## Semi-Annual Shareholder Report

September 30, 2023



# Federated Hermes Project and Trade Finance Tender Fund

Fund Established 2016

Dear Valued Shareholder.

We are pleased to present the Semi-Annual Shareholder Report for your fund covering the period from April 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023. This report includes a complete listing of your fund's holdings, performance information and financial statements along with other important fund information.

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

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

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

Sincerely,

J. Christopher Donahue, President

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## Portfolio of Investments Summary Table (unaudited)

At September 30, 2023, the Fund's portfolio composition was as follows:

Security Type	Percentage of Total Net Assets
Trade Finance Agreements	81.7%
Derivative Contracts <sup>2</sup>	0.9%
Cash Equivalents <sup>3</sup>	12.1%
Other Assets and Liabilities—Net <sup>4</sup>	5.3%
TOTAL	100%

- 1 See the Fund's Prospectus for a description of the principal types of securities in which the Fund invests.
- 2 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.
- 3 Cash Equivalents include any investments in money market mutual funds and/or overnight repurchase agreements.
- 4 Assets, other than investments in securities and derivative contracts, less liabilities. See Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

## Portfolio of Investments

September 30, 2023 (unaudited)

Foreign Currency Par Amount, Principal Amount or Shares		Acquisition Date <sup>1</sup>	Acquisition Cost in U.S. Dollars <sup>1</sup>	Value in U.S. Dollars
	<sup>1</sup> TRADE FINANCE AGREEMENTS—81.7%			_
	Automotive—0.7%			
\$ 4,000,000	<sup>2</sup> JSC UzAuto Motors ("UzAuto Motors"), 9.718% (180-DAY AVERAGE SOFR +4.250%), 8/24/2026	9/18/2023	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 4,003,016
	Banking—11.7%			
EUR 8,500,000	Akbank T.A.S., 7.154%, 11/2/2023	5/8/2023- 5/24/2023	9,164,594	8,986,626
\$10,000,000	Banco Santander (Brasil) SA, 6.136%, 12/15/2023	5/17/2023	10,000,000	10,000,000
EUR 5,000,000	<sup>2</sup> Denizbank AS, 7.309% (3-month EURIBOR +0.034%), 11/22/2023	4/24/2023	5,513,165	5,286,250
\$12,000,000	<sup>2</sup> Joint Stock Commercial Bank Agrobank, 9.820% (SOFR +4.500%), 10/13/2023	10/17/2022- 3/7/2023	12,000,000	12,003,146
EUR 3,000,000	<sup>2</sup> QNB Finansbank AS/Turkey, 7.245% (6-month EURIBOR +3.475%), 12/1/2023	4/24/2023	3,310,439	3,171,750
4,500,000	<sup>2</sup> QNB Finansbank AS/Turkey, 7.270% (6-month EURIBOR +3.500%), 5/30/2024	5/24/2023	4,742,226	4,693,787
3,000,000	<sup>2</sup> The National Bank for Foreign Economic Activity of the Republic of Uzbekistan ("NBU"), 7.218% (6-month EURIBOR +3.400%), 6/18/2024	6/18/2021	3,583,642	3,163,909
8,750,000	<sup>2</sup> Turikiye Vakiflar Bankasi T.A.O., Turkey, 7.258% (3-month EURIBOR +3.500%), 11/30/2023	5/8/2023- 5/18/2023	9,446,109	9,250,938
5,000,000	Turkiye Ihracat Kredi Bankasi A.S., 7.293%, 11/16/2023	5/8/2023	5,464,221	5,286,251
\$ 7,500,000	Turkiye Ihracat Kredi Bankasi A.S., 8.727%, 9/17/2024	9/13/2023	7,500,000	7,500,000
	TOTAL			69,342,657
	Basic Industry - Metals/Mining Excluding Steel—5.0%			
3,200,000	<sup>2</sup> China Hongqiao Group Ltd., 9.233% (1-month USLIBOR +3.800%), 3/30/2024	6/3/2021	3,200,000	3,200,000

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	<sup>1</sup> TRADE FINANCE AGREEMENTS—continued			
	Basic Industry - Metals/Mining Excluding Steel—continued			
\$ 5,500,000	<sup>2</sup> Harmony Gold Mining Co. Ltd., 8.160% (SOFR +3.050%), 6/8/2025	4/30/2021	\$ 5,507,949	\$ 5,537,938
4,001,421	Mosaic Fertilizantes P&K Ltda, Brazil and/or Mosaic Feritilizantes Ltd., 6.000%, 10/31/2023	5/10/2023	3,889,280	4,001,421
10,000,000	<sup>2</sup> PJSC Acron, 7.143% (1-month USLIBOR +1.700%), 5/18/2026	11/26/2021	10,000,000	9,672,521
6,800,000	<sup>2</sup> PJSC MMC Norilsk Nickel, 6.834% (90-DAY AVERAGE SOFR +1.400%), 2/20/2025	11/30/2020- 10/22/2021	6,759,805	6,441,884
700,000	<sup>2</sup> Tasiast Mauritanie Ltd. SA, 8.500% (6-month USLIBOR +0.042%), 12/15/2027	10/15/2020	700,000	700,000
	TOTAL			29,553,764
	Basic Industry - Steel Producers/Products—1.1%			
6,500,000	<sup>2</sup> JSC Uzbek Steel, 9.620% (90- DAY AVERAGE SOFR +4.250%), 8/4/2024	8/22/2023	6,502,250	6,496,926
	Building & Development—0.7%			
4,050,000	<sup>2</sup> IHS Zambia Ltd., 10.569% (3-month USLIBOR +5.000%), 12/15/2027	11/26/2021	4,044,825	3,912,701
	Chemicals—0.6%			
3,273,588	<sup>2</sup> Egyptian Ethylene & Derivatives Co. SAE, 9.382% (90-DAY AVERAGE SOFR +4.000%), 9/13/2028	9/22/2023	3,273,588	3,271,557
	Communications - Telecom Wirelines—1.5%			
EUR 8,200,000	<sup>2</sup> Telekom Srbija a.d. Beograd, 8.720% (6-month EURIBOR +4.950%), 6/1/2026	5/26/2023- 5/30/2023	8,693,711	8,669,451
	Consumer Goods - Food - Wholesale—0.8%		_	
\$ 206,250	<sup>2</sup> Ghana Cocoa Board, 9.798% (6-month USLIBOR +4.400%), 11/12/2024	8/11/2021	206,250	201,466

