Adviser has agreed to reimburse the Fund for certain investment adviser fees as a result of transactions in other affiliated investment companies. For the year ended July 31, 2023, the Adviser reimbursed \$49,925.

#### Administrative Fee

Federated Administrative Services (FAS), under the Administrative Services Agreement, provides the Fund with administrative personnel and services. For purposes of determining the appropriate rate breakpoint, "Investment Complex" is defined as all of the Federated Hermes Funds subject to a fee under the Administrative Services Agreement. The fee paid to FAS is based on the average daily net assets of the Investment Complex as specified below:

Administrative Fee	Average Daily Net Assets of the Investment Complex
0.100%	on assets up to \$50 billion
0.075%	on assets over \$50 billion

Subject to the terms described in the Expense Limitation note, FAS may voluntarily choose to waive any portion of its fee. For the year ended July 31, 2023, the annualized fee paid to FAS was 0.078% of average daily net assets of the Fund.

In addition, FAS may charge certain out-of-pocket expenses to the Fund.

#### Distribution Services Fee

The Fund has adopted a Distribution Plan (the "Plan") pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the Act. Under the terms of the Plan, the Fund will compensate Federated Securities Corp. (FSC), the principal distributor, from the daily net assets of the Fund's shares to finance activities intended to result in the sale of these shares. The Plan provides that the Fund may incur distribution expenses at 0.55% of average daily net assets, annually, to compensate FSC. Subject to the terms described in the Expense Limitation note, FSC may voluntarily choose to waive any portion of its fee. For the year ended July 31, 2023, FSC waived \$4,061,560 of its fees. When FSC receives fees, it may pay some or all of them to financial intermediaries whose customers purchase shares. For the year ended July 31, 2023, FSC retained \$8,024 of fees paid by the Fund.

#### Other Service Fees

For the year ended July 31, 2023, FSSC received \$1,654 of the other service fees disclosed in Note 2

#### **Expense Limitation**

Due to the possibility of changes in market conditions and other factors, there can be no assurance that the level of waiver/reimbursement/reduction of Fund expenses reflected in the financial highlights will be maintained in the future. However, the Adviser and certain of its affiliates (which may include FSC, FAS and FSSC) on their own initiative have agreed to waive certain amounts of their respective fees and/or reimburse expenses. Total annual fund operating expenses (as shown in the financial highlights, excluding interest expense, extraordinary expenses and proxy-related expenses paid by the Fund, if any) and the Fund's share of the fees and expenses of the investments in affiliated funds paid by the Fund (after the voluntary waivers and reimbursements) will not exceed 1.02% (the "Fee Limit"), up to but not including the later of (the "Termination Date"): (a) October 1, 2024; or (b) the date of the Fund's next effective Prospectus. While the Adviser and its applicable affiliates currently do not anticipate terminating or increasing these arrangements prior to the Termination Date, these arrangements may only be terminated or the Fee Limit increased prior to the Termination Date with the agreement of the Trustees.

#### Interfund Transactions

During the year ended July 31, 2023, the Fund engaged in purchase and sale transactions with funds that have a common investment adviser (or affiliated investment advisers), common Directors/Trustees and/or common Officers. These purchase and sale transactions complied with Rule 17a-7 under the Act and amounted to \$4,400,000 and \$19,400,000, respectively. Net realized gain (loss) recognized on these transactions was \$0.

#### Directors'/Trustees' and Miscellaneous Fees

Certain Officers and Trustees of the Fund are Officers and Directors or Trustees of certain of the above companies. To efficiently facilitate payment, Independent Directors'/Trustees' fees and certain expenses related to conducting meetings of the Directors/Trustees and other miscellaneous expenses are paid by an affiliate of the Adviser which in due course are reimbursed by the Fund. These expenses related to conducting meetings of the Directors/Trustees and other miscellaneous expenses may be included in Accrued and Miscellaneous Expenses on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities and Statement of Operations, respectively.

#### 6. EXPENSE REDUCTION

Through arrangements with the Fund's custodian, net credits realized as a result of uninvested cash balances were used to offset custody expenses. For the year ended July 31, 2023, the Fund's expenses were offset by \$25,662 under these arrangements.

#### 7. CONCENTRATION OF RISK

A substantial portion of the Fund's portfolio may be comprised of obligations of banks. As a result, the Fund may be more susceptible to any economic, business, political or other developments which generally affect these entities.

#### 8. LINE OF CREDIT

The Fund participates with certain other Federated Hermes Funds, on a several basis, in an up to \$500,000,000 unsecured, 364-day, committed, revolving line of credit (LOC) agreement dated June 21, 2023. The LOC was made available to temporarily finance the repurchase or redemption of shares of the Fund, failed trades, payment of

dividends, settlement of trades and for other short-term, temporary or emergency general business purposes. The Fund cannot borrow under the LOC if an inter-fund loan is outstanding. The Fund's ability to borrow under the LOC also is subject to the limitations of the Act and various conditions precedent that must be satisfied before the Fund can borrow. Loans under the LOC are charged interest at a fluctuating rate per annum equal to (a) the highest, on any day, of (i) the federal funds effective rate, (ii) the published secured overnight financing rate plus an assigned percentage and (iii) 0.0%, plus (b) a margin. Any fund eligible to borrow under the LOC pays its pro rata share of a commitment fee based on the amount of the lenders' commitment that has not been utilized, quarterly in arrears and at maturity. As of July 31, 2023, the Fund had no outstanding loans. During the year ended July 31, 2023, the Fund did not utilize the LOC.

#### 9. INTERFUND LENDING

Pursuant to an Exemptive Order issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Fund, along with other funds advised by subsidiaries of Federated Hermes, Inc., may participate in an interfund lending program. This program provides an alternative credit facility allowing the Fund to borrow from other participating affiliated funds. As of July 31, 2023, there were no outstanding loans. During the year ended July 31, 2023, the program was not utilized.

