

# Semi-Annual Shareholder Report

January 31, 2024



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Share Class | Ticker   **A** | QABGX   **C** | QCBGX   **Institutional** | QIBGX   **R6** | QKBGX

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## Federated Hermes MDT Balanced Fund

*Fund Established 2002*

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A Portfolio of Federated Hermes MDT Series

Dear Valued Shareholder,

We are pleased to present the Semi-Annual Shareholder Report for your fund covering the period from August 1, 2023 through January 31, 2024. 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](https://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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Christopher Donahue".

J. Christopher Donahue, President

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# Portfolio of Investments Summary Tables (unaudited)

At January 31, 2024, the Fund’s portfolio composition<sup>1</sup> was as follows:

Portfolio Composition	Percentage of Total Net Assets
Domestic Equity Securities	56.0%
Corporate Bonds	10.5%
Mortgage Core Fund	9.8%
International Equity Securities (including International Exchange-Traded Funds)	8.4%
U.S. Treasury Securities <sup>2</sup>	5.1%
Asset-Backed Securities	2.5%
Project and Trade Finance Core Fund	2.2%
Emerging Markets Core Fund	1.3%
High Yield Bond Core Fund	0.9%
Collateralized Mortgage Obligations	0.6%
Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities	0.5%
Government Agency	0.1%
Mortgage-Backed Securities	0.1%
Bank Loan Core Fund <sup>3</sup>	0.0%
Derivative Contracts <sup>3,4</sup>	0.0%
Municipal Bond <sup>3</sup>	0.0%
Cash Equivalents <sup>5</sup>	2.4%
Other Assets and Liabilities—Net <sup>6</sup>	(0.4)%
TOTAL	100%

At January 31, 2024, the Fund's sector composition<sup>7</sup> for its equity securities (excluding exchange-traded funds) was as follows:

<b>Sector Composition</b>	<b>Percentage of Equity Securities</b>
Information Technology	27.3%
Financials	14.1%
Health Care	13.1%
Consumer Discretionary	10.8%
Industrials	9.1%
Communication Services	7.1%
Consumer Staples	6.4%
Real Estate	5.2%
Energy	2.7%
Utilities	2.2%
Materials	2.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

- <sup>1</sup> See the Fund's Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information for a description of the types of securities in which the Fund invests. As of the date specified above, the Fund owned shares of one or more affiliated investment companies. For purposes of this table, affiliated investment companies (other than an affiliated money market mutual fund) in which the Fund invested less than 10% of its net assets, are listed individually in the table.
- <sup>2</sup> Includes U.S. Treasuries pledged as collateral to ensure the Fund is able to satisfy the obligations of its outstanding long futures contracts.
- <sup>3</sup> Represents less than 0.1%.
- <sup>4</sup> Based upon net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) or value of the derivative contracts as applicable. Derivative contracts may consist of futures, forwards, options and swaps. The impact of a derivative contract on the Fund's performance may be larger than its unrealized appreciation (depreciation) or value may indicate. In many cases, the notional value or amount of a derivative contract may provide a better indication of the contract's significance to the portfolio. More complete information regarding the Fund's direct investments in derivative contracts, including unrealized appreciation (depreciation), value and notional values or amounts of such contracts, can be found in the table at the end of the Portfolio of Investments included in this Report.
- <sup>5</sup> Cash Equivalents include any investments in money market mutual funds and/or overnight repurchase agreements.
- <sup>6</sup> Assets, other than investments in securities, less liabilities. See Statement of Assets and Liabilities.
- <sup>7</sup> Sector classifications are based upon, and individual portfolio securities are assigned to, the classifications of the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) except that the Adviser assigns a classification to securities not classified by the GICS and to securities for which the Adviser does not have access to the classification made by the GICS.

# Portfolio of Investments

January 31, 2024 (unaudited)

Shares or Principal Amount		Value
	<b>COMMON STOCKS—58.4%</b>	
	<b>Communication Services—4.2%</b>	
17,774	<sup>1</sup> Alphabet, Inc., Class A	\$ 2,490,137
83,798	<sup>1</sup> Altice USA, Inc.	204,467
19,336	<sup>1</sup> CarGurus, Inc.	449,369
21,112	<sup>1</sup> Cars.com, Inc.	367,982
2,819	Comcast Corp., Class A	131,196
789	Electronic Arts, Inc.	108,551
751	<sup>1</sup> Live Nation Entertainment, Inc.	66,726
6,026	<sup>1</sup> Meta Platforms, Inc.	2,350,984
255	<sup>1</sup> Netflix, Inc.	143,848
9,445	<sup>1</sup> Spotify Technology SA	2,033,981
22,156	<sup>1</sup> ZoomInfo Technologies, Inc.	355,382
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,702,623</b>
	<b>Consumer Discretionary—6.3%</b>	
27,106	Advance Auto Parts, Inc.	1,812,036
4,648	<sup>1</sup> Airbnb, Inc.	669,963
11,947	<sup>1</sup> Amazon.com, Inc.	1,854,174
171	<sup>1</sup> AutoZone, Inc.	472,324
4,472	<sup>1</sup> DoorDash, Inc.	465,982
4,559	eBay, Inc.	187,238
7,687	<sup>1</sup> Expedia Group, Inc.	1,140,213
22,641	Ford Motor Co.	265,352
50,686	Gap (The), Inc.	947,321
1,120	Genuine Parts Co.	157,058
15,297	<sup>1</sup> Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.	213,240
2,555	McDonald's Corp.	747,900
644	Murphy USA, Inc.	227,023
480	<sup>1</sup> O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.	491,064
12,033	PVH Corp.	1,447,089
7,897	<sup>1</sup> Royal Caribbean Cruises, Ltd.	1,006,867
72	<sup>1</sup> Ulta Beauty, Inc.	36,148
12,680	<sup>1</sup> Under Armour, Inc., Class A	96,622
3,419	Wingstop, Inc.	961,115
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,198,729</b>
	<b>Consumer Staples—3.8%</b>	
11,638	Albertsons Cos., Inc.	246,958
914	Archer-Daniels-Midland Co.	50,800
271	Coca-Cola Bottling Co.	233,437
16,297	Colgate-Palmolive Co.	1,372,207
228	Costco Wholesale Corp.	158,433

**Shares or  
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COMMON STOCKS—continued		
<b>Consumer Staples—continued</b>		
20,502	<sup>1</sup> Hain Celestial Group, Inc.	\$ 219,577
4,076	Kimberly-Clark Corp.	493,074
32,814	Kroger Co.	1,514,038
15,010	PepsiCo, Inc.	2,529,635
5,517	Procter & Gamble Co.	866,941
1,180	WalMart, Inc.	194,995
	TOTAL	7,880,095
<b>Energy—1.6%</b>		
2,715	Devon Energy Corp.	114,084
21,158	Marathon Oil Corp.	483,460
12,571	Marathon Petroleum Corp.	2,081,758
383	Valero Energy Corp.	53,199
7,194	<sup>1</sup> Weatherford International PLC	644,223
	TOTAL	3,376,724
<b>Financials—8.2%</b>		
1,251	Aflac, Inc.	105,509
4,561	Ameriprise Financial, Inc.	1,764,332
878	Aon PLC	262,021
4,768	Apollo Global Management, Inc.	478,707
886	<sup>1</sup> Arch Capital Group Ltd.	73,033
23,433	Bank of New York Mellon Corp.	1,299,594
1,376	<sup>1</sup> Block, Inc.	89,454
1,512	Cboe Global Markets, Inc.	277,981
776	Chubb Ltd.	190,120
1,229	<sup>1</sup> Coinbase Global, Inc.	157,558
2,762	Corebridge Financial, Inc.	66,758
2,776	Fidelity National Information Services, Inc.	172,834
3,724	<sup>1</sup> Fiserv, Inc.	528,324
9,581	<sup>1</sup> Green Dot Corp.	86,325
15,952	Huntington Bancshares, Inc.	203,069
9,784	Interactive Brokers Group, Inc., Class A	868,330
16,137	Jackson Financial, Inc.	807,980
6,164	JPMorgan Chase & Co.	1,074,755
1,091	Marsh & McLennan Cos., Inc.	211,479
516	Mastercard, Inc.	231,803
367	MSCI, Inc., Class A	219,694
8,618	Northern Trust Corp.	686,337
15,914	<sup>1</sup> PayPal Holdings, Inc.	976,324
886	Progressive Corp., OH	157,929
19,222	Prudential Financial, Inc.	2,016,964
11,415	State Street Corp.	843,226
894	Synchrony Financial	34,750

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COMMON STOCKS—continued		
<b>Financials—continued</b>		
8,587	The Travelers Cos., Inc.	\$ 1,814,948
12,645	Virtu Financial, Inc.	212,310
3,347	Visa, Inc., Class A	914,601
31,056	Western Union Co.	390,374
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17,217,423</b>
<b>Health Care—7.6%</b>		
20,284	AbbVie, Inc.	3,334,690
377	<sup>1</sup> Align Technology, Inc.	100,780
2,568	Amgen, Inc.	807,020
7,913	<sup>1</sup> AnaplysBio, Inc.	186,747
1,825	Baxter International, Inc.	70,609
1,842	<sup>1</sup> Biogen, Inc.	454,348
1,918	Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.	93,733
12,949	<sup>1</sup> Centene Corp.	975,189
15,524	<sup>1</sup> Community Health Systems, Inc.	56,973
3,717	CVS Health Corp.	276,433
1,469	Dentsply Sirona, Inc.	51,048
51,357	<sup>1</sup> Elanco Animal Health, Inc.	757,002
784	Elevance Health, Inc.	386,857
1,814	Eli Lilly & Co.	1,171,137
4,291	<sup>1</sup> GE HealthCare Technologies, Inc.	314,788
16,697	Gilead Sciences, Inc.	1,306,707
1,688	Humana, Inc.	638,165
11,363	<sup>1</sup> Incyte Genomics, Inc.	667,803
5,156	Johnson & Johnson	819,288
627	McKesson Corp.	313,431
10,431	Merck & Co., Inc.	1,259,856
407	<sup>1</sup> Molina Healthcare, Inc.	145,071
6,587	<sup>1</sup> Myriad Genetics, Inc.	140,896
6,280	<sup>1</sup> Nevro Corp.	103,997
5,672	<sup>1</sup> Omnicell, Inc.	182,468
1,736	<sup>1</sup> Teladoc Health, Inc.	33,730
724	Teleflex, Inc.	175,809
242	The Cigna Group	72,830
1,380	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	706,201
907	<sup>1</sup> Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	393,076
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,996,682</b>
<b>Industrials—5.4%</b>		
4,048	3M Co.	381,929
1,710	AGCO Corp.	209,184
1,571	Allegion PLC	194,631
6,772	Allison Transmission Holdings, Inc.	409,977

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COMMON STOCKS—continued

**Industrials—continued**

732	<sup>1</sup> Boeing Co.	\$ 154,481
5,262	Booz Allen Hamilton Holding Corp.	740,732
478	<sup>1</sup> Builders Firstsource, Inc.	83,043
2,601	Caterpillar, Inc.	781,106
2,932	<sup>1</sup> Core & Main, Inc.	121,121
576	Emerson Electric Co.	52,837
3,615	General Electric Co.	478,698
1,087	L3Harris Technologies, Inc.	226,553
2,095	Lennox International, Inc.	896,995
1,342	Manpower, Inc.	99,496
501	Masco Corp.	33,712
4,602	<sup>1</sup> NEXTracker, Inc.	208,333
2,489	Otis Worldwide Corp.	220,127
575	PACCAR, Inc.	57,724
9,954	Paychex, Inc.	1,211,700
17,484	Pitney Bowes, Inc.	71,859
592	Rockwell Automation, Inc.	149,942
984	Ryder System, Inc.	111,753
6,476	<sup>1</sup> SPX Technologies, Inc.	651,745
2,168	Trane Technologies PLC	546,444
12,099	<sup>1</sup> Uber Technologies, Inc.	789,702
6,890	Verisk Analytics, Inc.	1,664,142
7,809	<sup>1</sup> XPO, Inc.	667,201
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,215,167</b>

