

# Prospectus

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*Disclosure contained herein relates to all classes of the Fund, as listed below, unless otherwise noted.*

**Share Class** | Ticker

**A** | FGFSX

**Institutional** | FGFIX

**R6** | FGFMX

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## Federated Hermes Core Bond Fund

*(formerly, Federated Hermes Select Total Return Bond Fund)*

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A Portfolio of Federated Hermes Total Return Series, Inc.

A mutual fund seeking to provide total return by investing primarily in a diversified portfolio of fixed-income securities including U.S. government securities, investment-grade corporate debt securities and mortgage-backed securities.

As with all mutual funds, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has not approved or disapproved these securities or passed upon the adequacy of this Prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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# IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE FEDERATED HERMES FUNDS

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## **SUPPLEMENT TO CURRENT PROSPECTUSES AND STATEMENTS OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Effective immediately, the following supplements disclosure related to a Fund's use of derivatives, if any, and asset segregation contained in each Fund's Prospectus and SAI, as applicable:

The regulation of the U.S. and non-U.S. derivatives markets has undergone substantial change in recent years and such change may continue. In particular, effective August 19, 2022 (the "Compliance Date"), Rule 18f-4 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Derivatives Rule") replaces the asset segregation regime of Investment Company Act Release No. 10666 ("Release 10666") with a new framework for the use of derivatives by registered funds. On the Compliance Date, the SEC rescinded Release 10666 and withdrew no-action letters and similar guidance addressing a fund's use of derivatives and began requiring funds to satisfy the requirements of the Derivatives Rule. As a result, as of the Compliance Date, the Fund will no longer engage in "segregation" or "coverage" techniques with respect to derivatives transactions and will instead comply with the applicable requirements of the Derivatives Rule.

The Derivatives Rule mandates that a fund adopt and/or implement: (i) value-at-risk limitations (VAR) in lieu of asset segregation requirements; (ii) a written derivatives risk management program; (iii) new Board oversight responsibilities; and (iv) new reporting and recordkeeping requirements. In the event that a fund's derivative exposure is 10% or less of its net assets, excluding certain currency and interest rate hedging transactions, it can elect to be classified as a limited derivatives user ("Limited Derivatives User") under the Derivatives Rule, in which case the fund is not subject to the full requirements of the Derivatives Rule. Limited Derivatives Users are exempted from VAR testing, implementing a derivatives risk management program, and Board oversight and reporting requirements mandated by the Derivatives Rule. However, a Limited Derivatives User is still required to implement written compliance policies and procedures reasonably designed to manage its derivatives risks.

The Derivatives Rule requirements could have an impact on the Fund, including a potential increase in the cost to enter into derivatives transactions, and may require the Fund to alter, perhaps materially, its use of derivatives. The Derivatives Rule also could have a negative impact on the Fund's performance.

**The Federated Hermes Funds include all of the share classes of the following portfolios of the listed registrants:**

FEDERATED HERMES ADJUSTABLE RATE SECURITIES TRUST

Federated Hermes Adjustable Rate Fund

FEDERATED HERMES ADVISER SERIES

Federated Hermes Conservative Microshort Fund  
Federated Hermes Conservative Municipal Microshort Fund  
Federated Hermes Global Equity Fund  
Federated Hermes International Developed Equity Fund  
Federated Hermes International Equity Fund  
Federated Hermes International Growth Fund  
Federated Hermes MDT Large Cap Value Fund  
Federated Hermes MDT Market Neutral Fund  
Federated Hermes SDG Engagement Equity Fund  
Federated Hermes SDG Engagement High Yield Credit Fund  
Federated Hermes U.S. SMID Fund

FEDERATED HERMES CORE TRUST

Bank Loan Core Fund  
Emerging Markets Core Fund  
High Yield Bond Core Fund  
Mortgage Core Fund

FEDERATED HERMES CORE TRUST III

Project and Trade Finance Core Fund

FEDERATED HERMES EQUITY FUNDS

Federated Hermes Clover Small Value Fund  
Federated Hermes International Strategic Value Dividend Fund  
Federated Hermes Kaufmann Fund  
Federated Hermes Kaufmann Large Cap Fund  
Federated Hermes Kaufmann Small Cap Fund  
Federated Hermes MDT Mid Cap Growth Fund  
Federated Hermes Prudent Bear Fund  
Federated Hermes Strategic Value Dividend Fund

FEDERATED HERMES EQUITY INCOME FUND, INC.

FEDERATED HERMES ETF TRUST

Federated Hermes Short Duration Corporate ETF  
Federated Hermes Short Duration High Yield ETF

FEDERATED HERMES FIXED INCOME SECURITIES, INC.

Federated Hermes Municipal Ultrashort Fund  
Federated Hermes Strategic Income Fund

FEDERATED HERMES GLOBAL ALLOCATION FUND

FEDERATED HERMES GOVERNMENT INCOME SECURITIES, INC.

FEDERATED HERMES GOVERNMENT INCOME TRUST

Federated Hermes Government Income Fund

FEDERATED HERMES HIGH INCOME BOND FUND, INC.

FEDERATED HERMES HIGH YIELD TRUST

Federated Hermes Opportunistic High Yield Bond Fund

FEDERATED HERMES INCOME SECURITIES TRUST

- Federated Hermes Capital Income Fund
- Federated Hermes Floating Rate Strategic Income Fund
- Federated Hermes Fund for U.S. Government Securities
- Federated Hermes Intermediate Corporate Bond Fund
- Federated Hermes Muni And Stock Advantage Fund
- Federated Hermes Inflation Protected Securities Fund
- Federated Hermes Short-Term Income Fund

FEDERATED HERMES INDEX TRUST

- Federated Hermes Max-Cap Index Fund
- Federated Hermes Mid-Cap Index Fund

FEDERATED HERMES INSTITUTIONAL TRUST

- Federated Hermes Government Ultrashort Fund
- Federated Hermes Institutional High Yield Bond Fund
- Federated Hermes Short-Intermediate Total Return Bond Fund

FEDERATED HERMES INSURANCE SERIES

- Federated Hermes Fund for U.S. Government Securities II
- Federated Hermes High Income Bond Fund II
- Federated Hermes Kaufmann Fund II
- Federated Hermes Managed Volatility Fund II
- Federated Hermes Quality Bond Fund II

FEDERATED HERMES INTERMEDIATE MUNICIPAL TRUST

- Federated Hermes Intermediate Municipal Fund

FEDERATED HERMES INTERNATIONAL SERIES, INC.

- Federated Hermes Global Total Return Bond Fund.

FEDERATED HERMES INVESTMENT SERIES FUNDS, INC.

- Federated Hermes Corporate Bond Fund

FEDERATED HERMES MANAGED POOL SERIES

- Federated Hermes Corporate Bond Strategy Portfolio
- Federated Hermes High Yield Strategy Portfolio
- Federated Hermes International Bond Strategy Portfolio
- Federated Hermes International Dividend Strategy Portfolio
- Federated Hermes Mortgage Strategy Portfolio

FEDERATED HERMES MDT SERIES

- Federated Hermes MDT All Cap Core Fund
- Federated Hermes MDT Balanced Fund
- Federated Hermes MDT Large Cap Growth Fund
- Federated Hermes MDT Small Cap Core Fund
- Federated Hermes MDT Small Cap Growth Fund

FEDERATED HERMES MUNICIPAL BOND FUND, INC.

FEDERATED HERMES MUNICIPAL SECURITIES INCOME TRUST

- Federated Hermes Michigan Intermediate Municipal Fund
- Federated Hermes Municipal High Yield Advantage Fund
- Federated Hermes Ohio Municipal Income Fund
- Federated Hermes Pennsylvania Municipal Income Fund

FEDERATED HERMES PREMIER MUNICIPAL INCOME FUND  
FEDERATED HERMES PROJECT & TRADE FINANCE TENDER FUND  
FEDERATED HERMES SHORT-INTERMEDIATE DURATION MUNICIPAL TRUST  
Federated Hermes Short-Intermediate Municipal Fund  
FEDERATED HERMES SHORT-INTERMEDIATE GOVERNMENT TRUST  
Federated Hermes Short-Intermediate Government Fund  
FEDERATED HERMES SHORT-TERM GOVERNMENT TRUST  
Federated Hermes Short-Term Government Fund  
FEDERATED HERMES TOTAL RETURN GOVERNMENT BOND FUND  
FEDERATED HERMES TOTAL RETURN SERIES, INC.  
Federated Hermes Core Bond Fund  
Federated Hermes Total Return Bond Fund  
Federated Hermes Ultrashort Bond Fund  
Federated Hermes World Investment Series, Inc.  
Federated Hermes Emerging Market Debt Fund  
Federated Hermes International Leaders Fund  
Federated Hermes International Small-Mid Company Fund

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# Fund Summary Information

## Federated Hermes Core Bond Fund (the "Fund")

### RISK/RETURN SUMMARY: INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The Fund's investment objective is to provide total return.

### RISK/RETURN SUMMARY: FEES AND EXPENSES

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell Class A Shares (A), Institutional Shares (IS) and Class R6 Shares (R6) of the Fund. You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the tables and examples below. You may qualify for certain sales charge discounts if you and your family invest, or agree to invest in the future, at least \$100,000 in certain classes (e.g., A class) of Federated Hermes funds. More information about these and other discounts is available from your financial professional, in the "What Do Shares Cost?" section of the Prospectus on page 18 and in "Appendix B" to this Prospectus.

#### Shareholder Fees (fees paid directly from your investment)

	A <sup>1</sup>	IS	R6
Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases (as a percentage of offering price) .....	4.50%	None	None
Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (Load) (as a percentage of original purchase price or redemption proceeds, as applicable) .....	0.00%	None	None
Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Reinvested Dividends (and other Distributions) (as a percentage of offering price) .....	None	None	None
Redemption Fee (as a percentage of amount redeemed, if applicable) .....	None	None	None
Exchange Fee .....	None	None	None

#### Annual Fund Operating Expenses (expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

	A <sup>1</sup>	IS	R6
Management Fee .....	0.35%	0.35%	0.35%
Distribution (12b-1) Fee .....	0.00% <sup>2</sup>	None	None
Other Expenses <sup>3</sup> .....	1.81%	1.54% <sup>4</sup>	1.49%
Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses .....	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses .....	2.17%	1.90%	1.85%
Fee Waivers and/or Expense Reimbursements <sup>5</sup> .....	(1.58)%	(1.56)%	(1.52)%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Waivers and/or Expense Reimbursements .....	0.59%	0.34%	0.33%

1 The Fund's former Service Shares (SS) have been re-designated as Class A Shares (A), effective May 27, 2021.

2 The Fund has adopted a Distribution (12b-1) Plan for its A class pursuant to which the A class of the Fund may incur and pay a Distribution (12b-1) Fee of up to a maximum of 0.05%. No such fee is currently incurred and paid by the A class of the Fund. The A class of the Fund will not incur and pay such a Distribution (12b-1) Fee until such time as approved by the Fund's Board of Directors (the "Directors").

3 Other Expenses are based on estimated amounts for the current fiscal year.

4 The Fund may incur and pay certain service fees (shareholder services/account administration fees) on its IS class of up to a maximum amount of 0.25%. No such fees are currently incurred and paid by the IS class of the Fund. The IS class of the Fund will not incur and pay such fees until such time as approved by the Directors.

5 The Adviser and certain of its affiliates on their own initiative have agreed to waive certain amounts of their respective fees and/or reimburse expenses. Effective December 1, 2021, total annual fund operating expenses (excluding Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses, interest expense, extraordinary expenses and proxy-related expenses paid by the Fund, if any) paid by the Fund's A, IS and R6 classes (after the voluntary waivers and/or reimbursements) will not exceed 0.58%, 0.33% and 0.32% (the "Fee Limit"), respectively, up to but not including the later of (the "Termination Date"): (a) December 1, 2022; or (b) the date of the Fund's next effective Prospectus. While the Adviser and its 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 Directors.

#### Example

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds.

The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 for the time periods indicated and then redeem or hold all of your Shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the operating expenses (excluding any sales loads on reinvested dividends, fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements) are as shown in the table above and remain the same. The expenses used to calculate the Fund's examples do not include fee waivers or expense reimbursements. Although your actual costs and returns may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

Share Class	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
A	\$660	\$1,099	\$1,562	\$2,841
IS	\$193	\$597	\$1,026	\$2,222
R6	\$188	\$582	\$1,001	\$2,169

### Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund Shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in Annual Fund Operating Expenses or in the Example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 216% of the average value of its portfolio.

### RISK/RETURN SUMMARY: INVESTMENTS, RISKS AND PERFORMANCE

#### What are the Fund's Main Investment Strategies?

The Fund seeks total return, which is defined as income plus capital appreciation. The Fund pursues its investment objective by investing primarily in U.S. dollar denominated, investment-grade, fixed-income securities. The Fund will invest in U.S. government securities, investment-grade corporate debt securities, mortgage-backed securities (MBS), and certain derivative instruments (such as, for example, futures contracts, options contracts and swap contracts) to implement its investment strategies as more fully described herein. The Fund will invest in MBS that are issued or guaranteed by U.S. government agencies or U.S. government-sponsored enterprises (GSEs). The Fund may invest in non-agency MBS, which are those not issued or guaranteed by GSEs. The Fund may invest up to 5% of its assets in noninvestment-grade securities, including those backed by so-called “sub-prime” mortgages and other types of noninvestment-grade securities. Noninvestment-grade securities may also be referred to as below investment-grade securities, commonly known as junk instruments.

The Fund typically seeks to maintain an overall average dollar-weighted portfolio duration that is within 20% above or below the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index (the “Index”). At times, the Fund's investment adviser's (the “Adviser”) calculation of portfolio duration may result in variances outside this range. Duration is a measure of the price sensitivity of a fixed-income security as a result of changes in interest rates, based on the weighted average timing of the instrument's expected fixed interest and principal payments. For example, if interest rates rise by 1% (in a parallel shift) the NAV of a fund with an average duration of five years theoretically would decline about 5.0%. As of October 31, 2021, the effective duration of the Index, as published by its sponsor, was 6.45 years, and the duration of the Fund was 6.23 years. The duration of the Index and the Fund may change on a daily basis in connection with changes in interest rates and/or spreads. The Adviser seeks to create a portfolio, consisting of MBS, commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS), collateralized loan obligations (CLOs), CMBX (non-agency securitized indices that track the CMBS market), investment-grade corporate debt securities, derivative instruments and other securities that the Adviser believes will outperform the Index, such as, but not limited to, GSE Risk Transfer Notes, lease-backed and asset-backed securities, event-linked bonds and other insurance-linked notes.

When selecting investments for the Fund, the Adviser can invest directly in individual securities or may invest in other investment companies, including, for example, funds advised by the Adviser or its affiliates (the “Underlying Funds”). These Underlying Funds may include funds which are not available for general investment by the public. The investment companies in which the Fund invests are managed independently of the Fund and may incur additional expenses. At times the Fund's investment in the Underlying Funds may be a substantial portion of the Fund's portfolio.

Based on fundamental analysis, the Adviser will consider a variety of factors when making decisions to purchase or sell particular securities or derivative contracts. The Fund may, but is not required to, use derivative instruments, which are instruments that have a value based on another instrument, exchange rate or index, and may be used as substitutes for securities in which the Fund can invest, or to hedge against a potential loss in the underlying asset. There can be no assurance that the Fund's use of derivative instruments will work as intended. Derivative investments made by the Fund are included within the Fund's 80% policy (as described below) and are calculated at market value.



The Fund actively trades its portfolio securities in an attempt to achieve its investment objective. Active trading will cause the Fund to have an increased portfolio turnover rate and increase the Fund's trading costs, which may have an adverse impact on the Fund's performance. An active trading strategy will likely result in the Fund generating more short-term capital gains or losses. Short-term gains are generally taxed at a higher rate than long-term gains. Any short-term losses are used first to offset short-term gains.

The Fund will invest at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in fixed-income securities. The Fund will notify shareholders at least 60 days in advance of any change in its investment policy to invest, under normal circumstances, less than 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in fixed-income securities.

#### **What are the Main Risks of Investing in the Fund?**

All mutual funds take investment risks. Therefore, it is possible to lose money by investing in the Fund. The primary factors that may reduce the Fund's returns include:

- **MBS Risk.** A rise in interest rates may cause the value of MBS held by the Fund to decline. Certain MBS issued by GSEs are not backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government. A non-agency MBS is subject to the risk that the value of such security will decline, because the security is not issued or guaranteed as to principal or interest by the U.S. government or a GSE. The Fund's investments in collateralized mortgage obligations (CMOs) may entail greater market, prepayment and liquidity risks than other MBS.
- **Interest Rate Risk.** Prices of fixed-income securities generally fall when interest rates rise. The longer the duration of a fixed-income security, the more susceptible it is to interest rate risk. Recent and potential future changes in monetary policy made by central banks and/or their governments are likely to affect the level of interest rates.
- **Issuer Credit Risk.** It is possible that interest or principal on securities will not be paid when due. Noninvestment-grade securities generally have a higher default risk than investment-grade securities. Such non-payment or default may reduce the value of the Fund's portfolio holdings, its share price and its performance.
- **Collateralized Loan Obligations Risk.** Collateralized loan obligations (CLOs) bear many of the same risks as other forms of asset-backed securities, including interest rate risk and issuer credit risk. As they are backed solely by pools of loans, CLOs also bear similar risks to investing in loans directly. CLOs may experience substantial losses attributable to loan defaults. The Fund's investment in CLOs may decrease in market value if the CLO experiences loan defaults or credit impairment, the disappearance of a subordinate tranche, or due to market anticipation of defaults and investor aversion to CLO securities as a class.
- **Counterparty Risk.** Counterparty risk includes the possibility that a party to a transaction involving the Fund will fail to meet its obligations. This could cause the Fund to lose the benefit of the transaction or prevent the Fund from selling or buying other securities to implement its investment strategy.
- **Prepayment and Extension Risk.** When homeowners prepay their mortgages in response to lower interest rates, the Fund will be required to reinvest the proceeds at the lower interest rates available. Also, when interest rates fall, the prices of mortgage-backed securities may not rise to as great an extent as that of other fixed-income securities. When interest rates rise, homeowners are less likely to prepay their mortgages. A decreased rate of prepayments lengthens the expected maturity of a mortgage-backed security, and the price of mortgage-backed securities may decrease more than the price of other fixed income securities when interest rates rise.
- **Call Risk.** Call risk is the possibility that an issuer may redeem a fixed-income security before maturity (a call) at a price below its current market price. An increase in the likelihood of a call may reduce the security's price.
- **Underlying Fund Risk.** The risk that the Fund's performance is closely related to the risks associated with the securities and other investments held by the underlying funds and that the ability of a Fund to achieve its investment objective will depend upon the ability of underlying funds to achieve their respective investment objectives. The Fund bears Underlying Fund fees and expenses indirectly. Investment companies incur certain expenses, such as management fees, and, therefore, any investment by the Fund in shares of other investment companies may be subject to such duplicative management fees and expenses. However, to avoid charging duplicative management fees, the Adviser will waive and/or reimburse the Fund's Management Fee in an amount equal to the net management fees charged by the Underlying Funds to the Fund on the Fund's net assets invested in the Underlying Funds.
- **Risk of Security Downgrades.** The downgrade of the credit of a security held by the Fund may decrease its value. Fixed-income securities with lower ratings tend to have a higher probability that a borrower will default or fail to meet its payment obligations.
- **Liquidity Risk.** The non-agency MBS and CMOs in which the Fund invests may be less readily marketable and may be subject to greater fluctuation in price than other securities.

