

# Federated Hermes Opportunistic High Yield Bond Fund

Nasdaq symbol — R6: FHYLX | IS: FHTIX | SS: FHYTX | A: FHYAX | C: FHYCX

3/31/24

## Product highlights

- Pursues a high level of current income.
- Invests in below-investment-grade securities, providing exposure to the higher-yielding, lower-rated, corporate bond market.
- Offers the potential for attractive relative total returns in economic recoveries through ratings upgrades or improved performance of issuers.
- Provides portfolio diversification; historically, high yield bond performance has exhibited low correlation to various bond sectors.
- Features a track record of more than 40 years; consistent management since inception.

## Morningstar category

High Yield Bond

## Benchmark

Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield 2% Issuer Capped Index

## Key investment team

Mark Durbiano, CFA  
Gene Neavin, CFA

## Fund statistics

|                                     |              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Portfolio assets                    | \$500.7 m    |
| Number of securities                | 730          |
| Dividends                           | Paid monthly |
| Weighted average effective maturity | 4.2 years    |
| Weighted average duration to worst  | 3.5 years    |
| Weighted average bond price         | \$94.23      |
| Equity exposure                     | 4.6%         |
| Bank loan exposure                  | 1.5%         |
| Bond exposure                       | 93.8%        |

## Top holdings (%)

|                              |     |
|------------------------------|-----|
| Ford Motor Co.               | 2.6 |
| Charter Communications, Inc. | 1.8 |
| TransDigm, Inc.              | 1.6 |
| CSC Holdings LLC             | 1.5 |
| Hub International Ltd.       | 1.5 |
| Allied Universal Holdco LLC  | 1.3 |
| Mozart Debt Merger Sub, Inc. | 1.2 |
| Garda World Security Corp.   | 1.1 |
| NFP Corp.                    | 1.1 |
| Panther BF Aggregator 2 LP   | 1.1 |

## Overall Morningstar Rating™

Institutional Shares

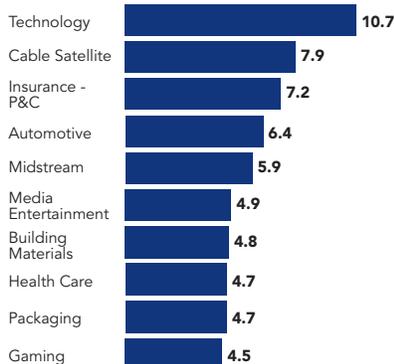


A Shares

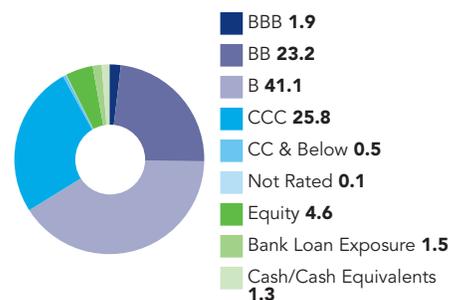


Rating is based on risk adjusted total return for Institutional Shares and A Shares out of 606 Funds in High Yield Bond Category as of 3/31/24. The overall rating is derived from a weighted average of the fund's three-, five-, and ten-year average annual returns, as applicable.

## Top sector weightings (%)



## Quality breakdown (%) \*\*



Quality breakdown does not apply to Equity or Cash/Cash Equivalents.

## Average annual total returns (%)

Performance shown is before tax.