#### 10. INDEMNIFICATIONS

Under the Fund's organizational documents, its Officers and Directors/Trustees are indemnified against certain liabilities arising out of the performance of their duties to the Fund (other than liabilities arising out of their willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of their duties to the Fund). In addition, in the normal course of business, the Fund provides certain indemnifications under arrangements with third parties. Typically, obligations to indemnify a third party arise in the context of an arrangement entered into by the Fund under which the Fund agrees to indemnify such third party for certain liabilities arising out of actions taken pursuant to the arrangement, provided the third party's actions are not deemed to have breached an agreed-upon standard of care (such as willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of their duties under the contract). The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Fund that have not yet arisen. The Fund does not anticipate any material claims or losses pursuant to these arrangements at this time, and accordingly expects the risk of loss to be remote.

#### 11. OTHER MATTERS

Pursuant to rules adopted by the SEC in July 2023, the Fund, beginning on October 2, 2023, may impose discretionary liquidity fees on redemptions subject to a determination by the Trustees that such a liquidity fee is in the Fund's best interest. If the Trustees, including a majority of independent Trustees, determines that imposing a liquidity fee is in the Fund's best interests, the Fund may impose discretionary liquidity fees up to 2% of the value of shares redeemed. Also, effective October 2, 2023, the Fund will no longer be permitted to impose a redemption gate or be required to impose a liquidity fee if the Fund's weekly liquid assets fall below certain thresholds.

An outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus was first detected in China in late 2019 and subsequently spread globally. As of the date of the issuance of these financial statements, this coronavirus has resulted in, and may continue to result in, closed borders, enhanced health screenings, disruptions to healthcare service preparation and delivery, quarantines, cancellations, and disruptions to supply chains, workflow operations and consumer activity, as well as general concern and uncertainty. The impact of this coronavirus has resulted in substantial economic volatility. Health crises caused by outbreaks, such as the coronavirus outbreak, may exacerbate other pre-existing political, social and economic risks. The impact of this outbreak, and other epidemics and pandemics that may arise in the future, could continue to negatively affect the worldwide economy, as well as the economies of individual countries, individual companies (including certain Fund service providers and issuers of the Fund's investments) and the markets in general in significant and unforeseen ways. In addition, governments, their regulatory agencies, or self-regulatory organizations may take actions in response to the pandemic, including significant fiscal and monetary policy changes, that may affect the instruments in which the Fund invests or the issuers of such investments. Any such impact could adversely affect the Fund's performance.

#### 12. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

The Trustees have approved a reduction in the stated gross advisory fee of the Fund. Effective October 1, 2023, the Fund's gross investment advisory fee will decrease from 0.20% to 0.15% of the Fund's average daily net assets.

#### 13. FEDERAL TAX INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

For the year ended July 31, 2023, 100% of the dividends paid by the Fund are interest related dividends as provided by the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004.

# Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FEDERATED HERMES MONEY MARKET OBLIGATIONS TRUST AND SHAREHOLDERS OF FEDERATED HERMES CAPITAL RESERVES FUND:

#### **Opinion on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of Federated Hermes Capital Reserves Fund (the "Fund") (one of the portfolios constituting Federated Hermes Money Market Obligations Trust (the "Trust")), including the portfolio of investments, as of July 31, 2023, and the related statement of operations for the year then ended, the statement of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund (one of the portfolios constituting Federated Hermes Money Market Obligations Trust), at July 31, 2023, the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended and its financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Trust's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Fund's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB") and are required to be independent with respect to the Trust in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Trust is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of the Trust's internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits, we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of July 31, 2023, by correspondence with the custodian, brokers, and others; when replies were not received from brokers or others, we performed other auditing procedures. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Ernst + Young LLP

We have served as the auditor of one or more Federated Hermes investment companies since 1979.

Boston, Massachusetts September 25, 2023

## Shareholder Expense Example (unaudited)

As a shareholder of the Fund, you incur ongoing costs, including management fees and to the extent applicable, distribution (12b-1) fees and/or other services fees and other Fund expenses. This Example is intended to help you to understand your ongoing costs (in dollars) of investing in the Fund and to compare these costs with the ongoing costs of investing in other mutual funds. It is based on an investment of \$1,000 invested at the beginning of the period and held for the entire period from February 1, 2023 to July 31, 2023.

#### **ACTUAL EXPENSES**

The first section of the table below provides information about actual account values and actual expenses. You may use the information in this section, together with the amount you invested, to *estimate* the expenses that you incurred over the period. Simply divide your account value by \$1,000 (for example, an \$8,600 account value divided by \$1,000 = 8.6), then multiply the result by the number in the first section under the heading entitled "Expenses Paid During Period" to estimate the expenses attributable to your investment during this period.

#### HYPOTHETICAL EXAMPLE FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES

The second section of the table below provides information about hypothetical account values and hypothetical expenses based on the Fund's actual expense ratio and an *assumed* rate of return of 5% per year before expenses, which is not the Fund's actual return. Thus, you should *not* use the hypothetical account values and expenses to estimate the actual ending account balance or your expenses for the period. Rather, these figures are required to be provided to enable you to compare the ongoing costs of investing in the Fund with other funds. To do so, compare this 5% hypothetical example with the 5% hypothetical examples that appear in the shareholder reports of the other funds.

Please note that the expenses shown in the table are meant to highlight your ongoing costs only. Therefore, the second section of the table is useful in comparing ongoing costs only, and will not help you determine the relative *total* costs of owning different funds.

	Beginning Account Value 2/1/2023	Ending Account Value 7/31/2023	Expenses Paid During Period <sup>1</sup>
Actual	\$1,000	\$1,021.00	\$5.11
Hypothetical (assuming a 5% return			
before expenses)	\$1,000	\$1,019.74	\$5.11

<sup>1</sup> Expenses are equal to the Fund's annualized net expense ratio of 1.02%, multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by 181/365 (to reflect the one-half-year period).

#### **Board of Trustees and Trust Officers**

The Board of Trustees is responsible for managing the Trust's business affairs and for exercising all the Trust's powers except those reserved for the shareholders. The following tables give information about each Trustee and the senior officers of the Fund. Where required, the tables separately list Trustees who are "interested persons" of the Fund (i.e., "Interested" Trustees) and those who are not (i.e., "Independent" Trustees). Unless otherwise noted, the address of each person listed is 1001 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-3779. The address of all Independent Trustees listed is 4000 Ericsson Drive, Warrendale, PA 15086-7561; Attention: Mutual Fund Board. As of December 31, 2022, the Trust comprised 16 portfolio(s), and the Federated Hermes Fund Family consisted of 33 investment companies (comprising 102 portfolios). Unless otherwise noted, each Officer is elected annually. Unless otherwise noted, each Trustee oversees all portfolios in the Federated Hermes Fund Family and serves for an indefinite term. The Fund's Statement of Additional Information includes additional information about Trust Trustees and is available, without charge and upon request, by calling 1-800-341-7400, Option #4.

