# Federated Hermes Fund for U.S. Government Securities II

## Portfolio of Investments

September 30, 2023 (unaudited)

Principal Amount		Value
	MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES—64.9%	
	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation—18.6%	
\$5,932,318	2.000%, 1/1/2052	\$ 4,529,071
1,790,822	2.000%, 1/1/2052	1,381,767
1,415,898	2.500%, 9/1/2050	1,135,806
1,238,501	2.500%, 1/1/2052	992,921
2,568,870	2.500%, 4/1/2052	2,060,296
429,461	3.500%, 6/1/2052	374,814
1,369,363	3.500%, 7/1/2052	1,189,125
53,379	4.000%, 12/1/2047	48,295
477,327	4.000%, 11/1/2052	425,976
1,178,837	4.500%, 11/1/2037	1,130,363
166,420	5.000%, 1/1/2034	164,127
51,610	5.000%, 5/1/2034	50,899
38,129	5.000%, 4/1/2036	37,557
13,902	5.000%, 5/1/2036	13,693
8,583	5.000%, 6/1/2036	8,454
34,099	5.000%, 6/1/2040	33,589
291,791	5.500%, 5/1/2034	291,580
11,383	5.500%, 12/1/2035	
64,519	5.500%, 2/1/2036	64,648
45,905	5.500%, 5/1/2036	45,977
3,052	5.500%, 5/1/2036	3,062
5,318	5.500%, 5/1/2036	5,330
3,365	5.500%, 6/1/2036	3,376
876	5.500%, 6/1/2036	878
42,056	5.500%, 11/1/2037	42,184
77,974	5.500%, 1/1/2038	78,197
348,557	5.500%, 5/1/2038	
3,406	6.000%, 1/1/2032	3,425
11,340	6.000%, 2/1/2032	11,431
45,640	6.000%, 4/1/2036	46,364
5,319	6.000%, 5/1/2036	5,404
128,681	6.000%, 6/1/2037	131,377
7,971	6.000%, 7/1/2037	8,123
2,835	6.500%, 3/1/2029	2,864
1,664	6.500%, 6/1/2029	1,681
1,020	6.500%, 7/1/2029	1,031
323	6.500%, 9/1/2029	325
771	7.000%, 12/1/2029	787
280	7.000%, 6/1/2030	286
100	7.000%, 11/1/2030	
141,131	7.000%, 4/1/2032	146,394
5,300	7.500%, 1/1/2031	5,496
1,109	8.500%, 5/1/2030	1,155
143	9.000%, 2/1/2025	
173	TOTAL	14,835,157

Amount		Value
	MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES—continued	
	Federal National Mortgage Association—25.8%	
2,142,792	2.000%, 7/1/2050	\$ 1,643,2
898,986	2.000%, 7/1/2051	688,
,888,535	2.000%, 8/1/2051	1,450,
892,696	2.000%, 2/1/2052	682,
,898,857	2.000%, 2/1/2052	1,449,
759,583	2.000%, 2/1/2052	
597,075	2.500%, 10/1/2051	478,
842,600	2.500%, 1/1/2052	
36,300	3.000%, 2/1/2047	30,8
565,556	3.000%, 2/1/2048	472,
,890,618	3.000%, 2/1/2048	 1,596,
829,948	3.000%, 5/1/2051	687,
,524,770	3.000%, 2/1/2052	1,265,
,119,857	3.000%, 6/1/2052	934,
,486,983	3.500%, 8/1/2037	1,374,
,517,891	3.500%, 9/1/2037	1,402,
533,472	3.500%, 12/1/2046	465,7
329,634	3.500%, 12/1/2047	289,
820,465	3.500%, 1/1/2048	718,
951,938	3.500%, 11/1/2050	834,
622,678	3.500%, 6/1/2052	538,
124,146	4.500%, 10/1/2041	118,
845,140	4.500%, 70/1/2041	776,
	5.000%, 7/1/2034	
126,433		124,
15,152	5.000%, 11/1/2035	14,'
69,138	5.500%, 9/1/2034 F F00%, 1/1/2034	69,
28,389	5.500%, 1/1/2036 F F00%, 4/4/2037	28,
36,228	5.500%, 4/1/2036	36,
975,840	5.500%, 6/1/2053	943,7
1,197	6.000%, 7/1/2029	1,
920	6.000%, 5/1/2031	
5,217	6.000%, 5/1/2036	5,7
94,611	6.000%, 7/1/2036	96,
2,290	6.000%, 7/1/2036	2,
22,499	6.000%, 9/1/2037	22,
18,962	6.000%, 11/1/2037	19,
12,598	6.000%, 12/1/2037	12,
1,245	6.500%, 6/1/2029	
99	6.500%, 6/1/2029	
97	6.500%, 7/1/2029	
146	6.500%, 7/1/2029	
1,919	6.500%, 7/1/2029	1,
112	6.500%, 7/1/2029	
82	6.500%, 8/1/2029	
2,995	6.500%, 9/1/2030	3,
12,764	6.500%, 6/1/2031	13,
9,809	6.500%, 4/1/2032	10,
41	7.000%, 2/1/2024	
1,100	7.000%, 10/1/2029	1,
9,120	7.000%, 10/1/2029	9,
3,212	7.000%, 11/1/2030	3,

