

Annual Shareholder Report

December 31, 2022



Share Class Primary Service

Federated Hermes High Income Bond Fund II

A Portfolio of Federated Hermes Insurance Series

Dear Valued Shareholder,

We are pleased to present the Annual Shareholder Report for your fund covering the period from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. This report includes Management's Discussion of Fund Performance, a complete listing of your fund's holdings, performance information and financial statements along with other important fund information.

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John B. Fisher".

John B. Fisher, President

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Management's Discussion of Fund Performance (unaudited)

The total return of Federated Hermes High Income Bond Fund II (the "Fund"), based on net asset value for the 12-month reporting period ended December 31, 2022, was -11.78% for the Primary Shares and -11.92% for the Service Shares. The total return of the Fund's Primary Shares consisted of 4.65% current income and -16.43% of depreciation in the net asset value of the Fund's shares. The total return of the Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield 2% Issuer Capped Index (BHY2%ICI),¹ a broad-based securities market index, was -11.18% during the same period. The total return of the Lipper Variable Underlying High Yield Funds Average (LVHYFA),² a peer group average for the Fund, was -9.47% during the period. The Fund's and LVHYFA's total returns for the most recently completed fiscal year reflected actual cash flows, transaction costs and expenses which were not reflected in the total return of the BHY2%ICI.

During the reporting period, the most significant factors affecting the Fund's performance relative to the BHY2%ICI were: (1) the allocation among industry sectors, (2) the selection of individual securities and (3) the duration³ of the Fund's holdings.

The following discussion will focus on the performance of the Fund's Primary Shares relative to the BHY2%ICI.

MARKET OVERVIEW

The major factors influencing markets during the period under review were concerns about the economy and inflation. Economic growth started the year slowly as the lingering impact of the pandemic, the outbreak of war in Ukraine, supply chain issues and surging prices, especially for energy and food, caused major distortions. Global central banks, including the Federal Reserve, responded to the surge in prices by aggressively raising short term interest rates. Longer term rates also rose, although less than short term rates, which resulted in an inverted yield curve.⁴ This raised further concerns about the economy. However, the second half of the year saw economic growth surprise to the upside as a robust job market, rising wages, declining pandemic concerns and normalizing supply chains provided support. Corporate earnings also proved resilient as companies were able to aggressively raise prices to offset surging input costs and rising wages while demand was supported by the strong jobs market and the benefits of the reopening from the pandemic. Default rates and credit spreads for high yield securities both climbed modestly higher. The overall impact of these factors can be illustrated by the change in credit spreads between the Credit Suisse High Yield Bond Index⁵ and U.S. Treasury securities with similar maturities which began the period at 355 basis points, peaked in early July at 606 basis points before declining to end the fiscal year at 499 basis points. Within the high-yield⁶ market, major industry sectors that substantially outperformed the overall BHY2%ICI during the reporting period included: Oil Field Services, Aerospace and Defense, Gaming, Independent Energy and Metals & Mining. Major industry sectors that substantially underperformed the overall BHY2%ICI during the reporting period included: Pharmaceuticals, Retail, Wireless Telecommunications, Media & Entertainment and Cable & Satellite. From a quality perspective, the B-rated sector led the way with a total return of -10.26% followed by the BB-rated sector at -10.77%. The CCC-rated sector, perhaps reflecting some economic concerns, lagged with a return of -16.29%.

SECTOR ALLOCATION

The Fund was positively impacted by its sector allocation relative to the BHY2%ICI. The Fund was positively impacted by its overweight positions in the strong performing Insurance - P&C, Oil Field Services and Packaging industry sectors. The Fund was also positively impacted by its underweight positions in the poor performing Retail, Wireline Telecommunications and Wireless Telecommunications sectors. The Fund's cash holdings also positively impacted performance during the period. The Fund was negatively impacted by its overweight positions in the poor performing Pharmaceuticals, Media & Entertainment and Cable & Satellite sectors. It was also negatively impacted by its underweight positions in the Refining, Other Industrials and Airline sectors.

SECURITY SELECTION

The Fund's security selection had a negative impact on performance relative to the BHY2%ICI. Security selection in the Technology, Pharmaceuticals, Media & Entertainment, Healthcare, Chemicals, Gaming, Building Materials, Finance Companies, Midstream and Consumer Cyclical Services sectors negatively impacted performance. Specific high-yield issuers held by the Fund that negatively impacted performance relative to the BHY2%ICI included: Audacy, Inc., Mallinckrodt International, Rackspace Technology, Inc., CSC Holdings and Bausch Health Companies. The Fund was positively impacted by security selection in the Insurance – P&C, Retail, Independent Energy, Wireless Telecommunications, Oil Field Services, Food & Beverage, Consumer Products and Automotive sectors. Specific high-yield issuers held by the Fund that positively impacted performance relative to the BHY2%ICI included: Hub International Limited, Clarios Global LP, USIS Merger Subsidiary, Inc., Garda World Security Services and Flex Acquisition. The Fund also benefitted from its equity position in Superior Energy Services, Inc.

DURATION

The Fund began the fiscal year with a duration shorter than the BHY2%ICI. Given the substantial increase in the general interest rate⁷ level during the reporting period as well as the increase in credit spreads, the shorter duration had a positive impact early in the period. At the end of the fiscal year, the Fund's duration was modestly less than the BHY2%ICI.

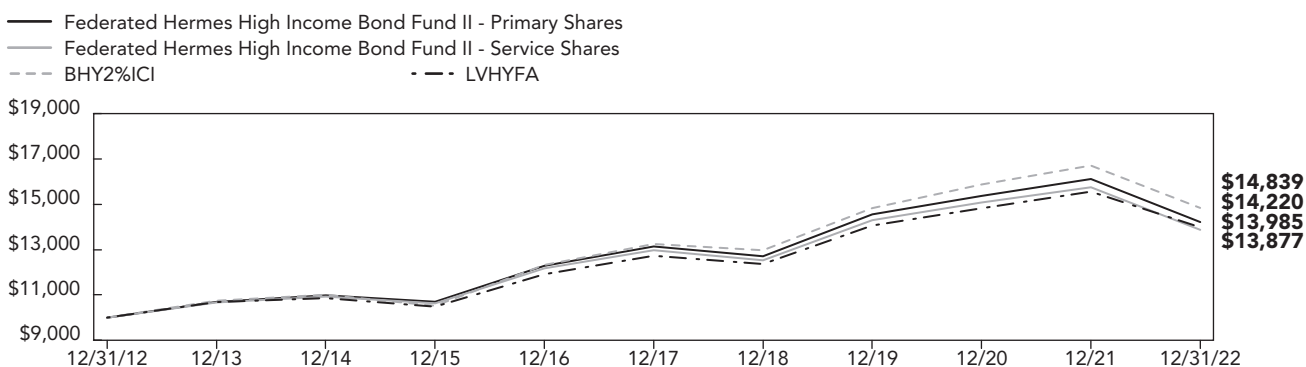
- 1 *Please see the footnotes to the line graph below for definitions of, and further information about, the BHY2%ICI.*
- 2 *Please see the footnotes to the line graph below for definitions of, and further information about, the Lipper Peer Group.*
- 3 *Duration is a measure of a security's price sensitivity to changes in interest rates. Securities with longer durations are more sensitive to changes in interest rates than securities of shorter durations.*
- 4 *The yield curve is a graph showing the comparative yields of securities in a particular class according to maturity. Securities on the long end of the yield curve have longer maturities.*
- 5 *Credit Suisse High Yield Bond Index serves as a benchmark to evaluate the performance of low-quality bonds. Low-quality is defined as those bonds in the range from "BB" to "CCC" and defaults. The index is unmanaged, and it is not possible to invest directly in an index.*
- 6 *High-yield, lower-rated securities generally entail greater market, credit and liquidity risks than investment-grade securities and may include higher volatility and a higher risk of default.*
- 7 *Bond prices are sensitive to changes in interest rates, and a rise in interest rates can cause a decline in their prices.*

FUND PERFORMANCE AND GROWTH OF A \$10,000 INVESTMENT

The graph below illustrates the hypothetical investment of \$10,000¹ in the Federated Hermes High Income Bond Fund II (the “Fund”) from December 31, 2012 to December 31, 2022, compared to the Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield 2% Issuer Capped Index (BHY2%ICI)² and the Lipper Variable Underlying High Yield Funds Average (LVHYFA).³ The Average Annual Total Returns table below shows returns for each class averaged over the stated periods.