#### INTERESTED TRUSTEES BACKGROUND

Name Birth Date Positions Held with Trust Date Service Began	Principal Occupation(s) for Past Five Years, Other Directorships Held and Previous Position(s)
J. Christopher Donahue* Birth Date: April 11, 1949 PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: April 1989	Principal Occupations: Principal Executive Officer and President of certain of the Funds in the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Director o Trustee of the Funds in the Federated Hermes Fund Family; President, Chief Executive Officer and Director, Federated Hermes, Inc.; Chairman and Trustee, Federated Investment Management Company; Trustee, Federated Investment Counseling; Chairman and Director, Federated Global Investment Management Corp.; Chairman and Trustee, Federated Equity Management Company of Pennsylvania; Trustee, Federated Shareholder Services Company; Director, Federated Services Company.  Previous Positions: President, Federated Investment Counseling; President and Chief Executive Officer, Federated Investment
	Management Company, Federated Global Investment Management Corp. and Passport Research, Ltd; Chairman, Passport Research, Ltd.

#### Principal Occupation(s) for Past Five Years, Other Directorships Held and Previous Position(s)

Thomas R. Donahue\*
Birth Date: October 20, 1958
TRUSTEE
Indefinite Term
Began serving: May 2016

Principal Occupations: Director or Trustee of certain of the funds in the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer, Vice President and Assistant Secretary, Federated Hermes, Inc.; Chairman and Trustee, Federated Administrative Services; Chairman and Director, Federated Administrative Services, Inc.; Trustee and Treasurer, Federated Advisory Services Company; Director or Trustee and Treasurer, Federated Equity Management Company of Pennsylvania, Federated Global Investment Management Corp., Federated Investment Company; Director, MDTA LLC; Director, Executive Vice President and Assistant Secretary, Federated Securities Corp.; Director or Trustee and Chairman, Federated Services Company and Federated Shareholder Services Company; and Director and President, FII Holdings, Inc.

Previous Positions: Director, Federated Hermes, Inc.; Assistant Secretary, Federated Investment Management Company, Federated Global Investment Management Company and Passport Research, LTD; Treasurer, Passport Research, LTD; Executive Vice President, Federated Securities Corp.; and Treasurer, FII Holdings, Inc.

\* Family relationships and reasons for "interested" status: J. Christopher Donahue and Thomas R. Donahue are brothers. Both are "interested" due to their beneficial ownership of shares of Federated Hermes, Inc. and the positions they hold with Federated Hermes, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

#### INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES BACKGROUND

Name
Birth Date
Positions Held with Trust
Date Service Began

#### Principal Occupation(s) for Past Five Years, Other Directorships Held, Previous Position(s) and Qualifications

# John T. Collins Birth Date: January 24, 1947 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving:

September 2013

**Principal Occupations**: Director or Trustee, and Chair of the Board of Directors or Trustees, of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; formerly, Chairman and CEO, The Collins Group, Inc. (a private equity firm) (Retired).

**Other Directorships Held**: Director, KLX Energy Services Holdings, Inc. (oilfield services); former Director of KLX Corp. (aerospace).

Qualifications: Mr. Collins has served in several business and financial management roles and directorship positions throughout his career. Mr. Collins previously served as Chairman and CEO of The Collins Group, Inc. (a private equity firm) and as a Director of KLX Corp. Mr. Collins serves as Chairman Emeriti, Bentley University. Mr. Collins previously served as Director and Audit Committee Member, Bank of America Corp.; Director, FleetBoston Financial Corp.; and Director, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (Harvard University Affiliate Hospital).

#### G. Thomas Hough

Birth Date: February 28, 1955 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: August 2015 **Principal Occupations**: Director or Trustee, Chair of the Audit Committee of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; formerly, Vice Chair, Ernst & Young LLP (public accounting firm) (Retired).

Other Directorships Held: Director, Chair of the Audit Committee, Equifax, Inc.; Lead Director, Member of the Audit and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committees, Haverty Furniture Companies, Inc.; formerly, Director, Member of Governance and Compensation Committees, Publix Super Markets, Inc.

Qualifications: Mr. Hough has served in accounting, business management and directorship positions throughout his career. Mr. Hough most recently held the position of Americas Vice Chair of Assurance with Ernst & Young LLP (public accounting firm). Mr. Hough serves on the President's Cabinet and Business School Board of Visitors for the University of Alabama. Mr. Hough previously served on the Business School Board of Visitors for Wake Forest University, and he previously served as an Executive Committee member of the United States Golf Association.

Principal Occupation(s) for Past Five Years, Other Directorships Held, Previous Position(s) and Qualifications

Maureen Lally-Green Birth Date: July 5, 1949 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: August 2009 **Principal Occupations**: Director or Trustee of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Adjunct Professor Emerita of Law, Duquesne University School of Law; formerly, Dean of the Duquesne University School of Law and Professor of Law and Interim Dean of the Duquesne University School of Law; formerly, Associate General Secretary and Director, Office of Church Relations, Diocese of Pittsburgh.