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	<sup>1</sup> TRADE FINANCE AGREEMENTS—continued			
	Consumer Goods - Food - Wholesale—continued			
\$ 4,397,059	<sup>2</sup> International Beverage Tashkent, 10.072% (3-month USLIBOR +4.500%), 12/29/2026	12/23/2021- 3/7/2022	\$ 4,397,059	\$ 4,397,059
894,737	2.3.4.5Vicentin SAIC II, 11.570% (3-month USLIBOR +6.000%), 1/15/2024	1/8/2018- 2/21/2018	894,737	134,211
	TOTAL			4,732,736
	Energy - Exploration & Production—8.2%			
11,000,000	<sup>2</sup> Azule Energy Holding Ltd., 9.900% (SOFR +4.500%), 7/29/2029	12/19/2022- 10/27/2022	10,920,000	11,048,603
7,500,000	<sup>2</sup> Carmo Energy SA, 8.137% (6-month CME Term SOFR +2.500%), 12/23/2027	6/30/2023	7,500,000	7,470,226
11,000,000	<sup>2</sup> CC Energy Development Ltd., 9.299% (SOFR +3.880%), 7/1/2028	8/31/2022	11,000,000	11,000,000
5,000,000	<sup>2</sup> SOCAR Energy, 9.178% (6-month USLIBOR +3.450%), 8/11/2026	8/11/2021	4,957,500	5,000,000
76,923	<sup>2</sup> SOCAR Energy '18, 7.819% (3-month USLIBOR +2.200%), 11/8/2023	11/26/2019	76,577	76,923
3,072,813	<sup>2</sup> Sonangol Finance Ltd., 9.681% (1-month USLIBOR		·	
3,500,000	+4.250%), 12/20/2023  2Sonangol Finance Ltd., 10.681% (1-month USLIBOR	12/16/2022	3,045,861	3,070,776
3,920,000	+5.250%), 9/30/2026 <sup>2</sup> Sonangol Finance Ltd., ("SFL"), Inc. in Cayman Islands, a wholly owned subsidiary of Sonangol EP, Term Loan, Series 2025 TF, 9.631% (1-month USLIBOR +4.200%), 1/31/2025	9/15/2021 5/24/2023	3,465,000 3,891,600	3,500,000
3,333,334	<sup>2</sup> State Oil Co Of The Azer, 8.572% (6-month USLIBOR +2.700%), 2/22/2024	3/7/2023		3,333,334
		3/1/2023	3,300,000	<del> </del>
	TOTAL			48,419,862

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	<sup>1</sup> TRADE FINANCE AGREEMENTS—continued			
	Energy - Gas Distribution— 3.4%			
\$ 4,525,718	<sup>2</sup> Papua New Guinea Liquefied Natural Gas Global Co., 9.400% (6-month USLIBOR +3.500%), 6/15/2026	4/14/2023	\$ 4,480,461	\$ 4,525,718
1,444,632	<sup>2</sup> Papua New Guinea Liquefied Natural Gas Global Co., 9.900% (6-month USLIBOR +4.250%), 6/15/2024	4/14/2023	1,444,632	1,444,632
12,174,969	<sup>2</sup> Venture Global Calcasieu Pass LLC, 8.041% (1-month USLIBOR +2.625%), 8/19/2026	1/28/2021- 2/10/2023	12,133,882	12,174,969
2,028,020	<sup>2</sup> Venture Global Plaquemines LNG LLC, 7.291% (SOFR +1.975%), 5/25/2029	12/15/2022- 9/18/2023	2,028,021	2,028,020
	TOTAL			20,173,339
	Energy - Integrated Energy— 1.0%			
1,755,674	<sup>2</sup> Staatsolie Maatschappij Suriname NV, 11.112% (3-month USLIBOR +2.500%), 1/25/2028	6/30/2021	1,755,674	1,755,674
3,931,516	<sup>2</sup> Staatsolie Maatschappij Suriname NV, 11.112% (90-DAY AVERAGE SOFR	4/20/2021	2 021 514	2 021 514
	+2.600%), 1/25/2028	6/30/2021	3,931,516	3,931,516
	TOTAL  Energy - Oil Field Equipment &			5,687,190
	Services—1.6%			
9,041,587	<sup>2</sup> Alfa Lula Alto S.a.r.l, 7.420% (90- DAY AVERAGE SOFR +2.100%), 1/15/2028	6/16/2023	8,951,672	8,951,569
796,852	<sup>2</sup> Alfa Lula Alto S.a.r.l, 7.620% (90- DAY AVERAGE SOFR +2.300%), 12/15/2029	6/16/2023	780,914	782,948
	TOTAL			9,734,517
	Energy - Oil Refining and Marketing—4.6%			
4,700,000	<sup>2</sup> Trafigura Environmental Solutions S.a.r.l, 7.230% (30-DAY AVERAGE SOFR +1.900%), 9/5/2024	9/6/2023	4,700,000	4,699,460

