Federated Hermes MDT Small Cap Core Fund

Portfolio of Investments

April 30, 2023 (unaudited)

Shares	COMMON STOCKS—98.0%		Value
	¹Communication Services—3.6%		
1 272 005		¢	1 420 701
1,273,985	Advantage Solutions, Inc.	\$	1,630,701 1,253,071
70,835	AMC Networks, Inc.		
1,291,302	CarGurus, Inc.		21,229,005
25,872	Cinemark Holdings, Inc.		438,189
541,685	Eventbrite, Inc.		3,938,050
1,104,805	iHeartMedia, Inc.		3,833,673
41,568	Iridium Communications, Inc. Liberty Braves Group		2,638,321
51,048			1,940,845
511,723	Vimeo Holdings, Inc. TOTAL		1,683,569
			38,585,424
201 225	Consumer Discretionary—10.8%		1 114 707
201,225	¹ 2U, Inc.		1,114,787
243,417	¹ Abercrombie & Fitch Co., Class A		5,730,036
496,597	² Big Lots, Inc. Bloomin Brands, Inc.		4,464,407
108,580			2,689,527
145,552	¹Chegg, Inc.		2,617,025
511,384	Clarus Corp.		4,975,766
373,788	¹Container Store Group, Inc.		1,155,005
52,849	¹ContextLogic, Inc.		381,041
48,566	¹Duolingo, Inc.		6,612,747
389,225	¹ Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.		4,153,031
302,720	^{1,2} Groupon, Inc.		1,083,738
133,870	¹Inspired Entertainment, Inc.		1,713,536
163,861	International Game Technology PLC		4,611,049
62,622	¹ Lumber Liquidators, Inc.		206,026
31,893	¹ MCBC Holdings, Inc.		933,508
98,551	Murphy USA, Inc.		27,124,192
9,840	1ODP Corp./The		425,186
87,603	10verstock.com, Inc.		1,783,597
767,214	120 d D d d d d d d d d d d d d d d d d d		611,163
211,645	^{1,2} Red Robin Gourmet Burgers		2,766,200
23,877	Red Rock Resorts, Inc.		1,165,198
204,955	¹ Revolve Group, Inc.		4,232,321
840,886	¹ Rush Street Interactive, Inc.		2,615,155
85,074	¹ Sally Beauty Holdings, Inc.		1,210,603
191,094	^{1,2} Target Hospitality Corp.		2,409,695
88,044	Texas Roadhouse, Inc.		9,739,427
366,961	² Tupperware Brands Corp.		458,701
197,048	Upbound Group, Inc.		5,253,300
2,229	¹ Visteon Corp.		312,929
169,446	Waterstone Financial, Inc.		2,346,827
31,515	Wingstop, Inc.		6,306,467
443,689	1,2WW International, Inc.		3,704,803
26,152	¹ Xponential Fitness, Inc.		865,108
	TOTAL		115,772,101
	Consumer Staples—5.0%		:-
115,274	Cal-Maine Foods, Inc.		5,475,515