**Other Directorships Held**: Director, CNX Resources Corporation (natural gas).

Qualifications: Judge Lally-Green has served in various legal and business roles and directorship positions throughout her career. Judge Lally-Green previously held the position of Dean of the School of Law of Duguesne University (as well as Interim Dean). Judge Lally-Green previously served as Associate General Secretary of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, a member of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania and as a Professor of Law, Duquesne University School of Law, Judge Lally-Green was appointed by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania to serve on the Supreme Court's Board of Continuing Judicial Education and the Supreme Court's Appellate Court Procedural Rules Committee. Judge Lally-Green also currently holds the positions on not for profit or for profit boards of directors as follows: Director and Chair, UPMC Mercy Hospital; Regent, Saint Vincent Seminary; Member, Pennsylvania State Board of Education (public); Director, Catholic Charities, Pittsburgh; and Director CNX Resources Corporation (natural gas). Judge Lally-Green has held the positions of: Director, Auberle; Director, Epilepsy Foundation of Western and Central Pennsylvania; Director, Ireland Institute of Pittsburgh; Director, Saint Thomas More Society; Director and Chair, Catholic High Schools of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Inc.; Director, Pennsylvania Bar Institute; Director, St. Vincent College: Director and Chair, North Catholic High School, Inc.; Director and Vice Chair, Our Campaign for the Church Alive!, Inc.; and Director and Vice Chair, Saint Francis University.

Thomas M. O'Neill Birth Date: June 14, 1951 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: August 2006 **Principal Occupations**: Director or Trustee of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Sole Proprietor, Navigator Management Company (investment and strategic consulting).

Other Directorships Held: None.

Qualifications: Mr. O'Neill has served in several business, mutual fund and financial management roles and directorship positions throughout his career. Mr. O'Neill serves as Director, Medicines for Humanity. Mr. O'Neill previously served as Chief Executive Officer and President, Managing Director and Chief Investment Officer, Fleet Investment Advisors; President and Chief Executive Officer, Aeltus Investment Management, Inc.; General Partner, Hellman, Jordan Management Co., Boston, MA; Chief Investment Officer, The Putnam Companies, Boston, MA; Credit Analyst and Lending Officer, Fleet Bank; Director and Consultant, EZE Castle Software (investment order management software); Director, Midway Pacific (lumber); and Director, The Golisano Children's Museum of Naples, Florida.

#### Principal Occupation(s) for Past Five Years, Other Directorships Held, Previous Position(s) and Qualifications

#### Madelyn A. Reilly Birth Date: February 2, 1956 TRUSTEE

TRUSTEE
Indefinite Term
Began serving:
November 2020

**Principal Occupations**: Director or Trustee of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; formerly, Senior Vice President for Legal Affairs, General Counsel and Secretary of Board of Directors, Duquesne University (Retired).

Other Directorships Held: None.

Qualifications: Ms. Reilly has served in various business and legal management roles throughout her career. Ms. Reilly previously served as Senior Vice President for Legal Affairs, General Counsel and Secretary of Board of Directors and Director of Risk Management and Associate General Counsel, Duquesne University. Prior to her work at Duquesne University, Ms. Reilly served as Assistant General Counsel of Compliance and Enterprise Risk as well as Senior Counsel of Environment, Health and Safety, PPG Industries. Ms. Reilly currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of UPMC Mercy Hospital.

#### P. Jerome Richev

Birth Date: February 23, 1949 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: September 2013 **Principal Occupations**: Director or Trustee of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Retired; formerly, Senior Vice Chancellor and Chief Legal Officer, University of Pittsburgh and Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer, CONSOL Energy Inc. (now split into two separate publicly traded companies known as CONSOL Energy Inc. and CNX Resources Corp.).

Other Directorships Held: None.

Qualifications: Mr. Richey has served in several business and legal management roles and directorship positions throughout his career. Mr. Richey most recently held the positions of Senior Vice Chancellor and Chief Legal Officer, University of Pittsburgh. Mr. Richey previously served as Chairman of the Board, Epilepsy Foundation of Western Pennsylvania and Chairman of the Board, World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh. Mr. Richey previously served as Chief Legal Officer and Executive Vice President, CONSOL Energy Inc. and CNX Gas Company; and Board Member, Ethics Counsel and Shareholder, Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC (a law firm).

#### John S. Walsh

Birth Date: November 28, 1957 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: January 1999 **Principal Occupations**: Director or Trustee of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; President and Director, Heat Wagon, Inc. (manufacturer of construction temporary heaters); President and Director, Manufacturers Products, Inc. (distributor of portable construction heaters); President, Portable Heater Parts, a division of Manufacturers Products, Inc.

Other Directorships Held: None.

**Qualifications**: Mr. Walsh has served in several business management roles and directorship positions throughout his career. Mr. Walsh previously served as Vice President, Walsh & Kelly, Inc. (paving contractors).

#### Principal Occupation(s) for Past Five Years and Previous Position(s)

#### Lori A. Hensler Birth Date: January 6, 1967

TREASURER Officer since: April 2013 Principal Occupations: Principal Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Federated Hermes Fund Family: Senior Vice President, Federated Administrative Services: Financial and Operations Principal for Federated Securities Corp.; and Assistant Treasurer, Federated Investors Trust Company, Ms. Hensler has received the Certified Public Accountant designation.

Previous Positions: Controller of Federated Hermes, Inc.: Senior Vice President and Assistant Treasurer, Federated Investors Management Company; Treasurer, Federated Investors Trust Company; Assistant Treasurer, Federated Administrative Services, Federated Administrative Services, Inc., Federated Securities Corp., Edgewood Services, Inc., Federated Advisory Services Company, Federated Equity Management Company of Pennsylvania, Federated Global Investment Management Corp., Federated Investment Counseling, Federated Investment Management Company, Passport Research, Ltd., and Federated MDTA, LLC; Financial and Operations Principal for Federated Securities Corp., Edgewood Services, Inc. and Southpointe Distribution Services, Inc.

#### Peter J. Germain

Birth Date: September 3, 1959 CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER, SECRETARY AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT Officer since: January 2005

Principal Occupations: Mr. Germain is Chief Legal Officer, Secretary and Executive Vice President of the Federated Hermes Fund Family. He is General Counsel, Chief Legal Officer, Secretary and Executive Vice President, Federated Hermes, Inc.; Trustee and Senior Vice President, Federated Investors Management Company; Trustee and President, Federated Administrative Services; Director and President, Federated Administrative Services, Inc.; Director and Vice President, Federated Securities Corp.; Director and Secretary, Federated Private Asset Management, Inc.; Secretary, Federated Shareholder Services Company; and Secretary, Retirement Plan Service Company of America. Mr. Germain joined Federated Hermes, Inc. in 1984 and is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

Previous Positions: Deputy General Counsel, Special Counsel, Managing Director of Mutual Fund Services, Federated Hermes, Inc.; Senior Vice President, Federated Services Company; and Senior Corporate Counsel, Federated Hermes, Inc.