Amount		Value
	MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES—continued	
	Federal National Mortgage Association—continued	
\$ 68,859	7.000%, 4/1/2032	\$ 71,396
387	7.500%, 8/1/2028	395
117	7.500%, 9/1/2028	120
2,657	7.500%, 2/1/2030	2,748
1,299	8.000%, 7/1/2030	1,355
	TOTAL	20,651,145
	Government National Mortgage Association—18.0%	
1,857,810	2.000%, 6/20/2052	1,469,445
2,691,563	2.500%, 6/20/2051	2,204,870
590,989	3.000%, 11/20/2047	506,816
1,006,131	3.500%, 1/20/2048	886,881
517,561	3.500%, 5/20/2052	453,792
984,874	4.000%, 10/20/2052	887,262
970,893	4.000%, 12/20/2052	874,591
194,731	4.500%, 6/20/2039	185,901
154,087	4.500%, 10/15/2039	146,710
220,821	4.500%, 8/20/2040	210,644
961,059	4.500%, 10/20/2052	888,667
115,859	5.000%, 7/15/2034	113,332
945,337	5.000%, 9/20/2052	897,181
923,177	5.500%, 10/20/2052	896,282
1,500,000	5.500%, 9/20/2053	1,456,301
7,198	6.000%, 4/15/2032	7,430,301
18,273	6.000%, 5/15/2032	18,427
66,867	6.000%, 4/15/2036	67,753
60,313	6.000%, 5/15/2036	61,105
16,594	6.000%, 7/20/2036	16,837
17,370	6.000%, 5/20/2037	17,652
101,548	6.000%, 7/20/2038	103,361
1,835,109	6.000%, 10/20/2052	1,819,426
1,033,107	6.500%, 12/15/2023	
		23
297	6.500%, 5/15/2024	297
328 987	6.500%, 6/15/2029	330 994
	6.500%, 6/15/2031	
2,291	6.500%, 7/20/2031	2,327
2,145	6.500%, 8/20/2031	2,178
18,949	6.500%, 10/15/2031	19,240
21,521	6.500%, 12/15/2031	21,817
2,084	6.500%, 4/15/2032	2,113
14,959	6.500%, 5/15/2032	15,175
133,866	6.500%, 5/15/2032	135,908
270	7.500%, 10/15/2029	277
2,097	7.500%, 3/20/2030	2,152
737	8.000%, 4/15/2030	764
	TOTAL	14,394,052
2,000,000	<sup>1</sup> Uniform Mortgage-Backed Securities, TBA—2.5% 6.000%, 10/20/2053	1,981,868
	TOTAL MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES	7.0.7500
	(IDENTIFIED COST \$55,077,588)	51,862,222