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0.021	Consumer Staples—continued	\$ 5,848,03
9,921 200,237	Coca-Cola Bottling Co. ¹ elf Beauty, Inc.	\$ 5,848,03 18,573,98
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289,214	Hain Celestial Group, Inc.	5,185,60
304,863	¹ Hostess Brands, Inc. Ingles Markets, Inc., Class A	7,853,27
14,400	Primo Water Corp.	1,325,37
81,876 01,332	SpartanNash Co.	1,243,69 2,484,66
25,811	¹ Sprouts Farmers Market, Inc.	4,360,60
32,728	Turning Point Brands, Inc.	4,360,00 778,59
44,684	Vector Group Ltd.	569,27
44,004	TOTAL	53,698,62
	Energy—7.1%	33,070,02
02,648	¹ Amplify Energy Corp.	709,29
22,826	Ardmore Shipping Corp.	3,273,31
22,020	¹ Borr Drilling Ltd.	
34,814	Cactus, Inc.	1,409,27
58,239	Characian Cara	1,930,04
39,856	Championx Corp.	1,079,30
83,426	CONSOL Energy, Inc.	4,950,49
57,148	CVR Energy, Inc.	1,505,27
71,669	Delek US Holdings, Inc. ¹ Dorian LPG Ltd.	1,558,80
52,269		1,161,41
17,582	¹ Gulf Island Fabrication, Inc.	409,18
44,479	International Seaways, Inc.	1,771,15
12,147	Nabors Industries Ltd.	1,211,54
45,767	Oceaneering International, Inc.	2,584,44
220,447	PBF Energy, Inc.	7,684,78
52,641	RPC, Inc.	389,01
32,832	Scorpio Tankers, Inc.	6,940,47
93,866	SM Energy Co.	2,635,75
262,450	¹ Talos Energy, Inc.	3,577,19
27,069	¹ US Silica Holdings, Inc.	5,573,25
63,665	¹ Vital Energy, Inc.	2,962,33
324,898	¹ Weatherford International PLC	20,998,15
	TOTAL	75,846,77
	Financials—14.4%	
11,680	1st Source Corp.	486,82
82,223	Amalgamated Financial Corp.	7,850,59
21,339	Amerant Bancorp, Inc	396,90
80,935	American Equity Investment Life Holding Co.	3,119,23
359,971	¹ AvidXchange Holdings, Inc.	2,674,58
25,561	BancFirst Corp.	2,042,06
47,556	BCB Bancorp, Inc.	561,16
30,046	Byline Bancorp, Inc.	8,321,39
221,121	¹Cantaloupe, Inc.	1,218,37
200,705	CNO Financial Group, Inc.	4,503,82
15,964	¹ Coastal Financial Corp.	578,69
275,681	¹ Customers Bancorp, Inc.	6,020,87
73,836	CVB Financial Corp.	1,105,32
18,400	Equity Bancshares, Inc.	433,32
70,182	Financial Institutions, Inc.	1,226,78

Shares	COMMON STOCKS—continued	Value
	Financials—continued	
30,902	First Business Financial Services, Inc.	\$ 886,57
399,895	First Foundation, Inc.	2,515,34
37,300	Fulton Financial Corp.	444,98
742,357	Genworth Financial, Inc., Class A	4,313,09
071,916	¹ Green Dot Corp.	18,426,23
22,838	Heartland Financial USA, Inc.	743,60
75,475	Heritage Commerce Corp.	641,53
82,311	Heritage Financial Corp.	1,449,49
41,822	HomeStreet, Inc.	408,18
82,788	Hometrust Bancshares, Inc.	1,727,78
115,519	Independent Bank Corp Michigan	2,058,54
126,044	² Invesco Mortgage Capital, Inc.	1,337,32
205,617	Jackson Financial, Inc.	7,404,26
29,808	Kinsale Capital Group, Inc.	9,738,57
70,935	¹ LendingClub Corp.	509,31
189,073	¹LendingTree, Inc.	4,505,61
435,068	Live Oak Bancshares, Inc.	10,250,20
89,200	1.2NerdWallet, Inc.	1,210,44
104,810	OFG Bancorp.	2,679,99
91,560	¹Open Lending	643,66
169,273	Paysafe Ltd.	2,430,76
48,266	Peapack-Gladstone Financial Corp.	1,281,94
27,542	Preferred Bank Los Angeles, CA	1,324,21
354,368	ProAssurance Corp.	6,364,44
	1PROG Holdings, Inc.	12,865,46
425,586 106,522	QCR Holdings, Inc.	4,410,01
231,876	¹Remitly Global, Inc.	3,895,51
26,721	RLI Corp.	3,715,55
	1SelectQuote, Inc.	3,713,33
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53,720	Tiptree, Inc. TriCo Bancshares	739,72
40,121		1,436,73
22,508	¹ Triumph Financial, Inc.	1,169,51
7,916	WestAmerica Bancorp.	320,67
150,981	Western New England Bancorp, Inc.	1,022,14
	TOTAL Health Care—16.7%	154,186,57
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199,467	¹ Alector, Inc.	1,316,48
13,882	¹ Alkermes, Inc.	396,33
777,071	Allakos, Inc. 1Alphatec Holdings, Inc.	3,302,55
67,520		974,98
467,974	¹ Alx Oncology Holdings, Inc.	2,779,76
13,636	¹ AMN Healthcare Services, Inc.	1,177,46
147,694	¹ Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	5,283,01
10,463	¹ Apellis Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	872,92
62,498	¹ Arcellx, Inc.	2,667,41
808,040	¹ Atea Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	2,642,29
224,489	¹ Bridgebio Pharma, Inc.	3,259,58
693,683	¹ Cara Therapeutics, Inc.	2,913,46
873,370	¹Codexis, Inc.	3,423,61
	¹ Collegium Pharmaceutical, Inc.	1,037,47
44,584 220,959	¹Community Health Systems, Inc.	7,740,88