**Information Technology—15.9%**

32,171	Apple, Inc.	5,932,332
2,550	<sup>1</sup> Arista Networks, Inc.	659,634
2,290	<sup>1</sup> Box, Inc.	59,494
1,931	<sup>1</sup> Braze, Inc.	104,371
1,213	Broadcom, Inc.	1,431,340
3,897	<sup>1</sup> Cadence Design Systems, Inc.	1,124,129
3,677	<sup>1</sup> Cerence, Inc.	73,614
4,701	<sup>1</sup> Cirrus Logic, Inc.	362,917
15,991	Cisco Systems, Inc.	802,428
2,931	<sup>1</sup> Commvault Systems, Inc.	268,714
5,491	<sup>1</sup> CrowdStrike Holdings, Inc.	1,606,117
11,152	Dell Technologies, Inc.	924,278
14,042	<sup>1</sup> DXC Technology Co.	306,116
707	<sup>1</sup> Fortinet, Inc.	45,594
13,034	<sup>1</sup> GoDaddy, Inc.	1,390,206
14,151	Hewlett Packard Enterprise Co.	216,369
448	<sup>1</sup> HubSpot, Inc.	273,728



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COMMON STOCKS—continued

**Information Technology—continued**

14,833	Microsoft Corp.	\$ 5,897,304
268	<sup>1</sup> MongoDB, Inc.	107,339
35,024	<sup>1</sup> Nutanix, Inc.	1,968,349
4,280	NVIDIA Corp.	2,633,356
2,678	<sup>1</sup> Palo Alto Networks, Inc.	906,530
18,478	Pegasystems, Inc.	900,618
587	Qualcomm, Inc.	87,175
4,780	<sup>1</sup> Salesforce, Inc.	1,343,610
2,162	<sup>1</sup> ServiceNow, Inc.	1,654,795
523	<sup>1</sup> Synopsys, Inc.	278,942
7,238	Vishay Intertechnology, Inc.	157,282
1,978	<sup>1</sup> Workday, Inc.	575,736
9,197	Xerox Holdings Corp.	169,777
3,591	<sup>1</sup> Zoom Video Communications, Inc.	232,015
3,905	<sup>1</sup> Zscaler, Inc.	920,291
	TOTAL	33,414,500

**Materials—1.1%**

3,051	<sup>1</sup> Axalta Coating Systems Ltd.	98,914
2,792	<sup>1</sup> Berry Global Group, Inc.	182,764
4,793	<sup>1</sup> Knife River Corp.	313,894
5,479	Mosaic Co./The	168,260
34,498	Newmont Corp.	1,190,526
593	Sherwin-Williams Co.	180,497
2,236	Steel Dynamics, Inc.	269,863
	TOTAL	2,404,718

**Real Estate—3.0%**

12,500	Acadia Realty Trust	213,250
4,600	American Homes 4 Rent	161,230
700	Avalonbay Communities, Inc.	125,307
6,500	Brixmor Property Group, Inc.	145,860
6,500	Cubesmart	280,930
2,000	Digital Realty Trust, Inc.	280,920
1,750	EastGroup Properties, Inc.	310,502
2,400	EPR PPTYS	106,248
450	Equinix, Inc.	373,396
2,000	Extra Space Storage, Inc.	288,880
8,000	Host Hotels & Resorts, Inc.	153,760
3,200	Invitation Homes, Inc.	105,376
14,000	Kite Realty Group Trust	299,600
18,500	Macerich Co. (The)	292,115
22,000	Park Hotels & Resorts, Inc.	331,760
11,000	Pebblebrook Hotel Trust	167,420

Shares or Principal Amount		Value
	COMMON STOCKS—continued	
	<b>Real Estate—continued</b>	
3,800	ProLogis, Inc.	\$ 481,422
3,500	Rexford Industrial Realty, Inc.	184,065
2,900	Ryman Hospitality Properties, Inc.	318,710
3,000	Simon Property Group, Inc.	415,830
1,850	Sun Communities, Inc.	231,898
6,300	Urban Edge Properties	108,801
2,200	Ventas, Inc.	102,058
12,900	VICI Properties, Inc.	388,548
5,400	Welltower, Inc.	467,154
	TOTAL	6,335,040
	<b>Utilities—1.3%</b>	
9,297	Constellation Energy Corp.	1,134,234
38,165	Vistra Corp.	1,565,910
	TOTAL	2,700,144
	TOTAL COMMON STOCKS (IDENTIFIED COST \$99,664,994)	122,441,845
	CORPORATE BONDS—10.5%	
	<b>Basic Industry - Chemicals—0.0%</b>	
\$ 10,000	DuPont de Nemours, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.319%, 11/15/2038	10,092
	<b>Basic Industry - Metals &amp; Mining—0.1%</b>	
200,000	Anglo American Capital PLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.500%, 5/2/2033	200,134
15,000	Anglogold Ashanti Holdings PLC, Sr. Note, 6.500%, 4/15/2040	14,920
	TOTAL	215,054
	<b>Capital Goods - Aerospace &amp; Defense—0.5%</b>	
200,000	BAE Systems PLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.000%, 9/15/2050	138,748
275,000	Boeing Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.875%, 5/1/2025	273,496
110,000	Huntington Ingalls Industries, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series WI, 3.844%, 5/1/2025	108,047
300,000	Leidos, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series WI, 2.300%, 2/15/2031	250,166
170,000	Leidos, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series WI, 3.625%, 5/15/2025	166,537
15,000	Spirit AeroSystems, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.600%, 6/15/2028	12,847
40,000	<sup>2</sup> Textron Financial Corp., Jr. Sub. Note, 144A, 7.376% (3-month USLIBOR +1.996%), 2/15/2042	33,889
50,000	Textron, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.000%, 3/15/2026	49,110
50,000	Textron, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.300%, 3/1/2024	49,940
	TOTAL	1,082,780
	<b>Capital Goods - Building Materials—0.2%</b>	
200,000	Allegion US Holdings Co., Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.200%, 10/1/2024	196,727
85,000	Carrier Global Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.200%, 3/15/2054	96,284
	TOTAL	293,011
	<b>Capital Goods - Construction Machinery—0.2%</b>	
205,000	Ashtead Capital, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.550%, 5/30/2033	203,473

Shares or Principal Amount		Value
	CORPORATE BONDS—continued	
	<b>Capital Goods - Construction Machinery—continued</b>	
\$ 255,000	CNH Industrial Capital America LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.550%, 4/10/2028	\$ 252,965
	TOTAL	456,438
	<b>Capital Goods - Diversified Manufacturing—0.1%</b>	
60,000	Lennox International, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.700%, 8/1/2027	54,410
175,000	Roper Technologies, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.000%, 6/30/2030	148,701
	TOTAL	203,111
	<b>Communications - Cable &amp; Satellite—0.2%</b>	
300,000	Charter Communications Operating, LLC/Charter Communications Operating Capital Corp., Sec. Fac. Bond, 2.250%, 1/15/2029	259,160
145,000	Comcast Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.800%, 1/15/2051	95,031
15,000	Comcast Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.900%, 3/1/2038	13,370
10,000	Comcast Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.400%, 8/15/2035	9,606
	TOTAL	377,167
	<b>Communications - Media &amp; Entertainment—0.0%</b>	
30,000	Grupo Televisa S.A., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.125%, 1/31/2046	29,665
	<b>Communications - Telecom Wireless—0.5%</b>	
150,000	Crown Castle, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.700%, 6/15/2026	145,377
350,000	Crown Castle, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.100%, 5/1/2033	346,026
300,000	T-Mobile USA, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.050%, 7/15/2033	300,459
180,000	T-Mobile USA, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.500%, 1/15/2055	182,263
	TOTAL	974,125
	<b>Communications - Telecom Wirelines—0.2%</b>	
12,000	AT&T, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.500%, 9/15/2053	8,577
300,000	AT&T, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.650%, 6/1/2051	223,960
11,000	AT&T, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.650%, 9/15/2059	7,770
5,000	AT&T, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.500%, 5/15/2035	4,726
150,000	Telefonica Emisiones SAU, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.520%, 3/1/2049	144,255
90,000	Verizon Communications, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.150%, 3/22/2030	82,030
	TOTAL	471,318
	<b>Consumer Cyclical - Automotive—0.3%</b>	
275,000	Ford Motor Credit Co. LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.050%, 3/5/2031	276,518
175,000	General Motors Financial Co., Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.100%, 1/12/2032	148,778
10,000	General Motors Financial Co., Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.950%, 4/13/2024	9,956
175,000	General Motors Financial Co., Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.850%, 4/6/2030	179,772
10,000	Mercedes-Benz Finance NA, LLC Co. Guarantee, 8.500%, 1/18/2031	12,425
	TOTAL	627,449
	<b>Consumer Cyclical - Retailers—0.3%</b>	
170,000	AutoNation, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.750%, 6/1/2030	163,587
250,000	AutoZone, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.250%, 4/15/2025	244,734
250,000	WalMart, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.500%, 4/15/2053	237,596
	TOTAL	645,917

Shares or Principal Amount		Value
	CORPORATE BONDS—continued	
	<b>Consumer Cyclical - Services—0.1%</b>	
\$ 125,000	Amazon.com, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.800%, 12/5/2024	\$ 123,835
15,000	Expedia Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series WI, 3.250%, 2/15/2030	13,635
10,000	University of Southern California, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.250%, 10/1/2111	10,177
70,000	Visa, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.150%, 12/14/2025	68,411
15,000	Visa, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.150%, 12/14/2035	14,488
	TOTAL	230,546
	<b>Consumer Non-Cyclical - Food/Beverage—0.4%</b>	
30,000	Anheuser-Busch Cos LLC / Anheuser-Busch InBev Worldwide, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.700%, 2/1/2036	29,664
300,000	Constellation Brands, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.900%, 5/1/2033	298,170
300,000	Danone SA, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 2.947%, 11/2/2026	287,327
270,000	Heineken NV, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.500%, 1/29/2028	261,487
15,000	Kraft Heinz Foods Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.200%, 7/15/2045	14,554
	TOTAL	891,202
	<b>Consumer Non-Cyclical - Health Care—0.2%</b>	
15,000	CVS Health Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.100%, 3/25/2025	14,860
105,000	GE Healthcare Holding LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.377%, 11/22/2052	119,902
300,000	HCA, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.500%, 6/1/2033	304,751
	TOTAL	439,513
	<b>Consumer Non-Cyclical - Pharmaceuticals—0.2%</b>	
500,000	AbbVie, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.250%, 11/21/2049	439,531
15,000	Amgen, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.400%, 5/1/2045	13,235
10,000	Bristol-Myers Squibb Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series WI, 4.125%, 6/15/2039	9,011
15,000	Johnson & Johnson, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.550%, 3/1/2036	13,703
	TOTAL	475,480
	<b>Consumer Non-Cyclical - Tobacco—0.2%</b>	
450,000	Philip Morris International, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.750%, 11/17/2032	471,260
	<b>Energy - Independent—0.1%</b>	
125,000	Cimarex Energy Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.900%, 5/15/2027	114,349
20,000	EQT Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.900%, 10/1/2027	19,132
125,000	Ovintiv, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 7.100%, 7/15/2053	139,279
	TOTAL	272,760
	<b>Energy - Integrated—0.4%</b>	
135,000	BP Capital Markets America, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.119%, 5/4/2026	130,639
300,000	BP Capital Markets America, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.937%, 9/21/2028	292,467
170,000	BP Capital Markets America, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.893%, 9/11/2033	170,915
5,000	ConocoPhillips Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.025%, 3/15/2062	4,000
270,000	Exxon Mobil Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.992%, 3/19/2025	264,841
	TOTAL	862,862
	<b>Energy - Midstream—0.5%</b>	
125,000	Boardwalk Pipeline Partners LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.600%, 9/1/2032	110,567
115,000	Energy Transfer LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.050%, 3/15/2025	113,486