#### Stephen Van Meter Birth Date: June 5, 1975 CHIEF COMPLIANCE

OFFICER AND SENIOR VICE **PRESIDENT** Officer since: July 2015

**Principal Occupations**: Senior Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer of Federated Hermes, Inc. and Chief Compliance Officer of certain of its subsidiaries. Mr. Van Meter joined Federated Hermes, Inc. in October 2011. He holds FINRA licenses under Series 3, 7, 24 and 66.

Previous Positions: Mr. Van Meter previously held the position of Compliance Operating Officer, Federated Hermes, Inc. Prior to joining Federated Hermes, Inc., Mr. Van Meter served at the United States Securities and Exchange Commission in the positions of Senior Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, Division of Investment Management and Senior Counsel, Division of Enforcement.

Name Birth Date Positions Held with Trust Date Service Began	Principal Occupation(s) for Past Five Years and Previous Position(s)
Deborah A. Cunningham Birth Date: September 15, 1959 CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER Officer since: May 2004	Principal Occupations: Deborah A. Cunningham was named Chief Investment Officer of Federated Hermes' money market products in 2004. She joined Federated Hermes in 1981 and has been a Senior Portfolio Manager since 1997 and an Executive Vice President of the Fund's Adviser since 2009. Ms. Cunningham has received the Chartered Financial Analyst designation and holds an M.S.B.A. in Finance from Robert Morris College.

# Evaluation and Approval of Advisory Contract – May 2023

#### FEDERATED HERMES CAPITAL RESERVES FUND (THE "FUND")

At its meetings in May 2023 (the "May Meetings"), the Fund's Board of Trustees (the "Board"), including those Trustees who are not "interested persons" of the Fund, as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Independent Trustees"), reviewed and unanimously approved the continuation of the investment advisory contract between the Fund and Federated Investment Management Company (the "Adviser") (the "Contract") for an additional one-year term. The Board's determination to approve the continuation of the Contract reflects the exercise of its business judgment after considering all of the information and factors believed to be relevant and appropriate on whether to approve the continuation of the existing arrangement. The information, factors and conclusions that formed the basis for the Board's approval are summarized below.

#### Information Received and Review Process

At the request of the Independent Trustees, the Fund's Chief Compliance Officer (the "CCO") furnished to the Board in advance of its May Meetings an independent written evaluation of the Fund's management fee (the "CCO Fee Evaluation Report"). The Board considered the CCO Fee Evaluation Report, along with other information, in evaluating the reasonableness of the Fund's management fee and in determining to approve the continuation of the Contract. The CCO, in preparing the CCO Fee Evaluation Report, has the authority to retain consultants, experts or staff as reasonably necessary to assist in the performance of his duties, reports directly to the Board, and can be terminated only with the approval of a majority of the Independent Trustees. At the request of the Independent Trustees, the CCO Fee Evaluation Report followed the same general approach and covered the same topics as that of the report that had previously been delivered by the CCO in his capacity as "Senior Officer" prior to the elimination of the Senior Officer position in December 2017.

In addition to the extensive materials that comprise and accompany the CCO Fee Evaluation Report, the Board considered information specifically prepared in connection with the approval of the continuation of the Contract that was presented at the May Meetings. In this regard, in the months preceding the May Meetings, the Board requested and reviewed written responses and supporting materials prepared by the Adviser and its affiliates (collectively, "Federated Hermes") in response to requests posed to Federated Hermes by independent legal counsel on behalf of the Independent Trustees encompassing a wide variety of topics, including those summarized below. The Board also considered such additional matters as the Independent Trustees deemed

reasonably necessary to evaluate the Contract, which included detailed information about the Fund and Federated Hermes furnished to the Board at its meetings throughout the year and in between regularly scheduled meetings on particular matters as the need arose.

The Board's consideration of the Contract included review of materials and information covering the following matters, among others: the nature, quality and extent of the advisory and other services provided to the Fund by Federated Hermes; Federated Hermes' business and operations; the Adviser's investment philosophy, personnel and processes; the Fund's investment objectives and strategies; the Fund's short-term and long-term performance (in absolute terms, both on a gross basis and net of expenses, and relative to the Fund's particular investment program and a group of its peer funds and/or its benchmark, as appropriate); the Fund's investment objectives; the Fund's fees and expenses, including the advisory fee and the overall expense structure of the Fund (both in absolute terms and relative to a group of its peer funds), with due regard for contractual or voluntary expense limitations (if any); the financial condition of Federated Hermes: the Adviser's profitability with respect to managing the Fund; distribution and sales activity for the Fund; and the use and allocation of brokerage commissions derived from trading the Fund's portfolio securities (if any).

The Board also considered judicial decisions concerning allegedly excessive investment advisory fees charged to other registered funds in evaluating the Contract. Using these judicial decisions as a guide, the Board observed that the following factors may be relevant to an adviser's fiduciary duty with respect to its receipt of compensation from a fund: (1) the nature and quality of the services provided by the adviser to the fund and its shareholders, including the performance of the fund, its benchmark and comparable funds; (2) the adviser's cost of providing the services and the profitability to the adviser of providing advisory services to the fund; (3) the extent to which the adviser may realize "economies of scale" as the fund grows larger and, if such economies of scale exist, whether they have been appropriately shared with the fund and its shareholders or the family of funds; (4) any "fall-out" benefits that accrue to the adviser because of its relationship with the fund, including research services received from brokers that execute fund trades and any fees paid to affiliates of the adviser for services rendered to the fund; (5) comparative fee and expense structures, including a comparison of management fees paid to the adviser with those paid by similar funds managed by the same adviser or other advisers as well as management fees charged to institutional and other advisory clients of the same adviser for what might be viewed as like services; and (6) the extent of care, conscientiousness and independence with which the fund's board members perform their duties and their expertise, including whether they are fully informed about all facts the board deems relevant to its consideration of the adviser's services and fees. The Board noted that the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") disclosure requirements

regarding the basis for a fund board's approval of the fund's investment advisory contract generally align with the factors listed above. The Board was guided by these factors in its evaluation of the Contract to the extent it considered them to be appropriate and relevant, as discussed further below. The Board considered and weighed these factors in light of its substantial accumulated experience in governing the Fund and working with Federated Hermes on matters relating to the oversight of the other funds advised by Federated Hermes (each, a "Federated Hermes Fund" and, collectively, the "Federated Hermes Funds").