Shares	COMMON STOCKS—continued		Value
	Health Care—continued		
74,677	¹ DICE Therapeutics, Inc.	\$	2,427,00
243,182	¹ Dyne Therapeutics, Inc.		2,519,36
24,464	¹ Eagle Pharmaceuticals, Inc.		686,94
438,824	¹ Emergent BioSolutions, Inc.		3,874,81
828,791	¹ Fate Therapeutics, Inc.		5,030,76
13,591	¹ Fulgent Genetics, Inc.		401,88
500,507	1,2Gossamer Bio, Inc.		645,65
7,784	¹ Haemonetics Corp.		651,59
429,850	¹ Hims & Hers Health, Inc.		4,981,96
32,501	¹ Immunovant, Inc.		524,56
111,540	1,2 nnovage Holding Corp.		681,50
154,659	¹ Inogen, Inc.		2,058,51
33,626	Intercept Group, Inc.		582,40
83,990	¹Kodiak Sciences, Inc.		367,87
148,710	¹Lantheus Holdings, Inc.		12,707,26
16,540	¹ Ligand Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Class B		1,262,82
67,607	¹Livanova PLC		3,238,37
647,010	¹ MacroGenics, Inc.		4,457,89
1,778	¹ Medpace Holdings, Inc.		355,84
362,522	¹ MiMedx Group, Inc.		1,388,45
68,313	¹ NanoString Technologies, Inc.		669,46
1,758,500	¹ Nektar Therapeutics		1,322,92
268,739	¹ NeoGenomics, Inc.		3,928,96
212,442	¹ Nevro Corp.		6,218,17
108,006	¹ NGM Biopharmaceuticals, Inc.		487,10
273,950	¹ Nuvation Bio, Inc.		441,06
126,561	¹Omnicell, Inc.		7,691,11
201,520	OptimizeRX Corp.		3,028,84
386,559	¹ OraSure Technologies, Inc.		2,628,60
1,122,607	¹Organogenesis Holdings, Inc.		2,301,34
66,896	¹ Orthofix Medical, Inc.		1,259,65
66,850	Owens & Minor, Inc.		1,038,84
191,448	¹ Pacira BioSciences, Inc.		8,674,50
157,938	¹ Pediatrix Medical Group		2,263,25
18,680	¹ Phreesia, Inc.		591,03
840,213	¹ PMV Pharmaceuticals, Inc.		3,873,38
11,817	¹ Prestige Consumer Healthcare, Inc.		727,10
51,157	¹ Privia Health Group, Inc.		1,413,46
27,873	¹ Protagonist Therapeutics, Inc.		629,93
34,589	¹ Revance Therapeutics, Inc.		1,100,96
2,526,547	¹ Siga Technologies, Inc.		14,729,76
71,763	¹ Supernus Pharmaceuticals, Inc.		2,645,18
202,124	¹ Tactile Systems Technology, Inc.		3,684,72
240,775	¹ The Joint Corp.		3,801,83
848,046	¹ Vanda Pharmaceuticals, Inc.		5,207,00
40,378	^{1,2} Viridian Therapeutics, Inc.		1,131,79
274,488	¹ Voyager Therapeutics, Inc.		1,990,03
	TOTAL	17	79,431,93
	Industrials—16.1%		
7,906	¹ Allegiant Travel Co.		821,51
25,471	¹ ASGN, Inc.		1,823,46
71,822	¹ Atkore, Inc.		9,073,27