Shares or Principal Amount		Value
	CORPORATE BONDS—continued	
	<b>Energy - Midstream—continued</b>	
\$ 75,000	Energy Transfer LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.900%, 2/1/2024	\$ 75,000
20,000	Energy Transfer LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.500%, 6/1/2027	20,296
115,000	Energy Transfer LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.950%, 5/15/2054	115,417
10,000	Energy Transfer LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.125%, 12/15/2045	10,216
170,000	Enterprise Products Operating LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.950%, 2/15/2027	167,212
20,000	Kinder Morgan Energy Partners LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series MTN, 6.950%, 1/15/2038	22,143
40,000	MPLX LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.125%, 3/1/2027	39,201
5,000	MPLX LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.500%, 4/15/2038	4,504
190,000	ONEOK, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.100%, 11/15/2032	200,067
70,000	Targa Resources, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.200%, 2/1/2033	64,120
10,000	Western Gas Partners LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.750%, 8/15/2028	9,806
	TOTAL	952,035
	<b>Energy - Oil Field Services—0.1%</b>	
200,000	Williams Cos., Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.150%, 3/15/2034	200,604
	<b>Energy - Refining—0.0%</b>	
15,000	HF Sinclair Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.875%, 4/1/2026	15,179
15,000	Marathon Petroleum Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.500%, 4/1/2048	12,727
10,000	Marathon Petroleum Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.500%, 3/1/2041	10,902
15,000	Valero Energy Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.350%, 6/1/2028	14,830
	TOTAL	53,638
	<b>Financial Institution - Banking—2.2%</b>	
350,000	Bank of America Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.288%, 4/25/2034	352,278
300,000	Bank of America Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series GMTN, 3.500%, 4/19/2026	292,623
200,000	Bank of America Corp., Sub. Note, Series L, 3.950%, 4/21/2025	196,851
15,000	Bank of America Corp., Sub. Note, Series MTN, 4.200%, 8/26/2024	14,880
15,000	Bank of America Corp., Sub., Series MTN, 4.450%, 3/3/2026	14,868
20,000	Bank of New York Mellon, N.A., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.400%, 5/15/2024	19,869
165,000	Citigroup, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.057%, 1/25/2033	141,396
250,000	Citigroup, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.300%, 4/27/2025	245,117
170,000	Citigroup, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.400%, 5/1/2026	164,668
300,000	Citigroup, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.785%, 3/17/2033	270,769
370,000	Citigroup, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.610%, 9/29/2026	372,987
15,000	Citigroup, Inc., Sub. Note, 4.450%, 9/29/2027	14,711
75,000	Citizens Financial Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.841%, 1/23/2030	75,547
30,000	Comerica, Inc., 3.800%, 7/22/2026	28,461
250,000	FNB Corp. (PA), Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.150%, 8/25/2025	247,871
150,000	Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.250%, 2/1/2041	167,183
10,000	<sup>3</sup> JPMorgan Chase & Co., Jr. Sub. Deb., Series X, 6.100%, 10/1/2024	10,018
25,000	<sup>3</sup> JPMorgan Chase & Co., Jr. Sub. Note, Series FF, 5.000%, 8/1/2024	24,783
15,000	JPMorgan Chase & Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.882%, 7/24/2038	13,217
110,000	JPMorgan Chase & Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.336%, 1/23/2035	111,831

Shares or Principal Amount		Value
	CORPORATE BONDS—continued	
	<b>Financial Institution - Banking—continued</b>	
\$ 100,000	Morgan Stanley, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.943%, 1/21/2033	\$ 85,381
180,000	Morgan Stanley, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.250%, 4/21/2034	180,167
15,000	Morgan Stanley, Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series GMTN, 4.000%, 7/23/2025	14,813
240,000	PNC Financial Services Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.582%, 6/12/2029	245,105
300,000	State Street Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.159%, 5/18/2034	302,320
10,000	State Street Corp., Sub. Deb., 3.031%, 11/1/2034	9,024
300,000	Truist Financial Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series MTN, 5.867%, 6/8/2034	307,446
300,000	US Bancorp, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.836%, 6/12/2034	309,730
250,000	US Bancorp, Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series MTN, 1.375%, 7/22/2030	201,663
10,000	Wells Fargo & Co., Series MTN, 4.100%, 6/3/2026	9,814
200,000	Wells Fargo & Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.499%, 1/23/2035	204,053
10,000	Westpac Banking Corp., Sub., Series GMTN, 4.322%, 11/23/2031	9,696
	TOTAL	4,659,140
	<b>Financial Institution - Broker/Asset Mgr/Exchange—0.1%</b>	
80,000	Invesco Finance PLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.750%, 1/15/2026	78,094
70,000	Nuveen LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.000%, 11/1/2028	68,656
	TOTAL	146,750
	<b>Financial Institution - Finance Companies—0.1%</b>	
220,000	Air Lease Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.850%, 12/15/2027	224,960
	<b>Financial Institution - Insurance - Health—0.2%</b>	
300,000	UnitedHealth Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.750%, 5/15/2052	284,432
	<b>Financial Institution - Insurance - Life—0.3%</b>	
400,000	AIA Group Ltd., Sub., 144A, 3.200%, 9/16/2040	301,320
15,000	<sup>2</sup> MetLife, Inc., Jr. Sub. Note, 6.400% (3-month USLIBOR +2.205%), 12/15/2036	15,321
10,000	<sup>2</sup> MetLife, Inc., Jr. Sub. Note, 10.750% (3-month USLIBOR +7.548%), 8/1/2039	13,588
250,000	MetLife, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.600%, 4/10/2024	249,080
15,000	Penn Mutual Life Insurance Co., Sr. Note, 144A, 7.625%, 6/15/2040	17,246
50,000	Prudential Financial, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series MTN, 6.200%, 11/15/2040	53,529
	TOTAL	650,084
	<b>Financial Institution - Insurance - P&amp;C—0.0%</b>	
10,000	Berkshire Hathaway Finance Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.200%, 8/15/2048	9,052
55,000	Nationwide Mutual Insurance Co., Sub., 144A, 4.350%, 4/30/2050	44,655
	TOTAL	53,707
	<b>Financial Institution - REIT - Apartment—0.1%</b>	
200,000	UDR, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series MTN, 2.100%, 8/1/2032	157,294
70,000	UDR, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series MTN, 2.950%, 9/1/2026	66,592
	TOTAL	223,886
	<b>Financial Institution - REIT - Healthcare—0.1%</b>	
185,000	Welltower, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.700%, 2/15/2027	174,661
	<b>Financial Institution - REIT - Office—0.0%</b>	
70,000	Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.950%, 1/15/2028	67,540

Shares or Principal Amount		Value
	CORPORATE BONDS—continued	
	<b>Financial Institution - REIT - Other—0.1%</b>	
\$ 75,000	WP Carey, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.600%, 4/1/2024	\$ 74,779
	<b>Financial Institution - REITs—0.0%</b>	
60,000	Camden Property Trust, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.800%, 5/15/2030	53,689
	<b>Technology—0.7%</b>	
10,000	Apple, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.850%, 5/4/2043	8,855
70,000	Broadcom, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.750%, 2/15/2051	55,058
220,000	Broadcom, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.150%, 4/15/2032	207,574
20,000	Corning, Inc., Unsecd. Note, 4.750%, 3/15/2042	18,543
240,000	Dell International LLC / EMC Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.020%, 6/15/2026	245,260
110,000	Fiserv, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.500%, 7/1/2029	103,223
265,000	Intel Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.400%, 3/25/2025	260,731
7,000	Microsoft Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.921%, 3/17/2052	5,029
8,000	Microsoft Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.450%, 8/8/2036	7,303
500,000	Oracle Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.250%, 11/9/2032	539,506
	TOTAL	1,451,082
	<b>Technology Services—0.0%</b>	
5,000	Global Payments, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.200%, 8/15/2029	4,528
	<b>Transportation - Airlines—0.1%</b>	
30,000	Delta Air Lines, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.900%, 10/28/2024	29,350
110,000	Southwest Airlines Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.250%, 5/4/2025	110,133
	TOTAL	139,483
	<b>Transportation - Railroads—0.1%</b>	
225,000	Canadian Pacific Railway Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.125%, 6/1/2026	216,334
	<b>Transportation - Services—0.2%</b>	
15,000	Enterprise Rent-A-Car USA Finance Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.625%, 3/15/2042	15,606
20,000	FedEx Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.900%, 2/1/2035	18,243
210,000	Penske Truck Leasing Co. LP & PTL Finance Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.550%, 5/1/2028	213,901
125,000	United Parcel Service, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.900%, 4/1/2025	123,779
	TOTAL	371,529
	<b>Utility - Electric—1.1%</b>	
200,000	Alabama Power Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.000%, 3/15/2052	138,040
90,000	Ameren Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.950%, 3/15/2027	82,638
70,000	Electricite de France SA, Note, 144A, 5.600%, 1/27/2040	70,620
300,000	Electricite de France SA, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.500%, 9/21/2028	295,551
140,000	Emera US Finance LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.750%, 6/15/2046	115,898
170,000	EverSource Energy, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.350%, 3/15/2026	164,239
200,000	Exelon Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.400%, 4/15/2026	194,081
110,000	National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corp., Sr. Sub. Note, 5.250%, 4/20/2046	106,973
25,000	National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series MTNC, 8.000%, 3/1/2032	29,837