In addition, the Board considered the preferences and expectations of Fund shareholders and the potential disruptions of the Fund's operations and various risks, uncertainties and other effects that could occur as a result of a decision to terminate or not renew the Contract. In particular, the Board recognized that many shareholders likely have invested in the Fund based on the strength of Federated Hermes' industry standing and reputation and with the expectation that Federated Hermes will have a continuing role in providing advisory services to the Fund. Thus, the Board observed that there are a range of investment options available to the Fund's shareholders and such shareholders in the marketplace, having had the opportunity to consider other investment options, have effectively selected Federated Hermes by virtue of investing in the Fund.

In determining to approve the continuation of the Contract, the members of the Board reviewed and evaluated information and factors they believed to be relevant and appropriate through the exercise of their reasonable business judgment. While individual members of the Board may have weighed certain factors differently, the Board's determination to approve the continuation of the Contract was based on a comprehensive consideration of all information provided to the Board throughout the year and specifically with respect to the continuation of the Contract. The Board recognized that its evaluation process is evolutionary and that the factors considered and emphasis placed on relevant factors may change in recognition of changing circumstances in the registered fund marketplace. The Independent Trustees were assisted throughout the evaluation process by independent legal counsel. In connection with their deliberations at the May Meetings, the Independent Trustees met separately in executive session with their independent legal counsel and without management present to review the relevant materials and consider their responsibilities under applicable laws. In addition, senior management representatives of Federated Hermes also met with the Independent Trustees and their independent legal counsel to discuss the materials and presentations furnished to the Board at the May Meetings. The Board considered the approval of the Contract for the Fund as part of its consideration of agreements for funds across the family of Federated Hermes Funds, but its approvals were made on a fund-by-fund basis.

## Nature, Extent and Quality of Services

The Board considered the nature, extent and quality of the services provided to the Fund by the Adviser and the resources of Federated Hermes dedicated to the Fund. In this regard, the Board evaluated, among other things, the terms of the Contract and the range of services provided to the Fund by Federated Hermes. The Board considered the Adviser's personnel, investment philosophy and process, investment research capabilities and resources, trade operations capabilities, experience and performance track record. The Board reviewed the qualifications, backgrounds and responsibilities of the portfolio management team primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund and Federated Hermes' ability and experience in attracting and retaining qualified personnel to service the Fund. The Board considered the trading operations by the Advisers, including the execution of portfolio transactions and the selection of brokers for those transactions. In addition, the Board noted that the Fund is a money market mutual fund that operates in accordance with the limitations set forth in Rule 2a-7 under the 1940 Act. In this connection, the Board considered the expertise of the Adviser in managing money market funds, its extensive experience with the requirements of Rule 2a-7 and its commitment to managing the Fund in accordance with these requirements. The Board also considered the Adviser's ability to deliver competitive investment performance for the Fund when compared to the Fund's Performance Peer Group (as defined below), which was deemed by the Board to be a useful indicator of how the Adviser is executing the Fund's investment program. The Board also considered the additional yield support provided by Federated Hermes, in the form of voluntary fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements, in order to maintain a positive yield for the Fund in the low interest rate environment.

In addition, the Board considered the financial resources and overall reputation of Federated Hermes and its willingness to consider and make investments in personnel, infrastructure, technology, cybersecurity, business continuity planning and operational enhancements that are designed to benefit the Federated Hermes Funds. The Board noted that the significant acquisition of Hermes Fund Managers Limited by Federated Hermes has deepened Federated Hermes' investment management expertise and capabilities and expanded its access to analytical resources related to environmental, social and governance ("ESG") factors and issuer engagement on ESG matters. The Board considered the quality of Federated Hermes' communications with the Board and responsiveness to Board inquiries and requests made from time to time with respect to the Federated Hermes Funds. The Board also considered that Federated Hermes is responsible for providing the Federated Hermes Funds' officers.

The Board received and evaluated information regarding Federated Hermes' regulatory and compliance environment. The Board considered Federated Hermes' compliance program and compliance history and reports from the CCO about Federated Hermes' compliance with applicable laws and

regulations, including responses to regulatory developments and any compliance or other issues raised by regulatory agencies. The Board also noted Federated Hermes' support of the Federated Hermes Funds' compliance control structure and the compliance-related resources devoted by Federated Hermes in support of the Fund's obligations pursuant to Rule 38a-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, including Federated Hermes' commitment to respond to rulemaking and other regulatory initiatives of the SEC. The Board considered Federated Hermes' approach to internal audits and risk management with respect to the Federated Hermes Funds and its day-to-day oversight of the Federated Hermes Funds' compliance with their investment objectives and policies as well as with applicable laws and regulations, noting that regulatory and other developments had over time led, and continue to lead, to an increase in the scope of Federated Hermes' oversight in this regard, including in connection with the implementation of new rules on derivatives risk management and fair valuation.

The Board also considered the implementation of Federated Hermes' business continuity plans. In addition, the Board noted Federated Hermes' commitment to maintaining high quality systems and expending substantial resources to prepare for and respond to ongoing changes due to the market, regulatory and control environments in which the Fund and its service providers operate.

The Board considered Federated Hermes' efforts to provide shareholders in the Federated Hermes Funds with a comprehensive array of funds with different investment objectives, policies and strategies. The Board considered the expenses that Federated Hermes had incurred, as well as the entrepreneurial and other risks assumed by Federated Hermes, in sponsoring and providing on-going services to new funds to expand these opportunities for shareholders. The Board noted the benefits to shareholders of being part of the family of Federated Hermes Funds, which include the general right to exchange investments between the same class of shares without the incurrence of additional sales charges.

Based on these considerations, the Board concluded that it was satisfied with the nature, extent and quality of the services provided by the Adviser to the Fund.