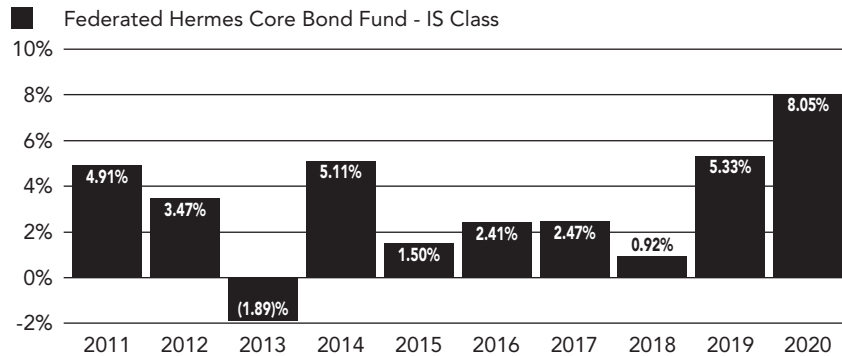
- **Risk Associated with Noninvestment-Grade Securities.** Securities rated below investment grade may be subject to greater interest rate, credit and liquidity risks than investment-grade securities. These securities are considered speculative with respect to the issuer’s ability to pay interest and repay principal.
- **Leverage Risk.** Leverage risk is created when an investment exposes the Fund to a level of risk that exceeds the amount invested. Changes in the value of such an investment magnify the Fund’s risk of loss and potential for gain.
- **GSE Risk Transfer Notes Risk.** The risks associated with an investment in Risk Transfer Notes will be different than the risks associated with an investment in MBS. The Notes are the corporate obligations of the issuing GSE and are not secured by the Reference Obligation, the mortgaged properties or the borrowers’ payments under the Reference Obligations. Holders of the Notes are general creditors of the issuing GSE and will be subject to the risk that the issuing GSE will be unable to meet its obligation to pay the principal and interest of the Notes in accordance with their terms of issuance. The Notes may be considered high risk and complex securities.
- **Event-Linked Bonds and Other Insurance-Linked Securities Risk.** The Fund may invest in “event-linked” bonds, which sometimes are referred to as “insurance-linked securities” or ILS. Event-linked bonds are debt obligations for which the return of principal and the payment of interest are contingent on the non-occurrence of a pre-defined “trigger” event, such as an event that leads to physical or economic loss. Event-linked bonds are typically rated by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating agency, but also may be unrated. The rating for an event-linked bond primarily reflects the rating agency’s calculated probability that a pre-defined trigger event will occur. This rating also assesses the event-linked bond’s credit risk and the model used to calculate the probability of a trigger event.
- **Lease-Backed and Rental-Based MBS Risk.** The market for lease-backed securities and rental-based MBS is new and there may be variation in how the securities are collateralized. By way of nonlimiting example, some structures may afford a bondholder with indirect, limited or even no rights to the underlying real estate. Further, different classes of a particular issue may receive different credit ratings than other classes of the same issue depending upon the level of collateral or distribution of collateral in a default scenario.
- **Risk of Investing in Derivative Instruments.** The Fund’s exposure to derivative contracts and hybrid instruments (either directly or through its investment in another investment company) involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional investments. The use of derivatives can lead to losses because of adverse movements in the price or value of the asset, index, rate or instrument underlying a derivative, due to failure of a counterparty, or the failure of the counterparty to meet its obligations under the contract, or due to tax or regulatory constraints. Derivatives may create investment leverage in the Fund, which magnifies the Fund’s exposure to the underlying investment. Derivative instruments may be difficult to value, may be illiquid and may be subject to wide swings in valuation caused by changes in the value of the underlying instrument. Over-the-counter derivative contracts generally carry greater liquidity risk than exchange-traded contracts. The loss on derivative transactions may substantially exceed the initial investment.
- **Asset Segregation Risk.** The requirement to secure its obligations in connection with certain transactions, including derivatives or other transactions that expose it to an obligation of another party, by owning underlying assets, entering into offsetting transactions or setting aside cash or liquid assets, may cause the Fund to miss favorable trading opportunities, or to realize losses on such offsetting transactions.
- **Risk Related to the Economy.** The value of the Fund’s portfolio may decline in tandem with a drop in the overall value of the markets in which the Fund invests and/or other markets. Economic, political and financial conditions, industry or economic trends and developments or public health risks, such as epidemics or pandemics, may, from time to time, cause the Fund to experience volatility, illiquidity, shareholder redemptions, or other potentially adverse effects. Among other investments, lower-grade bonds may be particularly sensitive to changes in the economy.
- **Technology Risk.** The Adviser uses various technologies in managing the Fund, consistent with its investment objective and strategy described in this prospectus. For example, proprietary and third party data and systems are utilized to support decision making for the Fund. Data imprecision, software or other technology malfunctions, programming inaccuracies and similar circumstances may impair the performance of these systems, which may negatively affect Fund performance.
- **LIBOR Risk.** The publication of the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR), which many derivatives, debt securities, and other financial instruments in which the Fund may invest, as well as the Fund’s committed, revolving line of credit agreement, utilize or may utilize in the future as the reference or benchmark rate for interest rate calculations, is expected to be discontinued at the end of 2021. The transition process away from LIBOR may lead to increased volatility and illiquidity in markets that currently rely on LIBOR to determine interest rates, and the eventual use of an alternative reference rate may adversely affect the fund’s performance. In addition, the usefulness of LIBOR may deteriorate in the period leading up to its discontinuation, which could adversely affect the liquidity or market value of securities that use LIBOR.

The Shares offered by this Prospectus are not deposits or obligations of any bank, are not endorsed or guaranteed by any bank and are not insured or guaranteed by the U.S. government, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Reserve Board or any other government agency.

**PERFORMANCE: BAR CHART AND TABLE**

**Risk/Return Bar Chart**

The bar chart and performance table below reflect historical performance data for the Fund and are intended to help you analyze the Fund’s investment risks in light of its historical returns. The bar chart shows the variability of the Fund’s IS class total returns on a calendar year-by-year basis. The Average Annual Total Return Table shows returns averaged over the stated periods, and includes comparative performance information. *The Fund’s performance will fluctuate, and past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of future results.* Updated performance information for the Fund is available under the “Products” section at [FederatedInvestors.com](http://FederatedInvestors.com) or by calling 1-800-341-7400.



The Fund’s IS class total return for the nine-month period from January 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021, was (0.60)%.

Within the periods shown in the bar chart, the Fund’s IS class highest quarterly return was 5.28% (quarter ended June 30, 2020). Its lowest quarterly return was (2.60)% (quarter ended March 31, 2020).

**Average Annual Total Return Table**

The Fund’s former SS class has been re-designated as the A class effective May 27, 2021. For the periods prior to the re-designation the performance information shown for the A class is for the Fund’s former SS class and has not been adjusted, except that it includes Class A sales charges.

The Fund’s R6 class commenced operations on November 26, 2021. For the periods prior to commencement of operations of the Fund’s R6 class, the performance information shown below is for the Fund’s IS class. The performance of the IS class has not been adjusted to reflect the expenses applicable to the R6 class since the R6 class has a lower expense ratio than the expense ratio of the IS class. In addition to Return Before Taxes, Return After Taxes is shown for the Fund’s IS class to illustrate the effect of federal taxes on the Fund returns. After-tax returns are shown only for IS class, and after-tax returns for A and R6 classes will differ from those shown for the IS class. *Actual after-tax returns depend on each investor’s personal tax situation, and are likely to differ from those shown.* After-tax returns are calculated using a standard set of assumptions. The stated returns assume the highest historical **federal** income and capital gains tax rates. These after-tax returns do **not** reflect the effect of any applicable **state** and **local** taxes. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors holding Shares through a 401(k) plan, an Individual Retirement Account and other tax-advantaged investment plans.

(For the Period Ended December 31, 2020)

Share Class	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
<b>A:</b>			
Return Before Taxes	2.80%	2.53%	2.40%
<b>IS:</b>			
Return Before Taxes	8.05%	3.80%	3.19%
Return After Taxes on Distributions	6.88%	2.63%	1.97%
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares	4.73%	2.39%	1.91%
<b>R6:</b>			
Return Before Taxes	8.05%	3.80%	3.19%
<b>Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index<sup>1</sup></b>	7.51%	4.44%	3.84%
<b>Morningstar Intermediate Core Bond Funds Average<sup>2</sup></b>	7.52%	4.26%	3.69%

1 The Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index is a broad-based benchmark that measures the investment-grade, U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market. Effective August 24, 2021, the name of the index changed from "Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index" to "Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index."

2 The Morningstar figures represent the average of the total returns reported by all the funds designated by Morningstar as falling into the respective category indicated. They do not reflect sales charges.

## FUND MANAGEMENT

The Fund's Investment Adviser is Federated Investment Management Company.

Todd A. Abraham, CFA, Senior Portfolio Manager, has been the Fund's portfolio manager since February of 2003.

Liam O'Connell, CFA, has been the Fund's portfolio manager since May of 2014.

## PURCHASE AND SALE OF FUND SHARES

You may purchase, redeem or exchange Shares of the Fund on any day the New York Stock Exchange is open. Shares may be purchased through a financial intermediary firm that has entered into a Fund selling and/or servicing agreement with the Distributor or an affiliate ("Financial Intermediary") or directly from the Fund, by wire or by check. Please note that certain purchase restrictions may apply. Redeem or exchange Shares through a financial intermediary or directly from the Fund by telephone at 1-800-341-7400 or by mail.

### A Class

The minimum investment amount for the Fund's Class A Shares is generally \$1,500 for initial investments and \$100 for subsequent investments. The minimum initial and subsequent investment amounts for Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) are \$250 and \$100, respectively. There is no minimum initial or subsequent investment amount required for employer-sponsored retirement plans. Certain types of accounts are eligible for lower minimum investments. The minimum investment for Systematic Investment Programs is \$50.

### IS Class

The minimum initial investment amount for the Fund's IS class is generally \$1,000,000 and there is no minimum subsequent investment amount. Certain types of accounts are eligible for lower minimum investments. The minimum investment amount for Systematic Investment Programs is \$50.

### R6 Class

There are no minimum initial or subsequent investment amounts required. The minimum investment amount for Systematic Investment Programs is \$50.

## TAX INFORMATION

### A & IS Classes

The Fund's distributions are taxable as ordinary income or capital gains except when your investment is through a 401(k) plan, an Individual Retirement Account or other tax-advantaged investment plan.

### R6 Class

The Fund's distributions are taxable as ordinary income or capital gains except when your investment is through a tax-advantaged investment plan.

## PAYMENTS TO BROKER-DEALERS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES

### A & IS Classes

If you purchase the Fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Fund and/or its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of Fund Shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

### R6 Class

Class R6 Shares do not make any payments to financial intermediaries, either from Fund assets or from the investment adviser and its affiliates.

## What are the Fund's Investment Strategies?

The Fund's investment objective is to provide total return. The investment objective may not be changed by the Fund's Directors without shareholder approval. A statement of the Fund's investment objective and principal investment strategies and risks is set forth above in the Fund's Risk/Return Summary. There can be no assurances that the Fund will achieve its investment objective or that the investment strategies used by the Fund's investment adviser (the "Adviser") will be successful.

The Fund seeks total return, which is defined as income plus capital appreciation. Under normal market conditions, the Fund invests primarily in U.S. dollar denominated, investment-grade, fixed-income securities. The Fund will invest in U.S. government securities, investment-grade corporate debt securities, mortgage-backed securities (MBS), and certain derivative instruments. A security is considered investment-grade quality if it is either: (i) rated within the four highest ratings categories by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization (an NRSRO); or (ii) if unrated, considered by the Adviser to be of investment-grade quality. The Fund will invest in MBS that are issued or guaranteed by U.S. government agencies or U.S. government-sponsored enterprises (GSEs). The Fund may invest in non-agency MBS, which are those not issued or guaranteed by GSEs. The Fund may invest up to 5% of its assets in noninvestment-grade securities, including those backed by so-called "sub-prime" mortgages, and other types of non-investment grade securities. Noninvestment-grade securities may also be referred to as below investment-grade securities, commonly known as junk instruments.

The Fund typically seeks to maintain an overall average dollar-weighted portfolio duration that is within 20% above or below the Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index (the "Index"). At times, the Adviser's calculation of portfolio duration may result in variances outside this range. Duration is a measure of the price sensitivity of a fixed-income security as a result of changes in interest rates, based on the weighted average timing of the instrument's expected fixed interest and principal payments. For example, if interest rates rise by 1% (in a parallel shift) the NAV of a fund with an average duration of five years theoretically would decline about 5.0%. Securities with longer durations tend to be more sensitive to interest rate changes than securities with shorter durations. As of October 31, 2021, the effective duration of the Index, as published by its sponsor, was 6.45 years, and the duration of the Fund was 6.23 years. The duration of the Index and the Fund may change on a daily basis in connection with changes in interest rates and/or spreads.

When selecting investments for the Fund, the Adviser can invest directly in individual securities or may invest in other investment companies, including, for example, funds advised by the Adviser or its affiliates (the "Underlying Funds"). These Underlying Funds may include funds which are not available for general investment by the public. The investment companies in which the Fund invests are managed independently of the Fund and may incur additional expenses. At times the Fund's investment in the Underlying Funds may be a substantial portion of the Fund's portfolio.

The Adviser seeks to create a portfolio consisting of MBS, commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS), collateralized loan obligations (CLOs), CMBX (non-agency securitized indices that track the CMBS market), investment-grade corporate debt securities, derivative instruments and other securities that the Adviser believes will outperform the Index, such as, but not limited to, GSE Risk Transfer Notes, lease-backed and asset-backed securities, event-linked bonds and other insurance linked notes. In implementing the Fund's investment strategy, the Adviser typically will take into consideration: (i) overall levels of interest rates; (ii) volatility of interest rates; (iii) relative interest rates of securities with longer and shorter durations (known as a "yield curve"); and (iv) relative interest rates of different types of securities (such as U.S. government securities and MBS).

Based on fundamental analysis, the Adviser will consider a variety of factors when making decisions to purchase or sell particular securities or derivative contracts, including: the securities' specific interest rate and prepayment risks, and price sensitivity to changes in market spread levels and in the level of interest rate volatility. In analyzing MBS, the Adviser also may consider the average interest rates of the underlying loans, the prior and expected prepayments, any ratings issued by NRSROs, and any guarantee of the security or underlying loans by a GSE or non-agency issuer. The Fund does not limit the amount of its portfolio that may be invested in investment-grade non-agency MBS.



Corporate debt securities generally offer higher yields than U.S. government securities to compensate for credit risk. The Adviser attempts to manage the Fund's credit risk by selecting corporate debt securities that are less likely to default in the payment of principal and interest. The Adviser looks at a variety of factors, including macroeconomic analysis and corporate earnings analysis, among others, to determine which business sectors and credit ratings are most advantageous for investment by the Fund. In selecting individual corporate fixed-income securities, the Adviser analyzes a company's business, competitive position and general financial condition to assess whether the security's credit risk is commensurate with its potential return.

The Fund may use derivative contracts to implement elements of its investment strategy. For example, the Fund may use derivative contracts to increase or decrease the portfolio's exposure to the investment(s) underlying the derivative in an attempt to benefit from changes in the value of the underlying investment(s). Additionally, by way of example, the Fund may use derivative contracts in an attempt to:

- increase or decrease the effective duration of the Fund portfolio; or
- hedge against potential losses.

There can be no assurance that the Fund's use of derivative contracts will work as intended. Derivative investments made by the Fund are included within the Fund's 80% policy (as described below) and are calculated at market value.

The Fund will invest at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in fixed-income securities. The Fund will notify shareholders at least 60 days in advance of any change in its investment policy to invest, under normal circumstances, less than 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in fixed-income securities.

#### **TEMPORARY INVESTMENTS**

The Fund may temporarily depart from its principal investment strategies by investing its assets in shorter-term debt securities and similar obligations, or by holding cash. It may do this in response to unusual circumstances, such as: adverse market, economic or other conditions (for example, to help avoid potential losses, or during periods when there is a shortage of appropriate securities); to maintain liquidity to meet shareholder redemptions; or to accommodate cash inflows. It is possible that such investments could affect the Fund's investment returns and/or the ability to achieve the Fund's investment objectives.

#### **PORTFOLIO TURNOVER**

The Fund actively trades its portfolio securities in an attempt to achieve its investment objective. Active trading will cause the Fund to have an increased portfolio turnover rate and increase the Fund's trading costs, which may have an adverse impact on the Fund's performance. An active trading strategy will likely result in the Fund generating more short-term capital gains or losses. Short-term gains are generally taxed at a higher rate than long-term gains. Any short-term losses are used first to offset short-term gains.

### **What are the Fund's Principal Investments?**

The following provides general information on the Fund's principal investments. The Fund's Statement of Additional Information (SAI) provides information about the Fund's non-principal investments and may provide additional information about the Fund's principal investments.

#### **FIXED-INCOME SECURITIES**

The Fund may invest in the fixed-income securities described below. The Fund's fixed-income investments may include bonds, notes (including structured notes), mortgage-related securities, asset-backed securities and money market instruments. Fixed-income securities may be issued by: U.S. corporations or entities; U.S. banks; and the U.S. government, its agencies, authorities, instrumentalities or GSEs. These securities may have all types of interest rate payment and reset terms, including fixed rate, adjustable rate and zero coupon.

#### **MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES (MBS) (A FIXED-INCOME SECURITY)**

An MBS is a type of pass-through security, which is a pooled debt obligation repackaged as interests that pass principal and interest through an intermediary to investors. In the case of MBS, the ownership interest is in a pool of mortgage loans. MBS are most commonly issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government (or one of its agencies or instrumentalities) ("agency MBS"), but also may be issued or guaranteed by private entities ("non-agency MBS"). Unlike conventional debt obligations, MBS provide monthly payments derived from the monthly interest and principal payments (including any prepayments) made by the individual borrowers on the pooled mortgage loans. Most MBS make these payments monthly; however, certain MBS are backed by mortgage loans which do not generate monthly payments but rather generate payments less frequently.

The mortgage loan collateral for non-agency MBS consists of residential mortgage loans that do not conform to GSEs underwriting guidelines. Non-agency MBS generally offer a higher yield than agency MBS because there are no direct or indirect government guarantees of payment.

The non-agency and agency MBS acquired by the Fund could be secured by fixed-rate mortgages, adjustable-rate mortgages or hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages. Adjustable-rate mortgages are mortgages whose interest rates are periodically reset when market rates change. A hybrid adjustable-rate mortgage (“hybrid ARM”) is a type of mortgage in which the interest rate is fixed for a specified period and then resets periodically, or floats, for the remaining mortgage term. Hybrid ARMs are usually referred to by their fixed and floating periods. For example, a “5/1 ARM” refers to a mortgage with a five-year fixed interest rate period, followed by 25 annual interest rate adjustment periods.

The Fund also may invest in collateralized mortgage obligations (CMOs). The two types of CMOs are: (1) MBS that are collateralized by mortgage loans or mortgage pass-through securities; and (2) multi-class pass-through securities, which are interests in a trust composed of mortgage loans or other MBS. CMOs may be issued by U.S. governmental or government-related enterprises, or by private entities, such as banks and others. CMOs are issued in multiple classes, often referred to as “tranches,” with each tranche having a specific fixed or floating coupon rate, and stated maturity or final distribution date. CMOs are subject to the uncertainty of the timing of cash flows that results from the rate of prepayments on the underlying mortgages serving as collateral and from the structure of the particular CMO transaction (that is, the priority of the individual tranches). An increase or decrease in prepayment rates (resulting from a decrease or increase in mortgage interest rates) may cause the CMOs to be retired substantially earlier or later than their stated maturities or final distribution dates, and will affect the yields and prices of CMOs.

Mortgage dollar rolls are transactions in which the Fund sells MBS for delivery in the current month with a simultaneous contract entered to repurchase substantially similar (same type, coupon and maturity) securities on a specified future date and price (a “mortgage roll”). During the roll period, the Fund foregoes principal and interest paid on the MBS. Mortgage dollar roll transactions may be used to seek to increase the Fund’s income. The Fund uses repurchase agreements and short-term fixed-income securities to secure its obligations in these transactions.

Investments in MBS expose the Fund to MBS, interest rate, prepayment and credit risks.

#### **CMBX INDEXES**

CMBX Indexes are indexes that track the commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS) market. The indexes represent 25 tranches of CMBS, each with a different credit rating. These indexes enable investors to gauge the market and take long or short positions via credit default swaps, which put specific interest rate spreads on each risk class. The pricing is based on the spreads themselves rather than on a pricing mechanism.

#### **ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES (A FIXED-INCOME SECURITY)**

Asset-backed securities are securities issued by trusts and special purpose entities that are backed by pools of assets, such as automobile loans and credit-card receivables, and which pass through the payments on the underlying obligations to the security holders (less servicing fees paid to the servicer or fees for any credit enhancement). Typically, the originator of the loan or accounts receivable transfers it to a specially created trust, which repackages it as an issuance of securities with a minimum denomination and a specific term. The securities then are privately placed or publicly offered. Issuers of asset-backed securities may have limited ability to enforce the security interest in the underlying assets, and credit enhancements (if any) may be inadequate in the event of default. Asset-backed securities may take the form of commercial paper, notes or pass-through certificates. Asset-backed securities have prepayment risks, interest rate risks, credit risks, and in certain instances, liquidity risks.

#### **COLLATERALIZED LOAN OBLIGATIONS**

A collateralized loan obligation (CLO) is an asset-backed security whose underlying collateral is a pool of loans. Such loans may include domestic and foreign senior secured loans, senior unsecured loans and subordinate corporate loans, some of which may be below investment grade or equivalent unrated loans. Investments in CLOs carry the same risks as investments in loans directly, such as interest rate risk, issuer credit and liquidity risks. These investments are also subject to the risks associated with a decrease of market value due to collateral defaults and disappearance of subordinate tranches, market anticipation of defaults and investor aversion to these types of securities as a class. CLOs issue classes or “tranches” that vary in risk and yield. Losses caused by defaults on underlying assets are borne first by the holders of subordinate tranches. A CLO may experience substantial losses attributable to loan defaults. A Fund’s investment in a CLO may decrease in market value because of: (i) loan defaults or credit impairment; (ii) the disappearance of subordinate tranches; (iii) market anticipation of defaults; and (iv) investor aversion to CLO securities as a class. These risks may be magnified depending on the tranche of CLO securities in which a Fund invests. For example, investments in a junior tranche of CLO securities will likely be more sensitive to loan defaults or credit impairment than investments in more senior tranches.

## **U.S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES**

U.S. government securities include U.S. Treasury obligations, which differ in their yields, maturities and times of issuance, and obligations issued or guaranteed by U.S. government agencies or instrumentalities (“agency obligations”). Agency obligations may be guaranteed by the U.S. government or they may be backed by the right of the issuer to borrow from the U.S. Treasury, the discretionary authority of the U.S. government to purchase the obligations, or the credit of the agency or instrumentality. As a result of their high credit quality and market liquidity, U.S. government securities generally provide lower current yields than obligations of other issuers. While certain U.S. government-sponsored enterprises (such as the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation and the Federal National Mortgage Association) may be chartered or sponsored by acts of Congress, their securities are neither issued nor guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury.

## **GSE RISK TRANSFER NOTES**

The Fund may invest in fixed- or floating-rate unsecured general obligations issued from time to time by Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae or other GSEs. These obligations are referred to as “Risk Transfer Notes” or “Notes”. Typically, such Notes are issued at par and have stated final maturities. The Notes are structured so that: (i) interest is paid directly by the issuing GSE; and (ii) principal is paid by the issuing GSE in accordance with the principal payments and default performance of a certain pool of mortgage loans of either single-family or multi-family properties held in various GSE-guaranteed MBS (“Reference Obligations”). The issuing GSE selects the pool of Reference Obligations based on that GSE’s eligibility criteria. The performance of the Notes will be directly affected by the selection of the Reference Obligations by the GSE. Such Notes are issued in tranches to which are allocated certain principal repayments and credit losses corresponding to the seniority of the particular tranche. Each tranche of Notes will have credit exposure to the Reference Obligations and the yield to maturity will be directly related to the amount and timing of certain defined credit events on the Reference Obligations, any prepayments by borrowers and any removals of a Reference Obligation from the pool.

While the structure of Risk Transfer Notes mimics the cash flows of a mezzanine securitized tranche, the Notes are not directly linked to the Reference Obligations. Thus, the payment of principal and interest on the Notes is tied to the performance of the pool of Reference Obligations. However, in no circumstances will the actual cash flow from the Reference Obligation be paid or otherwise made available to the holders of the Notes. This is different than in the case of covered notes, where the issuer default would allow investors to have an additional lien on the underlying loans.