Shares or Principal Amount		Value
	CORPORATE BONDS—continued	
	<b>Utility - Electric—continued</b>	
\$ 250,000	PPL Capital Funding, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.100%, 5/15/2026	\$ 240,589
175,000	Southern Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.250%, 7/1/2026	168,925
250,000	Virginia Electric & Power Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.450%, 4/1/2053	254,800
300,000	WEC Energy Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.800%, 10/15/2030	246,125
170,000	WEC Energy Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.150%, 10/1/2027	172,415
	TOTAL	2,280,731
	<b>Utility - Natural Gas—0.2%</b>	
445,000	National Fuel Gas Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.500%, 1/15/2026	447,352
5,000	TransCanada PipeLines Ltd., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.200%, 10/15/2037	5,313
	TOTAL	452,665
	<b>Utility - Other—0.1%</b>	
125,000	National Grid-SP PLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.602%, 6/12/2028	128,735
	TOTAL CORPORATE BONDS (IDENTIFIED COST \$22,801,763)	21,894,742
	U.S. TREASURIES—5.1%	
	<b>Treasury Inflation-Indexed Note—1.3%</b>	
1,415,498	U.S. Treasury Inflation-Protected Notes, 1.375%, 7/15/2033	1,382,433
1,353,429	U.S. Treasury Inflation-Protected Notes, 2.375%, 10/15/2028	1,399,741
	TOTAL	2,782,174
	<b>U.S. Treasury Bond—1.8%</b>	
1,200,000	<sup>4</sup> United States Treasury Bond, 2.000%, 8/15/2051	756,750
275,000	United States Treasury Bond, 2.000%, 2/15/2054	272,641
780,000	United States Treasury Bond, 2.250%, 2/15/2052	522,600
125,000	United States Treasury Bond, 3.000%, 8/15/2052	98,965
50,000	United States Treasury Bond, 3.250%, 5/15/2042	43,242
225,000	United States Treasury Bond, 3.375%, 8/15/2042	197,895
65,000	United States Treasury Bond, 3.625%, 5/15/2053	58,317
1,750,000	United States Treasury Bond, 4.125%, 8/15/2053	1,718,008
	TOTAL	3,668,418
	<b>U.S. Treasury Note—2.0%</b>	
250,000	United States Treasury Note, 1.250%, 12/31/2026	231,289
275,000	United States Treasury Note, 1.875%, 2/15/2034	277,032
500,000	United States Treasury Note, 2.375%, 3/31/2029	464,648
275,000	United States Treasury Note, 2.500%, 3/31/2027	262,990
500,000	United States Treasury Note, 2.750%, 5/31/2029	472,578
550,000	United States Treasury Note, 3.125%, 8/31/2029	528,688
150,000	United States Treasury Note, 4.000%, 1/31/2029	150,901
100,000	United States Treasury Note, 4.000%, 7/31/2030	100,461
600,000	United States Treasury Note, 4.125%, 9/30/2027	603,609
820,000	United States Treasury Note, 4.125%, 7/31/2028	827,688



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	U.S. TREASURIES—continued	
	<b>U.S. Treasury Note—continued</b>	
\$ 350,000	United States Treasury Note, 4.375%, 11/30/2030	\$ 359,406
	TOTAL	4,279,290
	TOTAL U.S. TREASURIES (IDENTIFIED COST \$11,374,712)	10,729,882
	ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES—2.5%	
	<b>Auto Receivables—1.0%</b>	
300,000	Ford Credit Auto Owner Trust/Ford Credit 2023-2, Class SUB, 5.920%, 2/15/2036	309,139
100,000	Navistar Financial Dealer Note Master Trust 2023-1, Class A, 6.180%, 8/25/2028	100,112
165,158	Santander Bank Auto Credit-Linked Notes 2022-B, Class D, 6.793%, 8/16/2032	163,605
300,000	Santander Drive Auto Receivables Trust 2023-1, Class C, 5.090%, 5/15/2030	297,669
250,000	Santander Drive Auto Receivables Trust 2023-3, Class C, 5.770%, 11/15/2030	253,439
225,000	SFS Auto Receivables Securitization Trust 2023-1A, Class C, 5.970%, 2/20/2031	227,091
250,000	Tesla Auto Lease Trust 2023-A, Class B, 6.410%, 7/20/2027	252,276
250,000	Toyota Auto Loan Extended Note 2023-1A, Class A, 4.930%, 6/25/2036	251,995
177,869	Toyota Auto Receivables Owner Trust 2020-B, Class A4, 1.660%, 9/15/2025	177,072
90,000	World Omni Auto Receivables Trust 2021-A, Class C, 0.890%, 8/16/2027	85,278
	TOTAL	2,117,676
	<b>Credit Card—0.4%</b>	
345,000	First National Master Note Trust 2023-1, Class A, 5.130%, 4/15/2029	346,822
400,000	Master Credit Card Trust 2022-2A, Class C, 2.730%, 7/21/2028	360,681
	TOTAL	707,503
	<b>Equipment Lease—0.7%</b>	
200,000	Dell Equipment Finance Trust 2023-2, Class C, 6.060%, 1/22/2029	201,316
200,000	DLLMT LLC 2023-1A, Class A4, 5.350%, 3/20/2031	200,687
500,000	HPEFS Equipment Trust 2022-1A, Class C, 1.960%, 5/21/2029	486,401
300,000	Kubota Credit Owner Trust 2023-2A, Class A4, 5.230%, 6/15/2028	301,721
300,000	MMAF Equipment Finance LLC 2023-A, Class A4, 5.500%, 12/13/2038	302,996
	TOTAL	1,493,121
	<b>Other—0.3%</b>	
450,000	PFS Financing Corp. 2020-G, Class A, 0.970%, 2/15/2026	450,347
225,000	PFS Financing Corp. 2023-B, Class A, 5.270%, 5/15/2028	226,524
	TOTAL	676,871
	<b>Student Loans—0.1%</b>	
184,656	Navient Student Loan Trust 2021-A, Class A, 0.840%, 5/15/2069	162,202
	TOTAL ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES (IDENTIFIED COST \$5,211,862)	5,157,373
	COLLATERALIZED MORTGAGE OBLIGATIONS—0.6%	
	<b>Commercial Mortgage—0.2%</b>	
150,000	Bank 2023-BNK46, Class A4, 5.745%, 8/15/2056	159,446

Shares or Principal Amount		Value
	COLLATERALIZED MORTGAGE OBLIGATIONS—continued	
	<b>Commercial Mortgage—continued</b>	
\$ 190,000	Bank, Class A4, 3.488%, 11/15/2050	\$ 178,012
200,000	JPMDB Commercial Mortgage Securities Trust 2016-C4, Class A3, 3.141%, 12/15/2049	185,539
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>522,997</b>
	<b>Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation—0.2%</b>	
1,465	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. REMIC, Series 2497, Class JH, 6.000%, 9/15/2032	1,511
250,000	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. REMIC, Series K161, Class A2, 4.900%, 10/25/2033	256,589
200,000	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. REMIC, Series K754, Class A2, 4.940%, 11/25/2030	204,801
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>462,901</b>
	<b>Federal National Mortgage Association—0.0%</b>	
204	Federal National Mortgage Association REMIC, Series 2003-35, Class UC, 3.750%, 5/25/2033	200
	<b>Non-Agency Mortgage—0.2%</b>	
12	<sup>3</sup> Bear Stearns Mortgage Securities, Inc. 1997-6, Class 1A, 7.563%, 3/25/2031	11
378,187	GS Mortgage-Backed Securities Trust 2023-PJ1, Class A4, 3.500%, 2/25/2033	335,021
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>335,032</b>
	<b>TOTAL COLLATERALIZED MORTGAGE OBLIGATIONS (IDENTIFIED COST \$1,344,778)</b>	<b>1,321,130</b>
	COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES—0.5%	
	<b>Commercial Mortgage—0.2%</b>	
200,000	BMO Mortgage Trust 2023-5C1, Class A3, 6.534%, 8/15/2056	212,774
200,000	BMO Mortgage Trust 2023-C4, Class A5, 5.116%, 2/15/2056	202,075
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>414,849</b>
	<b>Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation—0.3%</b>	
13,709	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. REMIC, Series K055, Class A1, 2.263%, 4/25/2025	13,482
234,039	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. REMIC, Series K106, Class A1, 1.783%, 10/25/2029	212,109
350,000	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. REMIC, Series K737, Class A2, 2.525%, 10/25/2026	332,983
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>558,574</b>
	<b>TOTAL COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES (IDENTIFIED COST \$1,021,669)</b>	<b>973,423</b>
	MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES—0.1%	
	<b>Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation—0.0%</b>	
19,482	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., Pool G07801, 4.000%, 10/1/2044	18,785
	<b>Federal National Mortgage Association—0.1%</b>	
4,915	Federal National Mortgage Association, Pool 357761, 5.500%, 5/1/2035	5,063
530	Federal National Mortgage Association, Pool 728709, 5.500%, 7/1/2033	543
20,049	Federal National Mortgage Association, Pool 932864, 4.000%, 12/1/2040	19,360
34,844	Federal National Mortgage Association, Pool AB7859, 3.500%, 2/1/2043	32,658

Shares or Principal Amount		Value
	MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES—continued	
	<b>Federal National Mortgage Association—continued</b>	
\$ 26,611	Federal National Mortgage Association, Pool AD6938, 4.500%, 6/1/2040	\$ 26,423
12,302	Federal National Mortgage Association, Pool AQ0945, 3.000%, 11/1/2042	11,171
14,874	Federal National Mortgage Association, Pool AT2127, 3.000%, 4/1/2043	13,512
7,373	Federal National Mortgage Association, Pool AT7861, 3.000%, 6/1/2028	7,139
13,979	Federal National Mortgage Association, Pool BM4388, 4.000%, 8/1/2048	13,410
7,816	Federal National Mortgage Association, Pool BM5024, 3.000%, 11/1/2048	6,987
10,307	Federal National Mortgage Association, Pool BM5246, 3.500%, 11/1/2048	9,529
12,576	Federal National Mortgage Association, Pool CA0833, 3.500%, 12/1/2047	11,630
9,478	Federal National Mortgage Association, Pool CA4427, 3.000%, 10/1/2049	8,348
6,501	Federal National Mortgage Association, Pool FM0008, 3.500%, 8/1/2049	6,010
20,419	Federal National Mortgage Association, Pool FM1000, 3.000%, 4/1/2047	18,329
9,277	Federal National Mortgage Association, Pool FM1221, 3.500%, 7/1/2049	8,603
14,725	Federal National Mortgage Association, Pool MA0500, 5.000%, 8/1/2040	14,977
17,113	Federal National Mortgage Association, Pool MA0666, 4.500%, 3/1/2041	16,987
20,803	Federal National Mortgage Association, Pool MA1430, 3.000%, 5/1/2043	18,875
19,259	Federal National Mortgage Association, Pool MA2803, 2.500%, 11/1/2031	18,192
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>267,746</b>
	<b>Government National Mortgage Association—0.0%</b>	
11,879	Government National Mortgage Association, Pool MA0625, 3.500%, 12/20/2042	11,164
7,590	Government National Mortgage Association, Pool MA1376, 4.000%, 10/20/2043	7,363
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,527</b>
	<b>TOTAL MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES (IDENTIFIED COST \$329,486)</b>	<b>305,058</b>
	GOVERNMENT AGENCY—0.1%	
	<b>Federal National Mortgage Association—0.1%</b>	
250,000	Federal National Mortgage Association Notes, 0.625%, 4/22/2025 (IDENTIFIED COST \$249,872)	238,214
	MUNICIPAL BOND—0.0%	
30,000	Texas State Transportation Commission - State Highway Fund, 5.178%, 4/1/2030 (IDENTIFIED COST \$32,614)	30,834
	EXCHANGE-TRADED FUNDS—6.0%	
40,700	iShares Core MSCI Emerging Markets ETF	1,971,915
141,500	iShares MSCI EAFE ETF	10,613,915
	<b>TOTAL EXCHANGE-TRADED FUNDS (IDENTIFIED COST \$11,380,526)</b>	<b>12,585,830</b>
	INVESTMENT COMPANIES—16.6%	
1,407	Bank Loan Core Fund	12,255
294,266	Emerging Markets Core Fund	2,404,149
5,120,311	Federated Hermes Institutional Prime Value Obligations Fund, Institutional Shares, 5.42% <sup>5</sup>	5,122,359
345,348	High Yield Bond Core Fund	1,916,681

Shares or Principal Amount		Value
	INVESTMENT COMPANIES—continued	
2,453,272	Mortgage Core Fund	\$ 20,607,489
525,744	Project and Trade Finance Core Fund	4,626,551
	TOTAL INVESTMENT COMPANIES (IDENTIFIED COST \$36,471,585)	34,689,484
	TOTAL INVESTMENT IN SECURITIES—100.4% (IDENTIFIED COST \$189,883,861) <sup>6</sup>	210,367,815
	OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - NET—(0.4)% <sup>7</sup>	(816,389)
	TOTAL NET ASSETS—100%	\$209,551,426

At January 31, 2024, the Fund had the following outstanding futures contracts:

Description	Number of Contracts	Notional Value	Expiration Date	Value and Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)
<b>Long Futures:</b>				
United States Treasury Long Bond Long Futures	2	\$ 244,688	March 2024	\$ 13,381
United States Treasury Notes 2-Year Long Futures	15	\$3,084,844	March 2024	\$ (434)
United States Treasury Notes 5-Year Long Futures	87	\$9,429,984	March 2024	\$127,172
United States Treasury Notes 10-Year Long Futures	8	\$ 898,625	March 2024	\$ 18,257
United States Treasury Notes 10-Year Ultra Long Futures	14	\$1,636,250	March 2024	\$ 18,998
<b>Short Futures:</b>				
United States Treasury Ultra Bond Short Futures	14	\$1,809,063	March 2024	\$ (76,563)
NET UNREALIZED APPRECIATION ON FUTURES CONTRACTS				\$100,811

Net Unrealized Appreciation on Futures Contracts is included in "Other Assets and Liabilities—Net."