#### **Fund Investment Performance**

The Board considered the investment performance of the Fund. In evaluating the Fund's investment performance, the Board considered performance results in light of the Fund's investment objective, strategies and risks. The Board considered detailed investment reports on, and the Adviser's analysis of, the Fund's performance over different time periods that were provided to the Board throughout the year and in connection with the May Meetings. These reports included, among other items, information on the Fund's gross and net returns, the Fund's investment performance compared to

one or more relevant categories or groups of peer funds and the Fund's benchmark index, performance attribution information and commentary on the effect of market conditions. The Board considered that, in its evaluation of investment performance at meetings throughout the year, it focused particular attention on information indicating less favorable performance of certain Federated Hermes Funds for specific time periods and discussed with Federated Hermes the reasons for such performance as well as any specific actions Federated Hermes had taken, or had agreed to take, to seek to enhance Fund investment performance and the results of those actions.

The Board also reviewed comparative information regarding the performance of other registered funds in the category of peer funds selected by iMoneyNet, an independent fund ranking organization (the "Performance Peer Group"). The Board noted the CCO's view that comparisons to fund peer groups may be helpful, though not conclusive, in evaluating the performance of the Adviser in managing the Fund. The Board considered the CCO's view that, in evaluating such comparisons, in some cases there may be differences in the funds' objectives or investment management techniques, or the costs to implement the funds, even within the same Performance Peer Group.

The Board considered that the Fund's performance fell below the median of the Performance Peer Group for the one-year period ended December 31, 2022. The Board discussed the Fund's performance with the Adviser, including the reasons for and any plans to seek to improve the Fund's performance, and recognized the efforts being taken by the Adviser in the context of other factors considered relevant by the Board. The Board also considered the relatively tight dispersion of performance data with respect to the Fund and its Peer Group.

Based on these considerations, the Board concluded that it had continued confidence in the Adviser's overall capabilities to manage the Fund.

## **Fund Expenses**

The Board considered the advisory fee and overall expense structure of the Fund and the comparative fee and expense information that had been provided in connection with the May Meetings. In this regard, the Board was presented with, and considered, information regarding the contractual advisory fee rates, net advisory fee rates, total expense ratios and each element of the Fund's total expense ratio (i.e., gross and net advisory fees, administrative fees, custody fees, portfolio accounting fees and transfer agency fees) relative to an appropriate group of peer funds compiled by Federated Hermes from the category of peer funds selected by iMoneyNet (the "Expense Peer Group"). The Board received a description of the methodology used to select the Expense Peer Group from the overall iMoneyNet category. The Board also reviewed comparative information regarding the fees and expenses of the broader group of funds in the overall iMoneyNet category.

While mindful that courts have cautioned against giving too much weight to comparative information concerning fees charged to funds by other advisers, the use of comparisons between the Fund and its Expense Peer Group assisted the Board in its evaluation of the Fund's fees and expenses. The Board focused on comparisons with other registered funds with comparable investment programs more heavily than non-registered fund products or services because such comparisons are believed to be more relevant. The Board considered that other registered funds are the products most like the Fund, in that they are readily available to Fund shareholders as alternative investment vehicles, and they are the type of investment vehicle, in fact, chosen and maintained by the Fund's shareholders. The Board noted that the range of such other registered funds' fees and expenses, therefore, appears to be a relevant indicator of what investors have found to be reasonable in the marketplace in which the Fund competes.

The Board reviewed the contractual advisory fee rate, net advisory fee rate and other expenses of the Fund and noted the position of the Fund's fee rates relative to its Expense Peer Group. In this regard, the Board noted that the contractual advisory fee rate was below the median of the Expense Peer Group, and the Board was satisfied that the overall expense structure of the Fund remained competitive. In 2023, the Board approved a reduction of 5 basis points in the contractual advisory fee, such reduction to be effective October 1, 2023.

The Board also received and considered information about the nature and extent of services offered and fees charged by Federated Hermes to other types of clients with investment strategies similar to those of the Federated Hermes Funds, including non-registered fund clients (such as institutional separate accounts) and third-party unaffiliated registered funds for which the Adviser or its affiliates serve as sub-adviser. The Board noted the CCO's conclusion that non-registered fund clients are inherently different products due to the following differences, among others: (i) different types of targeted investors: (ii) different applicable laws and regulations; (iii) different legal structures; (iv) different average account sizes and portfolio management techniques made necessary by different cash flows and different associated costs; (v) the time spent by portfolio managers and their teams (among other personnel across various departments, including legal, compliance and risk management) in reviewing securities pricing and fund liquidity; (vi) different administrative responsibilities; (vii) different degrees of risk associated with management; and (viii) a variety of different costs. The Board also considered information regarding the differences in the nature of the services required for Federated Hermes to manage its proprietary registered fund business versus managing a discrete pool of assets as a sub-adviser to another institution's registered fund, noting the CCO's view that Federated Hermes generally performs significant additional services and assumes substantially greater risks in managing the Fund and other Federated Hermes Funds than in its role as sub-adviser to an

unaffiliated third-party registered fund. The Board noted that the CCO did not consider the fees for providing advisory services to other types of clients to be determinative in judging the appropriateness of the Federated Hermes Funds' advisory fees.

Based on these considerations, the Board concluded that the fees and total operating expenses of the Fund, in conjunction with other matters considered, are reasonable in light of the services provided.

### **Profitability**

The Board received and considered profitability information furnished by Federated Hermes. Such profitability information included revenues reported on a fund-by-fund basis and estimates of the allocation of expenses made on a fund-by-fund basis, using allocation methodologies specified by the CCO and described to the Board. The Board considered the CCO's view that, while these cost allocation reports apply consistent allocation processes, the inherent difficulties in allocating costs on a fund-by-fund basis continues to cause the CCO to guestion the precision of the process and to conclude that such reports may be unreliable because a single change in an allocation estimate may dramatically alter the resulting estimate of cost and/or profitability of a Federated Hermes Fund and may produce unintended consequences. In addition, the Board considered the CCO's view that the allocation methodologies used by Federated Hermes in estimating profitability for purposes of reporting to the Board in connection with the continuation of the Contract are consistent with the methodologies previously reviewed by an independent consultant. The Board noted that the independent consultant had previously conducted a review of the allocation methodologies and reported to the Board that, although there is no single best method to allocate expenses, the methodologies used by Federated Hermes are reasonable. The Board considered the CCO's view that the estimated profitability to the Adviser from its relationship with the Fund was not unreasonable in relation to the services provided. The Board noted the impact of the additional yield support provided by Federated Hermes, in the form of voluntary fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements, on the profitability of the Fund to the Adviser.