GROWTH OF A \$10,000 INVESTMENT

Growth of \$10,000 as of December 31, 2022



Average Annual Total Returns for the Period Ended 12/31/2022

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Primary Shares	-11.78%	1.59%	3.58%
Service Shares	-11.92%	1.35%	3.33%
BHY2%ICI	-11.18%	2.30%	4.03%
LVHYFA	-9.47%	1.91%	3.39%

Performance data quoted represents past performance which is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that an investor’s shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Performance of a variable investment option changes over time and current performance may be lower or higher than what is stated. For current to the most recent month end performance, contact your insurance company. The performance information presented does not include the charges and expenses imposed by the insurance company under the variable insurance product contract. The inclusion of such charges would lower performance. Please refer to the variable insurance product prospectus for a complete listing of these expenses. Fund shares are available exclusively as a funding vehicle for life insurance companies writing variable life insurance policies and variable annuity contracts. Variable investment options are not obligations of or guaranteed by any bank and are not federally insured.

- 1 The Fund’s performance assumes the reinvestment of all dividends and distributions. The BHY2%ICI and the LVHYFA have been adjusted to reflect reinvestment of dividends on securities in the index and average.
- 2 The BHY2%ICI is an issuer-constrained version of the Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield Index that measures the market of USD-denominated, noninvestment-grade, fixed-rate, taxable corporate bonds. The index follows the same rules as the uncapped index but limits the exposure of each issuer to 2% of the total market value and redistributes any excess market value index-wide on a pro-rata basis. The BHY2%ICI is not adjusted to reflect sales charges, expenses or other fees that the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) requires to be reflected in the Fund’s performance. The index is unmanaged and unlike the Fund, is not affected by cash flows. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.
- 3 Lipper figures represent the average of the total returns reported by all funds designated by Lipper, Inc., as falling into the respective category and is not adjusted to reflect any sales charges. The Lipper figures in the Growth of a \$10,000 Investment line graph are based on historical return information published by Lipper and reflect the return of the funds comprising the category in the year of publication. Because the funds designated by Lipper as falling into the category can change over time, the Lipper figures in the line graph may not match the Lipper figures in the Average Annual Total Returns table, which reflect the return of the funds that currently comprise the category.

Portfolio of Investments Summary Table (unaudited)

At December 31, 2022, the Fund's index composition¹ was as follows:

Index Classification	Percentage of Total Net Assets
Technology	8.6%
Cable Satellite	8.3%
Media Entertainment	7.0%
Midstream	6.9%
Insurance - P&C	6.3%
Health Care	6.2%
Automotive	5.5%
Packaging	5.2%
Independent Energy	4.8%
Gaming	4.2%
Building Materials	3.6%
Other ²	29.4%
Cash Equivalents ³	2.3%
Other Assets and Liabilities - Net ⁴	1.7%
TOTAL	100%

1 Index classifications are based upon, and individual portfolio securities are assigned to, the classifications and sub-classifications of the Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield 2% Issuer Capped Index (BHY2%ICI). Individual portfolio securities that are not included in the BHY2%ICI are assigned to an index classification by the Fund's Adviser.

2 For purposes of this table, index classifications which constitute less than 3.5% of the Fund's total net assets have been aggregated under the designation "Other."

3 Cash Equivalents include any investments in money market mutual funds and/or overnight repurchase agreements.

4 Assets, other than investments in securities, less liabilities. See Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Portfolio of Investments

December 31, 2022

Principal Amount or Shares		Value
	CORPORATE BONDS—95.3%	
	Aerospace/Defense—1.6%	
\$ 475,000	TransDigm, Inc., Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 6.250%, 3/15/2026	\$ 469,485
450,000	TransDigm, Inc., Sr. Sub., 6.875%, 5/15/2026	440,129
775,000	TransDigm, Inc., Sr. Sub., Series WI, 5.500%, 11/15/2027	729,337
100,000	TransDigm, Inc., Sr. Sub., Series WI, 7.500%, 3/15/2027	99,099
175,000	TransDigm, Inc., Sr. Sub. Note, Series WI, 4.625%, 1/15/2029	154,179
	TOTAL	1,892,229
	Airlines—0.3%	
225,000	American Airlines, Inc./AAdvantage Loyalty IP Ltd., 144A, 5.500%, 4/20/2026	216,765
150,000	American Airlines, Inc./AAdvantage Loyalty IP Ltd., 144A, 5.750%, 4/20/2029	137,364
	TOTAL	354,129
	Automotive—5.5%	
550,000	Adient Global Holdings Ltd., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.875%, 8/15/2026	512,842
22,000	Clarios Global LP, Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 6.750%, 5/15/2025	22,083
50,000	Dana Financing Lux Sarl, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.750%, 4/15/2025	49,009
25,000	Dana, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.250%, 9/1/2030	20,177
150,000	Dana, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.500%, 2/15/2032	120,163
125,000	Dana, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.375%, 11/15/2027	116,167
600,000	Dornoch Debt Merger Sub, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.625%, 10/15/2029	421,684
550,000	Ford Motor Credit Co. LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.375%, 11/13/2025	498,181
200,000	Ford Motor Credit Co. LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.000%, 11/13/2030	164,561
300,000	Ford Motor Credit Co. LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.063%, 11/1/2024	288,682
275,000	Ford Motor Credit Co. LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.125%, 8/17/2027	246,756
200,000	Ford Motor Credit Co. LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.271%, 1/9/2027	181,240
450,000	Ford Motor Credit Co. LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.113%, 5/3/2029	408,510
325,000	Ford Motor Credit Co. LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.125%, 6/16/2025	313,151
500,000	Ford Motor Credit Co. LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series GMTN, 4.389%, 1/8/2026	466,877
200,000	IHO Verwaltungs GmbH, Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 6.000%, 5/15/2027	175,905
350,000	IHO Verwaltungs GmbH, Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 6.375%, 5/15/2029	296,389
22,000	KAR Auction Services, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.125%, 6/1/2025	21,527
1,325,000	Panther BF Aggregator 2 LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 8.500%, 5/15/2027	1,296,587
725,000	Real Hero Merger Sub 2, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.250%, 2/1/2029	497,930
300,000	Schaeffler Verwaltung ZW, 144A, 4.750%, 9/15/2026	260,083
	TOTAL	6,378,504
	Building Materials—3.6%	
25,000	Abc Supply Co., Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.875%, 11/15/2029	20,468
150,000	American Builders & Contractors Supply Co., Inc., 144A, 4.000%, 1/15/2028	134,088
225,000	Camelot Return Merger SU, Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 8.750%, 8/1/2028	206,758
175,000	Cornerstone Building Brands, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.125%, 1/15/2029	123,527
625,000	Cp Atlas Buyer, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 7.000%, 12/1/2028	465,003
525,000	Foundation Building Materials, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.000%, 3/1/2029	395,442
350,000	Gyp Holdings III Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.625%, 5/1/2029	286,219
175,000	Interface, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.500%, 12/1/2028	144,731
75,000	MIWD Holdco II LLC/MIWD Finance Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.500%, 2/1/2030	59,809
500,000	SRS Distribution, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.000%, 12/1/2029	398,577
400,000	SRS Distribution, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.125%, 7/1/2029	323,928
375,000	Standard Industries, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.375%, 1/15/2031	282,971
125,000	Standard Industries, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.375%, 7/15/2030	102,126