## **COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES (A TYPE OF MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITY)**

Commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS) represent interests in mortgage loans on commercial real estate, such as loans for hotels, shopping centers, office buildings and apartment buildings. Generally, the interest and principal payments on these loans are passed on to investors in CMBS according to a schedule of payments. The Fund may invest in individual CMBS issues or, alternately, may gain exposure to the overall CMBS market by investing in a derivative contract, the performance of which is related to changes in the value of a domestic CMBS index. The risks associated with CMBS reflect the risks of investing in the commercial real estate securing the underlying mortgage loans and are therefore different from the risks of other types of MBS. Additionally, CMBS expose the Fund to interest rate, liquidity and credit risks.

## **LEASE-BACKED SECURITIES AND RENTAL-BASED MBS**

Rental-based MBS are mortgage-backed securities where the underlying properties are rental homes. In rental-based MBS the mortgage loan or loans may be different in structure from typical owner occupied single family mortgage as the loans may be secured by more than one property and the mortgage loans may have terms and conditions that are different than a typical owner occupied single family home mortgage. The structure of the MBS themselves may also have characteristics that are different from typical MBS. Lease-backed securities are securities whereby the investor cash flows are generated from lease payments on rental properties.

## **REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS**

Repurchase agreements are transactions in which the Fund buys a security from a dealer or bank and agrees to sell the security back at a mutually agreed-upon time and price. The repurchase price exceeds the sale price, reflecting the Fund’s return on the transaction. This return is unrelated to the interest rate on the underlying security. The Fund will enter into repurchase agreements only with banks and other recognized financial institutions, such as securities dealers, deemed creditworthy by the Adviser.

The Fund’s custodian or subcustodian will take possession of the securities subject to repurchase agreements. The Adviser or subcustodian will monitor the value of the underlying security each day to ensure that the value of the security always equals or exceeds the repurchase price.

Repurchase agreements are subject to credit risks. The Fund invests in overnight repurchase agreements in order to maintain sufficient cash to pay for daily net redemptions and portfolio transactions.



## **EVENT-LINKED BONDS AND OTHER INSURANCE-LINKED SECURITIES**

The fund may invest in “event-linked” bonds, which sometimes are referred to as “insurance-linked securities” or ILS or “catastrophe” bonds. Event-linked bonds are debt obligations for which the return of principal and the payment of interest are contingent on the non-occurrence of a pre-defined “trigger” event. For some event-linked bonds, the trigger event’s magnitude may be based on losses to a company or industry, industry indexes or readings of scientific instruments rather than specified actual losses. The fund is entitled to receive principal and interest payments so long as no trigger event occurs of the description and magnitude specified by the instrument. Event-linked bonds may be issued by government agencies, insurance companies, reinsurers, special purpose corporations or other on-shore or off-shore entities. The fund may invest in interests in pooled entities that invest primarily in event-linked bonds.

Event-linked bonds are typically rated by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating agency, but also may be unrated. The rating for an event-linked bond primarily reflects the rating agency’s calculated probability that a pre-defined trigger event will occur. This rating also assesses the event-linked bond’s credit risk and the model used to calculate the probability of a trigger event.

In addition to event-linked bonds, the Fund may also invest in other insurance-linked securities, including structured reinsurance instruments such as quota share instruments (a form of proportional reinsurance whereby an investor participates in the premiums and losses of a reinsurer’s portfolio of catastrophe-oriented policies, sometimes referred to as “reinsurance sidecars”) and collateralized reinsurance investments, industry loss warranties, and other insurance- and reinsurance-related securities. Quota share instruments and other structured reinsurance instruments generally will be considered illiquid securities by the Fund.

## **CORPORATE DEBT SECURITIES**

Corporate debt securities are fixed-income securities issued by businesses. Notes, bonds, debentures and commercial paper are the most prevalent types of corporate debt securities. The Fund may also purchase interests in bank loans to companies. The credit risks of corporate debt securities vary widely among issuers.

In addition, the credit risk of an issuer’s debt security may vary based on its priority for repayment. For example, higher ranking (“senior”) debt securities have a higher priority than lower ranking (“subordinated”) securities. This means that the issuer might not make payments on subordinated securities while continuing to make payments on senior securities. In addition, in the event of bankruptcy, holders of senior securities may receive amounts otherwise payable to the holders of subordinated securities. Some subordinated securities, such as trust-preferred and capital-securities notes, also permit the issuer to defer payments under certain circumstances. For example, insurance companies issue securities known as surplus notes that permit the insurance company to defer any payment that would reduce its capital below regulatory requirements.

## **INVESTING IN SECURITIES OF OTHER INVESTMENT COMPANIES**

The Fund may invest its assets in securities of other investment companies, including the securities of affiliated money market funds, as an efficient means of implementing its investment strategies and/or managing its uninvested cash and/or other investment reasons consistent with the Fund’s investment objective and investment strategies. The Fund may also invest in securities primarily by investing in another investment company (which is not generally available for general investment by the public) that owns those securities and that is advised by an affiliate of the Adviser. The Fund may also invest in such securities directly. These other investment companies are managed independently of the Fund and incur additional fees and/or expenses which would, therefore, be borne indirectly by the Fund in connection with any such investment. These investments also can create conflicts of interests for the Adviser to the Fund and the investment adviser to the acquired fund. For example, a conflict of interest can arise due to the possibility that the Adviser to the Fund could make a decision to redeem the Fund’s investment in the acquired fund. In the case of an investment in an affiliated fund, a conflict of interest can arise if, because of the Fund’s investment in the acquired fund, the acquired fund is able to garner more assets, thereby growing the acquired fund and increasing the management fees received by the investment adviser to the acquired fund, which would either be the Adviser or an affiliate of the Adviser. However, the Adviser believes that the benefits and efficiencies of making investments in other investment companies should outweigh the potential additional fees and/or expenses and resulting conflicts of interest. In light of the Fund’s investments in other investment companies, other registered investment companies may be limited in their ability to invest in the Fund.

## **DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS**

Derivative contracts are financial instruments that require payments based upon changes in the values of designated securities, commodities, currencies, indices, or other assets or instruments including other derivative contracts (each a “Reference Instrument” and collectively, “Reference Instruments”). Each party to a derivative contract may sometimes be referred to as a counterparty. Some derivative contracts require payments relating to an actual, future trade involving the

Reference Instrument. These types of derivatives are frequently referred to as “physically settled” derivatives. Other derivative contracts require payments relating to the income or returns from, or changes in the market value of, a Reference Instrument. These types of derivatives are known as “cash settled” derivatives, since they require cash payments in lieu of delivery of the Reference Instrument.

Many derivative contracts are traded on securities or commodities exchanges. In this case, the exchange sets all the terms of the contract except for the price. Investors make payments due under their contracts through the exchange. Most exchanges require investors to maintain margin accounts through their brokers to cover their potential obligations to the exchange. Parties to the contract make (or collect) daily payments to the margin accounts to reflect losses (or gains) in the value of their contracts. This protects investors against potential defaults by the other party to the contract. Trading contracts on an exchange also allows investors to close out their contracts by entering into offsetting contracts.

The Fund may also trade derivative contracts over-the-counter (OTC) in transactions negotiated directly between the Fund and a financial institution. OTC contracts do not necessarily have standard terms, so they may be less liquid and more difficult to close out than exchange-traded contracts. In addition, OTC contracts with more specialized terms may be more difficult to value than exchange-traded contracts, especially in times of financial stress. Regulations enacted by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the CFTC) under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act may require the Fund to clear certain derivative contracts through a clearing house or central counterparty (a CCP). To clear a derivative through the CCP, the Fund will submit the contract to, and post margin with, a futures commission merchant (FCM) that is a clearing house member. The Fund may enter into the swap with a financial institution other than the FCM (the “Executing Dealer”) and arrange for the contract to be transferred to the FCM for clearing. It may also enter into the contract with the FCM itself. If the Fund must centrally clear a transaction, the CFTC’s regulations may also require that the derivative be entered into over a market facility that is known as a “swap execution facility” or SEF. Also, in the future, the CFTC’s regulations may require that certain electronically-traded contracts be entered into over SEFs, even if those contracts are not subject to mandatory central clearing. The CCP, SEF, FCM and Executing Dealer are all subject to regulatory oversight by the CFTC. Similar regulatory requirements will apply to contracts that are subject to the jurisdiction of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), although the SEC has not yet finalized its regulations.

Depending on how the Fund uses derivative contracts and the relationships between the market value of a derivative contract and the Reference Instrument, derivative contracts may increase or decrease the Fund’s exposure to the risks of the Reference Instrument, and may also expose the fund to liquidity and leverage risks. OTC contracts also expose the Fund to credit risks in the event that a counterparty defaults on the contract, although this risk may be mitigated by submitting the contract for clearing through a CCP.

Payment obligations arising in connection with derivative contracts are frequently required to be secured with margin (which is commonly called “collateral”). The Fund may invest in a derivative contract if it is permitted to own, invest in, or otherwise have economic exposure to the Reference Instrument. The Fund is not required to own a Reference Instrument in order to buy or sell a derivative contract relating to that Reference Instrument.

#### **Futures Contracts (A Type of Derivative)**

Futures contracts provide for the future sale by one party and purchase by another party of a specified amount of a Reference Instrument at a specified price, date and time. Entering into a contract to buy a Reference Instrument is commonly referred to as buying a contract or holding a long position in the asset. Entering into a contract to sell a Reference Instrument is commonly referred to as selling a contract or holding a short position in the Reference Instrument. Futures contracts are considered to be commodity contracts. The Adviser has claimed an exclusion from the definition of the term “commodity pool operator” under the Commodity Exchange Act with respect to the Fund and, therefore, is not subject to registration or regulation with respect to the Fund. Futures contracts traded OTC are frequently referred to as forward contracts. The Fund can buy or sell financial futures (such as interest rate futures, index futures and security futures), as well as currency futures and currency forward contracts.

#### **Option Contracts (A Type of Derivative)**

Option contracts (also called “options”) are rights to buy or sell a Reference Instrument for a specified price (the “exercise price”) during, or at the end of, a specified period. The seller (or “writer”) of the option receives a payment, or premium, from the buyer, which the writer keeps regardless of whether the buyer uses (or exercises) the option. A call option gives the holder (buyer) the right to buy the Reference Instrument from the seller (writer) of the option. A put option gives the holder the right to sell the Reference Instrument to the writer of the option. Options may be bought or sold on a wide variety of Reference Instruments. Options that are written on futures contracts will be subject to margin requirements similar to those applied to futures contracts.

### **Swap Contracts (A Type of Derivative)**

A swap contract (also known as a “swap”) is a type of derivative contract in which two parties agree to pay each other (swap) the returns derived from Reference Instruments. Swaps do not always involve the delivery of the Reference Instruments by either party, and the parties might not own the Reference Instruments underlying the swap. The payments are usually made on a net basis so that, on any given day, the Fund would receive (or pay) only the amount by which its payment under the contract is less than (or exceeds) the amount of the other party’s payment. Swap agreements are sophisticated instruments that can take many different forms and are known by a variety of names. Common types of swaps in which the Fund may invest include interest rate swaps, caps and floors, total return swaps, credit default swaps, currency swaps and volatility swaps.

### **INVESTMENT RATINGS FOR INVESTMENT-GRADE SECURITIES**

The Adviser will determine whether a security is investment grade based upon the credit ratings given by one or more NRSROs. For example, Standard & Poor’s, an NRSRO, assigns ratings to investment-grade securities (AAA, AA, A and BBB including modifiers, sub-categories and gradations) based on their assessment of the likelihood of the issuer’s inability to pay interest or principal (default) when due on each security. Lower credit ratings correspond to higher credit risk. If a security has not received a rating, the Fund must rely entirely upon the Adviser’s credit assessment that the security is comparable to investment grade. The presence of a ratings modifier, sub-category, or gradation (for example, a (+) or (-)) is intended to show relative standing within the major rating categories and does not affect the security credit rating for purposes of the Fund’s investment parameters. If a security is downgraded below the minimum quality grade discussed above, the Adviser will reevaluate the security, but will not be required to sell it.

### **INVESTMENT RATINGS FOR NONINVESTMENT-GRADE SECURITIES**

Noninvestment-grade securities are rated below BBB- by an NRSRO. These bonds have greater economic, credit and liquidity risks than investment-grade securities.

### **OTHER INVESTMENTS, TRANSACTIONS, TECHNIQUES**

#### **Asset Segregation**

In order to cover its obligations in connection with derivative contracts or special transactions, the Fund will either own the underlying assets, enter into offsetting transactions or set aside cash or readily marketable securities in each case, as provided by the SEC or SEC staff guidance. This requirement may cause the Fund to miss favorable trading opportunities, due to a lack of sufficient cash or readily marketable securities. This requirement may also cause the Fund to realize losses on offsetting or terminated derivative contracts or special transactions.

#### **Additional Information Regarding the Security Selection Process**

As part of analysis inherent in its security selection process, among other factors, the Adviser may consider information derived from active engagements conducted by its in-house stewardship team with certain issuers or guarantors on environmental, social, and governance topics. This qualitative analysis does not automatically result in including or excluding specific securities but may be used by Federated Hermes as an additional input in its primary analysis.

## **What are the Specific Risks of Investing in the Fund?**

The following provides general information on the risks associated with the Fund’s principal investments. Any additional risks associated with the Fund’s non-principal investments are described in the Fund’s SAI. The Fund’s SAI also may provide additional information about the risks associated with the Fund’s principal investments.

### **MBS RISK**

MBS have unique risks. A rise in interest rates may cause the value of MBS held by the Fund to decline. The mortgage loans underlying MBS generally are subject to a greater rate of principal prepayments in a declining interest rate environment and to a lesser rate of principal prepayments in an increasing interest rate environment. If the underlying mortgages are paid off sooner than expected, the Fund may have to reinvest this money in mortgage-backed or other securities that have lower yields. Hybrid ARMs also involve special risks. Like ARMs, hybrid ARMs have periodic and lifetime limitations on the increases that can be made to the interest rates that mortgagors pay. Therefore, if during a floating rate period, interest rates rise above the interest rate limits of the hybrid ARM, the Fund will not benefit from further increases in interest rates. See “Prepayment Risk” and “Interest Rate Risk.” CMOs with complex or highly variable prepayment terms generally entail greater market, prepayment and liquidity risks than other MBS. For example, their prices are more volatile and their trading market may be more limited.

MBS are subject to the risk that payments will not be made when due. Payments on MBS are primarily derived from the interest and principal payments of the underlying mortgages. Some MBS also have guarantees or other structural features that provide additional support for interest and principal payments on the MBS if payments on the underlying mortgages are not made. MBS are subject to the risks that the underlying mortgage borrowers fail to make timely payments of interest and principal and that any guarantee or other structural feature, if present, is insufficient to enable the timely payment of interest and principal on the MBS. The structure of certain CMO interests held by the Fund may cause the Fund to be paid interest and/or principal on its investment only after holders of other interests in that particular CMO have received the full repayment of principal or interest on their investments. See Credit Risks. MBS are most commonly issued or guaranteed by GSEs, but also may be issued or guaranteed by private entities, which generally entail greater risk. Certain MBS issued by GSEs are not backed by or entitled to the full faith and credit of the U.S. government, but are, however, supported through federal subsidies, loans or other benefits. The Fund also may invest in certain MBS issued by GSEs that have no explicit financial support, and are supported only by the credit of the applicable GSEs (in addition to the underlying mortgages and related debt service payments). The U.S. government has provided financial support to Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, but there is no assurance that it will support these or other GSEs in the future. Although certain MBS are guaranteed as to timely payment of interest and principal by a GSE, the market price for such securities is not guaranteed and will fluctuate. See “Issuer Credit Risk.”

### **INTEREST RATE RISK**

Prices of fixed-income securities rise and fall in response to changes in interest rates. Generally, when interest rates rise, prices of fixed-income securities fall. However, market factors, such as the demand for particular fixed-income securities, may cause the price of certain fixed-income securities to fall while the prices of other securities rise or remain unchanged.

The longer the duration of a fixed-income security, the more susceptible it is to interest rate risk. The duration of a fixed-income security may be equal to or shorter than the stated maturity of a fixed-income security. Recent and potential future changes in monetary policy made by central banks and/or their governments are likely to affect the level of interest rates. Duration measures the price sensitivity of a fixed-income security given a change in interest rates. For example, if a fixed-income security has an effective duration of three years, a 1% increase in general interest rates would be expected to cause the security’s value to decline about 3% while a 1% decrease in general interest rates would be expected to cause the security’s value to increase about 3%.

### **ISSUER CREDIT RISK**

It is possible that interest or principal on securities will not be paid when due. Such non-payment or default may reduce the value of the Fund’s portfolio holdings, its share price and its performance.

Many fixed-income securities receive credit ratings from nationally recognized statistical rating organizations (NRSROs) such as Fitch Rating Service, Moody’s Investor Services, Inc. and Standard & Poor’s that assign ratings to securities by assessing the likelihood of an issuer and/or guarantor default. Higher credit ratings correspond to lower perceived credit risk and lower credit ratings correspond to higher perceived credit risk. Credit ratings may be upgraded or downgraded from time to time as an NRSRO’s assessment of the financial condition of a party obligated to make payments with respect to such securities and credit risk changes. The impact of any credit rating downgrade can be uncertain. Credit rating downgrades may lead to increased interest rates and volatility in financial markets, which in turn could negatively affect the value of the Fund’s portfolio holdings, its share price and its investment performance. Credit ratings are not a guarantee of quality. Credit ratings may lag behind the current financial conditions of the issuer and/or guarantor and do not provide assurance against default or other loss of money. Credit ratings do not protect against a decline in the value of a security. If a security has not received a rating, the Fund must rely entirely upon the Adviser’s credit assessment.

Fixed-income securities generally compensate for greater credit risk by paying interest at a higher rate. The difference between the yield of a security and the yield of a U.S. Treasury security or other appropriate benchmark with a comparable maturity (the “spread”) measures the additional interest paid for risk. Spreads may increase generally in response to adverse economic or market conditions. A security’s spread may also increase if the security’s rating is lowered, or the security is perceived to have an increased credit risk. An increase in the spread will cause the price of the security to decline if interest rates remain unchanged.

### **COLLATERALIZED LOAN OBLIGATIONS RISK**

Collateralized loan obligations (CLOs) bear many of the same risks as other forms of asset-backed securities, including interest rate risk and issuer credit risk. As they are backed solely by pools of loans, CLOs also bear similar risks to investing in loans directly. CLOs issue classes or “tranches” that vary in risk and yield. The risks of an investment in a CLO depend largely on the type of collateral securities and the class of the CLO in which the Fund invests. CLOs may



experience substantial losses attributable to loan defaults. Losses caused by defaults on underlying assets are borne first by the holders of subordinate tranches. The Fund's investment in CLOs may decrease in market value if the CLO experiences loan defaults or credit impairment, the disappearance of a subordinate tranche, or due to market anticipation of defaults and investor aversion to CLO securities as a class."

#### **COUNTERPARTY RISK**

Counterparty risk includes the possibility that a party to a transaction involving the Fund will fail to meet its obligations. This could cause the Fund to lose the benefit of the transaction or prevent the Fund from selling or buying other securities to implement its investment strategy.

#### **PREPAYMENT AND EXTENSION RISK**

Unlike traditional fixed-income securities, which pay a fixed rate of interest until maturity (when the entire principal amount is due), payments on MBS include both interest and a partial payment of principal. Partial payment of principal may be comprised of scheduled principal payments, as well as unscheduled payments from the voluntary prepayment, refinancing or foreclosure of the underlying loans. These unscheduled prepayments of principal create risks that can adversely affect the Fund's MBS holdings.

The mortgage loans underlying MBS are generally subject to a greater rate of principal prepayments in a declining interest rate environment and to a lesser rate of principal prepayments in a rising interest rate environment. Under certain interest and prepayment rate scenarios, the Fund may fail to recover the full amount of its investment in MBS, notwithstanding any direct or indirect governmental or agency guarantee. Because faster-than-expected prepayments typically are invested in lower yielding securities, MBS are less effective than conventional bonds in "locking in" a specified yield rate. For premium bonds, prepayment risk may be elevated. In a rising interest rate environment, a declining prepayment rate will extend the average life of many MBS. This possibility is often referred to as extension risk. Extending the average life of an MBS increases the risk of depreciation due to future increases in market interest rates.

#### **CALL RISK**

Call risk is the possibility that an issuer may redeem a fixed-income security before maturity (a "call") at a price below its current market price. An increase in the likelihood of a call may reduce the security's price.

If a fixed-income security is called, the Fund may have to reinvest the proceeds in other fixed-income securities with lower interest rates, higher credit risks or other less favorable characteristics.

#### **UNDERLYING FUND RISK**

The risk that the Fund's performance is closely related to the risks associated with the securities and other investments held by the underlying funds and that the ability of a Fund to achieve its investment objective will depend upon the ability of underlying funds to achieve their respective investment objectives. The Fund bears Underlying Fund fees and expenses indirectly. Investment companies incur certain expenses, such as management fees, and, therefore, any investment by the Fund in shares of other investment companies may be subject to such duplicative management fees and expenses. However, to avoid charging duplicative management fees, the Adviser will waive and/or reimburse the Fund's Management Fee in an amount equal to the net management fees charged by the Underlying Funds to the Fund on the Fund's net assets invested in the Underlying Funds.

#### **RISK OF SECURITY DOWNGRADES**

An investment-grade security held by the Fund may be downgraded to below investment grade after the Fund has acquired the security. In the event that the credit rating of a security held by the Fund is downgraded, the credit quality deteriorates after purchase or the security defaults, the Fund will not be obligated to dispose of that security and may continue to hold the security if, in the opinion of the Adviser, such investment is appropriate in the circumstances, although it may choose to do so in the sole discretion of the Adviser. The downgrade of the credit of a security held by the Fund may decrease its value. Fixed-income securities with lower ratings tend to have a higher probability that a borrower will default or fail to meet its payment obligations.

#### **LIQUIDITY RISK**

The secondary market for some securities held by the Fund is less liquid than for more widely traded, fixed-income securities. In certain situations, the Fund could find it more difficult to sell such securities at desirable times and/or prices. Liquidity risk also refers to the possibility that the Fund may not be able to sell a security or close out a derivative contract when it wants to. If this happens, the Fund will be required to continue to hold the security or keep the position open, and the Fund could incur losses.