		Value
	U.S. TREASURIES—19.2%	
	U.S. Treasury Bonds—7.3%	
\$1,000,000	2.750%, 8/15/2042	\$ 733,125
300,000	2.875%, 11/15/2046	215,461
1,750,000	3.375%, 5/15/2044	1,396,445
600,000	3.375%, 11/15/2048	470,602
500,000	3.625%, 5/15/2053	413,985
300,000	4.000%, 11/15/2052	265,728
500,000	4.125%, 8/15/2053	453,906
1,900,000	4.500%, 2/15/2036	1,892,600
	TOTAL	5,841,852
	U.S. Treasury Notes—11.9%	
800,000	0.625%, 3/31/2027	695,063
2,400,000	0.625%, 11/30/2027	2,035,219
1,500,000	2.375%, 3/31/2029	1,335,239
250,000	2.500%, 2/28/2026	236,347
750,000	2.625%, 7/31/2029	672,974
1,500,000	2.750%, 8/31/2025	1,435,957
1,000,000	3.500%, 1/31/2028	954,594
500,000	3.500%, 1/31/2030	468,681
1,000,000	3.500%, 4/30/2030	935,898
750,000	3.875%, 12/31/2029	718,417
730,000	TOTAL	9,488,389
	TOTAL U.S. TREASURIES	7,400,307
	(IDENTIFIED COST \$16,107,464)	15,330,241
	COLLATERALIZED MORTGAGE OBLIGATIONS—8.6%	
	Government National Mortgage Association—0.4%	
354,326	REMIC, Series 2015-47, Class AE, 2.900%, 11/16/2055	325,025
•	Non-Agency Mortgage-Backed Securities—8.2%	<u> </u>
58,896	Credit Suisse Mortgage Trust 2007-4, Class 4A2, 5.500%, 6/25/2037	5,637
65,705	Credit Suisse Mortgage Trust 2015-WIN1, Class A6, 3.500%, 12/25/2044	56,845
990,542	GS Mortgage-Backed Securities Trust 2022-PJ3, Class A4, 2.500%, 8/25/2052	751,225
531,668	GS Mortgage-Backed Securities Trust 2023-PJ1, Class A4, 3.500%, 2/25/2053	438,460
	<sup>2</sup> JP Morgan Mortgage Trust 2021-1, Class A11, 5.937% (30-DAY AVERAGE SOFR +0.650%), 6/25/2051	1,000,253
1.092.354	JP Morgan Mortgage Trust 2022-1, Class A2, 3.000%, 7/25/2052	
1,092,354 1,255,805		991.252
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Principal Amount		Value
	ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES—continued	
	Student Loans—continued	
\$ 633,719	Navient Student Loan Trust 2021-FA, Class A, 1.110%, 2/18/2070	\$ 529,682
810,810	Navient Student Loan Trust 2021-GA, Class A, 1.580%, 4/15/2070	684,619
447,061	<sup>2</sup> SMB Private Education Loan Trust 2020-BA, Class A1B, 6.546% (CME Term SOFR 1 Month +1.214%), 7/15/2053	442,478
	TOTAL	2,308,823
	TOTAL ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES (IDENTIFIED COST \$3,941,125)	3,493,571
	COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES—1.6%	
	Agency Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities—1.6%	
457,000	FHLMC REMIC, Series K151, Class A2, 3.800%, 10/25/2032	407,300
1,000,000	FHLMC REMIC, Series K750, Class A2, 3.000%, 9/25/2029	890,132
	TOTAL COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES (IDENTIFIED COST \$1,327,154)	1,297,432
	REPURCHASE AGREEMENT—1.6%	
1,285,000	Interest in \$1,894,000,000 joint repurchase agreement 5.30%, dated 9/29/2023 under which Bank of America, N.A. will repurchase securities provided as collateral for \$1,894,836,517 on 10/2/2023. The securities provided as collateral at the end of the period held with BNY Mellon as tri-party agent, were U.S. Government Agency securities with various maturities to 8/1/2048 and the market value of those underlying securities was \$1,932,733,247. (IDENTIFIED COST \$1,285,000)	1,285,000
	TOTAL INVESTMENT IN SECURITIES—100.3%	1,203,000
	(IDENTIFIED COST \$85,985,274)	80,160,895
	OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - NET—(0.3)% <sup>3</sup>	(218,535)
	TOTAL NET ASSETS—100%	\$79,942,360

At September 30, 2023, the Fund had the following outstanding futures contracts:

Description	Number of Contracts	Notional Value	Expiration Date	Value and Unrealized (Depreciation)
Long Futures:				
United States Treasury Notes 2-Year Long Futures	12	\$2,432,531	December 2023	\$ (5,281)
United States Treasury Notes 10-Year Long Futures	8	\$ 864,500	December 2023	\$(16,112)
NET UNREALIZED DEPRECIATION ON FUTURES CONTRACTS				\$(21,393)

The average notional value of long contracts held by the Fund throughout the period was \$2,077,692. This is based on the contracts held as of each month-end throughout the nine-month fiscal period.