Principal Amount or Shares		Value
	CORPORATE BONDS—continued	
	Building Materials—continued	
\$ 750,000	Standard Industries, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.000%, 2/15/2027	\$ 693,164
400,000	White Cap Buyer LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.875%, 10/15/2028	346,657
200,000	White Cap Parent LLC, Sr. Sub. Secd. Note, 144A, 8.250%, 3/15/2026	173,148
	TOTAL	4,156,616
	Cable Satellite—8.3%	
275,000	CCO Holdings LLC/Cap Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.250%, 2/1/2031	221,210
250,000	CCO Holdings LLC/Cap Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.250%, 1/15/2034	185,000
225,000	CCO Holdings LLC/Cap Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.500%, 6/1/2033	173,080
900,000	CCO Holdings LLC/Cap Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.750%, 3/1/2030	778,230
750,000	CCO Holdings LLC/Cap Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.000%, 2/1/2028	682,646
75,000	CCO Holdings LLC/Cap Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.125%, 5/1/2027	70,070
275,000	CCO Holdings LLC/Cap Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.375%, 6/1/2029	249,294
250,000	CSC Holdings LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.250%, 6/1/2024	233,125
225,000	CSC Holdings LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.375%, 2/15/2031	147,098
325,000	CSC Holdings LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.125%, 12/1/2030	230,111
300,000	CSC Holdings LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.500%, 11/15/2031	208,707
450,000	CSC Holdings LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.625%, 12/1/2030	249,678
475,000	CSC Holdings LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.750%, 1/15/2030	268,943
450,000	CSC Holdings LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.500%, 2/1/2029	368,827
350,000	CSC Holdings LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 7.500%, 4/1/2028	238,770
275,000	DIRECTV Holdings LLC, Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 5.875%, 8/15/2027	246,554
225,000	DISH DBS Corp., Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 5.750%, 12/1/2028	180,000
50,000	DISH DBS Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 7.375%, 7/1/2028	35,456
275,000	DISH DBS Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 7.750%, 7/1/2026	222,324
575,000	DISH DBS Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series WI, 5.125%, 6/1/2029	372,017
175,000	DISH Network Corp., Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 11.750%, 11/15/2027	180,451
325,000	^{1,2,3} Intelsat Jackson Holdings S.A., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.500%, 8/1/2023	0
225,000	^{1,2,3} Intelsat Jackson Holdings S.A., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 8.500%, 10/15/2024	0
75,000	Sirius XM Radio, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.125%, 9/1/2026	66,689
300,000	Sirius XM Radio, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.875%, 9/1/2031	234,628
150,000	Sirius XM Radio, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.000%, 7/15/2028	130,833
300,000	Sirius XM Radio, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.125%, 7/1/2030	248,240
50,000	Sirius XM Radio, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.000%, 8/1/2027	46,328
450,000	Sirius XM Radio, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.500%, 7/1/2029	411,766
850,000	Telenet Finance Luxembourg, Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 5.500%, 3/1/2028	773,500
625,000	UPC Broadband Finco BV, Sr. Note, 144A, 4.875%, 7/15/2031	521,131
325,000	Virgin Media Finance PLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.000%, 7/15/2030	261,201
200,000	Virgin Media Secured Finance PLC, Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 4.500%, 8/15/2030	167,440
200,000	Virgin Media Secured Finance PLC, Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 5.500%, 5/15/2029	179,613
200,000	Vmed O2 UK Financing I PLC, Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 4.250%, 1/31/2031	162,354
250,000	Vmed O2 UK Financing I PLC, Sr. Note, 144A, 4.750%, 7/15/2031	203,576
375,000	VZ Secured Financing B.V., Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 5.000%, 1/15/2032	305,412
200,000	Ziggo Bond Co. BV, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.125%, 2/28/2030	161,827
275,000	Ziggo Finance BV, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.000%, 1/15/2027	256,300
	TOTAL	9,672,429
	Chemicals—2.8%	
150,000	Ashland LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.375%, 9/1/2031	120,086
150,000	Axalta Coat/Dutch Holding BV, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.750%, 6/15/2027	138,893
200,000	Cheever Escrow Issuer, Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 7.125%, 10/1/2027	191,759
425,000	Compass Minerals International, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.875%, 7/15/2024	411,209

Principal Amount or Shares		Value
	CORPORATE BONDS—continued	
	Chemicals—continued	
\$ 300,000	Element Solutions, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.875%, 9/1/2028	\$ 255,480
175,000	H.B. Fuller Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.250%, 10/15/2028	155,473
500,000	Herens Holdco S.a.r.l., Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 4.750%, 5/15/2028	374,352
125,000	Illuminate Buyer LLC/Illuminate Holdings IV, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 9.000%, 7/1/2028	104,856
675,000	Koppers, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.000%, 2/15/2025	642,316
200,000	Olympus Water US Holding Corp., Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 4.250%, 10/1/2028	162,631
350,000	Olympus Water US Holding Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.250%, 10/1/2029	266,177
350,000	Polar US Borrower LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.750%, 5/15/2026	130,296
200,000	SPCM SA, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.375%, 3/15/2030	161,260
200,000	WR Grace Holdings LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.625%, 8/15/2029	161,954
	TOTAL	3,276,742
	Construction Machinery—0.7%	
475,000	H&E Equipment Services, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.875%, 12/15/2028	405,434
175,000	United Rentals North America, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.750%, 1/15/2032	142,998
75,000	United Rentals North America, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.000%, 7/15/2030	64,243
25,000	United Rentals, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.875%, 2/15/2031	21,014
138,000	United Rentals, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.500%, 5/15/2027	136,458
	TOTAL	770,147
	Consumer Cyclical Services—2.6%	
225,000	Allied Universal Holdco LLC, Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 6.625%, 7/15/2026	206,338
425,000	Allied Universal Holdco LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.000%, 6/1/2029	309,000
850,000	Allied Universal Holdco LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 9.750%, 7/15/2027	741,327
125,000	Garda World Security Corp., Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 4.625%, 2/15/2027	110,587
325,000	Garda World Security Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.000%, 6/1/2029	264,501
325,000	Go Daddy Operating Co. LLC/GD Finance Co., Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.250%, 12/1/2027	308,159
979,000	GW B-CR Security Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 9.500%, 11/1/2027	944,345
375,000	Signal Parent, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.125%, 4/1/2029	114,844
	TOTAL	2,999,101
	Consumer Products—2.0%	
800,000	BCPE Empire Holdings, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 7.625%, 5/1/2027	718,424
600,000	Diamond BC BV, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.625%, 10/1/2029	482,280
200,000	Edgewell Personal Care Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.125%, 4/1/2029	170,785
150,000	Edgewell Personal Care Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.500%, 6/1/2028	140,550
375,000	Energizer Holdings, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.375%, 3/31/2029	318,622
275,000	Energizer Holdings, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.750%, 6/15/2028	238,756
175,000	Energizer Holdings, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.500%, 12/31/2027	166,764
125,000	Prestige Brands, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.750%, 4/1/2031	103,243
	TOTAL	2,339,424
	Diversified Manufacturing—1.0%	
850,000	Gates Global LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.250%, 1/15/2026	821,567
125,000	WESCO Distribution, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 7.125%, 6/15/2025	126,839
200,000	WESCO Distribution, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 7.250%, 6/15/2028	203,044
	TOTAL	1,151,450
	Finance Companies—1.9%	
450,000	Navient Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.500%, 3/15/2029	367,862
125,000	Navient Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.750%, 6/25/2025	120,207
175,000	Navient Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.750%, 6/15/2026	166,169
200,000	Quicken Loans LLC/Quicken Loans Co-Issuer, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.625%, 3/1/2029	158,820
225,000	Quicken Loans LLC/Quicken Loans Co-Issuer, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.875%, 3/1/2031	172,271
225,000	Rocket Mortgage Co-Issuer, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 2.875%, 10/15/2026	193,244