The Board also reviewed information compiled by Federated Hermes comparing its profitability information to other publicly held fund management companies, including information regarding profitability trends over time. The Board recognized that profitability comparisons among fund management companies are difficult because of the variation in the type of comparative information that is publicly available, and the profitability of any fund management company is affected by numerous factors. The Board considered the CCO's conclusion that, based on such profitability information, Federated

Hermes' profit margins did not appear to be excessive. The Board also considered the CCO's view that Federated Hermes appeared financially sound, with the resources necessary to fulfill its obligations under its contracts with the Federated Hermes Funds

### **Economies of Scale**

The Board received and considered information about the notion of possible realization of "economies of scale" as a fund grows larger, the difficulties of determining economies of scale at an individual fund level, and the extent to which potential scale benefits are shared with shareholders. In this regard, the Board considered that Federated Hermes has made significant and long-term investments in areas that support all of the Federated Hermes Funds, such as: portfolio management, investment research and trading operations; shareholder services; compliance; business continuity, cybersecurity and information security programs; internal audit and risk management functions; and technology and use of data. The Board noted that Federated Hermes' investments in these areas are extensive and are designed to provide enhanced services to the Federated Hermes Funds and their shareholders. The Board considered that the benefits of these investments are likely to be shared with the family of Federated Hermes Funds as a whole. In addition, the Board considered that fee waivers and expense reimbursements are another means for potential economies of scale to be shared with shareholders and can provide protection from an increase in expenses if a Federated Hermes Fund's assets decline. The Board considered that, in order for the Federated Hermes Funds to remain competitive in the marketplace. Federated Hermes has frequently waived fees and/or reimbursed expenses for the Federated Hermes Funds and has disclosed to shareholders and/or reported to the Board its intention to do so (or continue to do so) in the future. The Board also considered that Federated Hermes has been active in managing expenses of the Federated Hermes Funds in recent years, which has resulted in benefits being realized by shareholders.

The Board also received and considered information on adviser-paid fees (commonly referred to as "revenue sharing" payments) that was provided to the Board throughout the year and in connection with the May Meetings. The Board considered that Federated Hermes and the CCO believe that this information is relevant to considering whether Federated Hermes had an incentive to either not apply breakpoints, or to apply breakpoints at higher levels, but should not be considered when evaluating the reasonableness of advisory fees. The Board also noted the absence of any applicable regulatory or industry guidelines economies of scale, which is compounded by the lack of any uniform methodology or pattern with respect to structuring fund advisory fees with breakpoints that serve to reduce the fees as a fund attains a certain size.

#### **Other Benefits**

The Board considered information regarding the compensation and other ancillary (or "fall-out") benefits that Federated Hermes derived from its relationships with the Federated Hermes Funds. The Board noted that, in addition to receiving advisory fees under the Federated Hermes Funds' investment advisory contracts, Federated Hermes' affiliates also received fees for providing other services to the Federated Hermes Funds under separate service contracts including for serving as the Federated Hermes Funds' administrator and distributor. In this regard, the Board considered that certain of Federated Hermes' affiliates provide distribution and shareholder services to the Federated Hermes Funds, for which they may be compensated through distribution and servicing fees paid pursuant to Rule 12b-1 plans or otherwise. The Board also received and considered information detailing the benefits, if any, that Federated Hermes may derive from its receipt of research services from brokers who execute portfolio trades for the Federated Hermes Funds.

#### **Conclusions**

The Board considered: (i) the CCO's conclusion that his observations and the information accompanying the CCO Fee Evaluation Report show that the management fee for the Fund is reasonable; and (ii) the CCO's recommendation that the Board approve the management fee. The Board noted that, under these circumstances, no changes were recommended to, and no objection was raised to the continuation of, the Contract by the CCO. The CCO also recognized that the Board's evaluation of the Federated Hermes Funds' advisory and sub-advisory arrangements is a continuing and ongoing process that is informed by the information that the Board requests and receives from management throughout the course of the year and, in this regard, the CCO noted certain items for future reporting to the Board or further consideration by management as the Board continues its ongoing oversight of the Federated Hermes Funds

On the basis of the information and factors summarized above, among other information and factors deemed relevant by the Board, and the evaluation thereof, the Board, including the Independent Trustees, unanimously voted to approve the continuation of the Contract. The Board based its determination to approve the Contract on the totality of the circumstances and relevant factors and with a view of past and future long-term considerations. Not all of the factors and considerations identified above were necessarily deemed to be relevant to the Fund, nor did the Board consider any one of them to be determinative.

# Voting Proxies on Fund Portfolio Securities

A description of the policies and procedures that the Fund uses to determine how to vote proxies, if any, relating to securities held in the Fund's portfolio is available, without charge and upon request, by calling 1-800-341-7400, Option #4. A report on "Form N-PX" of how the Fund voted any such proxies during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available via the Proxy Voting Record (Form N-PX) link associated with the Fund and share class name at FederatedHermes.com/us/FundInformation. Form N-PX filings are also available at the SEC's website at sec.gov.

## Portfolio Schedule

The Fund files with the SEC a complete schedule of its portfolio holdings as of the close of each month on "Form N-MFP." Form N-MFP is available on the SEC's website at <a href="sec.gov">sec.gov</a>. You may access Form N-MFP via the link to the Fund and share class name at FederatedHermes.com/us.

## Notes

You could lose money by investing in the Fund. Although the Fund seeks to preserve the value of your investment at \$1.00 per share, it cannot guarantee it will do so. The Fund may impose a fee upon the sale of your shares or may temporarily suspend your ability to sell shares if the Fund's liquidity falls below required minimums because of market conditions or other factors. An investment in the Fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. The Fund's sponsor has no legal obligation to provide financial support to the Fund, and you should not expect that the sponsor will provide financial support to the Fund at any time.

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