| NAV                           | Performance inception | Cumulative 3-month | 1-year | 3-year | 5-year | 10-year | Since inception | Expense ratio* |               |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
|                               |                       |                    |        |        |        |         |                 | Before waivers | After waivers |
| R6                            | 8/23/84               | 1.45               | 11.12  | 2.04   | 4.59   | 4.50    | 7.64            | 0.78           | 0.72          |
| IS                            | 8/23/84               | 1.44               | 10.93  | 2.03   | 4.58   | 4.57    | 7.64            | 0.88           | 0.73          |
| SS                            | 8/23/84               | 1.38               | 10.83  | 1.78   | 4.32   | 4.31    | 7.69            | 1.12           | 0.98          |
| A                             | 8/23/84               | 1.22               | 10.64  | 1.73   | 4.29   | 4.32    | 7.37            | 1.11           | 0.98          |
| C                             | 8/23/84               | 1.18               | 9.74   | 0.91   | 3.45   | 3.68    | 7.21            | 1.86           | 1.82          |
| <b>Benchmark</b>              |                       | 1.47               | 11.15  | 2.19   | 4.19   | 4.44    | -               | -              | -             |
| <b>Maximum offering price</b> |                       |                    |        |        |        |         |                 |                |               |
| A                             | 8/23/84               | -3.38              | 5.73   | 0.19   | 3.34   | 3.85    | 7.25            | 1.11           | 0.98          |
| C                             | 8/23/84               | 0.18               | 8.74   | 0.91   | 3.45   | 3.68    | 7.21            | 1.86           | 1.82          |

## Calendar year total returns (%)

Institutional Shares/NAV

|           | YTD  | 2023  | 2022   | 2021 | 2020 | 2019  | 2018  | 2017 | 2016  | 2015  |
|-----------|------|-------|--------|------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|
| NAV       | 1.44 | 13.28 | -11.90 | 8.09 | 6.79 | 15.58 | -4.44 | 7.70 | 14.75 | -3.19 |
| Benchmark | 1.47 | 13.44 | -11.18 | 5.26 | 7.05 | 14.32 | -2.08 | 7.50 | 17.13 | -4.43 |

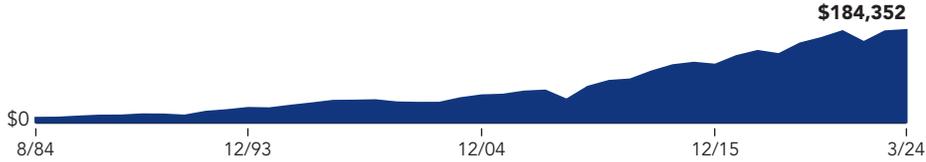
Performance quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than what is stated. To view performance current to the most recent month-end, and for after-tax returns, contact us or visit [FederatedHermes.com/us](http://FederatedHermes.com/us). Maximum offering price figures reflect the maximum sales charge of 4.5% for A Shares, and the maximum contingent deferred sales charge of 1% for C Shares. See the prospectus for other fees and expenses that apply to a continued investment in the fund.

\* 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 5/1/24 or the date of the fund's next effective prospectus.

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## Growth over time

If you had invested \$10,000 in Institutional Shares on 8/31/84 (month end of the fund's performance inception) and reinvested all distributions, here's how your account would have grown by 3/31/24.



The fund's IS Shares commenced operations on June 11, 2013. For the period prior to the commencement of operations of the IS Shares, the performance information shown is for the fund's SS Shares, adjusted to reflect the expenses of the fund's IS Shares for each year for which the fund's IS Shares expenses would have exceeded the actual expenses paid by the fund's SS Shares. The performance information has also been adjusted to reflect any applicable differences between the sales loads and charges imposed on the purchase and redemption of IS Shares, as well as the removal of any voluntary waivers/reimbursements of fund expenses that may have occurred during the period prior to the commencement of operations of the IS Shares.

The fund's A and C Shares commenced operations on April 30, 2014. For the period prior to the commencement of operations of the A and C Shares, the A and C Shares performance information shown is for the SS Shares adjusted to reflect the expenses of the A and C Shares for each year for which the respective class expenses would have exceeded the actual expenses paid by the fund's SS Shares. The performance information has also been adjusted to reflect any applicable differences between the sales loads and charges imposed on the purchase and redemption of A and C Shares, as well as the removal of any voluntary waivers/reimbursements of fund expenses that may have occurred during the period prior to the commencement of operations of the A and C Shares.