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	CORPORATE BONDS—continued	
	Finance Companies—continued	
\$ 250,000	Rocket Mortgage Co-Issuer, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.000%, 10/15/2033	\$ 187,076
425,000	United Shore Financial Services, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.500%, 11/15/2025	383,384
350,000	United Wholesale Mortgage LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.500%, 4/15/2029	278,933
225,000	United Wholesale Mortgage LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.750%, 6/15/2027	194,020
	TOTAL	2,221,986
	Food & Beverage—1.9%	
400,000	Aramark Services, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.000%, 4/1/2025	390,935
350,000	Bellring Brands, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 7.000%, 3/15/2030	337,234
200,000	Performance Food Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.250%, 8/1/2029	173,560
25,000	Performance Food Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.500%, 10/15/2027	23,632
200,000	Post Holdings, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.500%, 12/15/2029	181,400
200,000	Post Holdings, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.625%, 1/15/2028	188,561
330,000	Post Holdings, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.750%, 3/1/2027	319,618
200,000	US Foods, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.625%, 6/1/2030	176,378
475,000	US Foods, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.750%, 2/15/2029	422,322
	TOTAL	2,213,640
	Gaming—4.2%	
425,000	Affinity Gaming LLC, 144A, 6.875%, 12/15/2027	360,863
275,000	Boyd Gaming Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.750%, 12/1/2027	256,531
100,000	Boyd Gaming Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.750%, 6/15/2031	87,118
75,000	Caesars Entertainment Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.625%, 10/15/2029	61,170
100,000	CCM Merger, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.375%, 5/1/2026	94,361
150,000	Colt Merger Sub, Inc., Sr. Secd. Note, 144A, 5.750%, 7/1/2025	147,055
375,000	Colt Merger Sub, Inc., Sr. Secd. Note, 144A, 6.250%, 7/1/2025	365,139
475,000	Colt Merger Sub, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 8.125%, 7/1/2027	467,690
425,000	MGM Resorts International, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.000%, 3/15/2023	424,354
225,000	Midwest Gaming Borrower LLC, 144A, 4.875%, 5/1/2029	191,737
750,000	Mohegan Tribal Gaming Authority, 144A, 8.000%, 2/1/2026	702,765
125,000	Penn National Gaming, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.125%, 7/1/2029	98,913
50,000	Penn National Gaming, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.625%, 1/15/2027	45,416
50,000	Raptor Acquisition Corp./Raptor Co-Issuer LLC, Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 4.875%, 11/1/2026	44,491
300,000	Scientific Games Holdings Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.625%, 3/1/2030	253,800
300,000	Scientific Games International, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 8.625%, 7/1/2025	306,577
225,000	Scientific Games International, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 7.250%, 11/15/2029	216,405
475,000	Station Casinos, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.500%, 2/15/2028	413,692
250,000	Station Casinos, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.625%, 12/1/2031	200,862
25,000	VICI Properties LP/ VICI Note Co., Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.500%, 2/15/2025	23,611
50,000	VICI Properties LP/ VICI Note Co., Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.875%, 2/15/2029	43,894
50,000	VICI Properties LP/VICI Note Co., Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.625%, 5/1/2024	49,607
	TOTAL	4,856,051
	Health Care—6.2%	
300,000	AdaptHealth LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.625%, 8/1/2029	251,565
250,000	AdaptHealth LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.125%, 3/1/2030	213,147
175,000	Ardent Health Services, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.750%, 7/15/2029	137,454
550,000	Avantor Funding, Inc., Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 4.625%, 7/15/2028	500,896
225,000	Avantor Funding, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.875%, 11/1/2029	189,231
50,000	Charles River Laboratories International, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.750%, 3/15/2029	44,292
100,000	Charles River Laboratories International, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.000%, 3/15/2031	86,644
175,000	CHS/Community Health Systems, Inc., 144A, 6.125%, 4/1/2030	86,984
550,000	CHS/Community Health Systems, Inc., 2nd Lien, 144A, 6.875%, 4/15/2029	283,708

Principal Amount or Shares		Value
	CORPORATE BONDS—continued	
	Health Care—continued	
\$ 150,000	CHS/Community Health Systems, Inc., Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 5.625%, 3/15/2027	\$ 128,892
50,000	CHS/Community Health Systems, Inc., Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 6.000%, 1/15/2029	41,889
250,000	CHS/Community Health Systems, Inc., Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 8.000%, 3/15/2026	228,125
125,000	CHS/Community Health Systems, Inc., Sr. Note, 144A, 5.250%, 5/15/2030	94,478
100,000	Embecta Corp., Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 5.000%, 2/15/2030	84,772
200,000	Embecta Corp., Sr. Note, 144A, 6.750%, 2/15/2030	181,907
50,000	Garden Spinco Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 8.625%, 7/20/2030	53,072
475,000	Global Medical Response, Inc., Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 6.500%, 10/1/2025	340,713
125,000	HCA, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.375%, 2/1/2025	124,950
350,000	HCA, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.875%, 2/15/2026	352,561
300,000	IMS Health, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.000%, 10/15/2026	287,115
175,000	LifePoint Health, Inc., 144A, 6.750%, 4/15/2025	164,967
100,000	LifePoint Health, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.375%, 1/15/2029	56,644
300,000	LifePoint Health, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 9.750%, 12/1/2026	242,058
225,000	MEDNAX, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.375%, 2/15/2030	195,843
300,000	Mozart Debt Merger Sub, Inc., Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 3.875%, 4/1/2029	242,323
1,050,000	Mozart Debt Merger Sub, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.250%, 10/1/2029	835,858
150,000	MPH Acquisition Holdings LLC, Sr. Note, 144A, 5.500%, 9/1/2028	117,321
350,000	MPH Acquisition Holdings LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.750%, 11/1/2028	233,524
175,000	Team Health Holdings, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.375%, 2/1/2025	101,118
50,000	Teleflex, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.625%, 11/15/2027	47,741
50,000	Teleflex, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.250%, 6/1/2028	45,732
125,000	Tenet Healthcare Corp., 144A, 4.250%, 6/1/2029	108,518
25,000	Tenet Healthcare Corp., 144A, 4.625%, 6/15/2028	22,409
175,000	Tenet Healthcare Corp., 144A, 4.875%, 1/1/2026	165,843
300,000	Tenet Healthcare Corp., 144A, 5.125%, 11/1/2027	279,681
50,000	Tenet Healthcare Corp., 144A, 6.125%, 6/15/2030	47,728
100,000	Tenet Healthcare Corp., 144A, 6.250%, 2/1/2027	96,254
500,000	Tenet Healthcare Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.125%, 10/1/2028	448,715
	TOTAL	7,164,672
	Health Insurance—0.7%	
250,000	Centene Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series WI, 4.250%, 12/15/2027	235,017
575,000	Centene Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series WI, 4.625%, 12/15/2029	526,752
	TOTAL	761,769
	Independent Energy—4.6%	
75,000	Antero Resources Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.375%, 3/1/2030	69,635
13,000	Antero Resources Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 7.625%, 2/1/2029	13,089
125,000	Ascent Resources Utica Holdings LLC/ARU Finance Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.875%, 6/30/2029	111,616
175,000	Ascent Resources Utica Holdings LLC/ARU Finance Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 8.250%, 12/31/2028	171,763
98,000	Ascent Resources Utica Holdings LLC/ARU Finance Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 9.000%, 11/1/2027	121,113
175,000	Berry Petroleum Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 7.000%, 2/15/2026	161,003
25,000	Callon Petroleum Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 7.500%, 6/15/2030	22,908
275,000	Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 8.250%, 7/15/2025	275,347
300,000	Permian Resources Operating LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.875%, 4/1/2027	283,469
50,000	Chord Energy Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.375%, 6/1/2026	48,766
50,000	Comstock Resources, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.875%, 1/15/2030	43,050
475,000	Comstock Resources, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.750%, 3/1/2029	429,547
50,000	Crownrock LP/ Crownrock F, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.000%, 5/1/2029	45,192
525,000	Crownrock LP/ Crownrock F, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.625%, 10/15/2025	507,693
25,000	Endeavor Energy Resources LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.750%, 1/30/2028	23,979