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	<sup>1</sup> TRADE FINANCE AGREEMENTS—continued			
	Energy - Oil Refining and Marketing—continued			
\$ 5,750,000	<sup>2</sup> Trafigura Pte Ltd. NZ, 7.328% (1-month USLIBOR +2.000%), 5/5/2024	12/20/2022- 1/20/2023	\$ 5,750,000	\$ 5,750,000
5,080,353	<sup>2</sup> Yinson Bergenia Production, 9.269% (90-DAY AVERAGE SOFR +3.900%), 6/10/2028	3/6/2023- 9/6/2023	5,080,353	5,080,353
11,841,600	<sup>2</sup> Yinson Boronia Production, 8.562% (3-month USLIBOR +3.250%), 8/11/2026	12/17/2021- 8/19/2022	11,841,600	11,841,600
	TOTAL			27,371,413
	Food Wholesaling—0.7%			
4,148,890	Sysco Corp. and Sysco Merchandising and Supply Chain Services, Inc., 6.404%, 11/7/2023	7/17/2023- 9/6/2023	4,114,247	4,144,784
	Foreign Sovereign—16.6%			
5,000,000	African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank), 6.187%, 4/29/2024	5/1/2023	5,000,000	5,000,000
EUR 6,000,000	<sup>2</sup> Bank of Industry Ltd Central Bank of Nigeria, 5.415% (3-month EURIBOR +1.650%), 7/20/2024	9/1/2023	6,402,561	6,265,426
353,200	<sup>2</sup> Bank of Industry Ltd Central Bank of Nigeria, 8.315% (3-month EURIBOR +4.500%), 2/14/2025	3/17/2020	387,531	373,421
\$ 667,200	<sup>2</sup> Bank of Industry Ltd Central Bank of Nigeria, 11.669% (3-month USLIBOR +6.000%), 12/11/2023	4/21/2021	673,872	667,200
EUR 3,000,000	<sup>2</sup> Benin, Government of, 7.598% (6-month EURIBOR +3.950%), 4/30/2027	6/29/2023	3,255,808	3,154,278
4,800,000	Benin, Government of, 8.182%, 12/21/2026	12/21/2021	5,415,841	4,763,930
5,200,000	<sup>2</sup> Benin, Government of, 8.182% (6-month EURIBOR +4.300%), 12/21/2026	12/23/2021	5,893,941	5,489,112
5,383,155	Burkina Faso, Government of, 3.600%, 3/1/2024	3/22/2023- 5/31/2023	5,826,554	5,691,341

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	<sup>1</sup> TRADE FINANCE AGREEMENTS—continued			
	Foreign Sovereign—continued			
EUR 5,000,000	Cote D'Ivoire, Government of, 6.739%, 5/22/2024	6/6/2023	\$ 5,265,247	\$ 5,286,251
10,000,000	<sup>2</sup> Cote D'Ivoire, Government of, 7.443% (3-month EURIBOR +0.029%), 12/7/2024	5/17/2022	10,544,469	10,572,501
4,000,000	<sup>2</sup> Cote D'Ivoire, Government of, 7.884% (1-month EURIBOR +4.050%), 12/13/2023	3/9/2023	4,222,766	4,229,000
3,889,200	Cote D'Ivoire, Government of, 8.880%, 12/31/2025	9/3/2021	3,398,215	3,999,803
\$ 365,254	Egypt, Government of, 3.680%, 11/24/2023	10/5/2022- 11/20/2022	365,254	360,839
9,984,254	Egypt, Government of, 7.886%, 8/27/2024	1/3/2023- 8/24/2023	9,956,754	9,434,103
6,000,000	<sup>2</sup> Energy Development Oman, 7.380% (3-month USLIBOR +2.950%), 8/14/2028	9/28/2021	5,969,544	6,000,000
EUR 3,500,000	<sup>2</sup> Minister of Finance of Ukraine, 7.967% (3-month EURIBOR +4.100%), 9/1/2026	8/25/2021	4,114,075	2,928,465
3,500,000	<sup>2</sup> MOF Ivory Coast, 7.722% (6-month EURIBOR +0.037%), 12/28/2023	2/3/2023	3,778,074	3,709,535
8,000,000	<sup>2</sup> Senegal, Government of, 8.284% (3-month EURIBOR +4.350%), 3/1/2026	6/9/2023	8,596,798	8,458,001
\$ 125,000	<sup>2</sup> Sharjah Govt., 6.871% (3-month USLIBOR +1.200%), 3/4/2024	9/21/2020	124,375	125,000
EUR 1,938,256	Societe Nationale d'Electricite du Senegal, 4.450%, 10/2/2023	4/3/2023	2,113,960	2,049,196
\$10,000,000	<sup>2</sup> The Federal Republic of Nigeria acting by and through the Federal Ministry of Finance, Budget and National Planning of Nigeria ("MOF"), 11.330% (3-month USLIBOR	9/1/2022-		
	+5.950%), 12/30/2023	1/19/2023	10,000,000	10,000,000
	TOTAL			98,557,402

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	<sup>1</sup> TRADE FINANCE AGREEMENTS—continued			
	Government Agency—1.8%			
EUR 9,979,180	Republic of Senegal, represented by the Ministry of Economy, Planning & Corporation, 6.745%, 4/5/2024	1/11/2023- 4/17/2023	\$10,829,149	\$ 10,440,924
	Lease—2.3%			
\$ 4,673,805	<sup>2</sup> AerCap Holdings NV, 7.102% (3-month USLIBOR +1.450%), 12/31/2025	11/23/2021	4,677,025	4,669,989
9,000,000	<sup>2</sup> Far East Horizon Ltd., 7.070% (3-month USLIBOR +1.400%), 9/10/2024	9/15/2021	9,000,000	8,845,593
	TOTAL	77 107 2021	.,,,,,,,,,,	13,515,582
	Machinery—1.7%			
7,973,955	Dover Corp. and its subsidiaries, 5.885%, 1/18/2024	7/17/2023- 9/21/2023	7,856,623	7,963,315
2,388,759	MTD Products, Inc. and other subsidiaries of the Parent, 6.560%, 12/27/2023	9/12/2023	2,344,454	2,352,925
	TOTAL			10,316,240
	Metals & Mining—1.7%			
10,000,000	<sup>2</sup> Navoi Mining and Metallurgical Co., 10.094% (90-DAY AVERAGE SOFR +4.760%), 4/20/2027	5/18/2022	9,999,500	10,000,000
	Oil Field Services—1.5%			
9,129,256	<sup>2</sup> Sonasing Xikomba Ltd. ("Xikomfa"), Bermuda, Inc., 7.926% (3-month USLIBOR +2.300%), 5/29/2026	5/17/2022- 11/4/2022	9,131,825	9,129,256
	Packaging—0.8%			
5,028,797	Westrock Shared Services, LLC and other subsidiaries of the Parent, 6.396%, 12/4/2023	8/10/2023	4,939,472	5,027,768
	Supranational—3.2%			
9,000,000	<sup>2</sup> Africa Finance Corp., 6.059% (3-month USLIBOR +0.900%), 1/17/2025	3/11/2022	9,000,000	9,000,000
5,000,000	<sup>2</sup> Eastern and Southern African Trade and Development Bank, 6.772% (90-DAY AVERAGE SOFR +1.350%), 8/23/2024	2/9/2023	4,936,750	4,934,946