## **RISK ASSOCIATED WITH NONINVESTMENT-GRADE SECURITIES**

Securities rated below investment grade, also known as junk bonds, generally entail greater economic, credit and liquidity risks than investment-grade securities. For example, their prices are more volatile, economic downturns and financial setbacks may affect their prices more negatively, and their trading market may be more limited. These securities are considered speculative with respect to the issuer's ability to pay interest and repay principal.

## **LEVERAGE RISK**

Leverage risk is created when an investment, which includes, for example, an investment in a derivative contract, exposes the Fund to a level of risk that exceeds the amount invested. Changes in the value of such an investment magnify the Fund's risk of loss and potential for gain. Investments can have these same results if their returns are based on a multiple of a specified index, security or other benchmark.

## **GSE RISK TRANSFER NOTES RISK**

The risks associated with an investment in Risk Transfer Notes will be different than the risks associated with an investment in MBS. The Notes are the corporate obligations of the issuing GSE and are not secured by the Reference Obligation, the mortgaged properties or the borrowers' payments under the Reference Obligations. Holders of the Notes are general creditors of the issuing GSE and will be subject to the risk that the issuing GSE will be unable to meet its obligation to pay the principal and interest of the Notes in accordance with their terms of issuance. The Notes may be considered high risk and complex securities.

## **EVENT-LINKED BONDS AND OTHER INSURANCE-LINKED SECURITIES RISK**

The Fund may invest in "event-linked" bonds, which sometimes are referred to as "insurance-linked securities" or ILS. Event-linked bonds are debt obligations for which the return of principal and the payment of interest are contingent on the non-occurrence of a pre-defined "trigger" event, such as an event that leads to physical or economic loss. Event-linked bonds are typically rated by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating agency, but also may be unrated. The rating for an event-linked bond primarily reflects the rating agency's calculated probability that a pre-defined trigger event will occur. This rating also assesses the event-linked bond's credit risk and the model used to calculate the probability of a trigger event.

## **LEASE-BACKED SECURITIES AND RENTAL-BASED MBS**

The market for lease-backed securities and rental-based MBS is new and there may be variation in how the securities are collateralized. By way of nonlimiting example, some structures may afford a bondholder with indirect, limited or even no rights to the underlying real estate. Further, different classes of a particular issue may receive different credit ratings than other classes of the same issue depending upon the level of collateral or distribution of collateral in a default scenario. Several factors may adversely affect the performance of an investment in these lease-backed securities and rental-based MBS. First, the renters of the pooled properties underlying the securities generally sign monthly or yearly leases, increasing the likelihood of the renters canceling their leases. As a result, renters have the opportunity to not renew their leases, which would result in decreased payments being made into the pooled structure. Second, renters may also have low incentive for paying their rent on time. Finally, there is risk related to the ability of large institutional investors to manage rental homes where there are potentially greater maintenance costs given the lack of construction uniformity.

## **RISK OF INVESTING IN DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS**

The Fund's exposure to derivative contracts (either directly or through its investment in another investment company) involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional investments. First, changes in the value of the derivative contracts in which the Fund invests may not be correlated with changes in the value of the underlying Reference Instruments or, if they are correlated, may move in the opposite direction than originally anticipated. Second, while some strategies involving derivatives may reduce the risk of loss, they may also reduce potential gains or, in some cases, result in losses by offsetting favorable price movements in portfolio holdings. Third, there is a risk that derivative contracts may be erroneously priced or improperly valued and, as a result, the Fund may need to make increased cash payments to the counterparty. Fourth, exposure to derivative contracts may have tax consequences to the Fund and its shareholders. For example, derivative contracts may cause the Fund to realize increased ordinary income or short-term capital gains (which are treated as ordinary income for Federal income tax purposes) and, as a result, may increase taxable distributions to shareholders. In addition, under certain circumstances certain derivative contracts may cause the Fund to: (a) incur an excise tax on a portion of the income related to those contracts and instruments; and/or (b) reclassify, as a return of capital, some or all of the distributions previously made to shareholders during the fiscal year as dividend income. Fifth, a common provision in OTC derivative contracts permits the counterparty to terminate any such contract between it and the Fund, if the value of the Fund's total net assets declines below a specified level over a given time period. Factors that may contribute to such a decline (which usually must be

substantial) include significant shareholder redemptions and/or a marked decrease in the market value of the Fund's investments. Any such termination of the Fund's OTC derivative contracts may adversely affect the Fund (for example, by increasing losses and/or costs, and/or preventing the Fund from fully implementing its investment strategies). Sixth, the Fund may use a derivative contract to benefit from a decline in the value of a Reference Instrument. If the value of the Reference Instrument declines during the term of the contract, the Fund makes a profit on the difference (less any payments the Fund is required to pay under the terms of the contract). Any such strategy involves risk. There is no assurance that the Reference Instrument will decline in value during the term of the contract and make a profit for the Fund. The Reference Instrument may instead appreciate in value creating a loss for the Fund. Seventh, a default or failure by a CCP or an FCM (also sometimes called a "futures broker"), or the failure of a contract to be transferred from an Executing Dealer to the FCM for clearing, may expose the Fund to losses, increase its costs, or prevent the Fund from entering or exiting derivative positions, accessing margin, or fully implementing its investment strategies. The central clearing of a derivative and trading of a contract over a SEF could reduce the liquidity in, or increase costs of entering into or holding, any contracts. Finally, derivative contracts may also involve other risks described herein or in the Fund's prospectus, such as interest rate, credit, liquidity and leverage risks.

#### **ASSET SEGREGATION RISK**

In order to secure its obligations in connection with derivative contracts or other transactions that expose it to an obligation of another party, the Fund will either own the underlying assets, enter into offsetting transactions or set aside cash or readily marketable securities in each case, as provided by the SEC or SEC Staff guidance. This requirement may cause the Fund to miss favorable trading opportunities, due to a lack of sufficient cash or readily marketable securities. This requirement also may cause the Fund to realize losses on offsetting or terminated derivative contracts.

#### **RISK RELATED TO THE ECONOMY**

The value of the Fund's portfolio may decline in tandem with a drop in the overall value of the markets in which the Fund invests and/or the other markets based on negative developments in the U.S. and global economies. Economic, political, and financial conditions may, from time to time, cause volatility, illiquidity or other potentially adverse effects in the financial markets, including the fixed income market. The commencement, continuation or ending of government policies and economic stimulus programs, changes in monetary policy, increases or decreases in interest rates, or other factors or events that affect the financial markets, including the fixed income markets, may contribute to the development of or increase in volatility, illiquidity, shareholder redemptions and other factors, which could negatively impact the Fund's performance. For example, the value of certain portfolio securities may rise or fall in response to changes in interest rates, which could result from a change in government policies, and has the potential to cause investors to move out of certain portfolio securities, including fixed-income securities, on a large scale. This may increase redemptions from funds that hold large amounts of certain securities and may result in decreased liquidity and increased volatility in the financial markets. Market factors, such as the demand for particular portfolio securities, may cause the price of certain portfolio securities to fall while the prices of other securities rise or remain unchanged. Among other investments, lower-grade bonds may be particularly sensitive to changes in the economy.

#### **Epidemic and Pandemic Risk**

An outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus was first detected in China in late 2019 and subsequently spread globally ("COVID-19"). This coronavirus has resulted in closing 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 may be short-term or may last for an extended period of time and has resulted in a substantial economic downturn. Health crises caused by outbreaks, such as the coronavirus outbreak, may exacerbate other pre-existing 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. Any such impact could adversely affect the Fund's performance.

The United States has responded to the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic distress with fiscal and monetary stimulus packages. In late March 2020, the government passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the "CARES Act"), a stimulus package providing for over \$2.2 trillion in resources to small businesses, state and local governments, and individuals that have been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, in mid-March 2020 the U.S. Federal Reserve ("Fed") cut interest rates to historically low levels and announced a new round of quantitative easing, including purchases of corporate and municipal government bonds. The Fed also enacted various programs to support liquidity operations and funding in the financial markets, including

expanding its reverse repurchase agreement operations, adding \$1.5 trillion of liquidity to the banking system; establishing swap lines with other major central banks to provide dollar funding; establishing a program to support money market funds; easing various bank capital buffers; providing funding backstops for businesses to provide bridging loans for up to four years; and providing funding to help credit flow in asset-backed securities markets. The Fed also plans to extend credit to small- and medium-sized businesses.

#### **TECHNOLOGY RISK**

The Adviser uses various technologies in managing the Fund, consistent with its investment objective and strategy described in this Prospectus. For example, proprietary and third-party data and systems are utilized to support decision making for the Fund. Data imprecision, software or other technology malfunctions, programming inaccuracies and similar circumstances may impair the performance of these systems, which may negatively affect Fund performance.

#### **LIBOR RISK**

Certain derivatives or debt securities, or other financial instruments in which the Fund may invest, as well as the Fund's committed, revolving line of credit agreement, utilize or may utilize in the future the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") as the reference or benchmark rate for interest rate calculations. LIBOR is a measure of the average interest rate at which major global banks can borrow from one another. It is quoted in multiple currencies and tenors using data reported by a panel of private-sector banks. Following allegations of rate manipulation in 2012 and concerns regarding its thin liquidity, the use of LIBOR came under increasing pressure, and in July 2017, the U.K. Financial Conduct Authority, which regulates LIBOR, announced that it will stop encouraging banks to provide the quotations needed to sustain LIBOR after 2021. This may cause LIBOR to cease to be published. LIBOR panel banks have agreed to submit quotations to LIBOR through the end of 2021. Before then, it is expected that market participants will transition to the use of different reference or benchmark rates. However, there is currently no definitive information regarding the future utilization of LIBOR or of any particular replacement rate. Regulators have suggested alternative reference rates, but global consensus is lacking and the process for amending existing contracts or instruments to transition away from LIBOR remains unclear.

While it is expected that market participants will amend financial instruments referencing LIBOR to include fallback provisions and other measures that contemplate the discontinuation of LIBOR or other similar market disruption events, neither the effect of the transition process nor the viability of such measures is known. While market participants have begun transitioning away from LIBOR, there are obstacles to converting certain longer term securities and transactions to a new benchmark or benchmarks. The effectiveness of multiple alternative reference rates as opposed to one primary reference rate has not been determined. The effectiveness of alternative reference rates used in new or existing financial instruments and products has also not yet been determined. As market participants transition away from LIBOR, LIBOR's usefulness may deteriorate, which could occur prior to the end of 2021. The transition process may lead to increased volatility and illiquidity in markets that currently rely on LIBOR to determine interest rates. LIBOR's deterioration may adversely affect the liquidity and/or market value of securities that use LIBOR as a benchmark interest rate, including securities and other financial instruments held by the Fund. Further, the utilization of an alternative reference rate, or the transition process to an alternative reference rate, may adversely affect the Fund's performance.

## **What Do Shares Cost?**

#### **CALCULATION OF NET ASSET VALUE**

When the Fund receives your transaction request in proper form (as described in this Prospectus under the sections entitled "How to Purchase Shares" and "How to Redeem and Exchange Shares"), it is processed at the next calculated net asset value of a Share (NAV). A Share's NAV is determined as of the end of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) (normally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time), each day the NYSE is open. The Fund calculates the NAV of each class by valuing the assets allocated to the Share's class, subtracting the liabilities allocated to each class and dividing the balance by the number of Shares of the class outstanding. The NAV for each class of Shares may differ due to the level of expenses allocated to each class as well as a result of the variance between the amount of accrued investment income and capital gains or losses allocated to each class and the amount actually distributed to shareholders of each class. The Fund's current NAV and/or public offering price may be found at [FederatedInvestors.com](http://FederatedInvestors.com), via online news sources and in certain newspapers.

You can purchase, redeem or exchange Shares any day the NYSE is open.

When the Fund holds securities that trade principally in foreign markets on days the NYSE is closed, the value of the Fund's assets may change on days you cannot purchase or redeem Shares. This may also occur when the U.S. markets for fixed-income securities are open on a day the NYSE is closed.



In calculating its NAV, the Fund generally values investments as follows:

- Fixed-income securities are fair valued using price evaluations provided by a pricing service approved by the Board of Directors (“Board”).
- 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 asked quotations.
- Over-the-counter (OTC) derivative contracts are fair valued using price evaluations provided by a pricing service approved by the Board.

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 Fund’s valuation policies and procedures, or if information furnished by a pricing service, in the opinion of the 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 generally 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.

Shares of other mutual funds are valued based upon their reported NAVs. The prospectuses for these mutual funds explain the circumstances under which they will use fair value pricing and the effects of using fair value pricing.

#### **FAIR VALUATION AND SIGNIFICANT EVENTS PROCEDURES**

The Board has ultimate responsibility for determining the fair value of investments for which market quotations are not readily available. The Board has appointed a Valuation Committee comprised of officers of the Fund, the Adviser and certain of the Adviser’s affiliated companies to assist in determining fair value and in overseeing the calculation of the NAV. The Board has also authorized the use of pricing services recommended by the Valuation Committee to provide fair value evaluations of the current value of certain investments for purposes of calculating the NAV. 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 Board. The Board periodically reviews and approves the fair valuations made by the Valuation Committee and any changes made to the procedures. The Fund’s SAI discusses the methods used by pricing services and the Valuation Committee to assist the Board in valuing investments.

Using fair value to price investments may result in a value that is different from an investment’s most recent closing price and from the prices used by other mutual funds to calculate their NAVs. The application of the fair value procedures to an investment represent a good faith determination of such investment’s fair value. 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 could be materially different.

The Board also has adopted procedures requiring an investment to be priced at its fair value whenever the Adviser 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; and
- Announcements concerning matters such as acquisitions, recapitalizations or litigation developments or a natural disaster affecting the issuer’s operations or regulatory changes or market developments affecting the issuer’s industry.

The Board 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 using another method approved by the Board. The Board has ultimate responsibility for any fair valuations made in response to a significant event.

The fair valuation of securities following a significant event can serve to reduce arbitrage opportunities for short-term traders to profit at the expense of long-term investors in the Fund. For example, such arbitrage opportunities may exist when the market on which portfolio securities are traded closes before the Fund calculates its NAV, which is typically the case with Asian and European markets. However, there is no assurance that these significant event procedures will prevent dilution of the NAV by short-term traders. See “Account and Share Information – Frequent Trading Policies” for other procedures the Fund employs to deter such short-term trading.

### SALES CHARGE INFORMATION

Effective May 27, 2021, the Fund’s former Service Shares have been re-designated as Class A Shares. The former Service Shares were not subject to any sales charge prior to the re-designation, and shareholders who purchased the former Service Shares prior to May 27, 2021 which were re-designated as Class A Shares will not be subject to any sales charge on any future purchases of Class A Shares of the Fund. It is possible that your financial intermediary may not, in accordance with its policies, procedures and system limitations, be able to ensure your receipt of this waiver. In this situation, you would need to invest directly through the Fund’s Transfer Agent. If you do not let your financial intermediary or the Transfer Agent know that your investment is eligible for a sales charge waiver at the time of purchase, you may not receive the waiver to which you may otherwise be entitled.

The following table summarizes the minimum investment amount and the maximum sales charge, if any, that you will pay on an investment in the Fund. Keep in mind that financial intermediaries may charge you fees for their services in connection with your Share transactions.

Shares Offered	Minimum Initial/Subsequent Investment Amounts <sup>1</sup>	Maximum Sales Charges	
		Front-End Sales Charge <sup>2</sup>	Contingent Deferred Sales Charge <sup>3</sup>
A	\$1,500/\$100	4.50%	0.00%

1 The minimum initial and subsequent investment amounts for Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) are generally \$250 and \$100, respectively. There is no minimum initial or subsequent investment amount required for employer-sponsored retirement plans; however, such accounts remain subject to the Fund’s policy on “Accounts with Low Balances” as discussed later in this Prospectus. Please see “By Systematic Investment Program” for applicable minimum investment. Financial intermediaries may impose higher or lower minimum investment requirements on their customers than those imposed by the Fund.

2 Front-End Sales Charge is expressed as a percentage of public offering price. See “Sales Charge When You Purchase.”

3 See “Sales Charge When You Redeem.”

Among the important factors to consider are the amount you plan to invest and the length of time you expect to hold your investment (for example, whether the investment is in connection with a long-term retirement program). You should also consider, for example, that it may be possible to reduce, or eliminate, the front-end sales charges imposed on purchases of the A class. Among other ways, the A class has a series of “breakpoints,” which means that the front-end sales charges decrease (and can be eliminated entirely) as the amount invested increases. (The breakpoint schedule is set out below, along with detailed information on ways to reduce, or eliminate, front-end sales charges.)

### SALES CHARGE WHEN YOU PURCHASE

The following table lists the sales charges which will be applied to your Share purchase, subject to the breakpoint discounts indicated in the table and described below.

A:	Sales Charge as a Percentage of Public Offering Price	Sales Charge as a Percentage of NAV
Purchase Amount		
Less than \$100,000	4.50%	4.71%
\$100,000 but less than \$250,000	3.75%	3.90%
\$250,000 but less than \$500,000	2.50%	2.56%
\$500,000 but less than \$1 million	2.00%	2.04%
\$1 million or greater <sup>1</sup>	0.00%	0.00%

1 A contingent deferred sales charge (CDSC) of 0.75% of the redemption amount applies to Shares originally purchased in an amount of \$1 million or more and redeemed up to 24 months after purchase under certain investment programs where a financial intermediary received an advance payment on the transaction. CDSC exceptions may apply. See “Sales Charge When You Redeem.”

## **REDUCING THE SALES CHARGE WITH BREAKPOINT DISCOUNTS**

Your investment may qualify for a reduction or elimination of the sales charge, also known as a breakpoint discount. The breakpoint discounts offered by the Fund are indicated in the tables above.

You or your financial intermediary must notify the Fund's Transfer Agent of eligibility for any applicable breakpoint discount at the time of purchase.

In order to receive the applicable breakpoint discount, it may be necessary at the time of purchase for you to inform your financial intermediary or the Transfer Agent of the existence of other accounts in which there are holdings eligible to be aggregated to meet a sales charge breakpoint ("Qualifying Accounts"). Qualifying Accounts mean those share accounts in the Federated Hermes funds held directly or through a financial intermediary or through a single-participant retirement account by you, your spouse, your parents (if you are under age 21) and/or your children under age 21, which can be linked using tax identification numbers (TINs), social security numbers (SSNs) or broker identification numbers (BINs). Accounts held through 401(k) plans and similar multi-participant retirement plans, or through "Section 529" college savings plans or those accounts which cannot be linked using TINs, SSNs or BINs, are not Qualifying Accounts.

In order to verify your eligibility for a breakpoint discount, you will be required to provide to your financial intermediary or the Transfer Agent certain information on your New Account Form and may be required to provide account statements regarding Qualifying Accounts. If you purchase through a financial intermediary, you may be asked to provide additional information and records as required by the financial intermediary. Failure to provide proper notification or verification of eligibility for a breakpoint discount may result in your not receiving a breakpoint discount to which you are otherwise entitled. Breakpoint discounts apply only to your current purchase and do not apply retroactively to previous purchases. The sales charges applicable to the Shares offered in this Prospectus, and the breakpoint discounts offered with respect to such Shares, are described in full in this Prospectus. Because the Prospectus is available on [FederatedInvestors.com](http://FederatedInvestors.com) free of charge, Federated Hermes does not disclose this information separately on the website.

**Contingent upon notification to the Transfer Agent, the sales charge at purchase of the A class only, may be reduced or eliminated by:**

### **Larger Purchases**

- Purchasing the A class in greater quantities to reduce the applicable sales charge;

### **Concurrent and Accumulated Purchases**

- Excluding any Federated Hermes fund A class without a sales charge ("no-load A class"), combining concurrent purchases of and/or current investments in the A class, B class, C class, F class and R class of any Federated Hermes fund made or held by Qualifying Accounts; the purchase amount used in determining the sales charge on your additional Share purchase will be calculated by multiplying the respective maximum public offering price times the number of the A class, B class, C class, F class and R class shares of any Federated Hermes fund currently held in Qualifying Accounts and adding the dollar amount of your current purchase; or

### **Letter of Intent**

- Signing a letter of intent to purchase a qualifying amount of the A class within 13 months. (Call your financial intermediary or the Fund for more information.) The Fund's custodian will hold Shares in escrow equal to the maximum applicable sales charge. If you complete the Letter of Intent, the Custodian will release the Shares in escrow to your account. If you do not fulfill the Letter of Intent, the Custodian will redeem the appropriate amount from the Shares held in escrow to pay the sales charges that were not applied to your purchases.

## **ELIMINATING THE SALES CHARGE**

Your investment may qualify for a sales charge waiver. Sales charge waivers offered by the Fund are listed below. In order to receive a sales charge waiver, you must inform your financial intermediary or the Transfer Agent at the time of each purchase that your investment is eligible for a waiver. It is possible that your financial intermediary may not, in accordance with its policies, procedures and system limitations, be able to ensure your receipt of one or more of these waiver categories. In this situation, you would need to invest directly through the Fund's Transfer Agent. If you do not let your financial intermediary or the Transfer Agent know that your investment is eligible for a sales charge waiver at the time of purchase, you may not receive the waiver to which you may otherwise be entitled.

**Contingent upon notification to the Transfer Agent, the sales charge will be eliminated when you purchase or acquire Shares:**

- within 120 days of redeeming Shares of an equal or greater amount (see "120 Day Reinstatement Program" below);
- through an eligible program offered by a Financial Intermediary that provides for the purchase of Shares without imposition of a sales charge (for example, a wrap account, self-directed brokerage account, retirement or other fee-based program offered by the Financial Intermediary);

- with reinvested dividends or capital gains;
- issued in connection with the merger, consolidation or acquisition of the assets of another fund. Further, the sales charge will be eliminated on purchases of Shares made by a shareholder that originally became a shareholder of a Federated Hermes Fund pursuant to the terms of an agreement and plan of reorganization which permits shareholders to acquire Shares at NAV, provided that such purchased Shares are held directly with the Fund's transfer agent. If the Shares are held through a financial intermediary, the sales charge waiver will not apply (A class only);
- as a shareholder that originally became a shareholder of Class A Shares of the Fund through a re-designation of an existing no-load share class of the Fund;
- as a Federated Life Member (Federated Hermes shareholders who originally were issued shares through the "Liberty Account," which was an account for the Liberty Family of Funds on February 28, 1987, or who invested through an affinity group prior to August 1, 1987, into the Liberty Account) (A class only);
- as a Director, employee or former employee of the Fund, the Adviser, the Distributor and their affiliates, an employee of any financial intermediary that sells Shares according to a sales agreement with the Distributor, an immediate family member of these individuals or a trust, pension or profit-sharing plan for these individuals; or
- pursuant to the exchange privilege.

