

# Federated Hermes Equity Income Fund, Inc.



Nasdaq symbol — IS: LEISX | A: LEIFX | B: LEIBX | C: LEICX | F: LFEIX | R: FDERX

9/30/22

## Product highlights

- Pursues above average income and capital appreciation.
- Invests primarily in value stocks of dividend-paying companies with favorable valuations and strong balance sheets.
- Diversified across market sectors and securities.
- The process is driven by rigorous bottom up fundamental research and quantitative discipline.

## Morningstar category

Large Value

## Benchmark

Russell 1000® Value Index

## Key investment team

Linda Bakhshian, CPA, CA  
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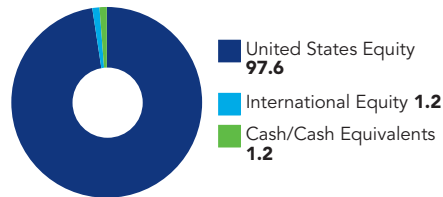
## Fund statistics

Portfolio assets	\$711.0 m
Number of securities	64
Dividends	Paid monthly
Foreign securities	1.2%
Portfolio beta (Source: Rolling 3 Yr Performance Attribution vs S&P 500)	0.90
Weighted average market cap	\$187.8 b
Weighted average price/book	3.5
Weighted average P/E (NTM)	14.9x

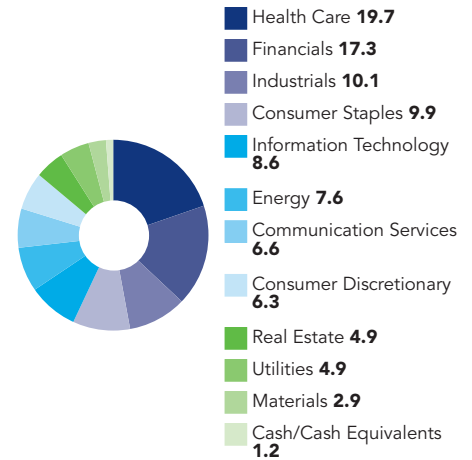
## Top holdings (%)

Johnson & Johnson	3.4
Exxon Mobil Corporation	3.3
UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	3.2
Walmart Inc.	2.9
Wells Fargo & Co.	2.7
Merck & Co., Inc.	2.6
Bank of America Corporation	2.5
Constellation Brands, Inc.	2.4
McKesson Corp.	2.4
Honeywell International Inc.	2.3

## Portfolio allocation (%)



## Sector weightings (%)



## Average annual total returns (%)

Performance shown is before tax.

NAV	Performance inception	Cumulative 3-month	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year	Expense ratio*		
							Since inception	Before waivers	After waivers
IS	12/30/86	-6.22	-12.02	4.75	4.36	7.17	7.62	0.87	0.87
A	12/30/86	-6.27	-12.19	4.51	4.12	6.91	7.80	1.11	1.11
B	9/28/94	-6.40	-12.90	3.67	3.28	6.23	6.79	1.92	1.92
C	5/4/93	-6.43	-12.86	3.72	3.33	6.26	6.81	1.88	1.88
F	11/13/93	-6.28	-12.42	4.25	3.85	6.64	6.49	1.36	1.36
R	12/30/86	-6.28	-12.36	4.33	3.94	6.73	7.26	1.53	1.36
Benchmark		-5.62	-11.36	4.36	5.29	9.17	-	-	-

## Maximum offering price

	12/30/86	9/28/94	5/4/93	11/13/93
A	-11.44	-17.02	2.56	2.94
B	-11.54	-17.03	2.49	3.00
C	-7.37	-13.61	3.72	3.33
F	-8.12	-14.05	3.61	3.64

## Calendar year total returns (%)

A Shares/NAV

	YTD	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
NAV	-16.92	20.91	6.42	21.27	-11.69	16.06	9.49	-5.43	7.94	31.60
Benchmark	-17.75	25.16	2.80	26.54	-8.27	13.66	17.34	-3.83	13.45	32.53