The fund's R6 Shares commenced operations on April 27, 2017. For the periods prior to the commencement of operations of the R6 Shares, the performance information shown is for the fund's SS Shares adjusted to reflect the expenses of R6 Shares for each year for which the fund's R6 class expenses would have exceeded the actual expenses paid by the fund's SS Shares. The performance information has also been adjusted to reflect any applicable differences between the sales loads and charges imposed on the purchase and redemption of R6 Shares, as well as the removal of any voluntary waivers/reimbursements of fund expenses that may have occurred during the period prior to the commencement of operations of the R6 Shares.

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.

High-yield, lower-rated securities generally entail greater market, credit/default and liquidity risks, and may be more volatile than investment-grade securities.

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

### Definitions

**The holdings percentages** are based on net assets at the close of business on 3/31/24 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. Holdings are high-yield debt securities.

**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 Institutional Shares. The fund offers additional share classes whose performance will vary due to differences in charges and expenses.

**Weighted average effective maturity** is the average time to maturity of debt securities held in the fund.

**Weighted average duration to worst** is the approximate percentage change in a bond's price given a 1% change in its yield-to-maturity or its yield-to-call, whichever is lower. Duration-to-Worst is the same as Macaulay's duration except the predetermined set of principal and interest cash flows are based on either the final maturity date, or a call date within the bond's call schedule, whichever would result in the lowest yield to the investor - i.e., the Yield-to-Worst.

**Weighted average bond price** - calculated by weighting the price of each bond by its relative size in the portfolio. This number reveals if the manager favors bonds selling at prices above or below face value (discount or premium securities, respectively). A higher number indicates a bias toward premiums. This statistic is expressed as a percentage of par (face) value.

**Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield 2% Issuer Capped Index** is an issuer-constrained version of the flagship U.S. Corporate High Yield Index, which measures the USD-denominated, high yield, fixed-rate corporate bond market. The index follows the same rules as the uncapped version, but limits the exposure of each issuer to 2% of the total market value and redistributes any excess market value index wide on a pro rata basis. The index was created in 2002, with history backfilled to January 1, 1993.

Indexes are unmanaged and cannot be invested in directly.

### Ratings and rating agencies

Morningstar Category identifies funds based on their actual investment styles as measured by their underlying portfolio holdings over the past three years. If the

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The Morningstar Rating™ for funds, or "star rating", is calculated for managed products (including mutual funds, variable annuity and variable life subaccounts, exchange-traded funds, closed-end funds, and separate accounts) with at least a three-year history. Exchange-traded funds and open-ended mutual funds are considered a single population for comparative purposes. It is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product's monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a managed product is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its three-, five-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. The weights are: 100% three-year rating for 36-59 months of total returns, 60% five-year rating/40% three-year rating for 60-119 months of total returns, and 50% 10-year rating/30% five-year rating/20% three-year rating for 120 or more months of total returns. While the 10-year overall star rating formula seems to give the most weight to the 10-year period, the most recent three-year period actually has the greatest impact because it is included in all three rating periods. Ratings do not take sales charges into account. Federated Hermes Opportunistic High Yield Bond Fund was rated against the following numbers of U.S.-domiciled High Yield Bond funds over the following time periods. Ratings are for A and Institutional Shares; other classes may have different performance characteristics. For the 3-, 5- and 10-year periods ended 3/31/24, the fund's A Shares received 3, 3 and 4 stars and the fund's Institutional Shares received 3, 4 and 4 stars, and was rated among 606, 575 and 432 funds, respectively. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

\*\* The ratings agencies that provided the ratings are S&P Global Ratings, Moody's and Fitch. When ratings vary, the lowest rating is used. Credit ratings of A or better are considered to be high credit quality; credit ratings of BBB are good credit quality and the lowest category of investment grade; credit ratings BB and below are lower-rated securities ("junk bonds"); and credit ratings of CCC or below have high default risk. The credit quality breakdown does not give effect to the impact of any credit derivative investments made by the fund.