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	<sup>1</sup> TRADE FINANCE AGREEMENTS—continued			
	Supranational—continued			
\$ 5,000,000	<sup>2</sup> Eastern and Southern African Trade and Development Bank, 6.872% (90-DAY AVERAGE SOFR +1.450%), 8/23/2025	7/18/2023	\$ 4,876,750	\$ 4,936,060
	TOTAL			18,871,006
	Technology & Electronics - Tech Hardware & Equipment—0.8%			
4,845,168	Datatec PLC, 5.650%, 12/1/2023	9/1/2023- 9/18/2023	4,799,430	4,844,511
	Telecommunications - Wireless—4.4%			
10,000,000	<sup>2</sup> IHS Holding Ltd., Cayman Islands, Inc., 9.120% (SOFR +3.750%), 10/28/2025	12/13/2022	9,795,000	9,838,401
7,000,000	<sup>2</sup> Phoenix Tower International Spain ETVE, S.L.U., 9.390% (3-month EURIBOR +3.500%), 6/26/2028	11/21/2022	6,951,000	7,031,566
EUR 8,750,000	<sup>2</sup> TDC Net A/S, 6.106% (3-month EURIBOR +2.300%), 2/2/2027	3/28/2023	9,491,567	9,250,938
	TOTAL			26,120,905
	Transportation - Airlines—0.2%			
\$ 1,232,988	<sup>2</sup> Avolon Aerospace, 3.026% (1-month USLIBOR +1.600%), 3/31/2025	11/27/2019	1,238,844	1,183,766
	Transportation - Transport Infrastructure/Services—2.1%		1,200,000	.,,,
EUR 7,500,000	<sup>2</sup> Fraport TAV Antalya Yatirim Yapim ve Isletme (SPV, Turkey), 9.433% (6-month EURIBOR +5.500%), 3/25/2024	9/1/2022	7,461,002	7,970,062
\$ 4,375,000	<sup>2</sup> Impala Terminals Switzerland SAR, 9.200% (SOFR +1.900%), 8/13/2025	3/28/2023	4,288,958	4,303,048
	TOTAL			12,273,110
	Utility - Electric—1.2%			
EUR 7,000,000	<sup>2</sup> Eesti Energia AS, 8.428% (3-month EURIBOR	5/5/2023	7 710 040	7 400 751
	+4.500%), 5/11/2028	3/3/2023	7,712,249	7,400,751

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	<sup>1</sup> TRADE FINANCE AGREEMENTS—continued			
	Utility - Electric-Generation— 1.8%			
\$ 4,620,000	<sup>2</sup> Karadeniz Powership Osman Khan Co., Ltd., 11.400% (6-month USLIBOR +5.500%), 9/15/2026	10/14/2021	\$ 4,573,800	\$ 4,617,911
1,666,667	<sup>2</sup> Karpower International B.V., 13.843% (6-month USLIBOR +8.500%), 11/16/2023	5/25/2022	1,667,416	1,665,058
2,024,000	<sup>2</sup> Karpower International DMCC (opco, Dubai) ("Karpower Reef"), 11.890% (SOFR			
	+6.500%), 6/30/2026	3/20/2023	1,998,700	2,010,719
1,464,354	<sup>2</sup> Karpowership, 10.429% (6-month USLIBOR +4.500%), 2/28/2025	7/30/2020- 7/8/2021	1,448,065	1,467,371
250,879	<sup>2</sup> SMN Barka Power Co. S.A.O.C., 5.300% (6-month USLIBOR +1.250%), 3/28/2024	12/2/2020	230,809	248,877
692,308	<sup>2</sup> The Sharjah Electricity and Water Authority, 7.621% (1-month USLIBOR +1.950%), 12/23/2025	12/21/2020	691,096	692,308
	TOTAL			10,702,244
	TOTAL TRADE FINANCE AGREEMENTS (IDENTIFIED COST \$490,946,771)			483,897,378
	INVESTMENT COMPANY— 12.1%			
71,838,020	Federated Hermes Institutional Prime Value Obligations Fund, Institutional Shares, 5.42% <sup>6</sup> (IDENTIFIED COST \$71,815,437)			71,838,020
	TOTAL INVESTMENT IN SECURITIES—93.8% (IDENTIFIED COST \$562,762,208) <sup>7</sup>			555,735,398
	OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - NET—6.2%			36,441,907
	TOTAL NET ASSETS—100%			\$592,177,305

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

Settlement Date	Counterparty	Foreign Currency Units to Deliver/Receive	In Exchange For	Net Unrealized Appreciation/ (Depreciation)
Contracts Purchased:				
10/16/2023	Morgan Stanley Capital	71,829,750 EUR	\$75,982,310	\$(2,121,007)
Contracts Sold:				
10/16/2023	Wells Fargo Bank	71,829,750 EUR	\$75,982,310	\$ 3,060,511
3/28/2024	State Street Bank & Trust Co.	73,886,000 EUR	\$78,781,746	\$ 2,265,522
3/28/2024	Morgan Stanley Capital	76,239,000 EUR	\$81,290,658	\$ 2,317,116
3/28/2024	State Street Bank & Trust Co.	2,300,000 EUR	\$2,452,400	\$ 40,805
NET UNREALIZED A	APPRECIATION ON FOREIGN E	XCHANGE CONTR	RACTS	\$ 5,562,947

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

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

	Federated Hermes Institutional Prime Value Obligations Fund, Institutional Shares
Value as of 3/31/2023	\$ 90,363,791
Purchases at Cost	\$ 232,980,373
Proceeds from Sales	\$(251,520,668)
Change in Unrealized Appreciation/Depreciation	\$ 7,138
Net Realized Gain/(Loss)	\$ 7,386
Value as of 9/30/2023	\$ 71,838,020
Shares Held as of 9/30/2023	71,838,020
Dividend Income	\$ 1,696,672

- 1 Denotes a restricted security that either: (a) cannot be offered for public sale without first being registered, or availing of an exemption from registration, under the Securities Act of 1933; or (b) is subject to a contractual restriction on public sales. At September 30, 2023, these restricted securities amounted to \$483,897,378, which represented 81.7% of total net assets.
- 2 Floating/variable note with current rate and current maturity or next reset date shown.
- 3 Issuer in default.
- 4 Market quotations and price valuations are not available. Fair value determined using significant unobservable inputs in accordance with procedures established by and under the supervision of the Fund's Adviser acting through its Valuation Committee ("Valuation Committee").
- 5 Non-income-producing security.
- 6 7-day net yield.
- 7 Also represents cost for federal tax purposes.
- 8 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 September 30, 2023.