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	CORPORATE BONDS—continued	
	Independent Energy—continued	
\$ 250,000	Occidental Petroleum Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.875%, 9/1/2025	\$ 249,502
125,000	Occidental Petroleum Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.125%, 1/1/2031	126,389
250,000	Occidental Petroleum Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.450%, 9/15/2036	255,564
275,000	Occidental Petroleum Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.625%, 9/1/2030	284,800
75,000	Occidental Petroleum Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 8.875%, 7/15/2030	84,801
75,000	PDC Energy, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.125%, 9/15/2024	74,702
225,000	PDC Energy, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series WI, 5.750%, 5/15/2026	215,145
125,000	Permian Resources Operating LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.375%, 1/15/2026	113,983
75,000	Range Resources Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.875%, 5/15/2025	71,365
75,000	Range Resources Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.750%, 2/15/2030	66,191
200,000	Range Resources Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 8.250%, 1/15/2029	206,358
225,000	Rockcliff Energy II LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.500%, 10/15/2029	206,151
150,000	SM Energy Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.625%, 6/1/2025	144,231
125,000	SM Energy Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.500%, 7/15/2028	120,004
50,000	SM Energy Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.625%, 1/15/2027	48,240
100,000	SM Energy Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.750%, 9/15/2026	97,243
125,000	Southwestern Energy Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.750%, 2/1/2032	107,064
50,000	Southwestern Energy Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.375%, 3/15/2030	45,697
200,000	Southwestern Energy Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 8.375%, 9/15/2028	206,541
250,000	Tap Rock Resources LLC., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 7.000%, 10/1/2026	232,838
	TOTAL	5,284,979
	Industrial - Other—1.3%	
25,000	Madison Iaq LLC, Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 4.125%, 6/30/2028	20,937
850,000	Madison Iaq LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.875%, 6/30/2029	584,187
425,000	Redwood Star Merger Sub, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 8.750%, 4/1/2030	335,733
202,000	Vertical Holdco GmbH, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 7.625%, 7/15/2028	165,264
425,000	Vertical U.S. Newco, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.250%, 7/15/2027	378,080
	TOTAL	1,484,201
	Insurance - P&C—6.3%	
475,000	AmWINS Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.875%, 6/30/2029	403,487
494,567	Ardonagh Midco 2 PLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 11.500% / 12.750% PIK, 1/15/2027	472,311
275,000	AssuredPartners, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.625%, 1/15/2029	226,693
600,000	AssuredPartners, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 7.000%, 8/15/2025	581,198
1,025,000	Broadstreet Partners, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.875%, 4/15/2029	873,691
225,000	GTCR AP Finance, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 8.000%, 5/15/2027	215,879
425,000	Hub International Ltd., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.625%, 12/1/2029	371,740
1,750,000	Hub International Ltd., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 7.000%, 5/1/2026	1,716,785
300,000	Jones Deslauriers Insurance Management, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 10.500%, 12/15/2030	295,846
125,000	NFP Corp., Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 7.500%, 10/1/2030	118,322
1,300,000	NFP Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.875%, 8/15/2028	1,074,423
75,000	Ryan Specialty Group, Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 4.375%, 2/1/2030	65,036
900,000	USIS Merger Subsidiary, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.875%, 5/1/2025	868,432
	TOTAL	7,283,843
	Leisure—0.4%	
450,000	SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.250%, 8/15/2029	392,399
150,000	Six Flags Entertainment Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.500%, 4/15/2027	135,330
	TOTAL	527,729
	Lodging—0.5%	
100,000	Hilton Domestic Operating Company, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.625%, 2/15/2032	80,258
75,000	Hilton Domestic Operating Company, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.375%, 5/1/2025	74,423

Principal Amount or Shares		Value
	CORPORATE BONDS—continued	
	Lodging—continued	
\$ 100,000	Hilton Domestic Operating Company, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.750%, 5/1/2028	\$ 97,176
175,000	Hilton Domestic Operating Company, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series WI, 4.875%, 1/15/2030	158,881
200,000	Wyndham Hotels & Resorts, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.375%, 8/15/2028	179,760
	TOTAL	590,498
	Media Entertainment—6.9%	
350,000	Audacy Capital Corp., 144A, 6.500%, 5/1/2027	66,403
350,000	Audacy Capital Corp., 144A, 6.750%, 3/31/2029	61,076
300,000	Cumulus Media News Holdings, Inc., 144A, 6.750%, 7/1/2026	252,474
125,000	Diamond Sports Group LLC/Diamond Sports Finance Co., 144A, 5.375%, 8/15/2026	14,844
350,000	Diamond Sports Group LLC/Diamond Sports Finance Co., Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 6.625%, 8/15/2027	3,937
300,000	Gray Escrow II, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.375%, 11/15/2031	216,730
75,000	Gray Escrow, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 7.000%, 5/15/2027	66,630
275,000	Gray Television, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.750%, 10/15/2030	199,375
250,000	Gray Television, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.875%, 7/15/2026	223,125
100,000	iHeartCommunications, Inc., 144A, 4.750%, 1/15/2028	81,592
175,000	iHeartCommunications, Inc., 144A, 5.250%, 8/15/2027	148,516
931,114	iHeartCommunications, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 8.375%, 5/1/2027	793,763
100,000	Lamar Media Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.875%, 1/15/2029	92,190
100,000	Lamar Media Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series WI, 3.625%, 1/15/2031	82,803
450,000	Match Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.125%, 8/1/2030	368,164
275,000	Match Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.000%, 12/15/2027	253,473
900,000	Midas Opco Holdings LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.625%, 8/15/2029	743,809
50,000	News Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.125%, 2/15/2032	45,572
400,000	Nexstar Broadcasting, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.750%, 11/1/2028	346,604
425,000	Nexstar Escrow Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.625%, 7/15/2027	390,740
50,000	Outfront Media Capital LLC/Outfront Media Capital Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.250%, 1/15/2029	41,550
325,000	Outfront Media Capital LLC/Outfront Media Capital Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.625%, 3/15/2030	269,402
300,000	ROBLOX Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.875%, 5/1/2030	236,850
50,000	Scripps Escrow II, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.875%, 1/15/2029	40,198
175,000	Scripps Escrow II, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.375%, 1/15/2031	140,492
250,000	Scripps Escrow II, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.875%, 7/15/2027	223,520
375,000	Sinclair Television Group, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.125%, 2/15/2027	306,447
275,000	Sinclair Television Group, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.500%, 3/1/2030	192,738
275,000	Tegna, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.625%, 3/15/2028	261,550
325,000	Tegna, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.000%, 9/15/2029	309,093
925,000	Terrier Media Buyer, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 8.875%, 12/15/2027	697,709
250,000	Univision Communications, Inc., Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 4.500%, 5/1/2029	209,534
125,000	Univision Communications, Inc., Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 7.375%, 6/30/2030	119,614
375,000	Urban One, Inc., Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 7.375%, 2/1/2028	317,460
150,000	WMG Acquisition Corp., Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 3.750%, 12/1/2029	129,195
	TOTAL	7,947,172
	Metals & Mining—0.4%	
225,000	Cleveland-Cliffs, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.625%, 3/1/2029	200,013
100,000	Cleveland-Cliffs, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.875%, 3/1/2031	88,443
300,000	Coeur Mining, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.125%, 2/15/2029	234,518
	TOTAL	522,974
	Midstream—6.9%	
175,000	AmeriGas Partners LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.750%, 5/20/2027	162,910
400,000	AmeriGas Partners LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.875%, 8/20/2026	380,504
475,000	Antero Midstream Partners LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.375%, 6/15/2029	434,905