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Transactions with affiliated investment companies, which are funds managed by the Adviser or an affiliate of the Adviser, during the period ended January 31, 2024, were as follows:

<b>Affiliates</b>	<b>Value as of 7/31/2023</b>	<b>Purchases at Cost</b>	<b>Proceeds from Sales</b>
Bank Loan Core Fund	\$ 11,640	\$ 589	\$ —
Emerging Markets Core Fund	\$ 1,790,027	\$ 938,711	\$ (382,000)
Federated Hermes Government Obligations Fund, Premier Shares	\$ 404,597	\$111,067,897	\$(111,472,494)
Federated Hermes Institutional Prime Value Obligations Fund, Institutional Shares	\$ 2,602,447	\$ 21,308,373	\$ (18,790,272)
High Yield Bond Core Fund	\$ 1,929,131	\$ 62,545	\$ (123,000)
Mortgage Core Fund	\$21,650,227	\$ 1,686,316	\$ (2,892,750)
Project and Trade Finance Core Fund	\$ 4,440,858	\$ 159,866	\$ —
<b>TOTAL OF AFFILIATED TRANSACTIONS</b>	<b>\$32,828,927</b>	<b>\$135,224,297</b>	<b>\$(133,660,516)</b>

Change in Unrealized Appreciation/Depreciation	Net Realized Gain/(Loss)	Value as of 1/31/2024	Shares Held as of 1/31/2024	Dividend Income
\$ 26	\$ —	\$ 12,255	1,407	\$ 590
\$ 44,680	\$ 12,731	\$ 2,404,149	294,266	\$ 88,651
\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	—	\$ —
\$ 1,194	\$ 617	\$ 5,122,359	5,120,311	\$110,629
\$ 52,129	\$ (4,124)	\$ 1,916,681	345,348	\$ 1,635
\$415,962	\$(252,266)	\$20,607,489	2,453,272	\$461,518
\$ 25,827	\$ —	\$ 4,626,551	525,744	\$159,923
\$539,818	\$(243,042)	\$34,689,484	8,740,348	\$822,946

1 Non-income-producing security.

2 Floating/variable note with current rate and current maturity or next reset date shown.

3 Perpetual Bond Security. The maturity date reflects the next call date.

4 All or a portion of this security is pledged as collateral to ensure the Fund is able to satisfy the obligations of its outstanding futures contracts.

5 7-day net yield.

6 Also represents cost of investments for federal tax purposes.

7 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 January 31, 2024.

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 January 31, 2024, 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
<b>Equity Securities:</b>				
Common Stocks				
Domestic	\$117,391,611	\$ —	\$—	\$117,391,611
International	5,050,234	—	—	5,050,234
<b>Debt Securities:</b>				
Corporate Bonds	—	21,894,742	—	21,894,742
U.S. Treasuries	—	10,729,882	—	10,729,882
Asset-Backed Securities	—	5,157,373	—	5,157,373
Collateralized Mortgage Obligations	—	1,321,130	—	1,321,130
Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities	—	973,423	—	973,423
Mortgage-Backed Securities	—	305,058	—	305,058
Government Agency	—	238,214	—	238,214
Municipal Bond	—	30,834	—	30,834
<b>Exchange-Traded Funds</b>	12,585,830	—	—	12,585,830
<b>Investment Companies<sup>1</sup></b>	30,062,933	—	—	34,689,484
<b>TOTAL SECURITIES</b>	<b>\$165,090,608</b>	<b>\$40,650,656</b>	<b>\$—</b>	<b>\$210,367,815</b>
<b>Other Financial Instruments:<sup>2</sup></b>				
Assets	\$ 177,808	\$ —	\$—	\$ 177,808
Liabilities	(76,997)	—	—	(76,997)
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 100,811</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$—</b>	<b>\$ 100,811</b>

1 As permitted by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, an Investment Company valued at \$4,626,551 is measured at fair value using the NAV per share practical expedient and has not been categorized in the chart above but is included in the Total column. The price of shares redeemed of Project and Trade Finance Core Fund (PTCORE), a portfolio of Federated Hermes Core Trust III, may be determined as of the closing NAV of the fund up to twenty-four days after receipt of a shareholder redemption request. The investment objective of PTCORE is to provide total return. Copies of the PTCORE financial statements are available on the EDGAR database on the SEC's website or upon request from the Fund.

2 Other financial instruments are futures contracts.

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

ETF —Exchange-Traded Fund  
GMTN—Global Medium Term Note  
LIBOR —London Interbank Offered Rate  
MTN —Medium Term Note  
REIT —Real Estate Investment Trust  
REMIC—Real Estate Mortgage Investment Conduit

See Notes which are an integral part of the Financial Statements



# Financial Highlights – Class A Shares

(For a Share Outstanding Throughout Each Period)

	Six Months Ended (unaudited) 1/31/2024	Year Ended July 31,				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	
<b>Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period</b>	<b>\$19.51</b>	<b>\$19.57</b>	<b>\$23.18</b>	<b>\$19.59</b>	<b>\$18.71</b>	<b>\$19.59</b>
<b>Income From Investment Operations:</b>						
Net investment income (loss) <sup>1</sup>	0.14	0.28	0.16	0.16	0.19	0.25
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	0.99	0.85	(1.60)	4.30	1.46	0.57
<b>TOTAL FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS</b>	<b>1.13</b>	<b>1.13</b>	<b>(1.44)</b>	<b>4.46</b>	<b>1.65</b>	<b>0.82</b>
<b>Less Distributions:</b>						
Distributions from net investment income	(0.29)	(0.09)	(0.13)	(0.07)	(0.24)	(0.19)
Distributions from net realized gain	—	(1.10)	(2.04)	(0.80)	(0.53)	(1.51)
<b>TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>(0.29)</b>	<b>(1.19)</b>	<b>(2.17)</b>	<b>(0.87)</b>	<b>(0.77)</b>	<b>(1.70)</b>
<b>Net Asset Value, End of Period</b>	<b>\$20.35</b>	<b>\$19.51</b>	<b>\$19.57</b>	<b>\$23.18</b>	<b>\$19.59</b>	<b>\$18.71</b>
<b>Total Return<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>5.80%</b>	<b>6.28%</b>	<b>(7.05)%</b>	<b>23.31%</b>	<b>9.08%</b>	<b>5.28%</b>
<b>Ratios to Average Net Assets:</b>						
Net expenses <sup>3</sup>	1.31% <sup>4</sup>	1.31%	1.30%	1.31%	1.31%	1.31%
Net investment income	1.46% <sup>4</sup>	1.48%	0.73%	0.77%	1.04%	1.35%
Expense waiver/reimbursement <sup>5</sup>	0.03% <sup>4</sup>	0.04%	0.01%	0.04%	0.07%	0.08%
<b>Supplemental Data:</b>						
Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)	\$121,326	\$115,519	\$114,889	\$124,559	\$95,559	\$84,243
Portfolio turnover <sup>6</sup>	37%	104%	110%	61%	152%	92%

- 1 Per share numbers have been calculated using the average shares method.
- 2 Based on net asset value, which does not reflect the sales charge, redemption fee or contingent deferred sales charge, if applicable. Total returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized.
- 3 Amount does not reflect net expenses incurred by investment companies in which the Fund may invest.
- 4 Computed on an annualized basis.
- 5 This expense decrease is reflected in both the net expense and the net investment income (loss) ratios shown above. Amount does not reflect expense waiver/reimbursement recorded by investment companies in which the Fund may invest.
- 6 Securities that mature are considered sales for purposes of this calculation.

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# Financial Highlights – Class C Shares

(For a Share Outstanding Throughout Each Period)

	Six Months Ended (unaudited) 1/31/2024	Year Ended July 31,				
		2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
<b>Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period</b>	<b>\$19.02</b>	<b>\$19.16</b>	<b>\$22.78</b>	<b>\$19.35</b>	<b>\$18.50</b>	<b>\$19.31</b>
<b>Income From Investment Operations:</b>						
Net investment income (loss) <sup>1</sup>	0.06	0.14	(0.01)	0.00 <sup>2</sup>	0.05	0.11
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	0.95	0.82	(1.57)	4.23	1.43	0.59
<b>TOTAL FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS</b>	<b>1.01</b>	<b>0.96</b>	<b>(1.58)</b>	<b>4.23</b>	<b>1.48</b>	<b>0.70</b>
<b>Less Distributions:</b>						
Distributions from net investment income	(0.13)	—	—	—	(0.10)	(0.00) <sup>2</sup>
Distributions from net realized gain	—	(1.10)	(2.04)	(0.80)	(0.53)	(1.51)
<b>TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>(0.13)</b>	<b>(1.10)</b>	<b>(2.04)</b>	<b>(0.80)</b>	<b>(0.63)</b>	<b>(1.51)</b>
<b>Net Asset Value, End of Period</b>	<b>\$19.90</b>	<b>\$19.02</b>	<b>\$19.16</b>	<b>\$22.78</b>	<b>\$19.35</b>	<b>\$18.50</b>
<b>Total Return<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>5.34%</b>	<b>5.45%</b>	<b>(7.76)%</b>	<b>22.37%</b>	<b>8.25%</b>	<b>4.54%</b>
<b>Ratios to Average Net Assets:</b>						
Net expenses <sup>4</sup>	2.10% <sup>5</sup>	2.10%	2.06%	2.06%	2.06%	2.06%
Net investment income (loss)	0.68% <sup>5</sup>	0.69%	(0.05)%	0.01%	0.29%	0.60%
Expense waiver/reimbursement <sup>6</sup>	0.00% <sup>5,7</sup>	0.01%	0.01%	0.05%	0.09%	0.10%
<b>Supplemental Data:</b>						
Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)	\$11,516	\$11,890	\$13,503	\$16,941	\$15,043	\$15,492
Portfolio turnover <sup>8</sup>	37%	104%	110%	61%	152%	92%

1 Per share numbers have been calculated using the average shares method.

2 Represents less than \$0.01.

3 Based on net asset value, which does not reflect the sales charge, redemption fee or contingent deferred sales charge, if applicable. Total returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized.