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

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

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

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

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

The following is a summary of the inputs used, as of September 30, 2023, in valuing the Fund's assets carried at fair value:

#### **Valuation Inputs**

	Leve	el 1—	Leve Otl Signi	her		l 3— ficant		
		oted ices	Obser Inp	vable uts		ervable outs		Total
Debt Securities:								
Trade Finance Agreements	\$	_	\$	_	\$483,8	97,378	\$4	83,897,378
Investment Company	71,8	38,020		_		_		71,838,020
TOTAL SECURITIES	\$71,8	38,020	\$	_	\$483,8	97,378	\$5	55,735,398
Other Financial Instruments <sup>1</sup>								
Assets	\$	_	\$ 7,68	3,954	\$	_	\$	7,683,954
Liabilities		_	(2,12	1,007)		_		(2,121,007)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS	\$	_	\$ 5,56	2,947	\$	_	\$	5,562,947

#### 1 Other financial instruments are foreign exchange contracts.

Trade finance agreements' fair values are primarily derived from discounted cash flow methodologies utilizing unobservable inputs due to the lack of market transactions. The discount rate used within the methodologies to discount the future anticipated cash flows is considered a significant unobservable input. Increases/(decreases) in the discount rate would result in a (decrease)/increase to an investment's fair value.

	Investments in Trade Finance Agreements
Balance as of 3/31/2023	\$ 472,021,560
Accreted/amortized discount/premiums	1,580,950
Realized gain (loss)	(498,510)
Change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation	(3,210,360)
Purchases	293,324,694
(Sales)	(279,320,956)

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Balance as of 9/30/2023	\$483,897,378
Total change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation attributable to	
investments still held at 9/30/2023	\$ (3,681,913)

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

—Euro

EURIBOR—Euro Interbank Offered Rate

JSC —Joint Stock Company
LIBOR —London Interbank Offered Rate
SOFR —Secured Overnight Financing Rate

## Financial Highlights

(For a Share Outstanding Throughout Each Period)

	Six Months Ended					
	(unaudited)		Year E	nded Marc	h 31,	
	9/30/2023	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	\$9.87	\$9.80	\$9.92	\$9.71	\$9.98	\$10.00
Income From Investment Operations:						
Net investment income (loss) <sup>1</sup>	0.38	0.46	0.19	0.25	0.39	0.45
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	0.04	0.12	(0.11)	0.22	(0.27)	(0.01)
TOTAL FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS	0.42	0.58	0.08	0.47	0.12	0.44
Less Distributions:						
Distributions from net investment income	(0.38)	(0.51)	(0.20)	(0.26)	(0.38)	(0.45)
Distributions from net realized gain	_	$(0.00)^2$	$(0.00)^2$	$(0.00)^2$	(0.01)	(0.01)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS	(0.38)	(0.51)	(0.20)	(0.26)	(0.39)	(0.46)
Net Asset Value, End of Period	\$9.91	\$9.87	\$9.80	\$9.92	\$9.71	\$9.98
Total Return <sup>3</sup>	4.26%	6.07%	0.80%	4.91%	1.13%	4.42%
Ratios to Average Net Assets:						
Net expenses <sup>4</sup>	0.41%5	0.41%	0.41%	0.71%	0.71%	0.70%
Net investment income	7.66% <sup>5</sup>	4.70%	1.94%	2.57%	3.94%	4.44%
Expense waiver/reimbursement <sup>6</sup>	0.21%5	0.24%	0.22%	0.44%	0.32%	0.29%
Supplemental Data:						
Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)	\$592,177	\$577,272	\$560,685	\$39,835	\$63,873	\$51,680
Portfolio turnover <sup>7</sup>	26%	52%	36%	47%	73%	57%

- 1 Per share numbers have been calculated using the average shares method.
- 2 Represents less than \$0.01.
- 3 Based on net asset value. 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.
- 6 This expense decrease is reflected in both the net expense and the net investment income ratios shown above. Amount does not reflect expense waiver/reimbursement recorded by investment companies in which the Fund may invest.
- 7 Securities that mature are considered sales for purposes of this calculation.

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities

September 30, 2023 (unaudited)

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Investment in securities, at value including \$71,838,020 of investments in affiliated holdings* (identified cost \$562,762,208, including \$71,815,437 of identified cost in affiliated holdings)	\$555,735,398
Cash denominated in foreign currencies (identified cost \$1,216,569)	
Income receivable	6,642,131
Income receivable from affiliated holdings	
Receivable for investments sold	22,808,660
Unrealized appreciation on foreign exchange contracts	
TOTAL ASSETS	594,450,308
Liabilities:	
Unrealized depreciation on foreign exchange contracts	2,121,007
Payable to bank	
Payable for investment adviser fee (Note 5)	9,366
Payable for auditing fees	
Payable for transfer agent fees	
Accrued expenses (Note 5)	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,273,003
Net assets for 59,775,249 shares outstanding	\$592,177,305
Net Assets Consist of:	
Paid-in capital	 \$594,288,604
Total distributable earnings (loss)	(2,111,299)
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$592,177,305
Net Asset Value, Offering Price and Redemption Proceeds Per Share:	
\$592,177,305 ÷ 59,775,249 shares outstanding, no par value, unlimited shares authorized	