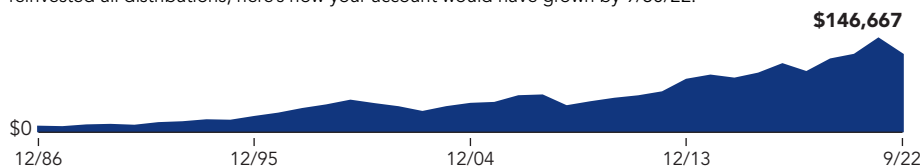
Performance quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than what is stated. To view performance current to the most recent month-end, and for after-tax returns, contact us or visit [FederatedInvestors.com](http://FederatedInvestors.com). Maximum offering price figures reflect the maximum sales charges of 5.5% for A Shares and 1% for F Shares, and the maximum contingent deferred sales charges of 5.5% for B Shares, 1% for C Shares and 1% for F Shares. See the prospectus for other fees and expenses that apply to a continued investment in the fund.

\* For A and R Shares, 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 2/1/23 or the date of the fund's next effective prospectus. With regard to B, C, F and IS Shares, the fund's expense ratio is from the most recent prospectus, which shows that the fund is not waiving any expenses.

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## Growth over time

If you had invested \$10,000 in A Shares on 12/31/86 (month end of the fund's performance inception) and reinvested all distributions, here's how your account would have grown by 9/30/22.



The fund's R Shares commenced operations on January 30, 2013. The fund's IS Shares commenced operations on March 30, 2012. For the period prior to the commencement of operations of the fund's R Shares, the R Shares performance information shown below is the fund's A Shares performance adjusted to reflect the expenses of the fund's R Shares for each year for which the expenses of the fund's R Shares would have exceeded the actual expenses paid by the fund's A Shares. For the period prior to the commencement of operations of the IS Shares, the performance information shown below is for the A Shares. The performance of the A Shares has not been adjusted to reflect the expenses applicable to the IS Shares since the IS Shares has a lower expense ratio than the expense ratio of the A Shares. The performance shown has also been adjusted to reflect differences between the sales loads and charges imposed on the purchase and redemption of the fund's A Shares, R Shares and IS Shares and to remove any voluntary waiver of fund expenses related to the A Shares that may have occurred during the period prior to the commencement of operations of the R and IS Shares.

The B Shares of this Federated Hermes fund are closed to new investors and new investments from existing shareholders (excluding reinvestment of dividends and capital gains and exchanges from B Shares of other Federated Hermes Funds).

The fund may invest in Federated Hermes Portfolios that are not available to the public and provide for more effective diversification than is available through the purchase of individual securities. Where applicable, the fund holdings reflect exposure to underlying securities held by the portfolios.

### A word about risk

Mutual funds are subject to risks and fluctuate in value.

There are no guarantees that dividend-paying stocks will continue to pay dividends. In addition, dividend-paying stocks may not experience the same capital appreciation potential as non-dividend-paying stocks.

International investing involves special risks including currency risk, increased volatility, political risks, and differences in auditing and other financial standards.

Diversification does not assure a profit nor protect against loss.

### 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.

**Growth over time** performance is for the fund's A Shares. Figures do not reflect the 5.5% maximum sales charge. The fund offers additional share classes whose performance will vary due to differences in charges and expenses.

**Beta** analyzes the market risk of a fund by showing how responsive the fund is to the market. The beta of the market is 1.00. Accordingly, a fund with a 1.10 beta is expected to perform 10% better than the market in up markets and 10% worse in down markets. Usually the higher betas represent riskier investments.

**Weighted average P/E (NTM - next twelve months)** is an average comparing share price to earnings per share with values greater than 75 are capped at 75 and excludes negatives.

**Weighted average market capitalization** is calculated as the average market capitalization of the stocks within the portfolio, weighted by the amount of each stock owned.

**Weighted average price/book** is an average comparing share price to book value or assets minus liabilities.

**Russell 1000<sup>®</sup> Value Index** measures the performance of the large-cap value segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 1000<sup>®</sup> index companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower expected growth values. The R1000V is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased barometer for the large-cap value segment. The Russell 1000<sup>®</sup> value index is completely reconstituted annually to ensure new and growing equities are included and that the represented companies continue to reflect value characteristics.

Indexes are unmanaged and cannot be invested in directly.

*Investors should carefully consider the fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses before investing. To obtain a summary prospectus or prospectus containing this and other information, contact us or visit [FederatedInvestors.com](http://FederatedInvestors.com). Please carefully read the summary prospectus or the prospectus before investing.*

*Past performance is no guarantee of future results.*

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