The sales charge will not be eliminated if you purchase Shares of the Fund through an exchange of shares of any no-load A class unless your no-load A class shares were acquired through an exchange of shares on which the sales charge had previously been paid.

#### **120 DAY REINSTATEMENT PROGRAM**

Within 120 days of redeeming Class A Shares of the Fund, upon proper notification to the Fund's Transfer Agent, you may reinvest all or a portion of the redemption proceeds in Class A Shares of the Fund at net asset value, without the imposition of a sales charge or CDSC. Please note:

- The ownership of the account receiving the purchase is not required to be identical to that of the account in which the redemption was placed; however, the registration of the account receiving the purchase must include at least one registered shareholder of the account from which the redemption occurred.
- You will not be reimbursed for any fees originally incurred on the redemption (e.g., CDSC or redemption fees) by subsequently participating in the 120 Day Reinstatement Program.
- The 120 Day Reinstatement Program does not supersede or override any restrictions placed on an account due to frequent trading and/or client contractual issues.

Additional operational restrictions may apply, please contact a Client Service Representative at 1-800-341-7400 for more information.

#### **SALES CHARGE WHEN YOU REDEEM**

Your redemption proceeds may be reduced by a sales charge, commonly referred to as a contingent deferred sales charge (CDSC). Shares otherwise subject to a CDSC will not be charged a CDSC at the time of an exchange; however, the CDSC will continue to be measured from the date of your original purchase. The CDSC schedule applicable to your original purchase will continue to apply to the shares you receive in an exchange.

**To keep the sales charge as low as possible, the Fund redeems your Shares in this order:**

- Shares that are not subject to a CDSC; and
- Shares held the longest. (To determine the number of years your Shares have been held, include the time you held shares of other Federated Hermes funds that have been exchanged for Shares of this Fund.)

The CDSC is then calculated using the Share price at the time of purchase or redemption, whichever is lower.

#### **A:**

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If you make a purchase of the A class in the amount of \$1 million or more and your financial intermediary received an advance commission on the sale, you will pay a 0.75% CDSC on any such Shares redeemed within 24 months of the purchase.

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Your redemption may qualify for a waiver of the CDSC. The CDSC waivers offered by the Fund are listed below. In order to receive a waiver of the CDSC, you must inform your financial intermediary or the Transfer Agent at the time of each redemption that your investment is eligible for a waiver. It is possible that your financial intermediary may not, in accordance with its policies, procedures and system limitations, be able to ensure your receipt of one or more of these waiver categories. In this situation, you would need to invest directly through the Fund's Transfer Agent in order to take advantage of the waiver. If you do not let your financial intermediary or the Transfer Agent know that your redemption is eligible for a CDSC waiver at the time of redemption, you may not receive the waiver to which you may otherwise be entitled.

**Contingent upon notification to the Transfer Agent, you will not be charged a CDSC when redeeming Shares:**

- following the death of the last surviving shareholder on the account or the post-purchase disability of all registered shareholders, as defined in Section 72(m)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the beneficiary on an account with a Transfer on Death registration is deemed the last surviving shareholder on the account);
- due to the termination of a trust following the death of the trustor/grantor or beneficiary, provided that the trust document specifically states that the trust is terminated upon the death;
- representing minimum required distributions from an IRA or other retirement plan as required under the Internal Revenue Code;
- purchased by Trustees, employees of the Fund, the Adviser, the Distributor and their affiliates, by employees of a financial intermediary that sells Shares according to a sales agreement with the Distributor, by the immediate family members of the above persons and by trusts, pension or profit-sharing plans for the above persons;
- purchased through an eligible program offered by a Financial Intermediary that provides for the purchase of Shares without imposition of a sales charge (for example, a wrap account, self-directed brokerage account, retirement or other fee-based program offered by the Financial Intermediary);
- purchased with reinvested dividends or capital gains;
- redeemed by the Fund when it closes an account for not meeting the minimum balance requirements; or

**A Class Only**

- purchased in the amount of \$1 million or more and redeemed within 24 months of purchase if the Shares were originally purchased through an eligible program offered by a Financial Intermediary that provides for the purchase of Shares without imposition of a sales charge (for example, a wrap account, self-directed brokerage account, retirement or other fee-based program offered by the Financial Intermediary).

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN WAIVERS AND DISCOUNTS**

The availability of certain sales charge waivers and discounts will depend on whether you purchase your shares directly from the Fund or through a financial intermediary. **Certain financial intermediaries may have different policies and procedures regarding the availability of front-end sales load waivers or CDSC waivers which are discussed in Appendix B to this Prospectus. The information contained in Appendix B is provided by these financial intermediaries. Please contact your financial intermediary to ensure that you have the most current information regarding the sales charge waivers and discounts available to you and that you understand the steps you must take to qualify for available waivers and discounts.** In all instances, it is the shareholder's responsibility to notify the Fund or the shareholder's Financial Intermediary at the time of purchase of any relationship or other facts qualifying the investor for sales charge waivers or discounts. **For waivers and discounts not available through a particular financial intermediary, shareholders will have to purchase Fund shares directly from the Fund or through another financial intermediary to receive these waivers or discounts.**

**COMMISSIONS ON CERTAIN SHARES**

The Fund does not charge any front-end load, deferred sales charge or other asset-based fee for sales or distribution of IS and R6 Shares. However, if you purchase IS and R6 Shares through a broker acting solely as an agent on behalf of its customers, you may be required to pay a commission to the broker in an amount determined and separately disclosed to you by the broker.

Because the Fund is not a party to any such commission arrangement between you and your broker, any purchases and redemptions of IS and R6 Shares will be made at the applicable net asset value (before imposition of the sales commission). Any such commissions charged by a broker are not reflected in the fees and expenses listed in the "Risk/Return Summary: Fees and Expenses" section of the Fund's Prospectus and described above nor are they reflected in the "Performance: Bar Chart and Table," because they are not charged by the Fund.

Shares of the Fund are available in other share classes that have different fees and expenses.

## How is the Fund Sold?

The Fund has established the following Share classes: Class A Shares (A), Institutional Shares (IS) and Class R6 Shares (R6), each representing interests in a single portfolio of securities. This prospectus relates to all classes of shares. All Share classes have different sales charges and/or other expenses which affect their performance. Please note that certain purchase restrictions may apply. Contact your financial intermediary or call 1-800-341-7400 for more information concerning the other classes.

Under the Distributor's Contract with the Fund, the Distributor, Federated Securities Corp. offers Shares on a continuous, best-efforts basis. The Distributor is a subsidiary of Federated Hermes, Inc. ("Federated Hermes," formerly, Federated Investors, Inc.).



## **A Class**

The Fund's Distributor markets the A class to customers of financial institutions, such as broker-dealers, banks, fiduciaries and investment advisors, or to individuals, directly or through financial intermediaries.

## **IS Class**

The Fund's Distributor markets the IS class to Eligible Investors, as described below. In connection with a request to purchase the IS class, you should provide documentation sufficient to verify your status as an Eligible Investor. As a general matter, the IS class is not available for direct investment by natural persons.

The following categories of Eligible Investors are not subject to any minimum initial investment amount for the purchase of the IS class (however, such accounts remain subject to the Fund's policy on "Accounts with Low Balances" as discussed later in this Prospectus):

- An investor participating in a no-load platform, network or other fee-based program offered by a financial intermediary, for example, a wrap-account or retirement platform where Federated Hermes has entered into an agreement with the intermediary;
- A trustee/director, employee or former employee of the Fund, the Adviser, the Distributor and their affiliates; an immediate family member of these individuals or a trust, pension or profit-sharing plan for these individuals;
- An employer-sponsored retirement plan;
- A trust institution investing on behalf of its trust customers;
- Additional sales to an investor (including a natural person) who owned the IS class of the Fund as of December 31, 2008;
- A Federated Hermes Fund;
- An investor (including a natural person) who acquired the IS class of a Federated Hermes fund pursuant to the terms of an agreement and plan of reorganization which permits the investor to acquire such shares; and
- In connection with an acquisition of an investment management or advisory business, or related investment services, products or assets, by Federated Hermes or its investment advisory subsidiaries, an investor (including a natural person) who: (1) becomes a client of an investment advisory subsidiary of Federated Hermes; or (2) is a shareholder or interest holder of a pooled investment vehicle or product that becomes advised or subadvised by a Federated Hermes investment advisory subsidiary as a result of such an acquisition other than as a result of a fund reorganization transaction pursuant to an agreement and plan of reorganization.

The following categories of Eligible Investors are subject to applicable minimum initial investment amounts for the purchase of the IS class (see "How to Purchase Shares" below):

- An investor, other than a natural person, purchasing the IS class directly from the Fund; and
- In connection with an initial purchase of the IS class through an exchange, an investor (including a natural person) who owned the IS class of another Federated Hermes fund as of December 31, 2008.

## **R6 Class**

The Fund's Distributor markets the R6 class to Eligible Investors, as described below. The R6 Shares are sold at net asset value and are not subject to any minimum initial or subsequent investment amounts. In connection with a request to purchase the R6 class, you should provide documentation sufficient to verify your status as an Eligible Investor.

R6 Shares do not carry sales commissions or pay Rule 12b-1 fees, or make similar payments to financial intermediaries. As a general matter, the R6 class is not available for direct investment by natural persons. Individual shareholders who purchase R6 Shares through retirement platforms or other intermediaries will not be eligible to hold R6 Shares outside of their respective plan or intermediary platform.

Following are categories of Eligible Investors:

- An investor participating in a no-load platform, network or other fee-based program offered by a financial intermediary, for example, a wrap-account or retirement platform where Federated Hermes has entered into an agreement with the intermediary;
- A trustee/director, employee or former employee of the Fund, the Adviser, the Distributor and their affiliates; an immediate family member of these individuals or a trust, pension or profit-sharing plan for these individuals;
- An employer-sponsored retirement plan;
- A trust institution investing on behalf of its trust customers;
- An investor, other than a natural person, purchasing Shares directly from the Fund;
- A Federated Hermes Fund;
- An investor (including a natural person) who acquired the R6 class of a Federated Hermes fund pursuant to the terms of an agreement and plan of reorganization which permits the investor to acquire such shares; and

- In connection with an acquisition of an investment management or advisory business, or related investment services, products or assets, by Federated Hermes or its investment advisory subsidiaries, an investor (including a natural person) who: (1) becomes a client of an investment advisory subsidiary of Federated Hermes; or (2) is a shareholder or interest holder of a pooled investment vehicle or product that becomes advised or subadvised by a Federated Hermes investment advisory subsidiary as a result of such an acquisition other than as a result of a fund reorganization transaction pursuant to an agreement and plan of reorganization.

#### **Intra-Fund Share Conversion Program**

A shareholder in the Fund’s Shares may convert their Shares at net asset value to any other share class of the Fund if the shareholder meets the investment minimum and eligibility requirements for the share class into which the conversion is sought, as applicable. The share conversion program is not applicable to the Fund’s Class A Shares subject to a contingent deferred sales charge, if applicable. Such conversion of classes should not result in a realization event for tax purposes. Contact your financial intermediary or call 1-800-341-7400 to convert your Shares.

### **Payments to Financial Intermediaries**

The Fund and its affiliated service providers may pay fees as described below to financial intermediaries (such as broker-dealers, banks, investment advisers or third-party administrators) whose customers are shareholders of the Fund.

The Fund’s Class R6 Shares do not make any payments to financial intermediaries, either from Fund assets or from the investment adviser and its affiliates.

#### **FRONT-END SALES CHARGE REALLOWANCES**

The Distributor receives a front-end sales charge on certain Share sales. The Distributor pays a portion of this charge to financial intermediaries that are eligible to receive it (the “Dealer Reallowance”) and retains any remaining portion of the front-end sales charge.

When a financial intermediary’s customer purchases Shares, the financial intermediary may receive a Dealer Reallowance as follows:

**A:**

Purchase Amount	Dealer Reallowance as a Percentage of Public Offering Price
Less than \$100,000	4.00%
\$100,000 but less than \$250,000	3.25%
\$250,000 but less than \$500,000	2.25%
\$500,000 but less than \$1 million	1.80%
\$1 million or greater	0.00%

#### **ADVANCE COMMISSIONS**

When a financial intermediary’s customer purchases Shares, the financial intermediary may receive an advance commission as follows:

**A (for purchases over \$1 million):**

Purchase Amount	Advance Commission as a Percentage of Public Offering Price
First \$1 million - \$5 million	0.75%
Next \$5 million - \$20 million	0.50%
Over \$20 million	0.25%

Advance commissions are calculated on a year-by-year basis based on amounts invested during that year. Accordingly, with respect to additional purchase amounts, the advance commission breakpoint resets annually to the first breakpoint on the anniversary of the first purchase.

The A class purchases under this program may be made by Letter of Intent or by combining concurrent purchases. The above advance commission will be paid only on those purchases that were not previously subject to a front-end sales charge or dealer advance commission. Certain retirement accounts may not be eligible for this program.

## **RULE 12B-1 FEES**

### **A Class**

The Board has adopted a Rule 12b-1 Plan, which allows payment of marketing fees of up to 0.05% of average net assets to the Distributor for the sale, distribution, administration and customer servicing of the Fund's A class. When the Distributor receives Rule 12b-1 Fees, it may pay some or all of them to financial intermediaries whose customers purchase Shares. The A class of the Fund has no present intention of paying, accruing or incurring any Rule 12b-1 Fees until such time as approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees. Federated Hermes and its subsidiaries may benefit or sustain losses from such arrangements. Because these Shares pay marketing fees on an ongoing basis, your investment cost may be higher over time than other shares with different sales charges and marketing fees.

## **SERVICE FEES**

### **A & IS Classes**

The Fund may pay Service Fees of up to 0.25% of average net assets to financial intermediaries or to Federated Shareholder Services Company (FSSC), a subsidiary of Federated Hermes, for providing services to shareholders and maintaining shareholder accounts. Intermediaries that receive Service Fees may include a company affiliated with management of Federated Hermes. If a financial intermediary receives Service Fees on an account, it is not eligible to also receive Account Administration Fees on that same account.

The Fund has no present intention of paying, accruing or incurring any such Service Fees on the IS class until such time as approved by the Fund's Board of Directors.

## **ACCOUNT ADMINISTRATION FEES**

### **A & IS Classes**

The Fund may pay Account Administration Fees of up to 0.25% of average net assets to banks that are not registered as broker-dealers or investment advisers for providing administrative services to the Fund and its shareholders. If a financial intermediary receives Account Administration Fees on an account, it is not eligible to also receive Service Fees or Recordkeeping Fees on that same account.

The Fund has no present intention of paying, accruing or incurring any such Account Administration Fees on the IS class until such time as approved by the Fund's Board of Directors.

## **RECORDKEEPING FEES**

### **A & IS Classes**

The Fund may pay Recordkeeping Fees on an average-net-assets basis or on a per-account-per-year basis to financial intermediaries for providing recordkeeping services to the Fund and its shareholders. If a financial intermediary receives Recordkeeping Fees on an account, it is not eligible to also receive Account Administration Fees or Networking Fees on that same account.

## **NETWORKING FEES**

### **A & IS Classes**

The Fund may reimburse Networking Fees on a per-account-per-year basis to financial intermediaries for providing administrative services to the Fund and its shareholders on certain non-omnibus accounts. If a financial intermediary receives Networking Fees on an account, it is not eligible to also receive Recordkeeping Fees on that same account.

## **ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS TO FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES**

### **A & IS Classes**

The Distributor may pay out of its own resources amounts to certain financial intermediaries, including broker-dealers, banks, registered investment advisers, independent financial planners and retirement plan administrators, that support the sale of Shares or provide services to Fund shareholders. The amounts of these payments could be significant, and may create an incentive for the financial intermediary or its employees or associated persons to recommend or sell Shares of the Fund to you. Not all financial intermediaries receive such payments, and the amount of compensation may vary by intermediary. In some cases, such payments may be made by or funded from the resources of companies affiliated with the Distributor (including the Adviser). These payments are not reflected in the fees and expenses listed in the fee table section of the Fund's Prospectus and described above because they are not paid by the Fund.



These payments are negotiated and may be based on such factors as: the number or value of Shares that the financial intermediary sells or may sell; the value of client assets invested; the level and types of services or support furnished by the financial intermediary; or the Fund's and/or other Federated Hermes funds' relationship with the financial intermediary. These payments may be in addition to payments, as described above, made by the Fund to the financial intermediary. In connection with these payments, the financial intermediary may elevate the prominence or profile of the Fund and/or other Federated Hermes funds, within the financial intermediary's organization by, for example, placement on a list of preferred or recommended funds and/or granting the Distributor preferential or enhanced opportunities to promote the funds in various ways within the financial intermediary's organization. In addition, as discussed above in "Commissions on Certain Shares," if you purchase IS or R6 Shares through a broker acting solely as an agent on behalf of its customers, you may be required to pay a commission to the broker in an amount determined and separately disclosed to you by the broker. You can ask your financial intermediary for information about any payments it receives from the Distributor or the Fund and any services provided, as well as about fees and/or commissions it charges.

## How to Purchase Shares

You may purchase Shares of the Fund any day the NYSE is open. Shares will be purchased at the NAV next calculated after your investment is received by the Fund, or its agent, in proper form. The Fund reserves the right to reject any request to purchase or exchange Shares. New investors must submit a completed New Account Form. All accounts, with the exception of R6 class accounts, including those for which there is no minimum initial investment amount required, are subject to the Fund's policy on "Accounts with Low Balances" as discussed later in this Prospectus.

Where the Fund offers more than one Share class and you do not specify the class choice on your New Account Form or form of payment (e.g., Federal Reserve wire or check), you automatically will receive the A class.

For important account information, see the section "Security and Privacy Protection."

### IS Class

Eligible investors may purchase Shares through a financial intermediary, directly from the Fund or through an exchange from another Federated Hermes fund in the manner described above under "How is the Fund Sold?"

Where applicable, the required minimum initial investment for IS class is generally \$1,000,000. There is no minimum subsequent investment amount.

### A Class

You may purchase Shares through a financial intermediary, directly from the Fund or through an exchange from another Federated Hermes fund.

### R6 Class

Eligible Investors may purchase Shares through a financial intermediary, directly from the Fund or through an exchange from another Federated Hermes fund in the manner described above under "How is the Fund Sold?"

There is no minimum initial or subsequent investment amount required.

## THROUGH A FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARY

- Establish an account with the financial intermediary; and
- Submit your purchase order to the financial intermediary before the end of regular trading on the NYSE (normally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time).

The Fund has authorized certain intermediaries to accept share purchase orders on its behalf. When authorized intermediaries receive an order in proper form, the order is considered as being placed with the Fund, and shares will be bought at the NAV next calculated after such an order is received by the authorized intermediary. If your financial intermediary is not an authorized intermediary, the Fund or its agent must receive the purchase order in proper form from your financial intermediary by the end of regular trading on the NYSE (normally, 4:00 p.m. Eastern time) in order for your transaction to be priced at that day's NAV. In addition, your financial intermediary must forward your payment by the prescribed trade settlement date (typically within one to three business days) to the Fund's transfer agent, State Street Bank and Trust Company ("Transfer Agent"). You will become the owner of Shares and receive dividends when your payment is received in accordance with these time frames (provided that, if payment is received in the form of a check, the check clears). If your payment is not received in accordance with these time frames, or a check does not clear, your purchase will be canceled and you could be liable for any losses, fees or expenses incurred by the Fund or the Fund's Transfer Agent.

Financial intermediaries should send payments according to the instructions in the sections "By Wire" or "By Check."

Financial intermediaries may impose higher or lower minimum investment requirements on their customers than those imposed by the Fund. Keep in mind that financial intermediaries may charge you fees for their services in connection with your Share transactions.

Shareholders are encouraged to ask their financial intermediary if they are an authorized agent for the Fund and about any fees that may be charged by the financial intermediary.

#### **DIRECTLY FROM THE FUND**

- Establish your account with the Fund by submitting a completed New Account Form; and
- Send your payment to the Fund by Federal Reserve wire or check.

You will become the owner of Shares and your Shares will be priced at the next calculated NAV after the Fund receives your wire or your check. If your check does not clear, your purchase will be canceled and you could be liable for any losses or fees incurred by the Fund or the Fund's Transfer Agent.

#### **By Wire**

To facilitate processing your order, please call the Fund before sending the wire. Send your wire to:

State Street Bank and Trust Company  
Boston, MA  
Dollar Amount of Wire  
ABA Number 011000028  
BNF: 23026552  
Attention: Federated Hermes EDGEWIRE  
Wire Order Number, Dealer Number or Group Number  
Nominee/Institution Name  
Fund Name and Number and Account Number

You cannot purchase Shares by wire on holidays when wire transfers are restricted.

#### **By Check**

Make your check payable to **The Federated Hermes Funds**, note your account number on the check, and send it to:

The Federated Hermes Funds  
P.O. Box 219318  
Kansas City, MO 64121-9318

If you send your check by a **private courier or overnight delivery service** that requires a street address, send it to:

The Federated Hermes Funds  
430 W 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Suite 219318  
Kansas City, MO 64105-1407

Payment should be made in U.S. dollars and drawn on a U.S. bank. The Fund reserves the right to reject **any** purchase request. For example, to protect against check fraud the Fund may reject any purchase request involving a check that is not made payable to **The Federated Hermes Funds** (including, but not limited to, requests to purchase Shares using third-party checks) or involving temporary checks or credit card checks.

#### **By Direct Deposit**

You may establish Payroll Deduction/Direct Deposit arrangements for investments into the Fund by either calling a Client Service Representative at 1-800-341-7400; or by completing the Payroll Deduction/Direct Deposit Form, which is available on [FederatedInvestors.com](http://FederatedInvestors.com) under "Resources" and then "Literature and Forms," then "Forms." You will receive a confirmation when this service is available.