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

## Statement of Operations

Six Months Ended September 30, 2023 (unaudited)

Net expenses       1,203,529         Net investment income       22,485,215         Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments, Foreign Currency Transactions and Foreign Exchange Contracts:          Net realized loss on investments (including net realized gain of \$7,386 on sales of investments in affiliated holdings*)       (491,124)         Net realized gain on foreign currency transactions       81,302         Net realized loss on foreign exchange contracts       (44,598)         Net change in unrealized depreciation of investments (including net change in unrealized appreciation of \$7,138 of investments in affiliated holdings*)       (3,203,222)         Net change in unrealized depreciation of translation of assets and liabilities in       (3,203,222)	Investment Income:	
TOTAL INCOME  Expenses:  Investment adviser fee (Note 5)  Administrative fee (Note 5)  Custodian fees  11,467,868  Administrative fee (Note 5)  Custodian fees  11,910  Transfer agent fees  68,080  Directors'/Trustees' fees (Note 5)  Auditing fees  Legal fees  8,569  Portfolio accounting fees  1170,757  Share registration costs  Printing and postage  Printing and postage  Printing and postage  Printing and postage  Maiver/reimbursement of investment adviser fee (Note 5)  TOTAL EXPENSES  Waiver/reimbursement of investment adviser fee (Note 5)  Net expenses  1,203,529  Net investment income  Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments, Foreign Currency Transactions and Foreign Exchange Contracts:  Net realized loss on investments (including net realized gain of \$7,386 on sales of investments in affiliated holdings*)  Net change in unrealized depreciation of investments (including net change in unrealized appreciation of \$7,138 of investments (including net change in unrealized appreciation of \$7,138 of investments (including net change in unrealized appreciation of \$7,138 of investments in affiliated holdings*)  Net change in unrealized appreciation of foreign exchange contracts  Net change in unrealized appreciation of foreign exchange contracts  Net change in unrealized appreciation of foreign exchange contracts  Net realized and unrealized appreciation of foreign exchange contracts  Net realized and unrealized appreciation of foreign exchange contracts  S,543,810  Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments, foreign currency transactions and foreign exchange contracts  1,873,052	Interest	\$21,992,072
Expenses:  Investment adviser fee (Note 5)	Dividends received from affiliated holdings*	1,696,672
Investment adviser fee (Note 5)  Administrative fee (Note 5)  Custodian fees  11,910  Transfer agent fees  68,080  Directors'/Trustees' fees (Note 5)  Auditing fees  38,262  Legal fees  Portfolio accounting fees  170,757  Share registration costs  Printing and postage  Printing and postage  Miscellaneous (Note 5)  TOTAL EXPENSES  1,824,908  Waiver/reimbursement of investment adviser fee (Note 5)  Net expenses  1,203,529  Net investment income  22,485,215  Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments, Foreign Currency Transactions and Foreign Exchange Contracts:  Net realized Joss on investments (including net realized gain of \$7,386 on sales of investments in affiliated holdings*)  Net change in unrealized depreciation of investments (including net change in unrealized appreciation of translation of assets and liabilities in foreign currency  Net change in unrealized depreciation of translation of assets and liabilities in foreign currency  Net change in unrealized depreciation of foreign exchange contracts  Net change in unrealized depreciation of foreign exchange contracts  Net change in unrealized depreciation of foreign exchange contracts  Net change in unrealized appreciation of foreign exchange contracts  Net change in unrealized depreciation of foreign exchange contracts  Net change in unrealized appreciation of foreign exchange contracts  Net change in unrealized appreciation of foreign exchange contracts  Net realized and unrealized appreciation of foreign exchange contracts  Net change in unrealized appreciation of foreign exchange contracts  Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments, foreign currency transactions and foreign exchange contracts	TOTAL INCOME	23,688,744
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unrealized appreciation of \$7,138 of investments in affiliated holdings*)       (3,203,222)         Net change in unrealized depreciation of translation of assets and liabilities in foreign currency       (13,116)         Net change in unrealized appreciation of foreign exchange contracts       5,543,810         Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments, foreign currency transactions and foreign exchange contracts       1,873,052	Net realized loss on foreign exchange contracts	(44,598)
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and foreign exchange contracts 1,873,052	Net change in unrealized appreciation of foreign exchange contracts	5,543,810
		1,873,052
		\$24,358,267

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

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

	Six Months Ended (unaudited) 9/30/2023	Year Ended 3/31/2023
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets		
Operations:	_	
Net investment income	\$ 22,485,215	\$ 26,831,968
Net realized gain (loss)	(454,420)	1,109,941
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation	2,327,472	5,437,987
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	24,358,267	33,379,896
Distributions to Shareholders	(22,136,794)	(29,259,498)
Share Transactions:		
Proceeds from sale of shares		20,000,000
Net asset value of shares issued to shareholders in payment of distributions declared	12,683,489	16,367,790
Cost of shares redeemed		(23,900,996)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM SHARE TRANSACTIONS	12,683,489	12,466,794
Change in net assets	14,904,962	16,587,192
Net Assets:		
Beginning of period	577,272,343	560,685,151
End of period	\$592,177,305	\$577,272,343

### Statement of Cash Flows

Six Months Ended September 30, 2023 (unaudited)

Operating Activities:	
Change in net assets resulting from operations	\$ 24,358,267
Adjustments to Reconcile Change in Net Assets Resulting From Operations to Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities:	
Purchase of investment securities	(293,324,694)
Proceeds from disposition of investment securities	279,320,956
Sale of short-term investments, net	18,540,295
Amortization/accretion of premium/discount, net	(1,580,950)
Increase in income receivable	(1,941,772)
Increase in receivable for investments sold	(13,085,544)
Decrease in accrued expenses	(68,476)
Net realized loss on investments	491,124
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation of investments	3,203,222
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation of foreign exchange contracts	(5,543,810)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	10,368,618
Financing Activities:	
Increase in cash overdraft	1,836
Income distributions to participants	(9,453,305)
NET CASH USED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(9,451,469)
Increase in cash	917,149
Cash at beginning of year	295,424
Cash at end of year	\$ 1,212,573