Shares		Value
	COMMON STOCKS—continued	
	Industrials—continued	
17,596	¹ Beacon Roofing Supply, Inc.	\$ 1,058,927
195,661	Boise Cascade Co.	13,365,603
8,115	¹ CBIZ, Inc.	427,579
167,066	¹ CECO Environmental Corp.	1,939,636
93,262	Concrete Pumping Holdings, Inc.	648,171
466,259	¹ Conduent, Inc.	1,636,569
14,273	² Eagle Bulk Shipping, Inc.	638,289
63,926	Emcor Group, Inc.	10,931,346
56,132	¹ Exlservice Holding, Inc.	10,012,826
113,927	¹ Forrester Research, Inc.	3,524,901
115,722	¹ Franklin Covey Co.	4,249,312
45,021	Genco Shipping & Trading Ltd.	693,774
287,114	¹ GMS, Inc.	16,669,839
962,832	GrafTech International Ltd.	4,534,939
1,927,499	¹ Harsco Corp.	13,241,918
39,446	Healthcare Services Group, Inc.	615,752
77,964	Heidrick & Struggles International, Inc.	1,957,676
95,271	¹ Heritage-Crystal Clean, Inc.	3,330,674
5,935	¹ Hub Group, Inc.	447,499
83,808	Hurco Co., Inc.	1,879,813
52,535	¹ Huron Consulting Group, Inc.	4,454,443
75,818	Hyster-Yale Materials Handling, Inc.	3,992,576
228,478	¹ JELD-WEN Holding, Inc.	2,919,949
250,392	¹ Manitowoc, Inc.	3,828,494
523,165	¹ Mistras Group, Inc.	4,248,100
226,902	¹ MRC Global, Inc.	2,210,025
259,250	¹ Now, Inc.	2,766,198
339,828	¹ Parsons Corp.	14,782,518
51,711	Resources Connection, Inc.	754,464
361,906	¹ SkyWest, Inc.	10,241,940
7,275	Tennant Co.	555,956
129,182	Terex Corp.	5,760,225
163,330	¹ Thermon Group Holdings, Inc.	3,393,997
95,360	¹ TrueBlue, Inc.	1,444,704
108,918	¹ Tutor Perini Corp.	577,265
21,743	Universal Truckload Services, Inc.	556,621
60,791	Veritiv Corp.	6,983,062
2,381	Watts Industries, Inc., Class A	385,079
	TOTAL	173,378,913
	Information Technology—11.3%	
558,677	¹ 8x8, Inc.	1,603,403
457,328	¹ Brightcove, Inc.	1,893,338
108,033	Comtech Telecommunications Corp.	1,118,142
378,823	^{1,2} Diebold Nixdorf, Inc.	305,672
218,813	¹ Digital Turbine, Inc.	2,566,676
66,230	¹ Extreme Networks, Inc.	1,177,569
7,280	¹ Fabrinet	691,236
266,922	¹ Faro Technologies, Inc.	6,232,629
45,832	¹ Impinj, Inc.	4,052,007
312,091	¹ Intapp, Inc.	12,583,509
354,777	11 in Parisar Inc	1,642,618
	¹ LivePerson, Inc.	1,042,010