#### **THROUGH AN EXCHANGE**

You may purchase Fund Shares through an exchange from another Federated Hermes fund. To do this you must:

- meet any applicable shareholder eligibility requirements;
- ensure that the account registrations are identical;
- meet any applicable minimum initial investment requirements; and
- receive a prospectus for the fund into which you wish to exchange.

An exchange is treated as a redemption and a subsequent purchase, and is a taxable transaction. The Fund reserves the right to reject any request to purchase or exchange Shares. The Fund may modify or terminate the exchange privilege at any time.

## **A Class**

You may purchase Shares through an exchange from the same share class of another Federated Hermes fund.

## **IS & R6 Classes**

You may purchase Shares through an exchange from any Federated Hermes fund or share class that does not have a stated sales charge or contingent deferred sales charge, except Shares of Federated Hermes Institutional Money Market Management, Federated Hermes Institutional Tax-Free Cash Trust, Federated Hermes Institutional Prime Obligations Fund, Federated Hermes Institutional Prime Value Obligations Fund, no-load Class A Shares and Class R Shares of any Fund.

## **By Online Account Services**

You may access your accounts online to purchase Shares through [FederatedInvestors.com](https://www.federatedinvestors.com)'s Shareholder Account Access system once you have registered for access. Online transactions may be subject to certain limitations including limitations as to the amount of the transaction. For more information about the services available through Shareholder Account Access, please visit [FederatedInvestors.com](https://www.federatedinvestors.com) and select "Sign In" and "Access and Manage Investments," or call 1-800-245-4770 to speak with a Client Service Representative.

## **BY SYSTEMATIC INVESTMENT PROGRAM (SIP)**

Once you have opened an account, you may automatically purchase additional Shares on a regular basis by completing the SIP section of the New Account Form or by contacting the Fund or your financial intermediary. The minimum investment amount for SIPs is \$50.

## **BY AUTOMATED CLEARING HOUSE (ACH)**

Once you have opened an account, you may purchase additional Shares through a depository institution that is an ACH member. This purchase option can be established by completing the appropriate sections of the New Account Form.

## **RETIREMENT INVESTMENTS**

### **A Class**

You may purchase Shares as retirement investments (such as qualified plans and IRAs or transfer or rollover of assets). Call your financial intermediary or the Fund for information on retirement investments. We suggest that you discuss retirement investments with your tax adviser. You may be subject to an account fee charged by your financial intermediary.

### **R6 Class**

You may purchase Shares as retirement investments (such as qualified plans or transfer of assets). Call your financial intermediary or the Fund for information on retirement investments. We suggest that you discuss retirement investments with your tax adviser. You may be subject to an account fee charged by your financial intermediary.

## **How to Redeem and Exchange Shares**

You should redeem or exchange Shares:

- through a financial intermediary if you purchased Shares through a financial intermediary; or
- directly from the Fund if you purchased Shares directly from the Fund.

Shares of the Fund may be redeemed for cash, or exchanged for shares of other Federated Hermes funds as described herein, on days on which the Fund computes its NAV. Redemption requests may be made by telephone or in writing.

Redemption proceeds normally are wired or mailed within one business day for each method of payment after receiving a timely request in proper form. Depending upon the method of payment, when shareholders receive redemption proceeds can differ. Payment may be delayed for up to seven days under certain circumstances (see "Limitations on Redemption Proceeds").

For important account information, see the section "Security and Privacy Protection."

## **THROUGH A FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARY**

Submit your redemption or exchange request to your financial intermediary by the end of regular trading on the NYSE (normally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time). The redemption amount you will receive is based upon the next calculated NAV after the Fund receives the order from your financial intermediary.

## **DIRECTLY FROM THE FUND**

### **By Telephone**

You may redeem or exchange Shares by simply calling the Fund at 1-800-341-7400.

If you call before the end of regular trading on the NYSE (normally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time), you will receive a redemption amount based on that day's NAV.

### **By Mail**

You may redeem or exchange Shares by sending a written request to the Fund.

You will receive a redemption amount based on the next calculated NAV after the Fund receives your written request in proper form.

Send requests by mail to:

The Federated Hermes Funds  
P.O. Box 219318  
Kansas City, MO 64121-9318

Send requests by **private courier or overnight delivery service** to:

The Federated Hermes Funds  
430 W 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Suite 219318  
Kansas City, MO 64105-1407

All requests must include:

- Fund name and Share class, account number and account registration;
- amount to be redeemed or exchanged;
- signatures of all shareholders exactly as registered; and
- **if exchanging**, the Fund name and Share class, account number and account registration into which you are exchanging.

Call your financial intermediary or the Fund if you need special instructions.

### **Signature Guarantees**

Signatures must be guaranteed by a financial institution which is a participant in a Medallion signature guarantee program if:

- your redemption will be sent to an address other than the address of record;
- your redemption will be sent to an address of record that was changed within the last 30 days;
- a redemption is payable to someone other than the shareholder(s) of record; or
- transferring into another fund with a different shareholder registration.

A Medallion signature guarantee is designed to protect your account from fraud. Obtain a Medallion signature guarantee from a bank or trust company, savings association, credit union or broker, dealer or securities exchange member. **A notary public cannot provide a signature guarantee.**

### **By Online Account Services**

You may access your accounts online to redeem or exchange Shares through [FederatedInvestors.com](http://FederatedInvestors.com)'s Shareholder Account Access system once you have registered for access. Online transactions may be subject to certain limitations including limitations as to the amount of the transaction. For more information about the services available through Shareholder Account Access, please visit [FederatedInvestors.com](http://FederatedInvestors.com) and select "Sign In" and "Access and Manage Investments," or call 1-800-245-4770 to speak with a Client Service Representative.

## **PAYMENT METHODS FOR REDEMPTIONS**

Your redemption proceeds will be mailed by check to your address of record. The following payment options are available if you complete the appropriate section of the New Account Form or an Account Service Options Form. These payment options require a signature guarantee if they were not established when the account was opened:

- An electronic transfer to your account at a financial institution that is an ACH member; or
- Wire payment to your account at a domestic commercial bank that is a Federal Reserve System member.

## **METHODS THE FUND MAY USE TO MEET REDEMPTION REQUESTS**

The Fund intends to pay Share redemptions in cash. To ensure that the Fund has cash to meet Share redemptions on any day, the Fund typically expects to hold a cash or cash equivalent reserve or sell portfolio securities.

In unusual or stressed circumstances, the Fund may generate cash in the following ways:

- **Inter-fund Borrowing and Lending.** The SEC has granted an exemption that permits the Fund and all other funds advised by subsidiaries of Federated Hermes (“Federated Hermes funds”) to lend and borrow money for certain temporary purposes directly to and from other Federated Hermes funds. Inter-fund borrowing and lending is permitted only: (a) to meet shareholder redemption requests; (b) to meet commitments arising from “failed” trades; and (c) for other temporary purposes. All inter-fund loans must be repaid in seven days or less.
- **Committed Line of Credit.** The Fund participates with certain other Federated Hermes funds, on a several basis, in an up to \$500,000,000 unsecured, 364-day, committed, revolving line of credit (LOC) agreement. The LOC was made available to temporarily finance the repurchase or redemption of shares of the funds, failed trades, payment of dividends, settlement of trades and for other short-term, temporary or emergency general business purposes. The Fund cannot borrow under the LOC if an inter-fund loan is outstanding.
- **Redemption in Kind.** Although the Fund intends to pay Share redemptions in cash, it reserves the right to pay the redemption price in whole or in part by an “in-kind” distribution of the Fund’s portfolio securities. Because the Fund has elected to be governed by Rule 18f-1 under the 1940 Act, the Fund is obligated to pay Share redemptions to any one shareholder in cash only up to the lesser of \$250,000 or 1% of the net assets represented by such Share class during any 90-day period. Redemptions in kind are made consistent with the procedures adopted by the Fund’s Board, which generally include distributions of a pro rata share of the Fund’s portfolio assets. Redemption in kind is not as liquid as a cash redemption. If redemption is made in kind, securities received may be subject to market risk and the shareholder could incur taxable gains and brokerage or other charges in converting the securities to cash.

#### **LIMITATIONS ON REDEMPTION PROCEEDS**

Redemption proceeds normally are wired or mailed within one business day after receiving a request in proper form. Payment may be delayed for up to seven days:

- to allow your purchase to clear (as discussed below);
- during periods of market volatility;
- when a shareholder’s trade activity or amount adversely impacts the Fund’s ability to manage its assets; or
- during any period when the Federal Reserve wire or applicable Federal Reserve banks are closed, other than customary weekend and holiday closings.

If you request a redemption of Shares recently purchased by check (including a cashier’s check or certified check), money order, bank draft or ACH, your redemption proceeds may not be made available for up to seven calendar days to allow the Fund to collect payment on the instrument used to purchase such Shares. If the purchase instrument does not clear, your purchase order will be canceled and you will be responsible for any losses incurred by the Fund as a result of your canceled order.

In addition, the right of redemption may be suspended, or the payment of proceeds may be delayed (including beyond seven days), during any period:

- when the NYSE is closed, other than customary weekend and holiday closings;
- when trading on the NYSE is restricted, as determined by the SEC;
- in which an emergency exists, as determined by the SEC, so that disposal of the Fund’s investments or determination of its NAV is not reasonably practicable; or
- as the SEC may by order permit for the protection of Fund shareholders.

You will not accrue interest or dividends on uncashed redemption checks from the Fund when checks are undeliverable and returned to the Fund.

#### **REDEMPTIONS FROM RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS**

##### **A Class & R6 Class**

In the absence of your specific instructions, 10% of the value of your redemption from a retirement account in the Fund may be withheld for taxes. This withholding only applies to certain types of retirement accounts.

#### **EXCHANGE PRIVILEGE**

You may exchange Shares of the Fund. To do this, you must:

- meet any applicable shareholder eligibility requirements;
- ensure that the account registrations are identical;
- meet any applicable minimum initial investment requirements; and
- receive a prospectus for the fund into which you wish to exchange.

An exchange is treated as a redemption and a subsequent purchase, and is a taxable transaction. The Fund reserves the right to reject any request to purchase or exchange Shares. The Fund may modify or terminate the exchange privilege at any time.

Financial intermediaries may have different policies and procedures regarding the availability of intra-fund exchanges (“automatic exchanges”). These exchanges which are directed by the financial intermediary and not the Fund are discussed in Appendix B to this Prospectus.

#### **A Class**

You may exchange Shares into shares of the same class of another Federated Hermes fund. Shareholders that originally became a shareholder of A class shares of the Fund through a re-designation of an existing no-load share class of the Fund are not subject to sales charges on exchanges into A class shares of other Federated Hermes funds.

#### **IS & R6 Classes**

You may exchange Shares of the Fund for shares of any Federated Hermes fund or share class that does not have a stated sales charge or contingent deferred sales charge, except Shares of Federated Hermes Institutional Money Market Management, Federated Hermes Institutional Tax-Free Cash Trust, Federated Hermes Institutional Prime Obligations Fund, Federated Hermes Institutional Prime Value Obligations Fund, no-load Class A Shares and Class R Shares of any Fund.

#### **SYSTEMATIC WITHDRAWAL/EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

You may automatically redeem or exchange Shares. The minimum amount for all new or revised systematic redemptions or exchanges of Shares is \$50 per transaction per fund. Complete the appropriate section of the New Account Form or an Account Service Options Form or contact your financial intermediary or the Fund. Your account value must meet the minimum initial investment amount at the time the program is established. This program may reduce, and eventually deplete, your account. Payments should not be considered yield or income.

#### **ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS**

##### **Telephone Transactions**

The Fund will record your telephone instructions. If the Fund does not follow reasonable procedures, it may be liable for losses due to unauthorized or fraudulent telephone instructions.

##### **Share Certificates**

The Fund no longer issues share certificates. If you are redeeming or exchanging Shares represented by certificates previously issued by the Fund, you must return the certificates with your written redemption or exchange request. For your protection, send your certificates by registered or certified mail, but do not endorse them.

## **Security and Privacy Protection**

#### **ONLINE ACCOUNT AND TELEPHONE ACCESS SECURITY**

Federated Hermes will not be responsible for losses that result from unauthorized transactions, unless Federated Hermes does not follow procedures designed to verify your identity. When initiating a transaction by telephone or online, shareholders should be aware that any person with access to your account and other personal information including PINs (Personal Identification Numbers) may be able to submit instructions by telephone or online. Shareholders are responsible for protecting their identity by using strong usernames and complex passwords which utilize combinations of mixed case letters, numbers and symbols, and change passwords and PINs frequently.

Using [FederatedInvestors.com](http://FederatedInvestors.com)'s Account Access website means you are consenting to sending and receiving personal financial information over the Internet, so you should be sure you are comfortable with the risks. You will be required to accept the terms of an online agreement and to establish and utilize a password in order to access online account services. The Transfer Agent has adopted security procedures to confirm that internet instructions are genuine. The Transfer Agent will also send you written confirmation of share transactions. The Transfer Agent, the Fund and any of its affiliates will not be liable for losses or expenses that occur from fraudulent Internet instructions reasonably believed to be genuine.

The Transfer Agent or the Fund will employ reasonable procedures to confirm that telephone transaction requests are genuine, which may include recording calls, asking the caller to provide certain personal identification information, sending you written confirmation, or requiring other confirmation security procedures. The Transfer Agent, the Fund and any of its affiliates will not be liable for relying on instructions submitted by telephone that the Fund reasonably believes to be genuine.



## **ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING COMPLIANCE**

To help the government fight the funding of terrorism and money laundering activities, federal law requires financial institutions to obtain, verify and record information that identifies each new customer who opens a Fund account and to determine whether such person's name appears on governmental lists of known or suspected terrorists or terrorist organizations. Pursuant to the requirements under the USA PATRIOT Act, the information obtained will be used for compliance with the USA PATRIOT Act or other applicable laws, regulations and rules in connection with money laundering, terrorism or other illicit activities.

Information required includes your name, residential or business address, date of birth (for an individual), and other information that identifies you, including your social security number, tax identification number or other identifying number. The Fund cannot waive these requirements. The Fund is required by law to reject your Account Application if the required information is not provided. If, after reasonable effort, the Fund is unable to verify your identity or that of any other person(s) authorized to act on your behalf, or believes it has identified potentially suspicious, fraudulent or criminal activity, the Fund reserves the right to close your account and redeem your shares at the next calculated NAV without your permission. Any applicable contingent deferred sales charge (CDSC) will be assessed upon redemption of your shares.

The Fund has a strict policy designed to protect the privacy of your personal information. A copy of Federated Hermes' privacy policy notice was given to you at the time you opened your account. The Fund sends a copy of the privacy notice to you annually. You may also obtain the privacy notice by calling the Fund, or through [FederatedInvestors.com](https://www.federatedinvestors.com).

## **Account and Share Information**

### **CONFIRMATIONS AND ACCOUNT STATEMENTS**

You will receive confirmation of purchases, redemptions and exchanges (except for systematic transactions). In addition, you will receive periodic statements reporting all account activity, including systematic transactions, dividends and capital gains paid.

### **DIVIDENDS AND CAPITAL GAINS**

The Fund declares any dividends daily and pays them monthly to shareholders. If you purchase Shares by wire, you begin earning dividends on the day your wire is received. If you purchase Shares by check, you begin earning dividends on the business day after the Fund receives your check. In either case, you earn dividends through the day your redemption request is received.

In addition, the Fund pays any capital gains at least annually, and may make such special distributions of dividends and capital gains as may be necessary to meet applicable regulatory requirements. Your dividends and capital gains distributions will be automatically reinvested in additional Shares without a sales charge, unless you elect cash payments. Dividends may also be reinvested without sales charges in shares of any class of any other Federated Hermes fund of which you are already a shareholder.

If you purchase Shares just before the record date for a capital gain distribution, you will pay the full price for the Shares and then receive a portion of the price back in the form of a taxable distribution, whether or not you reinvest the distribution in Shares. Therefore, you should consider the tax implications of purchasing Shares shortly before the record date for a capital gain. Contact your financial intermediary or the Fund for information concerning when dividends and capital gains will be paid.

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 [FederatedInvestors.com/FundInformation](https://www.federatedinvestors.com/FundInformation).

### **SMALL DISTRIBUTIONS AND UNCASHED CHECKS**

Generally, dividend and/or capital gain distributions payable by check in an amount of less than \$25 will be automatically reinvested in additional shares. This policy does not apply if you have elected to receive cash distributions that are directly deposited into your bank account via wire or ACH.

Additionally, if one or more dividend or capital gain distribution checks are returned as "undeliverable," or remain uncashed for 180 days, all subsequent dividend and capital gain distributions will be reinvested in additional shares. No interest will accrue on amounts represented by uncashed distribution checks. For questions on whether reinvestment applies to your distributions, please contact a Client Service Representative at 1-800-341-7400.

Certain states, including the State of Texas, have laws that allow shareholders to designate a representative to receive abandoned or unclaimed property (“escheatment”) notifications by completing and submitting a designation form that generally can be found on the official state website. If a shareholder resides in an applicable state, and elects to designate a representative to receive escheatment notifications, escheatment notices generally will be delivered as required by such state laws, including, as applicable, to both the shareholder and the designated representative. A completed designation form may be mailed to the Fund (if Shares are held directly with the Fund) or to the shareholder’s financial intermediary (if Shares are not held directly with the Fund). Shareholders should refer to relevant state law for the shareholder’s specific rights and responsibilities under his or her state’s escheatment law(s), which can generally be found on a state’s official website.

#### **ACCOUNTS WITH LOW BALANCES**

Federated Hermes reserves the right to close accounts if redemptions or exchanges cause the account balance to fall below:

- \$1,500 for the A class (or in the case of IRAs, \$250); and
- \$25,000 for the IS class.

Before an account is closed, you will be notified and allowed at least 30 days to purchase additional Shares to meet the minimum.

#### **TAX INFORMATION**

The Fund sends an IRS Form 1099 and an annual statement of your account activity to assist you in completing your federal, state and local tax returns. Fund distributions of dividends and capital gains are taxable to you whether paid in cash or reinvested in the Fund. Dividends are taxable at different rates depending on the source of dividend income. Distributions of net short-term capital gains are taxable to you as ordinary income. Distributions of net long-term capital gains are taxable to you as long-term capital gains regardless of how long you have owned your Shares.

Fund distributions are expected to be both dividends and capital gains. Redemptions and exchanges are taxable sales. Please consult your tax adviser regarding your federal, state and local tax liability.

#### **FREQUENT TRADING POLICIES**

Frequent or short-term trading into and out of the Fund can have adverse consequences for the Fund and shareholders who use the Fund as a long-term investment vehicle. Such trading in significant amounts can disrupt the Fund’s investment strategies (e.g., by requiring it to sell investments at inopportune times or maintain excessive short-term or cash positions to support redemptions), increase brokerage and administrative costs and affect the timing and amount of taxable gains distributed by the Fund. Investors engaged in such trading may also seek to profit by anticipating changes in the Fund’s NAV in advance of the time as of which NAV is calculated.

The Fund’s Board has approved policies and procedures intended to discourage excessive frequent or short-term trading of the Fund’s Shares. The Fund’s fair valuation procedures are intended in part to discourage short-term trading strategies by reducing the potential for these strategies to succeed. See “What Do Shares Cost?” The Fund also monitors trading in Fund Shares in an effort to identify disruptive trading activity. The Fund monitors trades into and out of the Fund within a period of 30 days or less. The Fund may also monitor trades into and out of the Fund for potentially disruptive trading activity over periods longer than 30 days. The size of Share transactions subject to monitoring varies. Where it is determined that a shareholder has exceeded the detection amounts twice within a period of 12 months, the Fund will temporarily prohibit the shareholder from making further purchases or exchanges of Fund Shares. If the shareholder continues to exceed the detection amounts for specified periods, the Fund will impose lengthier trading restrictions on the shareholder, up to and including permanently prohibiting the shareholder from making any further purchases or exchanges of Fund Shares. Whether or not the specific monitoring limits are exceeded, the Fund’s management or the Adviser may determine from the amount, frequency or pattern of purchases and redemptions or exchanges that a shareholder is engaged in excessive trading that is or could be detrimental to the Fund and other shareholders and may prohibit the shareholder from making further purchases or exchanges of Fund Shares. No matter how the Fund defines its limits on frequent trading of Fund Shares, other purchases and sales of Fund Shares may have adverse effects on the management of the Fund’s portfolio and its performance.

The Fund’s frequent trading restrictions do not apply to purchases and sales of Fund Shares by other Federated Hermes funds. These funds impose the same frequent trading restrictions as the Fund at their shareholder level. In addition, allocation changes of the investing Federated Hermes fund are monitored, and the managers of the recipient fund must determine that there is no disruption to their management activity. The intent of this exception is to allow investing fund



managers to accommodate cash flows and other activity that result from non-abusive trading in the investing fund, without being stopped from such trading because the aggregate of such trades exceeds the monitoring limits. Nonetheless, as with any trading in Fund Shares, purchases and redemptions of Fund Shares by other Federated Hermes funds could adversely affect the management of the Fund's portfolio and its performance.

The Fund will not restrict transactions made on a non-discretionary basis by certain asset allocation programs, wrap programs, fund of funds, collective funds or other similar accounts that have been pre-approved by Federated Hermes ("Approved Accounts"). The Fund will continue to monitor transactions by the Approved Accounts and will seek to limit or restrict even non-discretionary transactions by Approved Accounts that are determined to be disruptive or harmful to the Fund.

The Fund's objective is that its restrictions on short-term trading should apply to all shareholders that are subject to the restrictions, regardless of the number or type of accounts in which Shares are held. However, the Fund anticipates that limitations on its ability to identify trading activity to specific shareholders, including where Shares are held through intermediaries in multiple or omnibus accounts, will mean that these restrictions may not be able to be applied uniformly in all cases.

Other funds in the Federated Hermes family of funds may impose different monitoring policies or in some cases, may not monitor for frequent or short-term trading. Under normal market conditions such monitoring policies are designed to protect the funds being monitored and their shareholders and the operation of such policies and shareholder investments under such monitoring are not expected to have materially adverse impact on the Federated Hermes funds or their shareholders. If you plan to exchange your fund shares for shares of another Federated Hermes fund, please read the prospectus of that other Federated Hermes fund for more information.