Principal Amount or Shares		Value
	CORPORATE BONDS—continued	
	Midstream—continued	
\$ 275,000	Antero Midstream Partners LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.750%, 3/1/2027	\$ 260,446
400,000	Antero Midstream Partners LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.750%, 1/15/2028	371,732
250,000	Antero Midstream Partners LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 7.875%, 5/15/2026	253,425
125,000	Cheniere Energy Partners LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.000%, 3/1/2031	106,589
175,000	Cheniere Energy Partners LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series WI, 3.250%, 1/31/2032	139,310
125,000	Cheniere Energy Partners LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series WI, 4.500%, 10/1/2029	112,685
175,000	Cheniere Energy, Inc., Sec. Fac. Bond, Series WI, 4.625%, 10/15/2028	158,514
250,000	CNX Midstream Partners LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.750%, 4/15/2030	205,491
275,000	DT Midstream, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.375%, 6/15/2031	231,069
75,000	EQM Midstream Partners LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.500%, 1/15/2029	63,105
325,000	EQM Midstream Partners LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.750%, 1/15/2031	266,323
375,000	EQM Midstream Partners LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.500%, 7/1/2027	359,062
275,000	EQT Midstream Partners LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.500%, 7/15/2028	246,387
200,000	EQT Midstream Partners LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.500%, 7/15/2048	150,275
65,000	EQT Midstream Partners LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.000%, 7/1/2025	62,837
75,000	EQT Midstream Partners LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 7.500%, 6/1/2027	73,544
100,000	Hess Midstream Operations LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.500%, 10/15/2030	91,621
100,000	Hess Midstream Operations LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.250%, 2/15/2030	85,627
275,000	Hess Midstream Partners LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.125%, 6/15/2028	254,778
275,000	Holly Energy Partners LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.000%, 2/1/2028	250,862
325,000	NuStar Logistics LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.625%, 4/28/2027	304,453
250,000	Oasis Midstream Partners, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 8.000%, 4/1/2029	249,138
150,000	Solaris Midstream Holdings LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 7.625%, 4/1/2026	149,377
450,000	Suburban Propane Partners LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.875%, 3/1/2027	430,518
175,000	Suburban Propane Partners LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.000%, 6/1/2031	148,970
250,000	Summit Midstream Holdings LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.750%, 4/15/2025	212,682
75,000	Targa Resources Partners LP/Targa Resources Partners Finance Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.000%, 1/15/2028	71,669
75,000	Targa Resources Partners LP/Targa Resources Partners Finance Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.500%, 7/15/2027	75,598
575,000	Targa Resources Partners LP/Targa Resources Partners Finance Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.500%, 3/1/2030	541,883
250,000	TransMontaigne Partners LP/TLP Finance Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.125%, 2/15/2026	216,802
200,000	Western Gas Partners LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.500%, 3/1/2028	184,588
25,000	Western Gas Partners LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.650%, 7/1/2026	23,769
150,000	Western Gas Partners LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.750%, 8/15/2028	137,259
475,000	Western Gas Partners LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.300%, 3/1/2048	391,401
125,000	Western Gas Partners LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.450%, 4/1/2044	104,062
75,000	Western Gas Partners LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.500%, 8/15/2048	62,474
	TOTAL	8,026,644
	Oil Field Services—2.1%	
200,000	Archrock Partners LP/Archrock Partners Finance Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.250%, 4/1/2028	183,327
700,000	Archrock Partners LP/Archrock Partners Finance Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.875%, 4/1/2027	669,371
225,000	Nabors Industries Ltd., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 7.250%, 1/15/2026	212,395
175,000	Nabors Industries Ltd., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 7.500%, 1/15/2028	160,383
50,000	Nabors Industries, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 7.375%, 5/15/2027	48,493
100,000	Precision Drilling Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.875%, 1/15/2029	93,231
225,000	Precision Drilling Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 7.125%, 1/15/2026	218,043
425,000	USA Compression Partners LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.875%, 9/1/2027	398,057
500,000	USA Compression Partners LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series WI, 6.875%, 4/1/2026	480,448
	TOTAL	2,463,748
	Packaging—5.2%	
622,108	ARD Finance SA, Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 6.500%, 6/30/2027	433,679

Principal Amount or Shares		Value
	CORPORATE BONDS—continued	
	Packaging—continued	
\$ 300,000	Ardagh Metal Packaging, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.000%, 9/1/2029	\$ 238,321
725,000	Ardagh Packaging Finance PLC/Ardagh Holdings, Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 5.250%, 8/15/2027	543,259
375,000	Ardagh Packaging Finance PLC/Ardagh Holdings, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.250%, 8/15/2027	280,996
275,000	Ball Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.875%, 8/15/2030	220,056
75,000	Ball Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.125%, 9/15/2031	60,332
100,000	Ball Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.875%, 3/15/2028	102,847
225,000	Berry Global Escrow Corp., 144A, 5.625%, 7/15/2027	219,883
175,000	Bway Holding Co., Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 5.500%, 4/15/2024	170,521
375,000	Bway Holding Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 7.250%, 4/15/2025	347,541
1,200,000	Clydesdale Acquisition Holdings, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 8.750%, 4/15/2030	1,029,416
175,000	Crown Americas LLC/Crown Americas Capital Corp. VI, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.750%, 2/1/2026	170,182
75,000	OI European Group BV, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.750%, 2/15/2030	65,786
425,000	Owens-Brockway Glass Container, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.375%, 1/15/2025	408,404
45,000	Owens-Brockway Glass Container, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.875%, 8/15/2023	44,862
200,000	Owens-Brockway Glass Container, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.375%, 8/15/2025	196,288
75,000	Owens-Brockway Glass Container, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.625%, 5/13/2027	72,882
100,000	Sealed Air Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.000%, 4/15/2029	94,145
500,000	Trident Merger Subsidiary, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.625%, 11/1/2025	436,773
175,000	Trident Merger Subsidiary, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 9.250%, 8/1/2024	167,538
375,000	Trivium Packaging Finance BV, Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 5.500%, 8/15/2026	344,657
425,000	Trivium Packaging Finance BV, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 8.500%, 8/15/2027	390,620
	TOTAL	6,038,988
	Paper—0.5%	
350,000	Clearwater Paper Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.375%, 2/1/2025	341,876
150,000	Graphic Packaging International LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.500%, 3/1/2029	128,397
25,000	Graphic Packaging International LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.750%, 2/1/2030	21,281
125,000	Graphic Packaging International LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.750%, 7/15/2027	117,850
	TOTAL	609,404
	Pharmaceuticals—2.1%	
75,000	Bausch Health Cos., Inc., Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 6.125%, 2/1/2027	51,816
175,000	Bausch Health Cos., Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.000%, 1/30/2028	84,276
150,000	Bausch Health Cos., Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.000%, 2/15/2029	72,088
275,000	Bausch Health Cos., Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.250%, 1/30/2030	132,356
425,000	Bausch Health Cos., Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.250%, 2/15/2031	206,514
75,000	Bausch Health Cos., Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.250%, 2/15/2029	36,230
300,000	Bausch Health Cos., Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 7.250%, 5/30/2029	145,328
400,000	Bausch Health Cos., Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 8.500%, 1/31/2027	209,892
175,000	Catalent Pharma Solutions, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.500%, 4/1/2030	138,401
250,000	Grifols Escrow Issuer SA, 144A, 4.750%, 10/15/2028	216,162
350,000	Jazz Securities Designated Activity Co., 144A, 4.375%, 1/15/2029	312,576
373,000	Mallinckrodt International Finance SA/Mallinckrodt CB LLC, 144A, 10.000%, 6/15/2029	202,349
450,000	Organon Finance 1 LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.125%, 4/30/2031	390,436
250,000	Syneos Health, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.625%, 1/15/2029	199,422
	TOTAL	2,397,846
	Restaurant—1.6%	
225,000	1011778 BC Unltd. Liability Co./New Red Finance, Inc., 1st Lien, 144A, 3.500%, 2/15/2029	193,289
1,100,000	1011778 BC Unltd. Liability Co./New Red Finance, Inc., 2nd Lien, 144A, 4.000%, 10/15/2030	893,085
250,000	1011778 BC Unltd. Liability Co./New Red Finance, Inc., 144A, 4.375%, 1/15/2028	224,216
75,000	KFC Holding Co./Pizza Hut Holdings LLC/Taco Bell of America LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.750%, 6/1/2027	72,129
375,000	Yum! Brands, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.625%, 1/31/2032	332,194