Shares	COMMON STOCKS—continued	Value
1/0 /17	Information Technology—continued ¹ MaxLinear, Inc.	¢ 2.040.4
162,417	MaxLinear, Inc. Mittel Systems, Inc.	\$ 3,919,1
120,844	·	1,090,0
208,010	¹ Model N, Inc.	6,406,7
750,808	¹ ON24, Inc.	6,532,0
83,686	1,2Ouster, Inc.	296,2
20,070	¹ Q2 Holdings, Inc.	494,1
3,148	¹Qualys, Inc.	355,5
918,381	1,2Rackspace Technology, Inc.	1,340,8
399,360	¹ Ribbon Communications, Inc.	1,022,3
254,016	¹ Rimini Street, Inc.	950,0
124,574	Sapiens International Corp. NV	2,507,6
174,347	¹Secureworks Corp.	1,581,3
636,078	¹ Semtech Corp.	12,397,1
479,546	¹SolarWinds Corp.	4,133,6
289,555	¹ Squarespace, Inc.	9,005,1
3,581	¹ Synaptics, Inc.	316,7
,080,784	¹ Telos Corp.	1,837,3
494,342	¹ Unisys Corp.	1,586,8
69,141	¹ Upland Software, Inc.	253,7
385,099	¹Varonis Systems, Inc.	8,918,8
20,713	¹Vishay Precision Group, Inc.	777,5
549,677	¹Yext, Inc.	4,826,1
	TOTAL	121,231,3
	Materials—4.8%	2.70.0
91,249	¹ ATI, Inc.	3,524,0
86,576	Commercial Metals Corp.	4,042,2
395,329	¹ Intrepid Potash, Inc.	10,191,5
12,857	Koppers Holdings, Inc.	421,8
56,863	Kronos Worldwide, Inc.	528,8
461,279	¹ LSB Industries, Inc.	4,119,2
100,654	Myers Industries, Inc.	1,907,3
356,204	O-I Glass, Inc.	8,003,9
788,569	¹ Ranpak Holdings Corp.	3,217,3
637,949	SunCoke Energy, Inc.	4,963,2
135,265	Sylvamo Corp.	6,197,8
138,814	Warrior Met Coal, Inc.	4,798,8
	TOTAL	51,916,2
	Real Estate—5.5%	
33,431	Alexander and Baldwin, Inc.	642,8
506,796	¹ Anywhere Real Estate, Inc.	3,228,2
444,640	Apartment Investment & Management Co., Class A	3,481,5
85,262	Apple Hospitality REIT, Inc.	1,269,5
183,908	Armada Hoffler Properties, Inc.	2,155,4
,370,165	Brandywine Realty Trust	9,314,7
381,083	City Office REIT, Inc.	2,217,9
58,024	Gladstone Land Corp.	934,7
219,465	Global Net Lease, Inc.	2,471,1
74,328	Hersha Hospitality Trust	468,2
496,246	Macerich Co. (The)	4,957,4
197,740	Marcus & Millichap Co., Inc.	6,222,8
710,116	Newmark Group, Inc.	4,502,1
	Office Properties Income Trust	

Shares		Value
	COMMON STOCKS—continued	
	Real Estate—continued	
883,067	^{1,2} Redfin Corp.	\$ 6,578,849
309,452	RMR Group, Inc./The	7,349,485
136,272	Service Properties Trust	1,195,105
197,477	Uniti Group, Inc.	675,371
72,786	Whitestone Project	651,435
	TOTAL	59,208,697
	Utilities—2.7%	
7,820	Chesapeake Utilities Corp.	965,770
339,281	Clearway Energy, Inc.	9,832,363
24,247	New Jersey Resources Corp.	1,252,115
5,759	ONE Gas, Inc.	443,155
127,718	² Otter Tail Corp.	9,189,310
146,791	Portland General Electric Co.	7,430,561
	TOTAL	29,113,274
	TOTAL COMMON STOCKS (IDENTIFIED COST \$1,040,612,997)	1,052,369,941
	INVESTMENT COMPANIES—4.0%	
22,691,114	Federated Hermes Government Obligations Fund, Premier Shares, 4.72% ³	22,691,114
20,321,952	Federated Hermes Institutional Prime Value Obligations Fund, Institutional Shares, 4.87% ³	20,319,920
	TOTAL INVESTMENT COMPANIES (IDENTIFIED COST \$43,010,139)	43,011,034
	TOTAL INVESTMENT IN SECURITIES—102.0% (IDENTIFIED COST \$1,083,623,136)	1,095,380,975
	OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - NET—(2.0)% ⁴	(21,952,569)
	TOTAL NET ASSETS—100%	\$1,073,428,406

An affiliated company is a company in which the Fund, alone or in combination with other Federated Hermes funds, has ownership of at least 5% of the voting shares. Transactions with the affiliated companies during the period ended April 30, 2023, were as follows:

Affiliated	Value as of 7/31/2022	Purchases at Cost	Proceeds from Sales	Change in Unrealized Appreciation/ Depreciation	Net Realized Gain/ (Loss)	Value as of 4/30/2023	Shares Held as of 4/30/2023	Dividend Income
Health Care:								
Alector, Inc.**	\$ 9,059,233	\$ 1,318,365	\$ (7,721,877)	\$ 2,782,044	\$(4,121,283)	\$ 1,316,482	199,467	\$—
Amphastar Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 2,935,115	\$ 2,655,726	\$ (375,722)	\$ (70,848)	\$ 138,743	\$ 5,283,014	147,694	\$—
Siga Technologies, Inc.	\$ -	\$16,276,661	\$ -	\$(1,546,892)	\$ —	\$14,729,769	2,526,547	\$—
Information Technology:								
Brightcove, Inc.**	\$ 8,244,421	\$ —	\$ (5,052,525)	\$ 2,083,640	\$(3,382,198)	\$ 1,893,338	457,328	\$—
Affiliated issuers no longer in the portfolio at period end	\$ 3,522,384	\$ –	\$ (3,579,977)	\$ 1,912,934	\$(1,855,341)	\$ -	_	\$—
TOTAL OF AFFILIATED COMPANIES TRANSACTIONS	\$23,761,153	\$20,250,752	\$(16,730,101)	\$ 5,160,878	\$(9,220,079)	\$23,222,603	3,331,036	\$—