4 Amount does not reflect net expenses incurred by investment companies in which the Fund may invest.

5 Computed on an annualized basis.

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7 Represents less than 0.01%.

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# Financial Highlights – Institutional Shares

(For a Share Outstanding Throughout Each Period)

	Six Months Ended (unaudited) 1/31/2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
<b>Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period</b>	<b>\$19.62</b>	<b>\$19.67</b>	<b>\$23.28</b>	<b>\$19.67</b>	<b>\$18.78</b>	<b>\$19.64</b>
<b>Income From Investment Operations:</b>						
Net investment income (loss) <sup>1</sup>	0.17	0.33	0.21	0.22	0.24	0.30
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	0.98	0.86	(1.60)	4.30	1.46	0.58
<b>TOTAL FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS</b>	<b>1.15</b>	<b>1.19</b>	<b>(1.39)</b>	<b>4.52</b>	<b>1.70</b>	<b>0.88</b>
<b>Less Distributions:</b>						
Distributions from net investment income	(0.37)	(0.14)	(0.18)	(0.11)	(0.28)	(0.23)
Distributions from net realized gain	—	(1.10)	(2.04)	(0.80)	(0.53)	(1.51)
<b>TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>(0.37)</b>	<b>(1.24)</b>	<b>(2.22)</b>	<b>(0.91)</b>	<b>(0.81)</b>	<b>(1.74)</b>
<b>Net Asset Value, End of Period</b>	<b>\$20.40</b>	<b>\$19.62</b>	<b>\$19.67</b>	<b>\$23.28</b>	<b>\$19.67</b>	<b>\$18.78</b>
<b>Total Return<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>5.88%</b>	<b>6.57%</b>	<b>(6.82)%</b>	<b>23.59%</b>	<b>9.33%</b>	<b>5.61%</b>
<b>Ratios to Average Net Assets:</b>						
Net expenses <sup>3</sup>	1.06% <sup>4</sup>	1.06%	1.06%	1.06%	1.06%	1.06%
Net investment income	1.71% <sup>4</sup>	1.74%	0.97%	1.02%	1.29%	1.62%
Expense waiver/reimbursement <sup>5</sup>	0.04% <sup>4</sup>	0.04%	0.01%	0.04%	0.07%	0.08%
<b>Supplemental Data:</b>						
Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)	\$73,863	\$69,433	\$65,157	\$73,997	\$54,440	\$53,035
Portfolio turnover <sup>6</sup>	37%	104%	110%	61%	152%	92%

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# Financial Highlights – Class R6 Shares

(For a Share Outstanding Throughout Each Period)

	Six Months Ended (unaudited) 1/31/2024	Year Ended July 31,				
		2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
<b>Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period</b>	<b>\$19.56</b>	<b>\$19.63</b>	<b>\$23.24</b>	<b>\$19.61</b>	<b>\$18.74</b>	<b>\$19.62</b>
<b>Income From Investment Operations:</b>						
Net investment income (loss) <sup>1</sup>	0.17	0.32	0.22	0.22	0.24	0.27
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	0.98	0.87	(1.61)	4.31	1.44	0.60
<b>TOTAL FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS</b>	<b>1.15</b>	<b>1.19</b>	<b>(1.39)</b>	<b>4.53</b>	<b>1.68</b>	<b>0.87</b>
<b>Less Distributions:</b>						
Distributions from net investment income	(0.37)	(0.16)	(0.18)	(0.10)	(0.28)	(0.24)
Distributions from net realized gain	—	(1.10)	(2.04)	(0.80)	(0.53)	(1.51)
<b>TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>(0.37)</b>	<b>(1.26)</b>	<b>(2.22)</b>	<b>(0.90)</b>	<b>(0.81)</b>	<b>(1.75)</b>
<b>Net Asset Value, End of Period</b>	<b>\$20.34</b>	<b>\$19.56</b>	<b>\$19.63</b>	<b>\$23.24</b>	<b>\$19.61</b>	<b>\$18.74</b>
<b>Total Return<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>5.93%</b>	<b>6.59%</b>	<b>(6.81)%</b>	<b>23.70%</b>	<b>9.26%</b>	<b>5.56%</b>
<b>Ratios to Average Net Assets:</b>						
Net expenses <sup>3</sup>	1.03% <sup>4</sup>	1.04%	1.01%	1.05%	1.05%	1.05%
Net investment income	1.73% <sup>4</sup>	1.76%	1.05%	1.03%	1.29%	1.40%
Expense waiver/reimbursement <sup>5</sup>	0.00% <sup>4,6</sup>	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.03%	0.06%
<b>Supplemental Data:</b>						
Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)	\$2,846	\$2,648	\$2,286	\$1,836	\$1,516	\$3,165
Portfolio turnover <sup>7</sup>	37%	104%	110%	61%	152%	92%

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4 Computed on an annualized basis.

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6 Represents less than 0.01%.

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# Statement of Assets and Liabilities

January 31, 2024 (unaudited)

## Assets:

Investment in securities, at value including and \$34,689,484 of investments in affiliated holdings* (identified cost \$189,883,861, including \$36,471,585 of identified cost in affiliated holdings)	\$210,367,815
Income receivable	419,942
Income receivable from affiliated holdings	152,350
Receivable for investments sold	604,529
Receivable for shares sold	198,147
Receivable for variation margin on futures contracts	52,276
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>211,795,059</b>

## Liabilities:

Payable for investments purchased	1,721,147
Payable for shares redeemed	338,382
Payable to bank	4,788
Payable for investment adviser fee (Note 5)	4,317
Payable for administrative fee (Note 5)	449
Payable for Directors'/Trustees' fees (Note 5)	465
Payable for share registration costs	21,765
Payable for distribution services fee (Note 5)	7,413
Payable for other service fees (Notes 2 and 5)	52,495
Accrued expenses (Note 5)	92,412
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>2,243,633</b>
Net assets for 10,301,784 shares outstanding	\$209,551,426

## Net Assets Consist of:

Paid-in capital	\$187,536,052
Total distributable earnings (loss)	22,015,374
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$209,551,426</b>

# Statement of Assets and Liabilities – continued

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

### Class A Shares:

Net asset value per share ( $\$121,326,461 \div 5,963,129$ shares outstanding), no par value, unlimited shares authorized	\$20.35
Offering price per share (100/94.50 of \$20.35)	\$21.53
Redemption proceeds per share	\$20.35

### Class C Shares:

Net asset value per share ( $\$11,516,211 \div 578,563$ shares outstanding), no par value, unlimited shares authorized	\$19.90
Offering price per share	\$19.90
Redemption proceeds per share (99.00/100 of \$19.90)	\$19.70

### Institutional Shares:

Net asset value per share ( $\$73,862,954 \div 3,620,173$ shares outstanding), no par value, unlimited shares authorized	\$20.40
Offering price per share	\$20.40
Redemption proceeds per share	\$20.40

### Class R6 Shares:

Net asset value per share ( $\$2,845,800 \div 139,919$ shares outstanding), no par value, unlimited shares authorized	\$20.34
Offering price per share	\$20.34
Redemption proceeds per share	\$20.34

\* See information listed after the Fund's Portfolio of Investments.

See Notes which are an integral part of the Financial Statements

# Statement of Operations

Six Months Ended January 31, 2024 (unaudited)

## Investment Income:

Dividends (including \$822,946 received from affiliated holdings*)	\$ 1,899,533
Interest	829,803
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>2,729,336</b>

## Expenses:

Investment adviser fee (Note 5)	738,708
Administrative fee (Note 5)	79,572
Custodian fees	19,419
Transfer agent fees (Note 2)	101,426
Directors'/Trustees' fees (Note 5)	1,168
Auditing fees	18,855
Legal fees	5,803
Portfolio accounting fees	54,024
Distribution services fee (Note 5)	42,317
Other service fees (Notes 2 and 5)	153,090
Share registration costs	32,672
Printing and postage	14,605
Miscellaneous (Note 5)	16,605
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,278,264</b>

## Reimbursements:

Reimbursement of investment adviser fee (Note 5)	(3,068)
Reimbursement of other operating expenses (Notes 2 and 5)	(26,033)
<b>TOTAL REIMBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>(29,101)</b>
Net expenses	1,249,163
Net investment income	1,480,173

## Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments and Futures Contracts:

Net realized gain on investments (including net realized loss of \$(243,042) on sales of investments in affiliated holdings*)	3,339,506
Net realized loss on futures contracts	(241,536)
Net change in unrealized appreciation of investments (including net change in unrealized depreciation of \$539,818 on investments in affiliated holdings*)	6,593,091
Net change in unrealized depreciation of futures contracts	249,235
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments and futures contracts	9,940,296
<b>Change in net assets resulting from operations</b>	<b>\$11,420,469</b>

\* See information listed after the Fund's Portfolio of Investments.

See Notes which are an integral part of the Financial Statements

# Statement of Changes in Net Assets

	Six Months Ended (unaudited) 1/31/2024	Year Ended 7/31/2023
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets</b>		
<b>Operations:</b>		
Net investment income	\$ 1,480,173	\$ 2,957,236
Net realized gain (loss)	3,097,970	174,163
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation	6,842,326	8,895,072
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	11,420,469	12,026,471
<b>Distributions to Shareholders:</b>		
Class A Shares	(1,681,293)	(6,948,203)
Class C Shares	(80,791)	(731,258)
Institutional Shares	(1,302,381)	(4,265,616)
Class R6 Shares	(50,698)	(142,729)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS	(3,115,163)	(12,087,806)
<b>Share Transactions:</b>		
Proceeds from sale of shares	17,546,598	39,221,885
Net asset value of shares issued to shareholders in payment of distributions declared	3,020,046	11,678,828
Cost of shares redeemed	(18,810,852)	(47,183,872)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM SHARE TRANSACTIONS	1,755,792	3,716,841
Change in net assets	10,061,098	3,655,506
<b>Net Assets:</b>		
Beginning of period	199,490,328	195,834,822
End of period	\$209,551,426	\$199,490,328

See Notes which are an integral part of the Financial Statements



# Notes to Financial Statements

January 31, 2024 (unaudited)

## 1. ORGANIZATION

Federated Hermes MDT Series (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 five portfolios. The financial statements included herein are only those of Federated Hermes MDT Balanced 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 Fund offers four classes of shares: Class A Shares, Class C Shares, Institutional Shares and Class R6 Shares. All shares of the Fund have equal rights with respect to voting, except on class-specific matters. The investment objective of the Fund is the possibility of long-term growth of capital and income.

## 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 GAAP.

### Investment Valuation

In calculating its 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.
- Fixed-income securities are fair valued using price evaluations provided by a pricing service approved by Federated MDTA LLC (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 and Significant Events Procedures**

Pursuant to Rule 2a-5 under the 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.

## **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 Fund's 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.

## 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. Dividend income and distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Foreign dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date or when the Fund is informed of the ex-dividend date. Amortization/accretion of premium and discount is included in investment income. Gains and losses realized on principal payment of mortgage-backed securities (paydown gains and losses) are classified as part of investment income. Positive or negative inflation adjustments on Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities are included in interest income. Distributions of net investment income, if any, are declared and paid annually. Non-cash dividends included in dividend income, if any, are recorded at fair value. Investment income, realized and unrealized gains and losses, and certain fund-level expenses are allocated to each class based on relative average daily net assets, except that select classes will bear certain expenses unique to those classes. The detail of the total fund expense waiver and reimbursement of \$29,101 is disclosed in various locations in this Note 2 and Note 5. Dividends are declared separately for each class. No class has preferential dividend rights; differences in per share dividend rates are generally due to differences in separate class expenses.

