

# Federated Hermes Conservative Municipal Microshort Fund

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9/30/22

## Product highlights

- Seeks to provide current income consistent with capital preservation with an emphasis on maintaining liquidity on a tax-exempt basis.
- Seeks to provide a tax-exempt income advantage over municipal money market portfolios while simultaneously seeking to maintain low net asset value (NAV) volatility.\*\*\*
- Invests primarily in short-term, high-quality, tax-exempt securities.
- Generally maintains a portfolio dollar-weighted average effective maturity (WAM) of 180 days or less.
- Integrates environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations in a non-exclusionary way through engagement and proprietary analysis.

## Morningstar category

Municipal National Short

## Benchmark

Bloomberg BVAL Municipal Yield Curve (Callable) 3-Month Index

## Key investment team

Mary Jo Ochson, CFA  
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## Fund statistics

Portfolio assets	\$183.6 m
Number of securities	95
Dividends	Paid monthly
Weighted average effective maturity	25 days
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Weighted average effective duration	0.06 years
Weighted average life	25 days
AMT	18.7%

## Interest rate basis (%)

Fixed rate	12.6
Floating rate	87.4

## Top holdings (%)

Nuveen AMT-Free Quality Municipal Income Fund, (Series D) MuniFund Preferred Shares, Due 10/7/22	5.1
Columbia, AL IDB PCRB, (Alabama Power Co.), (Series 2014-A), Due 10/3/22	3.9
New Jersey State Economic Development Authority, (Jewish Community Housing Corporation of Metropolitan New Jersey), (Series 2010), Due 10/7/22, Valley National Bank LCD	3.9
Dallas, TX Housing Finance Corp., (LDG Ridge at Lancaster LP), (Series 2021-XF1109), Due 10/7/22, Deutsche Bank AG Liquidity, Deutsche Bank AG LCD	3.6
Port of Port Arthur Navigation District of Jefferson County, TX, (Motiva Enterprises LLC), (Series 2010B), Due 10/3/22	3.0
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Burlington, KS, (Kansas City Power And Light Co.), (Series 2007A), Due 10/7/22,	2.8

## Sector weightings (%)

Industrial Development/Pollution Control	24.8
Electric & Gas	22.6
Multi-Family Housing	18.5
Other Sectors	16.7
General Obligation-Local	6.2
Single Family Housing	3.9
Hospital	3.7
Other Transportation	2.9
General Obligation-State	0.5
Senior Care	0.3

Totals may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

## Quality breakdown (%) \*\*

A-1/P-1/F1 equivalent	48.0
A-2/P-2/F2 equivalent	35.9
AAA	2.1
AA	10.2
A	3.5
BBB	0.4

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Credit quality is based on the fund's prospectus guidelines.

## Effective maturity schedule (%)

1-7 Days	75.1
8-30 Days	1.5
31-90 Days	17.9
91-180 Days	1.4
181 + Days	4.0

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## Average annual total returns (%)

NAV	Performance inception	Cumulative 3-month	1-year	Since inception	Expense ratio*	
					Before waivers	After waivers
IS	2/3/21	0.41	0.74	0.55	2.11	0.25
Benchmark		0.45	0.89	-	-	-

## Calendar year total returns (%)

NAV	YTD	Institutional Shares/NAV									
		2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	
NAV	0.68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Benchmark	0.84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

Performance quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than what is stated. To view performance current to the most recent month-end, and for after-tax returns, contact us or visit [FederatedInvestors.com](http://FederatedInvestors.com).

\* The fund's expense ratio is from the most recent prospectus. The expense ratio may reflect voluntary fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements determined by the fund's Advisor and its affiliates. The voluntary waivers and/or reimbursements, if applicable, are in effect up to but not including the later of 11/1/22 or the date of the fund's next effective prospectus.

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Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

\*\*\*The fund is not subject to the special regulatory requirements (including maturity, liquidity and credit quality constraints) designed to enable money market funds to maintain a stable share price.

## A word about risk

Mutual funds are subject to risks and fluctuate in value.

Bond prices are sensitive to changes in interest rates, and a rise in interest rates can cause a decline in their prices.

The fund is not a "money market" mutual fund. Some money market mutual funds attempt to maintain a stable net asset value through compliance with relevant Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) rules. The fund is not governed by those rules, and its shares will fluctuate in value.

Interest income from the fund's investments may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax (AMT) for individuals, and state and local taxes.

ESG factors may be considered in the investment analysis process in a manner that is complementary to and enhances the fundamental research and analysis process. Certain ESG factors may help identify business and operational risks or opportunities and add a contextual dimension to the overall evaluation of a security. Like any aspect of investment analysis, there is no guarantee that an investment strategy that considers ESG factors will result in performance better than or equal to products that do not consider such factors.

## Definitions

**The holdings percentages** are based on net assets at the close of business on 9/30/22 and may not necessarily reflect adjustments that are routinely made when presenting net assets for formal financial statement purposes. Because this is a managed portfolio, the investment mix will change.

**Total return** represents the change in value of an investment after reinvesting all income and capital gains. Total return would have been lower in the absence of temporary expense waivers or reimbursements.

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**Weighted average effective duration** (sometimes called "Option-Adjusted Duration") is a measure of a security's price sensitivity to changes in interest rates calculated using a model that recognizes that the probability of a bond being called or remaining outstanding until maturity may vary if market interest rates change, and that makes adjustments based on a bond's embedded options (e.g., call rights, or in the case of a mortgage-backed security, the probability that homeowners will prepay their mortgages), if any, based on the probability that the options will be exercised. A fund's weighted average effective duration will equal the market value weighted average of each bond's effective duration in the fund's portfolio. As with any model, several assumptions are made so the weighted average effective duration of a fund in the Federated Hermes family of funds may not be comparable to other funds outside of the Federated Hermes family of funds. Securities with longer durations are more sensitive to changes in interest rates than securities of shorter durations.

**Weighted average life (WAL)**, as it applies to fluctuating funds, is defined as the average time a dollar of principal is outstanding at an assumed prepayment rate.

**Alternative Minimum Tax** is a special income tax for high net worth individuals with tax-exempt investments.

**Bloomberg BVAL Municipal Yield Curve (Callable) 3-Month Index** is a municipal "AAA" 5% coupon benchmark yield curve that is the baseline curve for BVAL tax-exempt municipals. It is populated with high quality US municipal bonds with an average rating of "AAA" from Moody's and S&P. The yield curve is built using non-parametric fit of market data obtained from the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, new issues calendars, and other proprietary contributed prices. The benchmark is updated hourly and utilizes eligible "AAA" traded observations throughout the day and accessible on through Bloomberg services. The 3-Month curve is one data point of the overall BVAL Municipal AAA Benchmark Curve.

Indexes are unmanaged and cannot be invested in directly.

## Ratings and rating agencies

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