Non-cash financing activities not included herein consist of reinvestment of dividends and distributions to participants of \$12,683,489.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

September 30, 2023 (unaudited)

#### 1. ORGANIZATION

Federated Hermes Project and Trade Finance Tender Fund (the "Fund") was organized as a Delaware statutory trust on June 30, 2016, as a continuously offered, diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act"), as amended, and the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The Fund's investment objective is to provide total return primarily from 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 U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

#### Investment Valuation

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

- Fixed-income securities are fair valued using price evaluations provided by a pricing service approved by Federated Investment Management Company (the "Adviser").
- Equity securities listed on an exchange or traded through a regulated market system are valued at their last reported sale price or official closing price in their principal exchange or market.
- Shares of other mutual funds or non-exchange-traded investment companies are valued based upon their reported NAVs, or NAV per share practical expedient, as applicable.
- Derivative contracts listed on exchanges are valued at their reported settlement or closing price, except that options are valued at the mean of closing bid and ask quotations.
- Over-the-counter (OTC) derivative contracts are fair valued using price evaluations provided by a pricing service approved by 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, expected recovery rate on distressed securities, opinion of legal counsel regarding the outcome of any relevant legal matters 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.

The Fund's investments in trade finance agreements are primarily determined by applying discounted cash flow methodologies utilizing various inputs such as available or implied credit ratings, loan characteristics, seniority, collateral, comparable debt instruments, yield curves or indices, broader loan data, bond data and bond sector curves. When appropriate, other considerations may include asset liquidation analyses, internal credit assessments and general market conditions. The Fund utilizes third-party pricing specialists in determining its valuations. Typically, there are no other sources of evaluations for these investments and the inputs utilized are less observable. Additionally, trade finance agreements are typically held to maturity by investors and therefore do not trade on a consistent basis. Accordingly, executed trade prices are usually unavailable and thus, generally cannot be relied upon to support valuations of these investments. Therefore, inputs unobservable in active markets must be relied upon more heavily and as such, the Fund's management has determined these to be Level 3 investments. The prices realized for these investments upon sale may be different than prices used by the Fund to value them and the differences could be material.

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 the Adviser's procedures.

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.

#### 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. Distributions of net investment income, if any, are declared and paid quarterly. Noncash dividends included in dividend income, if any, are recorded at fair value. Amortization/accretion of premium and discount is included in investment income. The detail of the total fund expense waiver and reimbursement of \$621,379 is disclosed in Note 5.

#### **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 September 30, 2023, the Fund did not have a liability for any uncertain tax positions. The Fund recognizes interest and penalties, if any, related to tax liabilities as income tax expense in the Statement of Operations. As of September 30, 2023, tax years 2020 through 2023 remain subject to examination by the Fund's major tax jurisdictions, which include the United States of America and the State of Delaware.

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.

#### Foreign Exchange Contracts

The Fund may enter into foreign exchange contracts to manage currency risk. Purchased contracts are used to acquire exposure to foreign currencies, whereas, contracts to sell are used to hedge the Fund's securities against currency fluctuations. Risks may arise upon entering into these transactions from the potential inability of counterparties to meet the terms of their commitments and from unanticipated movements in security prices or foreign exchange rates. The foreign exchange contracts are adjusted by the daily exchange rate of the underlying currency and any gains or losses are recorded for financial statement purposes as unrealized until the settlement date.

Foreign exchange contracts are subject to Master Netting Agreements which are agreements between the Fund and its counterparties that provide for the net settlement of all transactions and collateral with the Fund, through a single payment, in the event of default or termination. Amounts presented on the Portfolio of Investments and Statement of Assets and Liabilities are not net settlement amounts but gross.

Foreign exchange contracts outstanding at period end, including net unrealized appreciation/depreciation or net settlement amount, are listed after the Fund's Portfolio of Investments.

The average value at settlement date payable and receivable of foreign exchange contracts purchased and sold by the Fund throughout the period was \$815,949 and \$1,865,437, respectively. This is based on the contracts 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.

#### **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	5	Liabiliti	es
	Statement of Assets and Liabilities Location	Fair Value	Statement of Assets and Liabilities Location	Fair Value
Derivatives not accounted for as hedging instruments under ASC Topic 815				
Foreign exchange contracts	Unrealized appreciation on foreign exchange contracts	\$7,683,954	Unrealized depreciation on foreign exchange contracts	\$2,121,007

## The Effect of Derivative Instruments on the Statement of Operations for the Six Months Ended September 30, 2023

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

	Foreign Exchange Contracts
Foreign exchange contracts	\$(44,598)

	Foreign
	Exchange
	Contracts
Foreign exchange contracts	\$5,543,810

#### Other

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

#### 3. SHARES OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST

The following table summarizes share activity:

	Six Months Ended 9/30/2023	Year Ended 3/31/2023
Shares sold	_	2,027,374
Shares issued to shareholders in payment of distributions declared	1,280,495	1,683,385
Shares redeemed		(2,400,406)
NET CHANGE RESULTING FROM FUND SHARE TRANSACTIONS	1,280,495	1,310,353

Each Shareholder will automatically be a participant under the Fund's Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRP) and have all income dividends and/or capital gains distributions automatically reinvested in Shares. Election not to participate in the DRP and to receive all income dividends and/or capital gains distributions, if any, in cash may be made by notice to the Fund or, if applicable, to a Shareholder's broker or other intermediary (who should be directed to inform the Fund).

#### 4. FEDERAL TAX INFORMATION

At September 30, 2023, the cost of investments for federal tax purposes was \$562,762,208. The net unrealized depreciation of investments for federal tax purposes was \$1,463,863. This consists of unrealized appreciation from investments for those securities having an excess of value over cost of \$6,871,601 and unrealized depreciation from investments for those securities having an excess of cost over value of \$8,335,464. 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 0.50% of the Fund's average daily net assets. The Adviser and certain of its affiliates on their own initiative have agreed to waive their fees (if any), and/or reimburse 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. Total annual fund operating expenses (as shown in the financial highlights, excluding interest expense, extraordinary expenses, proxy-related expenses, premiums for risk insurance

policies on portfolio securities and certain legal fees related to specific investments paid by the Fund, if any) paid by the Fund (after the voluntary waivers and reimbursements) will not exceed 0.40% of the Fund's average daily net assets (the "Fee Limit"), up to but not including the later of (the "Termination Date"): (a) December 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. For the six months ended September 30, 2023, the Adviser voluntarily waived \$588,511 of its fee.