 $^{^{**}}$ At April 30, 2023, the Fund no longer has ownership of at least 5% of the voting shares.

Transactions with affiliated investment companies, which are funds managed by the Adviser or an affiliate of the Adviser, during the period ended April 30, 2023, were as follows:

	Federated Hermes Government Obligations Fund, Premier Shares*	Federated Hermes Institutional Prime Value Obligations Fund, Institutional Shares	Total of Affiliated Transactions
Value as of 7/31/2022	\$ 41,790,036	\$ 24,461,888	\$ 66,251,924
Purchases at Cost	\$ 127,391,592	\$ 264,466,719	\$ 391,858,311
Proceeds from Sales	\$(146,490,514)	\$(268,623,141)	\$(415,113,655)
Change in Unrealized Appreciation/Depreciation	\$ —	\$ (992)	\$ (992)
Net Realized Gain/(Loss)	\$ —	\$ 15,446	\$ 15,446
Value as of 4/30/2023	\$ 22,691,114	\$ 20,319,920	\$ 43,011,034
Shares Held as of 4/30/2023	22,691,114	20,321,952	43,013,066
Dividend Income	\$ 573,288	\$ 570,609	\$ 1,143,897

- All or a portion of the balance/activity for the fund relates to cash collateral received on securities lending transactions.
- 1 Non-income-producing security.
- 2 All or a portion of these securities are temporarily on loan to unaffiliated broker/dealers. As of April 30, 2023, securities subject to this type of arrangement and related collateral were as follows:

Fair Value of	Collateral		
Securities Loaned	Received		
\$21,690,361	\$22,691,114		

- 3 7-day net yield.
- 4 Assets, other than investments in securities, less liabilities.

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

Investment Valuation

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

- Equity securities listed on an exchange or traded through a regulated market system are valued at their last reported sale price or official closing price in their principal exchange or market.
- 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 Federated MDTA LLC (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 and Significant Events Procedures

Pursuant to Rule 2a-5 under the Investment Company Act, 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.

The Adviser has also adopted procedures requiring an investment to be priced at its fair value whenever the Valuation Committee determines that a significant event affecting the value of the investment has occurred between the time as of which the price of the investment would otherwise be determined and the time as of which the NAV is computed. An event is considered significant if there is both an affirmative expectation that the investment's value will change in response to the event and a reasonable basis for quantifying the resulting change in value. Examples of significant events that may occur after the close of the principal market on which a security is traded, or after the time of a price evaluation provided by a pricing service or a dealer, include:

- With respect to securities traded principally in foreign markets, significant trends in U.S. equity markets or in the trading of foreign securities index futures contracts;
- Political or other developments affecting the economy or markets in which an issuer conducts its operations or its securities are traded;
- Announcements concerning matters such as acquisitions, recapitalizations, litigation developments, or a natural disaster affecting the issuer's operations or regulatory changes or market developments affecting the issuer's industry.

The Adviser has adopted procedures whereby the Valuation Committee uses a pricing service to provide factors to update the fair value of equity securities traded principally in foreign markets from the time of the close of their respective foreign stock exchanges to the pricing time of the Fund. For other significant events, the Fund may seek to obtain more current quotations or price evaluations from alternative pricing sources. If a reliable alternative pricing source is not available, the Valuation Committee will determine the fair value of the investment in accordance with the fair valuation procedures approved by the Adviser. The Trustees periodically review fair valuations made in response to significant events.

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 April 30, 2023, all investments of the Fund utilized Level 1 inputs in valuing the Fund's assets carried at fair value.

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

REIT—Real Estate Investment Trust

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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