Principal Amount or Shares		Value
	CORPORATE BONDS—continued	
	Restaurant—continued	
\$ 75,000	Yum! Brands, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.375%, 4/1/2032	\$ 69,570
75,000	Yum! Brands, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.750%, 1/15/2030	68,939
	TOTAL	1,853,422
	Retailers—0.6%	
225,000	Academy Ltd., Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 6.000%, 11/15/2027	215,731
200,000	Asbury Automotive Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.625%, 11/15/2029	168,764
150,000	Asbury Automotive Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.000%, 2/15/2032	123,600
50,000	Gap (The), Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.625%, 10/1/2029	35,337
75,000	Gap (The), Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.875%, 10/1/2031	52,432
75,000	Koontor Brands, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.125%, 11/15/2029	61,395
	TOTAL	657,259
	Supermarkets—0.6%	
625,000	Albertsons Cos. LLC/SAFEW, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.500%, 3/15/2029	525,744
75,000	Albertsons Cos. LLC/SAFEW, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.875%, 2/15/2028	71,430
50,000	Albertsons Cos. LLC/SAFEW, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 7.500%, 3/15/2026	51,138
	TOTAL	648,312
	Technology—8.6%	
275,000	Black Knight InfoServ LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.625%, 9/1/2028	239,250
300,000	Boxer Parent Co., Inc., 144A, 9.125%, 3/1/2026	283,498
375,000	Cars.com, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.375%, 11/1/2028	333,558
250,000	Centerfield Media Parent, Sr. Note, 144A, 6.625%, 8/1/2026	160,325
325,000	Central Parent, Inc./Central Merger Sub, Inc., 144A, 7.250%, 6/15/2029	318,304
50,000	Ciena Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.000%, 1/31/2030	44,069
350,000	Clarivate Science Holdings Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.875%, 7/1/2029	298,078
375,000	Coherent Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.000%, 12/15/2029	323,899
150,000	Consensus Cloud Solutions, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.000%, 10/15/2026	140,926
275,000	Consensus Cloud Solutions, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.500%, 10/15/2028	253,294
150,000	Dun & Bradstreet Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.000%, 12/15/2029	128,559
450,000	Elastic N.V., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.125%, 7/15/2029	364,039
125,000	Entegris Escrow Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.950%, 6/15/2030	115,438
100,000	Gartner, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.750%, 10/1/2030	86,350
25,000	Gartner, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.500%, 7/1/2028	23,353
300,000	HealthEquity, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.500%, 10/1/2029	262,545
350,000	Helios Software Holdings, Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 4.625%, 5/1/2028	267,383
550,000	Logan Merger Sub, Inc., Sr. Secd. Note, 144A, 5.500%, 9/1/2027	296,671
975,000	McAfee Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 7.375%, 2/15/2030	785,671
1,025,000	Minerva Merger Sub, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.500%, 2/15/2030	757,277
300,000	NCR Corp., 144A, 5.125%, 4/15/2029	251,432
250,000	NCR Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.000%, 10/1/2028	213,541
350,000	NCR Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.250%, 10/1/2030	289,322
50,000	NCR Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.750%, 9/1/2027	47,924
25,000	Open Text Corp., 144A, 6.900%, 12/1/2027	25,033
275,000	Open Text Holdings, Inc. / Open Text Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.125%, 12/1/2031	214,154
400,000	Picard Midco, Inc., Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 6.500%, 3/31/2029	337,627
325,000	Rackspace Technology, Inc., 144A, 3.500%, 2/15/2028	189,270
475,000	Rackspace Technology, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.375%, 12/1/2028	207,801
600,000	Rocket Software, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.500%, 2/15/2029	473,776
75,000	Science Applications International Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.875%, 4/1/2028	69,494
406,125	Seagate HDD Cayman, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 9.625%, 12/1/2032	445,984
200,000	Sensata Technologies B.V., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.000%, 4/15/2029	172,770

Principal Amount or Shares		Value
	CORPORATE BONDS—continued	
	Technology—continued	
\$ 200,000	Sensata Technologies B.V., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.875%, 9/1/2030	\$ 189,834
75,000	Sensata Technologies, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.750%, 2/15/2031	61,813
625,000	SS&C Technologies, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.500%, 9/30/2027	586,516
100,000	Synaptics, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.000%, 6/15/2029	84,399
200,000	TTM Technologies, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.000%, 3/1/2029	171,798
375,000	Veritas US, Inc./Veritas Bermuda Ltd., Sr. Secd. Note, 144A, 7.500%, 9/1/2025	259,076
75,000	Viavi Solutions, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.750%, 10/1/2029	63,157
175,000	ZipRecruiter, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.000%, 1/15/2030	144,501
	TOTAL	9,981,709
	Transportation Services—0.3%	
375,000	Watco Cos. LLC/Finance Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.500%, 6/15/2027	356,843
	Utility - Electric—2.7%	
300,000	Calpine Corp., 144A, 4.500%, 2/15/2028	268,255
67,000	Calpine Corp., 144A, 5.250%, 6/1/2026	63,929
325,000	Calpine Corp., Sr. Secd. Note, 144A, 3.750%, 3/1/2031	262,098
25,000	Calpine Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.625%, 2/1/2029	21,492
25,000	Calpine Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.000%, 2/1/2031	21,013
175,000	Calpine Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.125%, 3/15/2028	156,507
650,000	Enviva Partners LP/Enviva Partners Finance Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.500%, 1/15/2026	613,223
50,000	NRG Energy, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.625%, 2/15/2031	38,101
425,000	NRG Energy, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.875%, 2/15/2032	320,014
300,000	NRG Energy, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.250%, 6/15/2029	265,326
50,000	NRG Energy, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series WI, 5.750%, 1/15/2028	47,015
50,000	TerraForm Power Operating LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.750%, 1/15/2030	43,589
475,000	TerraForm Power Operating LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.000%, 1/31/2028	428,312
25,000	TransAlta Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 7.750%, 11/15/2029	25,566
175,000	Vistra Operations Co. LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.500%, 9/1/2026	168,883
400,000	Vistra Operations Co. LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.625%, 2/15/2027	380,345
	TOTAL	3,123,668
	Wireless Communications—0.4%	
150,000	T-Mobile USA, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.625%, 2/15/2029	127,182
125,000	T-Mobile USA, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.875%, 2/15/2031	103,460
250,000	T-Mobile USA, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.750%, 2/1/2028	243,623
	TOTAL	474,265
	TOTAL CORPORATE BONDS (IDENTIFIED COST \$129,465,598)	110,482,393
	COMMON STOCKS—0.5%	
	Cable Satellite—0.0%	
545	^{2,3} Intelsat Jackson Holdings S.A.	3,542
	Independent Energy—0.0%	
182	^{2,3} Ultra Resources, Inc.	0
	Media Entertainment—0.1%	
7,915	³ HeartMedia, Inc.	48,519
	Oil Field Services—0.3%	
6,337	^{2,3} Superior Energy Services, Inc.	380,220
	Pharmaceuticals—0.1%	
13,145	³ Mallinckrodt PLC	101,874
	TOTAL COMMON STOCKS (IDENTIFIED COST \$969,474)	534,155