The Adviser has agreed to reimburse the Fund for certain investment adviser fees as a result of transactions in other affiliated investment companies. For the six months ended September 30, 2023, the Adviser reimbursed \$32,868.

Certain of the Fund's assets are managed by Federated Hermes (UK) LLP (the "Sub-Adviser") an affiliate of the Adviser. Under the terms of a sub-advisory agreement between the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser, the Sub-Adviser receives an annual fee equal to 0.39% of the daily net assets of the Fund. The fee is paid by the Adviser out of its resources and is not an incremental Fund expense. For the six months ended September 30, 2023, the Sub-Adviser earned a fee of \$1,144,939.

#### **Administrative Services**

Federated Administrative Services (FAS), under the Administrative Services Agreement, provides the Fund with administrative personnel and services. FAS does not charge the Fund an administrative services fee but is entitled to reimbursement for certain out-of-pocket expenses incurred in providing administrative services to the Fund.

#### 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 September 30, 2023, were as follows:

Purchases	\$97,148,575
Sales	\$90,848,463

#### 7. CONCENTRATION OF RISK

The Fund invests in securities of non-U.S. issuers. Political or economic developments may have an effect on the liquidity and volatility of portfolio securities and currency holdings. At September 30, 2023, the diversification of countries was as follows:

Country	Percentage of Total Net Assets
Turkey	9.1%
Brazil	8.1%
Uzbekistan	6.8%
Nigeria	6.1%
United States	5.7%
Angola	5.2%
Ivory Coast	4.7%
Senegal	3.8%
Egypt	3.0%
Oman	2.9%
Russia	2.7%
Benin	2.3%
China	2.0%
Singapore	1.8%
Mauritius	1.7%
Denmark	1.6%
Serbia	1.5%
Azerbaijan	1.4%
Estonia	1.2%
Chile	1.2%
Papua New Guinea	1.0%
Ireland	1.0%
Burkina Faso	1.0%
Suriname	1.0%
South Africa	0.9%
United Kingdom	0.8%
Ghana	0.8%
Switzerland	0.7%
Zambia	0.7%
Ukraine	0.5%
New Caledonia	0.3%
Saudi Arabia	0.1%
Mauritania	0.1%
Argentina	0.0% <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Represents less than 0.1%.

#### 8. 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.

#### 9. OTHER MATTERS

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

Due to an administrative oversight, there was a failure to register a number of Fund shares with the SEC during the period from April 30, 2021 through February 28, 2023. To remedy this, FAS has entered into agreements directly with each impacted shareholder to provide them with compensation or value similar to what each affected shareholder would have received through a rescission offer to buy back such shares in accordance with federal securities laws and applicable state law. The Fund is not party to these agreements and, accordingly, its net assets, NAV per share and total return will not be impacted. The unregistered shares of the Fund were appropriately registered with the SEC on May 22, 2023.

#### 10. 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 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 April 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023.

#### **ACTUAL EXPENSES**

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

#### HYPOTHETICAL EXAMPLE FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES

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

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

	Beginning Account Value 4/1/2023	Ending Account Value 9/30/2023	Expenses Paid During Period <sup>1</sup>
Actual	\$1,000	\$1,042.60	\$2.09
Hypothetical (assuming a 5% return			
before expenses)	\$1,000	\$1,022.95	\$2.07

<sup>1</sup> Expenses are equal to the Fund's annualized net expense ratio of 0.41%, multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by 183/366 (to reflect the one-half-year period).

# Evaluation and Approval of Advisory Contract – May 2023

## FEDERATED HERMES PROJECT AND TRADE FINANCE TENDER FUND (THE "FUND")

At its meetings in May 2023 (the "May Meetings"), the Fund's Board of Trustees (the "Board"), including those Trustees who are not "interested persons" of the Fund, as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Independent Trustees"), reviewed and unanimously approved the continuation of the investment advisory contract between the Fund and Federated Investment Management Company (the "Adviser") and the investment subadvisory contract between the Adviser and Federated Hermes (UK) LLP (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 anv).

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 evaluation 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 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 an appropriate group of peer funds compiled by Federated Hermes using data supplied 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. 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 the Fund's performance fell below the median of the Performance Peer Group for the one-year, three-year and five-year periods ended December 31, 2022. The Board discussed the Fund's performance with the Advisers and recognized the efforts being taken by the Advisers in the context of other factors considered relevant by the Board.

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 and total expense ratios relative to the category of peer funds selected by Morningstar (the "Expense Peer Group").

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

Fund's shareholders. The Board noted that the range of such other registered funds' fees and expenses, therefore, appears to be a relevant indicator of what investors have found to be reasonable in the marketplace in which the Fund competes.

The Board reviewed the contractual advisory fee rate, net advisory fee rate and other expenses of the Fund and noted the position of the Fund's fee rates relative to its Expense Peer Group. In this regard, the Board noted that the contractual advisory fee rate was below the median of the Expense Peer Group, and the Board was satisfied that the overall expense structure of the Fund remained competitive.

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.

## 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 proxies during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available via the Proxy Voting Record (Form N-PX) link associated with the Fund and share class name at FederatedHermes.com/us/FundInformation. Form N-PX filings are also available at the SEC's website at sec.gov.

## Quarterly Portfolio Schedule

For 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 <a href="sec.gov">sec.gov</a> 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.

### Source of Distributions – Notice

Under the federal securities laws, the Fund is required to provide a notice to shareholders regarding the source of distributions made by the Fund if such distributions are from sources other than ordinary investment income. In addition, important information regarding the Fund's distributions, if applicable, is available via the link to the Fund and share class name at FederatedHermes.com/us/FundInformation.

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#### 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 1-800-730-6001 or email ceinfo@federatedhermes.com.

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