## Transfer Agent Fees

For the six months ended January 31, 2024, transfer agent fees for the Fund were as follows:

	Transfer Agent Fees Incurred	Transfer Agent Fees Reimbursed
Class A Shares	\$ 58,667	\$(14,435)
Class C Shares	5,946	—
Institutional Shares	36,268	(11,598)
Class R6 Shares	545	—
TOTAL	\$101,426	\$(26,033)

## Other Service Fees

The Fund may pay other service fees up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets of the Fund's Class A Shares and Class C Shares to 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.

For the six months ended January 31, 2024, other service fees for the Fund were as follows:

	Other Service Fees Incurred
Class A Shares	\$138,985
Class C Shares	14,105
TOTAL	\$153,090

## 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 six months ended January 31, 2024, 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 January 31, 2024, 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.

The Fund may be subject to taxes imposed by governments of countries in which it invests. Such taxes are generally based on either income or gains earned or repatriated. The Fund accrues and applies such taxes to net investment income, net realized gains and net unrealized gains as income and/or gains are earned.

## 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.

## Futures Contracts

The Fund purchases and sells financial futures contracts to seek to increase return and to manage currency, duration, market, sector/asset class and yield curve risks. Upon entering into a financial futures contract with a broker, the Fund is required to deposit with a broker, either U.S. government securities or a specified amount of cash, which is shown as due from broker in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Futures contracts are valued daily and unrealized gains or losses are recorded in a "variation margin" account. The Fund receives from or pays to the broker a specified amount of cash based upon changes in the variation margin account. When a contract is closed, the Fund

recognizes a realized gain or loss. Futures contracts have market risks, including the risk that the change in the value of the contract may not correlate with the changes in the value of the underlying securities. There is minimal counterparty risk to the Fund since futures contracts are exchange traded and the exchange's clearinghouse, as counterparty to all exchange-traded futures contracts, guarantees the futures contracts against default.

Futures contracts outstanding at period end are listed after the Fund's Portfolio of Investments.

The average notional value of long and short futures contracts held by the Fund throughout the period was \$16,833,887 and \$1,751,013, respectively. This is based on amounts held as of each month-end throughout the six-month period.

## **Foreign Currency Translation**

The accounting records of the Fund are maintained in U.S. dollars. All assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars based on the rates of exchange of such currencies against U.S. dollars on the date of valuation. Purchases and sales of securities, income and expenses are translated at the rate of exchange quoted on the respective date that such transactions are recorded. The Fund does not isolate that portion of the results of operations resulting from changes in foreign exchange rates on investments from the fluctuations arising from changes in market prices of securities held. Such fluctuations are included with the net realized and unrealized gain or loss from investments.

Reported net realized foreign exchange gains or losses arise from sales of foreign currencies, currency gains or losses realized between the trade and settlement dates on securities transactions, the difference between the amounts of dividends, interest and foreign withholding taxes recorded on the Fund's books, and the U.S. dollar equivalent of the amounts actually received or paid. Net unrealized foreign exchange gains and losses arise from changes in the value of assets and liabilities other than investments in securities at period end, resulting from changes in the exchange rate.

## **Securities Lending**

The Fund participates in a securities lending program providing for the lending of equity securities to qualified brokers. The term of the loans within the program is one year or less. The Fund normally receives cash collateral for securities loaned that may be invested in affiliated money market funds, other money market instruments and/or repurchase agreements. Investments in money market funds may include funds with a "floating" NAV that can impose redemption fees and liquidity gates, impose certain operational impediments to investing cash collateral, and, if the investee fund's NAV decreases, result in the Fund recognizing losses and being required to cover the decrease in the value of the cash collateral. Collateral is maintained at a minimum level of 100% of the market value of investments loaned, plus interest, if applicable. In accordance with the Fund's securities lending agreement, the market value of securities on loan is determined each day at the close of business and any additional collateral required to cover the value of securities on loan is delivered to the Fund on the next business day. Earnings from collateral invested in affiliated holdings as presented parenthetically on the Statement of Operations do not reflect fees and rebates and are allocated between the borrower of the security, the securities lending agent, as a fee for its services under the program and the Fund, according to agreed-upon rates. The Fund will not have the right to vote on securities while they are on loan. However, the Fund

will attempt to terminate a loan in an effort to reacquire the securities in time to vote on matters that are deemed to be material by the Adviser. There can be no assurance that the Fund will have sufficient notice of such matters to be able to terminate the loan in time to vote thereon.

As of January 31, 2024, the Fund had no securities on loan.

### 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. The Fund's restricted securities, like other securities, are priced in accordance with procedures established by and under the general supervision of the Adviser.

### Additional Disclosure Related to Derivative Instruments

#### Fair Value of Derivative Instruments

		Assets
	Statement of Assets and Liabilities Location	Fair Value
Derivatives not accounted for as hedging instruments under ASC Topic 815		
Interest rate contracts	Receivable for variation margin on futures contracts	\$100,811*

\* Includes cumulative net appreciation of futures contracts as reported in the footnotes to the Portfolio of Investments. Only the current day's variation margin is reported within the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

### The Effect of Derivative Instruments on the Statement of Operations for the Six Months Ended January 31, 2024

#### Amount of Realized Gain or (Loss) on Derivatives Recognized in Income

	Futures Contracts
Interest rate contracts	\$(241,536)

#### Change in Unrealized Appreciation or (Depreciation) on Derivatives Recognized in Income

	Futures Contracts
Interest rate contracts	\$249,235

## 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 guidance.

### 3. SHARES OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST

The following tables summarize share activity:

	Six Months Ended 1/31/2024		Year Ended 7/31/2023	
<b>Class A Shares:</b>	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Shares sold	395,398	\$ 7,567,568	749,068	\$ 13,965,347
Shares issued to shareholders in payment of distributions declared	81,106	1,616,440	364,911	6,649,533
Shares redeemed	(433,650)	(8,291,875)	(1,064,941)	(19,945,102)
NET CHANGE RESULTING FROM CLASS A SHARE TRANSACTIONS	42,854	\$ 892,133	49,038	\$ 669,778
	Six Months Ended 1/31/2024		Year Ended 7/31/2023	
<b>Class C Shares:</b>	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Shares sold	75,936	\$ 1,422,907	111,329	\$ 2,045,388
Shares issued to shareholders in payment of distributions declared	3,959	77,287	39,420	701,784
Shares redeemed	(126,367)	(2,357,632)	(230,468)	(4,232,820)
NET CHANGE RESULTING FROM CLASS C SHARE TRANSACTIONS	(46,472)	\$ (857,438)	(79,719)	\$ (1,485,648)
	Six Months Ended 1/31/2024		Year Ended 7/31/2023	
<b>Institutional Shares:</b>	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Shares sold	416,411	\$ 8,119,947	1,170,072	\$ 21,950,726
Shares issued to shareholders in payment of distributions declared	63,702	1,275,623	228,391	4,184,790
Shares redeemed	(399,140)	(7,761,834)	(1,171,973)	(21,958,960)
NET CHANGE RESULTING FROM INSTITUTIONAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS	80,973	\$ 1,633,736	226,490	\$ 4,176,556



	Six Months Ended 1/31/2024		Year Ended 7/31/2023	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
<b>Class R6 Shares:</b>				
Shares sold	22,763	\$ 436,176	67,256	\$ 1,260,424
Shares issued to shareholders in payment of distributions declared	2,539	50,696	7,809	142,721
Shares redeemed	(20,754)	(399,511)	(56,135)	(1,046,990)
NET CHANGE RESULTING FROM CLASS R6 SHARE TRANSACTIONS	4,548	\$ 87,361	18,930	\$ 356,155
NET CHANGE RESULTING FROM TOTAL FUND SHARE TRANSACTIONS	81,903	\$ 1,755,792	214,739	\$ 3,716,841

#### 4. FEDERAL TAX INFORMATION

At January 31, 2024, the cost of investments for federal tax purposes was \$189,883,861. The net unrealized appreciation of investments for federal tax purposes was \$20,584,765. This consists of unrealized appreciation from investments for those securities having an excess of value over cost of \$28,088,083 and unrealized depreciation from investments for those securities having an excess of cost over value of \$7,503,318. The amounts presented are inclusive of derivative contracts.

#### 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 0.75% 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 competitive reasons such as to maintain the Fund's expense ratio, or as and when appropriate, to maintain positive or zero net yields. For the six months ended January 31, 2024, the Adviser voluntarily reimbursed \$26,033 of transfer agent fees.

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 six months ended January 31, 2024, the Adviser reimbursed \$3,068.

Certain of the Fund's assets are managed by Federated Investment Management Company (the "Sub-Adviser"). Under the terms of a sub-advisory agreement between the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser, the Sub-Adviser receives an allocable portion of the Fund's adviser fee. The fee is paid by the Adviser out of its resources and is not an incremental Fund expense. For the six months ended January 31, 2024, the Sub-Adviser earned a fee of \$87,018.

## 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:

<b>Administrative Fee</b>	<b>Average Daily Net Assets of the Investment Complex</b>
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 six months ended January 31, 2024, the annualized fee paid to FAS was 0.081% 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 Class A Shares and Class C Shares to finance activities intended to result in the sale of these shares. The Plan provides that the Fund may incur distribution expenses at the following percentages of average daily net assets annually, to compensate FSC:

	<b>Percentage of Average Daily Net Assets of Class</b>
Class A Shares	0.05%
Class C Shares	0.75%

Subject to the terms described in the Expense Limitation note, FSC may voluntarily choose to waive any portion of its fee. For the six months ended January 31, 2024, distribution services fees for the Fund were as follows:

	<b>Distribution Services Fees Incurred</b>
Class C Shares	\$42,317

When FSC receives fees, it may pay some or all of them to financial intermediaries whose customers purchase shares. For the six months ended January 31, 2024, FSC retained \$5,125 of fees paid by the Fund. For the six months ended January 31, 2024, the Fund's Class A Shares did not incur a distribution services fee; however, it may begin to incur this fee upon approval of the Trustees.

## Sales Charges

Front-end sales charges and contingent deferred sales charges (CDSC) do not represent expenses of the Fund. They are deducted from the proceeds of sales of Fund shares prior to investment or from redemption proceeds prior to remittance, as applicable. For the six months ended January 31, 2024, FSC retained \$5,489 in sales charges from the sale of Class A Shares. For the six months ended January 31, 2024, FSC retained \$1,790 of CDSC relating to redemptions of Class C Shares.

## Other Service Fees

For the six months ended January 31, 2024, FSSC received \$8,074 of the other service fees disclosed in Note 2.

## Expense Limitation

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, if any) paid by the Fund's Class A Shares, Class C Shares, Institutional Shares and Class R6 Shares (after the voluntary waivers and/or reimbursements) will not exceed 1.31%, 2.10%, 1.06% and 1.05% (the "Fee Limit"), respectively, 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.

## 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. INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS

Purchases and sales of investments, excluding long-term U.S. government securities and short-term obligations, for the six months ended January 31, 2024, were as follows:

Purchases	\$61,057,732
Sales	\$62,694,178

## 7. CONCENTRATION OF RISK

The Fund may invest a portion of its assets in securities of companies that are deemed by the Fund's management to be classified in similar business sectors. Economic developments may have an effect on the liquidity and volatility of the portfolio securities.