#### **PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS INFORMATION**

Information concerning the Fund's portfolio holdings is available via the link to the Fund and share class name at [FederatedInvestors.com/FundInformation](https://www.federatedinvestors.com/FundInformation). A complete listing of the Fund's portfolio holdings as of the end of each calendar quarter is posted on the website 30 days (or the next business day) after the end of the quarter and remains posted for six months thereafter. Summary portfolio composition information as of the close of each month is posted on the website 15 days (or the next business day) after month-end and remains posted until replaced by the information for the succeeding month. The summary portfolio composition information may include identification of the Fund's top 10 holdings, recent purchase and sale transactions and a percentage breakdown of the portfolio by sector.

You may also access portfolio information as of the end of the Fund's fiscal quarters via the link to the Fund and share class name at [FederatedInvestors.com](https://www.federatedinvestors.com). The Fund's Annual and Semi-Annual Shareholder Reports contain complete listings of the Fund's portfolio holdings as of the end of the Fund's second and fourth fiscal quarters. Fiscal quarter information is made available on the website within 70 days after the end of the fiscal quarter. This information is also available in reports filed with the SEC at the SEC's website at [sec.gov](https://www.sec.gov).

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

In addition, from time to time (for example, during periods of unusual market conditions), additional information regarding the Fund's portfolio holdings and/or composition may be posted to [FederatedInvestors.com](https://www.federatedinvestors.com). If and when such information is posted, its availability will be noted on, and the information will be accessible from, the home page of the website.

## **Who Manages the Fund?**

The Board governs the Fund. The Board selects and oversees the Adviser, Federated Investment Management Company. The Adviser manages the Fund's assets, including buying and selling portfolio securities. Federated Advisory Services Company (FASC), an affiliate of the Adviser, provides certain support services to the Adviser. The fee for these services is paid by the Adviser and not by the Fund. The address of the Adviser and FASC is 1001 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-3779.

The Adviser and other subsidiaries of Federated Hermes advise approximately 163 equity, fixed-income and money market mutual funds as well as a variety of other pooled investment vehicles, private investment companies and customized separately managed accounts (including non-U.S./offshore funds) which totaled approximately \$619.4 billion in assets as of December 31, 2020. Federated Hermes was established in 1955 as Federated Investors, Inc. and is one of the largest investment managers in the United States with approximately 1,900 employees. Federated Hermes provides investment products to more than 11,000 investment professionals and institutions.

The Adviser advises approximately 75 fixed-income and money market mutual funds (including sub-advised funds) and private investment companies, which totaled approximately \$370.2 billion in assets as of December 31, 2020.

## **PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT INFORMATION**

### **Todd A. Abraham**

Todd A. Abraham, CFA, Senior Portfolio Manager, has been the Fund's portfolio manager since February of 2003.

Mr. Abraham is a Senior Portfolio Manager and Head of the Government/Mortgage-backed Fixed Income Group. He is responsible for day to day management of the Fund focusing on asset allocation, interest rate strategy and security selection. He has been with the Adviser or an affiliate since 1993; has worked in investment management since 1993; has managed investment portfolios since 1995. Education: B.S., Indiana University of Pennsylvania; M.B.A., Loyola College.

### **Liam O'Connell**

Liam O'Connell, CFA, has been the Fund's portfolio manager since May of 2014.

Mr. O'Connell is responsible for day to day management of the Fund focusing on asset allocation, interest rate strategy and security selection. He has been with the Adviser or an affiliate since 2003; has worked in investment management since 2003; has managed investment portfolios since 2005. Education: B.S., Webb Institute of Naval Architecture; M.S., Johns Hopkins University; M.B.A., Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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### **Jerome D. Conner**

Jerome D. Conner, CFA, has been the Fund's portfolio manager since February of 2010.

Mr. Conner is responsible for day to day management of the Fund focusing on asset allocation, interest rate strategy and security selection. He has been with the Adviser or an affiliate since 2002; has worked in investment management since 1995; has managed investment portfolios since 2010. Education: B.S., U.S. Naval Academy; M.S., Boston University.

The Fund's SAI provides additional information about the Portfolio Managers' compensation, management of other accounts and ownership of securities in the Fund.

## **ADVISORY FEES**

The Fund's investment advisory contract provides for payment to the Adviser of an annual investment advisory fee of 0.35% of the Fund's average daily net assets. The Adviser may voluntarily waive a portion of its fee or reimburse the Fund for certain operating expenses. The Adviser and its affiliates have also agreed to certain "Fee Limits" as described in the footnote to the "Risk/Return Summary: Fees and Expenses" table found in the "Fund Summary" section of the Prospectus.

A discussion of the Board's review of the Fund's investment advisory contract is available in the Fund's annual and semi-annual shareholder reports for the periods ended September 30 and March 31, respectively.

## **PRIOR PERFORMANCE OF COMPOSITE OF ACCOUNTS AND FUNDS SIMILARLY MANAGED BY ADVISER**

The following performance information relates to the Federated Hermes Core Aggregate Fixed Income Composite ("Composite"), which is a performance composite consisting of all private accounts and funds with substantially similar investment objectives, strategies, policies and risks to those of the Fund that also are managed by the Fund's Adviser. The following performance information is not the Fund's performance (or any predecessor fund's performance), should not be considered indicative of the past or future performance of the Fund, and should not be considered a substitute for the Fund's performance. Information regarding the Fund's performance is shown under the section of the Fund's prospectus entitled "Performance: Bar Chart and Table" on page 5.

The performance information of the Composite is not the historical performance of the Fund. The following performance information relating to the Composite is being provided because the Fund's investment objective, strategies (as repositioned on May 27, 2021) and policies are substantially similar to the investment objectives, strategies and policies of all the private accounts and funds included in the Composite.

As of December 31, 2020, the Composite consisted of eight separately managed accounts, with assets totaling approximately \$2.2 billion. The inception date of the Composite was April 1, 1992. Between the Composite's inception date and December 31, 2020, all funds and private accounts with substantially similar investment objectives, strategies, policies and risks to those of the Fund have been included in the Composite. The following performance information is therefore intended to illustrate past performance for all funds and managed accounts with substantially similar investment objectives, strategies and policies to those of the Fund managed by the Adviser.

The following performance information for the Composite was prepared in accordance with industry best practices in accordance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (“GIPS”). Individual portfolio returns are calculated using the Modified Dietz method and the composite has been prepared in accordance with GIPS. The method for computing historical performance information for the Composite differs from the SEC’s method for computing the historical performance of the Fund.

The private accounts and funds included in the Composite have different fees, expenses and cash flows than the Fund. Since the actual fees and expenses of the accounts and funds in the Composite are lower than the Fund’s fees and expenses (except for the IS class), use of the Fund’s expense structure would have lowered the performance result of the Composite.

The private accounts included in the Composite also are not registered under the 1940 Act and therefore are not subject to certain investment restrictions, diversification requirements and other limitations imposed on the Fund by the 1940 Act and Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code. If such private accounts had been registered under the 1940 Act and subject to the 1940 Act and Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code requirements and limitations, the performance may have been adversely affected. The net returns shown are net of all actual fees and expenses, including sales loads. The highest fee charged to any account in the Composite, during the performance period, is reflected in the performance table.

(For the Period Ended December 31, 2020)

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
<b>Federated Hermes Core Aggregate Fixed Income Composite</b>				
Net Returns (after fees/expenses)	8.75%	4.78%	3.78%	5.47%
Gross Returns	9.07%	5.11%	4.11%	5.81%
<b>Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index<sup>1</sup></b> (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)				
	7.51%	4.44%	3.84%	5.63%
<b>Morningstar Intermediate Core Bond Funds Average<sup>2</sup></b>				
	7.52%	4.26%	3.69%	5.17%

1 The Composite’s gross and net total returns for the nine-month period from January 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021, were -0.90% and -1.12%, respectively.

2 The Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index is a broad-based benchmark that measures the investment-grade, U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market.

3 Morningstar figures represent the average of the total returns reported by all the mutual funds designated by Morningstar as falling into the respective category indicated. They do not reflect sales charges.

## Financial Information

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Financial Highlights will help you understand the Fund’s financial performance for its past five fiscal years or since inception if the life of the Fund’s share class is shorter. Some of the information is presented on a per Share basis. Total returns represent the rate an investor would have earned (or lost) on an investment in the Fund, assuming reinvestment of any dividends and capital gains.

Effective May 27, 2021, the Service Shares were re-designated as the Class A Shares. The Financial Highlights for each of the fiscal years ended prior to September 30, 2021 reflect the previous designation of Shares. Because the Fund’s Class R6 Shares had not commenced operations as of the last reporting period, no financial information is yet available for the Fund’s Class R6 Shares.

This information has been audited by KPMG LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with the Fund’s audited financial statements, is included in the Annual Report.

## Financial Highlights – Class A Shares

(For a Share Outstanding Throughout Each Period)<sup>1</sup>

	Year Ended September 30,				
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
<b>Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period</b>	<b>\$9.77</b>	<b>\$9.63</b>	<b>\$9.25</b>	<b>\$9.59</b>	<b>\$9.81</b>
<b>Income From Investment Operations:</b>					
Net investment income (loss)	0.12 <sup>2</sup>	0.17 <sup>2</sup>	0.23	0.22	0.18
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	0.17	0.20	0.39	(0.33)	(0.18)
TOTAL FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS	0.29	0.37	0.62	(0.11)	—
<b>Less Distributions:</b>					
Distributions from net investment income	(0.19)	(0.23)	(0.24)	(0.23)	(0.22)
<b>Net Asset Value, End of Period</b>	<b>\$9.87</b>	<b>\$9.77</b>	<b>\$9.63</b>	<b>\$9.25</b>	<b>\$9.59</b>
<b>Total Return<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>2.94%</b>	<b>3.89%</b>	<b>6.82%</b>	<b>(1.19)%</b>	<b>0.00%<sup>4</sup></b>

### Ratios to Average Net Assets:

Net expenses <sup>5</sup>	0.62%	0.66%	0.80%	0.81%	0.81%
Net investment income	1.24%	1.75%	2.46%	2.33%	1.91%
Expense waiver/reimbursement <sup>6</sup>	1.47%	1.11%	0.69%	0.44%	0.40%

### Supplemental Data:

Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)	\$2,521	\$4,534	\$4,540	\$7,143	\$11,269
Portfolio turnover	216%	333%	391% <sup>7</sup>	72%	277%
Portfolio turnover (excluding purchases and sales from dollar-roll transactions)	82%	203%	186%	18%	63%

1 The Fund's former Service Shares have been re-designated as Class A Shares, effective May 27, 2021.

2 Per share number has been calculated using the average shares method.

3 Based on net asset value, which does not reflect the sales charge, redemption fee or contingent deferred sales charge, if applicable.

4 Represents less than 0.01%.

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

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 The portfolio turnover rate was higher from the prior year as a result of significant client activity and asset reduction.

Further information about the Fund's performance is contained in the Fund's Annual Report, dated September 30, 2021, which can be obtained free of charge.

## Financial Highlights – Institutional Shares

(For a Share Outstanding Throughout Each Period)

	Year Ended September 30,				
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
<b>Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period</b>	<b>\$9.78</b>	<b>\$9.63</b>	<b>\$9.25</b>	<b>\$9.59</b>	<b>\$9.82</b>
<b>Income From Investment Operations:</b>					
Net investment income (loss)	0.15 <sup>1</sup>	0.21 <sup>1</sup>	0.26	0.25	0.21
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	0.16	0.20	0.39	(0.33)	(0.19)
<b>TOTAL FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS</b>	<b>0.31</b>	<b>0.41</b>	<b>0.65</b>	<b>(0.08)</b>	<b>0.02</b>
<b>Less Distributions:</b>					
Distributions from net investment income	(0.21)	(0.26)	(0.27)	(0.26)	(0.25)
<b>Net Asset Value, End of Period</b>	<b>\$9.88</b>	<b>\$9.78</b>	<b>\$9.63</b>	<b>\$9.25</b>	<b>\$9.59</b>
<b>Total Return<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>3.23%</b>	<b>4.30%</b>	<b>7.14%</b>	<b>(0.89)%</b>	<b>0.20%</b>

### Ratios to Average Net Assets:

Net expenses <sup>3</sup>	0.33%	0.37%	0.50%	0.51%	0.50%
Net investment income	1.53%	2.15%	2.75%	2.63%	2.21%
Expense waiver/reimbursement <sup>4</sup>	1.34%	0.84%	0.48%	0.24%	0.20%

### Supplemental Data:

Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)	\$17,173	\$22,347	\$44,841	\$90,789	\$121,240
Portfolio turnover	216%	333%	391% <sup>5</sup>	72%	277%
Portfolio turnover (excluding purchases and sales from dollar-roll transactions)	82%	203%	186%	18%	63%

1 Per share number has been calculated using the average shares method.

2 Based on net asset value.

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

4 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.

5 The portfolio turnover rate was higher from the prior year as a result of significant client activity and asset reduction.

Further information about the Fund's performance is contained in the Fund's Annual Report, dated September 30, 2021, which can be obtained free of charge.

## Appendix A: Hypothetical Investment and Expense Information

The following charts provide additional hypothetical information about the effect of the Fund's expenses, including investment advisory fees and other Fund costs, on the Fund's assumed returns over a 10-year period. The charts show the estimated expenses that would be incurred in respect of a hypothetical investment of \$10,000, assuming a 5% return each year, and no redemption of Shares. Each chart also assumes that the Fund's annual expense ratio stays the same throughout the 10-year period and that all dividends and distributions are reinvested. The annual expense ratio used in each chart is the same as stated in the "Fees and Expenses" table of this Prospectus (and thus may not reflect any fee waiver or expense reimbursement currently in effect). The maximum amount of any sales charge that might be imposed on the purchase of Shares (and deducted from the hypothetical initial investment of \$10,000; the "Front-End Sales Charge") is reflected in the "Hypothetical Expenses" column. The hypothetical investment information does not reflect the effect of charges (if any) normally applicable to redemptions of Shares (e.g., deferred sales charges, redemption fees). Mutual fund returns, as well as fees and expenses, may fluctuate over time, and your actual investment returns and total expenses may be higher or lower than those shown below.

### FEDERATED HERMES CORE BOND FUND - A CLASS

**ANNUAL EXPENSE RATIO: 2.17%**

**MAXIMUM FRONT-END SALES CHARGE: 4.50%**

Year	Hypothetical Beginning Investment	Hypothetical Performance Earnings	Investment After Returns	Hypothetical Expenses	Hypothetical Ending Investment
1	\$10,000.00	\$477.50	\$10,027.50	\$660.17	\$9,820.27
2	\$9,820.27	\$491.01	\$10,311.28	\$216.12	\$10,098.18
3	\$10,098.18	\$504.91	\$10,603.09	\$222.23	\$10,383.96
4	\$10,383.96	\$519.20	\$10,903.16	\$228.52	\$10,677.83
5	\$10,677.83	\$533.89	\$11,211.72	\$234.99	\$10,980.01
6	\$10,980.01	\$549.00	\$11,529.01	\$241.64	\$11,290.74
7	\$11,290.74	\$564.54	\$11,855.28	\$248.48	\$11,610.27
8	\$11,610.27	\$580.51	\$12,190.78	\$255.51	\$11,938.84
9	\$11,938.84	\$596.94	\$12,535.78	\$262.74	\$12,276.71
10	\$12,276.71	\$613.84	\$12,890.55	\$270.17	\$12,624.14
Cumulative		\$5,431.34		\$2,840.57	

### FEDERATED HERMES CORE BOND FUND - IS CLASS

**ANNUAL EXPENSE RATIO: 1.90%**

**MAXIMUM FRONT-END SALES CHARGE: NONE**

Year	Hypothetical Beginning Investment	Hypothetical Performance Earnings	Investment After Returns	Hypothetical Expenses	Hypothetical Ending Investment
1	\$10,000.00	\$500.00	\$10,500.00	\$192.95	\$10,310.00
2	\$10,310.00	\$515.50	\$10,825.50	\$198.93	\$10,629.61
3	\$10,629.61	\$531.48	\$11,161.09	\$205.09	\$10,959.13
4	\$10,959.13	\$547.96	\$11,507.09	\$211.45	\$11,298.86
5	\$11,298.86	\$564.94	\$11,863.80	\$218.01	\$11,649.12
6	\$11,649.12	\$582.46	\$12,231.58	\$224.76	\$12,010.24
7	\$12,010.24	\$600.51	\$12,610.75	\$231.73	\$12,382.56
8	\$12,382.56	\$619.13	\$13,001.69	\$238.92	\$12,766.42
9	\$12,766.42	\$638.32	\$13,404.74	\$246.32	\$13,162.18
10	\$13,162.18	\$658.11	\$13,820.29	\$253.96	\$13,570.21
Cumulative		\$5,758.41		\$2,222.12	



**FEDERATED HERMES CORE BOND FUND - R6 CLASS****ANNUAL EXPENSE RATIO: 1.85%****MAXIMUM FRONT-END SALES CHARGE: NONE**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Hypothetical Beginning Investment</b>	<b>Hypothetical Performance Earnings</b>	<b>Investment After Returns</b>	<b>Hypothetical Expenses</b>	<b>Hypothetical Ending Investment</b>
1	\$10,000.00	\$500.00	\$10,500.00	\$187.91	\$10,315.00
2	\$10,315.00	\$515.75	\$10,830.75	\$193.83	\$10,639.92
3	\$10,639.92	\$532.00	\$11,171.92	\$199.94	\$10,975.08
4	\$10,975.08	\$548.75	\$11,523.83	\$206.24	\$11,320.80
5	\$11,320.80	\$566.04	\$11,886.84	\$212.73	\$11,677.41
6	\$11,677.41	\$583.87	\$12,261.28	\$219.43	\$12,045.25
7	\$12,045.25	\$602.26	\$12,647.51	\$226.35	\$12,424.68
8	\$12,424.68	\$621.23	\$13,045.91	\$233.48	\$12,816.06
9	\$12,816.06	\$640.80	\$13,456.86	\$240.83	\$13,219.77
10	\$13,219.77	\$660.99	\$13,880.76	\$248.42	\$13,636.19
Cumulative		\$5,771.69		\$2,169.16	

## Appendix B: Sales Charge Waivers and Exchange Features for Shareholders Purchasing Through Certain Financial Intermediaries

The term “fund family,” used herein, shall refer to the Federated Hermes mutual funds.

The following Appendix applies to certain share classes offered by the Fund.

### **AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL**

#### **CLASS A SHARES FRONT-END SALES CHARGE WAIVERS AVAILABLE AT AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL:**

The following information applies to Class A shares purchases if you have an account with or otherwise purchase Fund shares through Ameriprise Financial:

Effective January 15, 2021, shareholders purchasing Fund shares through an Ameriprise Financial retail brokerage account are eligible for the following front-end sales charge waivers, which may differ from those disclosed elsewhere in this Fund’s prospectus or SAI:

- Employer-sponsored retirement plans (e.g., 401(k) plans, 457 plans, employer-sponsored 403(b) plans, profit sharing and money purchase pension plans and defined benefit plans). For purposes of this provision, employer-sponsored retirement plans do not include SEP IRAs, Simple IRAs or SAR-SEPs.
- Shares purchased through reinvestment of capital gains distributions and dividend reinvestment when purchasing shares of the same Fund (but not any other fund within the same fund family).
- Shares exchanged from Class C shares of the same fund in the month of or following the 7-year anniversary of the purchase date. To the extent that this prospectus elsewhere provides for a waiver with respect to exchanges of Class C shares or conversion of Class C shares following a shorter holding period, that waiver will apply.
- Employees and registered representatives of Ameriprise Financial or its affiliates and their immediate family members.
- Shares purchased by or through qualified accounts (including IRAs, Coverdell Education Savings Accounts, 401(k)s, 403(b) TSCAs subject to ERISA and defined benefit plans) that are held by a covered family member, defined as an Ameriprise financial advisor and/or the advisor’s spouse, advisor’s lineal ascendant (mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, great grandmother, great grandfather), advisor’s lineal descendant (son, step-son, daughter, step-daughter, grandson, granddaughter, great grandson, great granddaughter) or any spouse of a covered family member who is a lineal descendant.
- Shares purchased from the proceeds of redemptions within the same fund family, provided (1) the repurchase occurs within 90 days following the redemption, (2) the redemption and purchase occur in the same account, and (3) redeemed shares were subject to a front-end or deferred sales load (i.e., Rights of Reinstatement).

### **ROBERT W. BAIRD & CO., INC.**

Effective June 15, 2020, shareholders purchasing Fund shares through a Baird platform or account will only be eligible for the following sales charge waivers (front-end sales charge waivers and CDSC waivers) and discounts, which may differ from those disclosed elsewhere in this prospectus or the SAI.

#### **Front-End Sales Charge Waivers on Investors A-shares Available at Baird**

- Shares purchased through reinvestment of capital gains distributions and dividend reinvestment when purchasing share of the same fund;
- Share purchase by employees and registered representatives of Baird or its affiliate and their family members as designated by Baird;
- Shares purchase from the proceeds of redemptions within the same fund family, provided: (1) the repurchase occurs within 90 days following the redemption; (2) the redemption and purchase occur in the same accounts; and (3) redeemed shares were subject to a front-end or deferred sales charge (known as rights of reinstatement);
- Class C (i.e., level-load) shares that are no longer subject to a CDSC and are exchanged to Class A shares (or the appropriate share class) of the same fund pursuant to Baird’s intra-fund share class policies and procedures;
- Employer-sponsored retirement plans or charitable accounts in a transactional brokerage account at Baird, including 401(k) plans, 457 plans, employer-sponsored 403(b) plans, profit sharing and money purchase pension plans and defined benefit plans. For purposes of this provision, employer-sponsored retirement plans do not include SEP IRAs, Simple IRAs or SAR-SEPs.

### **CDSC Waivers on Investor A and C Shares Available at Baird**

- Shares sold upon the death or disability of the shareholder;
- Shares sold as part of a systematic withdrawal plan as described in the Fund's Prospectus;
- Shares bought due to returns of excess contributions from an IRA Account;
- Shares sold as part of a required minimum distribution for IRA and retirement accounts pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code;
- Shares sold to pay Baird fees but only if the transaction is initiated by Baird;
- Shares acquired through a right of reinstatement.