- 1 All or a portion of these To Be Announced Securities (TBAs) are subject to dollar-roll transactions.
- 2 Floating/variable note with current rate and current maturity or next reset date shown.
- 3 Assets, other than investments in securities, less liabilities.

Note: The categories of investments are shown as a percentage of total net assets at September 30, 2023.

#### **Investment Valuation**

In calculating its net asset value (NAV), the Fund generally values investments as follows:

- Fixed-income securities are fair valued using price evaluations provided by a pricing service approved by Federated Investment Management Company (the "Adviser").
- Shares of other mutual funds or non-exchange traded investment companies are valued based upon their reported NAVs, or NAV per share practical expedient, as applicable.
- Derivative contracts listed on exchanges are valued at their reported settlement or closing price, except that options are valued at the mean of closing bid and ask quotations.
- Over-the-counter (OTC) derivative contracts are fair valued using price evaluations provided by a pricing service approved by the Adviser.
- For securities that are fair valued in accordance with procedures established by and under the general supervision of the Adviser, certain factors may be considered, such as: the last traded or purchase price of the security, information obtained by contacting the issuer or dealers, analysis of the issuer's financial statements or other available documents, fundamental analytical data, the nature and duration of restrictions on disposition, the movement of the market in which the security is normally traded, public trading in similar securities or derivative contracts of the issuer or comparable issuers, movement of a relevant index, or other factors including but not limited to industry changes and relevant government actions.

If any price, quotation, price evaluation or other pricing source is not readily available when the NAV is calculated, if the Fund cannot obtain price evaluations from a pricing service or from more than one dealer for an investment within a reasonable period of time as set forth in the Adviser's valuation policies and procedures for the Fund, or if information furnished by a pricing service, in the opinion of the Adviser's valuation committee ("Valuation Committee"), is deemed not representative of the fair value of such security, the Fund uses the fair value of the investment 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.

#### Fair Valuation Procedures

Pursuant to Rule 2a-5 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Fund's Board of Trustees (the "Trustees") has designated 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, is responsible for determining the fair value of investments for which market quotations are not readily available. The Valuation Committee is comprised of officers of the Adviser and certain of the Adviser's affiliated companies and determines fair value and oversees the calculation of the NAV. 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 calculating the NAV. 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, methods, models and assumptions), transactional back-testing, comparisons of evaluations of different pricing services, 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.

Factors considered by pricing services in evaluating an investment include the yields or prices of investments of comparable quality, coupon, maturity, call rights and other potential prepayments, terms and type, reported transactions, indications as to values from dealers and general market conditions. Some pricing services provide a single price evaluation reflecting the bid-side of the market for an investment (a "bid" evaluation). Other pricing services offer both bid evaluations and price evaluations indicative of a price between the prices bid and ask for the investment (a "mid" evaluation). The Fund normally uses bid evaluations for any U.S. Treasury and Agency securities, mortgage-backed securities and municipal securities. The Fund normally uses mid evaluations for any other types of fixed-income securities and any OTC derivative contracts. In the event that market quotations and price evaluations are not available for an investment, the fair value of the investment is determined in accordance with procedures adopted by the Adviser.

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.

As of September 30, 2023, all investments of the Fund utilized Level 2 inputs in valuing the Fund's assets carried at fair value.

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

FHLMC—Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation

REMIC —Real Estate Mortgage Investment Conduit

SOFR —Secured Overnight Financing Rate

Portfolio holdings are shown as of the date indicated and are unaudited. Since market conditions fluctuate suddenly and frequently, the portfolio holdings may change and this list is not indicative of future portfolio composition. These portfolio holdings are not intended to be and do not constitute recommendations that others buy, sell, or hold any of the securities listed.

For more complete information on the fund, visit FederatedHermes.com/us for a prospectus or a summary prospectus. You should consider the fund's investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses carefully before you invest. Information about these and other important subjects is in the fund's prospectus or summary prospectus, which you should read carefully before investing.

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