A substantial portion of the Fund's portfolio may be comprised of entities in the Information Technology sector. 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 January 31, 2024, the Fund had no outstanding loans. During the six months ended January 31, 2024, 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 January 31, 2024, there were no outstanding loans. During the six months ended January 31, 2024, 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. RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS**

In December 2022, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2022-06 "Reference Rate Reform (Topic 848)". ASU No. 2022-06 updates and clarifies ASU No. 2020-04, which provides optional, temporary relief with respect to the financial reporting of contracts subject to certain types of modifications due to the planned discontinuation of LIBOR and other interbank-offered reference rates. The temporary relief provided by ASU No. 2022-06 is effective immediately for certain reference rate-related contract modifications that occur through December 31, 2024. Management does not expect ASU No. 2022-06 to have a material impact on the financial statements.

# Shareholder Expense Example (unaudited)

As a shareholder of the Fund, you incur two types of costs: (1) transaction costs, including sales charges (loads) on purchase or redemption payments; and (2) ongoing costs, including management fees and to the extent applicable, distribution (12b-1) fees and/or other service 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 August 1, 2023 to January 31, 2024.

## 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 and do not reflect any transaction costs, such as sales charges (loads) on purchase or redemption payments. 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. In addition, if these transaction costs were included, your costs would have been higher.

	Beginning Account Value 8/1/2023	Ending Account Value 1/31/2024	Expenses Paid During Period <sup>1</sup>
<b>Actual:</b>			
Class A Shares	\$1,000	\$1,058.00	\$ 6.78
Class C Shares	\$1,000	\$1,053.40	\$10.84
Institutional Shares	\$1,000	\$1,058.80	\$ 5.49
Class R6 Shares	\$1,000	\$1,059.30	\$ 5.33
<b>Hypothetical (assuming a 5% return before expenses):</b>			
Class A Shares	\$1,000	\$1,018.55	\$ 6.65
Class C Shares	\$1,000	\$1,014.58	\$10.63
Institutional Shares	\$1,000	\$1,019.81	\$ 5.38
Class R6 Shares	\$1,000	\$1,019.96	\$ 5.23

1 Expenses are equal to the Fund's annualized net expense ratios, multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by 184/366 (to reflect the one-half-year period). The annualized net expense ratios are as follows:

Class A Shares	1.31%
Class C Shares	2.10%
Institutional Shares	1.06%
Class R6 Shares	1.03%

# Evaluation and Approval of Advisory Contract – May 2023

## **FEDERATED HERMES MDT BALANCED 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 MDTA LLC (the “Adviser”) and the investment sub-advisory contract between the Adviser and Federated Investment Management Company (the “Sub-Adviser” and together with the Adviser, the “Advisers”) with respect to the Fund (together, the “Contracts”) for an additional one-year term. The Board’s determination to approve the continuation of the Contracts 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 arrangements. 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 Contracts. 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 Contracts 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 Advisers and their 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 Contracts, 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 Contracts 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 Advisers' 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 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 Contracts. 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 review of the Contracts 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 Contracts. 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 Contracts, 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 Contracts 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 Contracts. 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 Contracts 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 Advisers and the resources of Federated Hermes dedicated to the Fund. In this regard, the Board evaluated, among other things, the terms of the Contracts and the range of services provided to the Fund by Federated Hermes. The Board considered the Advisers' 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. The Board also considered the Advisers' 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 Advisers are executing the Fund's investment program.

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 Federated Hermes' oversight of the securities lending program for the Federated Hermes Funds that engage in securities lending and noted the income earned by the Federated Hermes Funds that participate in such program. In addition, 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 ongoing 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 Advisers 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 Advisers' 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 Morningstar, Inc. (the “Morningstar”), 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 Advisers 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. In this connection, the Board considered that the quantitative focus of the management of the Fund makes fee and expense comparisons particularly difficult as the funds in the Performance Peer Group varied widely in terms of the complexity of their management, and the management of the Fund is among the more complex relative to its Performance Peer Group. The Board also considered a report comparing the performance of the Fund solely to other funds with a quantitative focus in the Performance Peer Group.

The Board considered that for the one-year, three-year and five-year periods ended December 31, 2022, the Fund’s performance was above the median of the Performance Peer Group.

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

### **Fund Expenses**

The Board considered the advisory fee, sub-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 Morningstar (the “Expense Peer Group”). The Board received a description of the methodology used to select the Expense Peer Group from the overall Morningstar category. The Board also reviewed comparative information regarding the fees and expenses of the broader group of funds in the overall Morningstar 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 above the median of the Expense Peer Group, but the Board noted the applicable waivers and reimbursements, and that the overall expense structure of the Fund remained competitive in the context of other factors considered by the Board. In this regard, the Board considered that, while comparisons to the Fund's Expense Peer Group are relevant in judging the reasonableness of advisory fees, the quantitative focus of the management of the Fund makes fee and expense comparisons to the Expense Group particularly difficult. The Board further considered that, although the Fund's advisory fee was above the median of the Expense Peer Group, the funds in the Expense Peer Group varied widely in terms of the complexity of their management, and the management of the Fund is among the more complex funds relative to the Expense Peer Group.

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 any of the Advisers or their 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 question 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 Contracts 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 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 on 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 receive 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 Contracts 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 Contracts. The Board based its determination to approve the Contracts 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.

## Liquidity Risk Management Program – Annual Evaluation of Adequacy and Effectiveness

In accordance with Rule 22e-4 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “Liquidity Rule”), Federated Hermes MDT Series (the “Trust”) has adopted and implemented a liquidity risk management program (the “Program”) for Federated Hermes MDT Balanced Fund (the “Fund” and, collectively with the other non-money market open-end funds advised by Federated Hermes, the “Federated Hermes Funds”). The Program seeks to assess and manage the Fund’s liquidity risk. “Liquidity risk” is defined under the Liquidity Rule as the risk that the Fund is unable to meet redemption requests without significantly diluting remaining investors’ interests in the Fund. The Board of Trustees of the Trust (the “Board”) has approved the designation of each Federated Hermes Fund’s investment adviser as the administrator for the Program (the “Administrator”) with respect to that Fund. The Administrator, in turn, has delegated day-to-day responsibility for the administration of the Program to multiple Liquidity Risk Management Committees, which are comprised of representatives from certain divisions within Federated Hermes.

The Program is comprised of various components designed to support the assessment and/or management of liquidity risk, including: (1) the periodic assessment (no less frequently than annually) of certain factors that influence the Fund’s liquidity risk; (2) the periodic classification (no less frequently than monthly) of the Fund’s investments into one of four liquidity categories that reflect an estimate of their liquidity under current market conditions; (3) a 15% limit on the acquisition of “illiquid investments” (as defined under the Liquidity Rule); (4) to the extent a Fund does not invest primarily in “highly liquid investments” (as defined under the Liquidity Rule), the determination of a minimum percentage of the Fund’s assets that generally will be invested in highly liquid investments (an “HLIM”); (5) if a Fund has established an HLIM, the periodic review (no less frequently than annually) of the HLIM and the adoption of policies and procedures for responding to a shortfall of the Fund’s highly liquid investments below its HLIM; and (6) periodic reporting to the Board.

At its meetings in May 2023, the Board received and reviewed a written report (the “Report”) from the Federated Hermes Funds’ Chief Compliance Officer and Chief Risk Officer, on behalf of the Administrator, concerning the operation of the Program for the period from April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023 (the “Period”). The Report addressed the operation of the Program and assessed the adequacy and effectiveness of its implementation, including, where applicable, the operation of any HLIM established for a Federated Hermes Fund. There were no material changes to the Program during the Period. The Report summarized the operation of the Program and

the information and factors considered by the Administrator in assessing whether the Program has been adequately and effectively implemented with respect to the Federated Hermes Funds. Such information and factors included, among other things:

- confirmation that it was not necessary for the Fund to utilize, and the Fund did not utilize, any alternative funding sources that were available to the Federated Hermes Funds during the Period, such as the Federated Hermes Funds' interfund lending facility, redemptions in-kind, reverse repurchase agreement transactions, redemptions delayed beyond the normal T+1 settlement but within seven days of the redemption request, and committed lines of credit;
- the periodic classifications of the Fund's investments into one of four liquidity categories and the methodologies and inputs used to classify the investments, including the Fund's reasonably anticipated trade size;
- the analysis received from a third-party liquidity assessment vendor that is taken into account in the process of determining the liquidity classifications of the Fund's investments, and the results of the Administrator's evaluation of the services performed by the vendor in support of this process, including the Administrator's view that the methodologies utilized by the vendor continue to be appropriate;
- the fact that the Fund invested primarily in highly liquid investments during the Period and, therefore, was not required to establish, and has not established, an HLIM and the operation of the procedures for monitoring the status of the Fund as investing primarily in highly liquid investments;
- the fact that the Fund invested no more than 15% of its assets in illiquid investments during the Period, and the operation of the procedures for monitoring this limit;
- the fact that there were no liquidity events during the Period that materially affected the Fund's liquidity risk;
- the impact on liquidity and management of liquidity risk, if any, caused by extended non-U.S. market closures and confirmation that there were no issues for any of the affected Federated Hermes Funds in meeting shareholder redemptions at any time during these temporary non-U.S. market closures.

Based on this review, the Administrator concluded that the Program is operating effectively to assess and manage the Fund's liquidity risk, and that the Program has been and continues to be adequately and effectively implemented to monitor and, as applicable, respond to the Fund's liquidity developments.

## 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](https://FederatedHermes.com/us/FundInformation). Form N-PX filings are also available at the SEC's website at [sec.gov](https://sec.gov).

## Quarterly Portfolio Schedule

Each fiscal quarter, the Fund will file with the SEC a complete schedule of its monthly portfolio holdings on "Form N-PORT." The Fund's holdings as of the end of the third month of every fiscal quarter, as reported on Form N-PORT, will be publicly available on the SEC's website at [sec.gov](https://sec.gov) within 60 days of the end of the fiscal quarter upon filing. You may also access this information via the link to the Fund and share class name at [FederatedHermes.com/us](https://FederatedHermes.com/us).

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This Report is authorized for distribution to prospective investors only when preceded or accompanied by the Fund's Prospectus, which contains facts concerning its objective and policies, management fees, expenses and other information.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT FUND DOCUMENT DELIVERY**

In an effort to reduce costs and avoid duplicate mailings, the Fund(s) intend to deliver a single copy of certain documents to each household in which more than one shareholder of the Fund(s) resides (so-called "householding"), as permitted by applicable rules. The Fund's "householding" program covers its/their Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information, and supplements to each, as well as Semi-Annual and Annual Shareholder Reports and any Proxies or information statements. Shareholders must give their written consent to participate in the "householding" program. The Fund is also permitted to treat a shareholder as having given consent ("implied consent") if (i) shareholders with the same last name, or believed to be members of the same family, reside at the same street address or receive mail at the same post office box, (ii) the Fund gives notice of its intent to "household" at least sixty (60) days before it begins "householding" and (iii) none of the shareholders in the household have notified the Fund(s) or their agent of the desire to "opt out" of "householding." Shareholders who have granted written consent, or have been deemed to have granted implied consent, can revoke that consent and opt out of "householding" at any time: shareholders who purchased shares through an intermediary should contact their representative; other shareholders may call the Fund at 1-800-341-7400, Option #4.

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