### **Front-End Sales Charge Discounts Available at Baird: Breakpoints and/or Rights of Accumulations**

- Breakpoints as described in this prospectus;
- Rights of accumulations which entitles shareholders to breakpoint discounts will be automatically calculated based on the aggregated holding of fund family assets held by accounts within the purchaser's household at Baird. Eligible fund family assets not held at Baird may be included in the rights of accumulations calculation only if the shareholder notifies his or her financial advisor about such assets;
- Letters of Intent (LOI) allow for breakpoint discounts based on anticipated purchases within a fund family through Baird, over a 13-month period of time.

### **EDWARD D. JONES & CO., L.P. (EDWARD JONES)**

#### **Policies Regarding Transactions Through Edward Jones**

##### ***The following information has been provided by Edward Jones***

Effective on or after March 1, 2021, the following information supersedes prior information with respect to transactions and positions held in fund shares through an Edward Jones system. Shareholders purchasing Fund shares on the Edward Jones commission and fee-based platforms are eligible only for the following sales charge waivers (front-end sales charge waivers and contingent deferred sales charge (CDSC), or back-end sales charge, waivers) and discounts, which may differ from those disclosed elsewhere in this Fund's prospectus or statement of additional information (SAI). In all instances, it is the shareholder's responsibility to inform Edward Jones at the time of purchase of any relationship, holdings of fund family, or other facts qualifying the purchaser for waivers or discounts. Edward Jones can ask for documentation of such circumstance. Shareholders should contact Edward Jones if they have questions regarding their eligibility for these discounts and waivers.

#### **Front-End Sales Load Waivers on Class A and F Shares Available at Edward Jones**

Sales charges are waived for the following shareholders and in the following situations:

- Associates of Edward Jones and its affiliates and their family members who are in the same pricing group (as determined by Edward Jones under its policies and procedures) as the associate. This waiver will continue for the remainder of the associate's life if the associate retires from Edward Jones in good-standing and remains in good standing pursuant to Edward Jones' policies and procedures.
- Shares purchased in an Edward Jones fee-based program.
- Shares purchased through reinvestment of capital gains distributions and dividend reinvestment.
- Shares purchased from the proceeds of redeemed shares of the same fund family so long as the following conditions are met: 1) the proceeds are from the sale of shares within 60 days of the purchase, and 2) the sale and purchase are made in the same share class and the same account or the purchase is made in an individual retirement account with proceeds from liquidations in a non-retirement account.
- Shares exchanged into Class A shares from another share Class so long as the exchange is into the same fund and was initiated at the discretion of Edward Jones. Edward Jones is responsible for any remaining CDSC due to the fund company, if applicable. Any future purchases are subject to the applicable sales charge as disclosed in the prospectus.
- Exchanges from Class C shares to Class A shares of the same fund, generally, in the 84th month following the anniversary of the purchase date or earlier at the discretion of Edward Jones. Edward Jones will be responsible for any remaining CDSC due to the fund company, if applicable.

#### **CDSC Waivers on A, B, C and F Shares Available at Edward Jones**

If the shareholder purchases shares that are subject to a CDSC and those shares are redeemed before the CDSC is expired, the shareholder will be responsible to pay the CDSC except in the following conditions:

- Shares sold upon the death or disability of the shareholder.
- Shares sold as part of a systematic withdrawal plan (limited to up to 10% per year of the account value).

- Return of excess contributions from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA).
- Shares sold as part of a required minimum distribution for IRA and retirement accounts if the redemption is taken in or after the year the shareholder reaches qualified age based on applicable IRS regulations.
- Shares sold to pay Edward Jones fees or costs in such cases where the transaction is initiated by Edward Jones.
- Shares exchanged in an Edward Jones fee-based program. Edward Jones is responsible for any remaining CDSC due to the fund company, if applicable.
- Shares acquired through a right of reinstatement.
- Shares redeemed at the discretion of Edward Jones for Minimum Balances, as described below.

#### **FRONT-END LOAD DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE AT EDWARD JONES:**

##### **Rights of Accumulation (ROA)**

- The applicable sales charge on a purchase of Class A shares is determined by taking into account all share classes (except certain money market funds and any assets held in group retirement plans) of the fund family held by the shareholder or in an account grouped by Edward Jones with other accounts for the purpose of providing certain pricing considerations (“pricing groups”). If grouping assets as a shareholder, this includes all share classes held on the Edward Jones platform and/or held on another platform. The inclusion of eligible fund family assets in the ROA calculation is dependent on the shareholder notifying Edward Jones of such assets at the time of calculation. Money market funds are included only if such shares were sold with a sales charge at the time of purchase or acquired in exchange for shares purchased with a sales charge.
- The employer maintaining a SEP IRA plan and/or SIMPLE IRA plan may elect to establish or change ROA for the IRA accounts associated with the plan to a plan-level grouping as opposed to including all share classes at a shareholder or pricing group level.
- ROA is determined by calculating the higher of cost minus redemptions or market value (current shares x NAV).

##### **Letter of Intent (LOI)**

- Through a LOI, shareholders can receive the sales charge and breakpoint discounts for purchases shareholders intend to make over a 13-month period from the date Edward Jones receives the LOI. The LOI is determined by calculating the higher of cost or market value of qualifying holdings at LOI initiation in combination with the value that the shareholder intends to buy over a 13-month period to calculate the front-end sales charge and any breakpoint discounts. Each purchase the shareholder makes during that 13-month period will receive the sales charge and breakpoint discount that applies to the total amount. The inclusion of eligible fund family assets in the LOI calculation is dependent on the shareholder notifying Edward Jones of such assets at the time of calculation. Purchases made before the LOI is received by Edward Jones are not adjusted under the LOI and will not reduce the sales charge previously paid. Sales charges will be adjusted if LOI is not met.
- If the employer maintaining a SEP IRA plan and/or SIMPLE IRA plan has elected to establish or change ROA for the IRA accounts associated with the plan to a plan-level grouping, LOIs will also be at the plan-level and may only be established by the employer.

#### **OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING TRANSACTIONS THROUGH EDWARD JONES**

##### **Minimum Purchase Amounts**

- Initial purchase minimum: \$250
- Subsequent purchase minimum: none

##### **Minimum Balances**

- Edward Jones has the right to redeem at its discretion fund holdings with a balance of \$250 or less. The following are examples of accounts that are not included in this policy:
  - A fee-based account held on an Edward Jones platform
  - A 529 account held on an Edward Jones platform
  - An account with an active systematic investment plan or LOI

##### **Exchanging Share Classes**

- At any time it deems necessary, Edward Jones has the authority to exchange at NAV a shareholder’s holdings in a fund to Class A shares of the same fund.

## **JANNEY MONTGOMERY SCOTT LLC**

Effective May 1, 2020, if you purchase or redeem Fund shares through a Janney Montgomery Scott LLC (“Janney”) brokerage account, you will be eligible for the following load waivers (front-end sales charge waivers and contingent deferred sales charge (CDSC), or back-end sales charge, waivers) and discounts, which may differ from those disclosed elsewhere in this Fund’s Prospectus or SAI.

### **Front-end sales charge waivers on Class A Shares available at Janney**

- Shares purchased through reinvestment of capital gains distributions and dividend reinvestment when purchasing shares of the same fund (but not any other fund within the fund family).
- Shares purchased by employees and registered representatives of Janney or its affiliates and their family members as designated by Janney.
- Shares purchased from the proceeds of redemptions within the same fund family, provided: (1) the repurchase occurs within ninety (90) days following the redemption; (2) the redemption and purchase occur in the same account; and (3) redeemed shares were subject to a front-end or deferred sales load (i.e., right of reinstatement).
- Employer-sponsored retirement plans (e.g., 401(k) plans, 457 plans, employer-sponsored 403(b) plans, profit sharing and money purchase pension plans and defined benefit plans). For purposes of this provision, employer-sponsored retirement plans do not include SEP IRAs, Simple IRAs, SAR-SEPs or Keogh plans.
- Shares acquired through a right of reinstatement.
- Class C shares that are no longer subject to a contingent deferred sales charge and are exchanged to Class A shares (or the appropriate share class) of the same fund pursuant to Janney’s intra-fund share class policies and procedures.

### **CDSC Waivers on Class A and C Shares available at Janney**

- Shares sold upon the death or disability of the shareholder.
- Shares sold as part of a systematic withdrawal plan as described in the fund’s Prospectus.
- Shares purchased in connection with a return of excess contributions from an IRA account.
- Shares sold as part of a required minimum distribution for IRA and retirement accounts if the redemption is taken in or after the year the shareholder reaches qualified age based on applicable IRS regulations.
- Shares sold to pay Janney fees but only if the transaction is initiated by Janney.
- Shares acquired through a right of reinstatement.
- Shares exchanged into the same share class of a different Federated Hermes fund, if the shares were held for the applicable CDSC holding period (the holding period on the shares purchased in the exchange will include the holding period of the shares sold in the exchange).

### **Front-end sales charge discounts available at Janney: Breakpoints, Rights of Accumulation, and/or Letters of Intent**

- Breakpoints as described in the fund’s Prospectus.
- Rights of accumulation (“ROA”), which entitle shareholders to breakpoint discounts, will be automatically calculated based on the aggregated holding of fund family assets held by accounts within the purchaser’s household at Janney. Eligible fund family assets not held at Janney may be included in the ROA calculation only if the shareholder notifies his or her financial advisor about such assets.
- Letters of intent which allow for breakpoint discounts based on anticipated purchases within a fund family, over a 13-month time period. Eligible fund family assets not held at Janney may be included in the calculation of letters of intent only if the shareholder notifies his or her financial advisor about such assets.

## **MERRILL LYNCH**

Shareholders purchasing Fund shares through a Merrill Lynch platform or account will be eligible only for the following load waivers (front-end sales charge waivers and contingent deferred, or back-end, sales charge waivers) and discounts, which may differ from those disclosed elsewhere in this Fund’s prospectus or SAI.

### **Front-end Sales Load Waivers on Class A Shares available at Merrill Lynch**

- Employer-sponsored retirement, deferred compensation and employee benefit plans (including health savings accounts) and trusts used to fund those plans, provided that the shares are not held in a commission-based brokerage account and shares are held for the benefit of the plan;
- Shares purchased by a 529 Plan (does not include 529 Plan units or 529-specific share classes or equivalents);
- Shares purchased through a Merrill Lynch affiliated investment advisory program or exchanged due to the holdings moving from the program;

- Shares exchanged due to the holdings moving from a Merrill Lynch affiliated investment advisory program to a Merrill Lynch brokerage (non-advisory) account pursuant to Merrill Lynch's policies relating to sales load discounts and waivers;
- Shares purchased by third party investment advisors on behalf of their advisory clients through Merrill Lynch's platform;
- Shares of funds purchased through the Merrill Edge Self-Directed platform (if applicable);
- Shares purchased through reinvestment of capital gains distributions and dividend reinvestment when purchasing shares of the same fund (but not any other fund within the fund family);
- Shares exchanged from Class C (i.e., level-load) shares of the same fund pursuant to Merrill Lynch's policies relating to sales load discounts and waivers;
- Employees and registered representatives of Merrill Lynch or its affiliates and their family members;
- Directors or Trustees of the Fund, and employees of the Fund's investment adviser or any of its affiliates, as described in the prospectus;
- Eligible shares purchased from the proceeds of redemptions within the same fund family, provided: (1) the repurchase occurs within 90 days following the redemption; (2) the redemption and purchase occur in the same account; and (3) redeemed shares were subject to a front-end or deferred sales load (known as Rights of Reinstatement). Automated transactions (i.e., systematic purchases and withdrawals) and purchases made after shares are automatically sold to pay Merrill Lynch's account maintenance fees are not eligible for reinstatement.

**CDSC Waivers on A, B and C Shares available at Merrill Lynch**

- Death or disability of the shareholder;
- Shares sold as part of a systematic withdrawal plan as described in the Fund's prospectus;
- Return of excess contributions from an IRA Account;
- Shares sold as part of a required minimum distribution for IRA and retirement accounts pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code;
- Shares sold to pay Merrill Lynch fees but only if the transaction is initiated by Merrill Lynch;
- Shares acquired through a right of reinstatement;
- Shares held in retirement brokerage accounts, that are exchanged for a lower cost share class due to transfer to certain fee based accounts or platforms (applicable to A and C shares only);
- Class A Shares received through an exchange due to the holdings moving from a Merrill Lynch affiliated investment advisory program to a Merrill Lynch brokerage (non-advisory) account pursuant to Merrill Lynch's policies relating to sales load discounts and waivers.

**Front-end load Discounts Available at Merrill Lynch:**

**Breakpoints, Rights of Accumulation & Letters of Intent**

- Breakpoints as described in this prospectus;
- Rights of Accumulation (ROA) which entitle shareholders to breakpoint discounts as described in the Fund's prospectus will be automatically calculated based on the aggregated holding of fund family assets held by accounts (including 529 program holdings, where applicable) within the purchaser's household at Merrill Lynch. Eligible fund family assets not held at Merrill Lynch may be included in the ROA calculation only if the shareholder notifies his or her financial advisor about such assets;
- Letters of Intent (LOI) which allow for breakpoint discounts based on anticipated purchases within a fund family, through Merrill Lynch, over a 13-month period of time (if applicable).

**MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY**

Shareholders purchasing Fund shares through a Morgan Stanley Wealth Management transactional brokerage account will be eligible only for the following front-end sales charge waivers with respect to Class A shares, which may differ from and may be more limited than those disclosed elsewhere in this Fund's Prospectus or SAI.

**Front-End Sales Charge Waivers on Class A Shares Available at Morgan Stanley Wealth Management**

- Employer-sponsored retirement plans (e.g., 401(k) plans, 457 plans, employer-sponsored 403(b) plans, profit sharing and money purchase pension plans and defined benefit plans). For purposes of this provision, employer-sponsored retirement plans do not include SEP IRAs, Simple IRAs, SAR-SEPs or Keogh plans;
- Morgan Stanley employee and employee-related accounts according to Morgan Stanley's account linking rules;
- Shares purchased through reinvestment of dividends and capital gains distributions when purchasing shares of the same fund;



- Shares purchased through a Morgan Stanley self-directed brokerage account;
- Class C (i.e., level-load) shares that are no longer subject to a contingent deferred sales charge and are exchanged to Class A shares of the same fund pursuant to Morgan Stanley Wealth Management's intra-fund share class exchange program;
- Shares purchased from the proceeds of redemptions within the same fund family, provided (i) the repurchase occurs within 90 days following the redemption, (ii) the redemption and purchase occur in the same account, and (iii) redeemed shares were subject to a front-end or deferred sales charge.

**OPPENHEIMER & CO., INC.**

Effective May 1, 2020, shareholders purchasing Fund shares through an Oppenheimer & Co., Inc. (OPCO) platform or account are eligible only for the following load waivers (front-end sales charge waivers and contingent deferred, or back-end, sales charge waivers) and discounts, which may differ from those disclosed elsewhere in this Fund's prospectus or SAI.

**Front-end Sales Load Waivers on Class A Shares available at OPCO**

- Employer-sponsored retirement, deferred compensation and employee benefit plans (including health savings accounts) and trusts used to fund those plans, provided that the shares are not held in a commission-based brokerage account and shares are held for the benefit of the plan
- Shares purchased by or through a 529 Plan
- Shares purchased through an OPCO affiliated investment advisory program
- Shares purchased through reinvestment of dividends and capital gains distributions when purchasing shares of the same fund (but not any other fund within the fund family)
- Shares purchased from the proceeds of redemptions within the same fund family, provided: (1) the repurchase occurs within 90 days following the redemption; (2) the redemption and purchase occur in the same account; and (3) redeemed shares were subject to a front-end or deferred sales load (known as Rights of Reinstatement).
- A shareholder in the Fund's Class C shares will have their shares automatically exchanged at net asset value to Class A shares (or the appropriate share class) of the Fund if the shares are no longer subject to a CDSC and the automatic exchange is in line with the policies and procedures of OPCO
- Employees and registered representatives of OPCO or its affiliates and their family members
- Directors or Trustees of the Fund, and employees of the Fund's investment adviser or any of its affiliates, as described in this prospectus

**CDSC Waivers on A, B and C Shares available at OPCO**

- Death or disability of the shareholder
- Shares sold as part of a systematic withdrawal plan as described in the Fund's prospectus
- Return of excess contributions from an IRA Account
- Shares sold as part of a required minimum distribution for IRA and retirement accounts pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code
- Shares sold to pay OPCO fees but only if the transaction is initiated by OPCO
- Shares acquired through a right of reinstatement

**Front-end load Discounts Available at OPCO: Breakpoints, Rights of Accumulation & Letters of Intent**

- Breakpoints as described in this prospectus.
- Rights of Accumulation (ROA), which entitle shareholders to breakpoint discounts, will be automatically calculated based on the aggregated holding of fund family assets held by accounts within the purchaser's household at OPCO. Eligible fund family assets not held at OPCO may be included in the ROA calculation only if the shareholder notifies his or her financial advisor about such assets

**RAYMOND JAMES & ASSOCIATES, INC., RAYMOND JAMES FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. AND EACH ENTITY'S AFFILIATES ("RAYMOND JAMES")**

Effective March 1, 2019, shareholders purchasing and redeeming Fund shares through a Raymond James platform or account, or through an introducing broker-dealer or independent registered investment adviser for which Raymond James provides trade execution, clearance, and/or custody services, will be eligible only for the following load waivers (front-end sales charge waivers and contingent deferred, or back-end, sales charge waivers) and discounts, which may differ from those disclosed elsewhere in this Fund's prospectus or SAI.

### **Front-End Sales Load Waivers on Class A Shares Available at Raymond James**

- Shares purchased in an investment advisory program.
- Shares purchased within the same fund family through a systematic reinvestment of capital gains and dividend distributions.
- Employees and registered representatives of Raymond James or its affiliates and their family members as designated by Raymond James.
- Shares purchased from the proceeds of redemptions within the same fund family, provided: (1) the repurchase occurs within 90 days following the redemption; (2) the redemption and purchase occur in the same account; and (3) redeemed shares were subject to a front-end or deferred sales load (known as Rights of Reinstatement).
- A shareholder in the Fund's Class C shares will have their shares automatically exchanged at net asset value to Class A shares (or the appropriate share class) of the Fund if the shares are no longer subject to a CDSC and the automatic exchange is in line with the policies and procedures of Raymond James.

### **CDSC Waivers on A, B and C Shares Available at Raymond James**

- Death or disability of the shareholder.
- Shares sold as part of a systematic withdrawal plan as described in the fund's prospectus.
- Return of excess contributions from an IRA Account.
- Shares sold as part of a required minimum distribution for IRA and retirement accounts due to the shareholder reaching the qualified age based on applicable IRS regulations as described in the fund's prospectus.
- Shares sold to pay Raymond James fees but only if the transaction is initiated by Raymond James.
- Shares acquired through a right of reinstatement.

### **Front-End Load Discounts Available at Raymond James: Breakpoints, Rights of Accumulation, and/or Letters of Intent**

- Breakpoints as described in this prospectus;
- Rights of accumulation which entitle shareholders to breakpoint discounts will be automatically calculated based on the aggregated holding of fund family assets held by accounts within the purchaser's household at Raymond James. Eligible fund family assets not held at Raymond James may be included in the calculation of rights of accumulation only if the shareholder notifies his or her financial advisor about such assets.
- Letters of Intent which allow for breakpoint discounts based on anticipated purchases within a fund family, over a 13-month time period. Eligible fund family assets not held at Raymond James may be included in the calculation of letters of intent only if the shareholder notifies his or her financial advisor about such assets.

### ***STIFEL, NICOLAUS & COMPANY, INCORPORATED***

Effective July 1, 2020, shareholders purchasing Fund shares through a Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated ("Stifel") platform or account or who own shares for which Stifel or an affiliate is the broker-dealer of record are eligible for the following additional sales charge waiver.

### **Front-End Sales Load Waiver on Class A Shares**

- Class C shares that have been held for more than seven (7) years will be converted to Class A shares of the same Fund pursuant to Stifel's policies and procedures  
All other sales charge waivers and reductions described elsewhere in the Fund's Prospectus or SAI still apply.

### ***U.S. BANCORP INVESTMENTS, INC.***

Effective November 1, 2021, shareholders purchasing Fund shares through a U.S. Bancorp Investments, Inc. ("USBI") platform or who own shares for which USBI is the broker-dealer, where the shares are held in an omnibus account, will be eligible for the following front-end sales charge waivers and discounts, which may differ from those disclosed elsewhere in the Funds' Prospectus or SAI. All other sales charge waivers and reductions described elsewhere in the Fund's Prospectus or SAI still apply.

### **USBI Conversion of Class C Shares**

Class C (i.e., level-load) shares that are no longer subject to a contingent deferred sales charge are systematically converted to the Class A shares of the same fund pursuant to USBI's intra-fund share class policy. No front-end sales charge will apply to such conversions.

Notes

An SAI dated November 30, 2021, is incorporated by reference into this Prospectus. Additional information about the Fund and its investments is contained in the Fund's SAI and Annual and Semi-Annual Reports to shareholders as they become available. The Annual Report's Management's Discussion of Fund Performance discusses market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected the Fund's performance during its last fiscal year. The SAI contains a description of the Fund's policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of its portfolio securities. To obtain the SAI, Annual Report, Semi-Annual Report and other information without charge, and to make inquiries, call your financial intermediary or the Fund at 1-800-341-7400.

As of January 1, 2021, paper copies of the Fund's shareholder reports will no longer be sent by mail. Instead, the reports will be made available on [FederatedInvestors.com/FundInformation](https://www.federatedinvestors.com/fundinformation), and you will be notified and provided with a link each time a report is posted to the website. You may request to receive paper reports from the Fund or from your financial intermediary, free of charge, at any time. You may also request to receive documents through e-delivery.

These documents, as well as additional information about the Fund (including portfolio holdings, performance and distributions), are also available on [FederatedInvestors.com](https://www.federatedinvestors.com).

You can obtain information about the Fund (including the SAI) by accessing Fund information from the EDGAR Database on the SEC's website at [sec.gov](https://www.sec.gov). You can purchase copies of this information by contacting the SEC by email at [publicinfo@sec.gov](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov).



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