Principal Amount or Shares		Value
	FLOATING RATE LOAN—0.2%	
	Independent Energy—0.2%	
\$ 202,000	⁴ Ascent Resources Utica Holdings, LLC, 2020 Fixed 2nd Lien Term Loan, 12.941% (3-month USLIBOR + 9.000%), 11/1/2025 (IDENTIFIED COST \$202,000)	\$ 214,120
	REPURCHASE AGREEMENT—2.3%	
2,718,000	Interest in \$1,350,000,000 joint repurchase agreement 4.30%, dated 12/30/2022 under which Bank of Montreal will repurchase securities provided as collateral for \$1,350,645,000 on 1/3/2023. The securities provided as collateral at the end of the period held with BNY Mellon as tri-party agent, were U.S. Government Agency securities with various maturities to 5/20/2072 and the market value of those underlying securities was \$1,379,047,631. (IDENTIFIED COST \$2,718,000)	2,718,000
	TOTAL INVESTMENT IN SECURITIES—98.3% (IDENTIFIED COST \$133,355,072) ⁵	113,948,668
	OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - NET—1.7% ⁶	1,962,736
	TOTAL NET ASSETS—100%	\$115,911,404

1 Issuer in default.

2 Market quotations and price evaluations are not available. Fair value determined using significant unobservable inputs in accordance with procedures established by and under the general supervision of the Fund's Adviser acting through its Valuation Committee.

3 Non-income-producing security.

4 Floating/variable note with current rate and current maturity or next reset date shown.

5 The cost of investments for federal tax purposes amounts to \$133,744,800.

6 Assets, other than investments in securities, less liabilities. See Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Note: The categories of investments are shown as a percentage of total net assets at December 31, 2022.

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

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

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

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

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

The following is a summary of the inputs used, as of December 31, 2022, in valuing the Fund's assets carried at fair value:

Valuation Inputs

	Level 1— Quoted Prices	Level 2— Other Significant Observable Inputs	Level 3— Significant Unobservable Inputs	Total
Debt Securities:				
Corporate Bonds	\$ —	\$110,482,393	\$ 0	\$110,482,393
Floating Rate Loan	—	214,120	—	214,120
Equity Securities:				
Common Stocks				
Domestic	48,519	—	380,220	428,739
International	101,874	—	3,542	105,416
Repurchase Agreement	—	2,718,000	—	2,718,000
TOTAL SECURITIES	\$150,393	\$113,414,513	\$383,762	\$113,948,668

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

GMTN—Global Medium Term Note

LIBOR—London Interbank Offered Rate

PIK —Payment in Kind

See Notes which are an integral part of the Financial Statements

Financial Highlights – Primary Shares

(For a Share Outstanding Throughout Each Period)

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	\$6.39	\$6.41	\$6.53	\$6.07	\$6.82
Income From Investment Operations:					
Net investment income (loss) ¹	0.29	0.28	0.30	0.33	0.34
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	(1.02)	0.02	(0.05)	0.53	(0.55)
TOTAL FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS	(0.73)	0.30	0.25	0.86	(0.21)
Less Distributions:					
Distributions from net investment income	(0.32)	(0.32)	(0.37)	(0.40)	(0.54)
Net Asset Value, End of Period	\$5.34	\$6.39	\$6.41	\$6.53	\$6.07
Total Return²	(11.78)%	4.85%	5.59%	14.54%	(3.29)%
Ratios to Average Net Assets:					
Net expenses ³	0.81%	0.81%	0.81%	0.81%	0.81%
Net investment income	5.15%	4.42%	4.95%	5.26%	5.27%
Expense waiver/reimbursement ⁴	0.05%	0.04%	0.03%	0.02%	0.01%
Supplemental Data:					
Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)	\$68,740	\$103,152	\$109,888	\$109,538	\$106,628
Portfolio turnover ⁵	13%	39%	36%	31%	18%

1 Per share numbers have been calculated using the average shares method.

2 Based on net asset value. Total returns do not reflect any additional fees or expenses that may be imposed by separate accounts of insurance companies or in connection with any variable annuity or variable life insurance contract.

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 Securities that mature are considered sales for purposes of this calculation.

See Notes which are an integral part of the Financial Statements

Financial Highlights – Service Shares

(For a Share Outstanding Throughout Each Period)

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	\$6.35	\$6.38	\$6.49	\$6.04	\$6.78
Income From Investment Operations:					
Net investment income (loss) ¹	0.27	0.26	0.28	0.31	0.32
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	(1.00)	0.01	(0.03)	0.52	(0.54)
TOTAL FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS	(0.73)	0.27	0.25	0.83	(0.22)
Less Distributions:					
Distributions from net investment income	(0.31)	(0.30)	(0.36)	(0.38)	(0.52)
Net Asset Value, End of Period	\$5.31	\$6.35	\$6.38	\$6.49	\$6.04
Total Return²	(11.92)%	4.44%	5.46%	14.13%	(3.43)%

Ratios to Average Net Assets:

Net expenses ³	1.06%	1.06%	1.06%	1.06%	1.06%
Net investment income	4.92%	4.16%	4.70%	4.99%	5.03%
Expense waiver/reimbursement ⁴	0.05%	0.04%	0.03%	0.02%	0.01%

Supplemental Data:

Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)	\$47,172	\$57,578	\$50,322	\$58,591	\$43,012
Portfolio turnover ⁵	13%	39%	36%	31%	18%

1 Per share numbers have been calculated using the average shares method.

2 Based on net asset value. Total returns do not reflect any additional fees or expenses that may be imposed by separate accounts of insurance companies or in connection with any variable annuity or variable life insurance contract.

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.

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

December 31, 2022

Assets:

Investment in securities, at value (identified cost \$133,355,072)	\$113,948,668
Income receivable	2,097,270
Receivable for investments sold	1,350
Receivable for shares sold	43,269
TOTAL ASSETS	116,090,557

Liabilities:

Payable for shares redeemed	123,003
Payable to bank	1,624
Payable for investment adviser fee (Note 5)	3,317
Payable for administrative fee (Note 5)	498
Payable for portfolio accounting fees	28,290
Payable for distribution services fee (Note 5)	10,197
Payable for printing and postage	9,552
Accrued expenses (Note 5)	2,672
TOTAL LIABILITIES	179,153

Net assets for 21,749,991 shares outstanding \$115,911,404

Net Assets Consist of:

Paid-in capital	\$144,138,607
Total distributable earnings (loss)	(28,227,203)
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$115,911,404

Net Asset Value, Offering Price and Redemption Proceeds Per Share:

Primary Shares:

\$68,739,676 ÷ 12,868,155 shares outstanding, no par value, unlimited shares authorized \$5.34

Service Shares:

\$47,171,728 ÷ 8,881,836 shares outstanding, no par value, unlimited shares authorized \$5.31

See Notes which are an integral part of the Financial Statements

Statement of Operations

Year Ended December 31, 2022

Investment Income:

Interest	\$ 7,712,103
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Expenses:

Investment adviser fee (Note 5)	774,585
Administrative fee (Note 5)	106,128
Custodian fees	14,111
Transfer agent fees	14,838
Directors'/Trustees' fees (Note 5)	1,990
Auditing fees	34,020
Legal fees	9,145
Portfolio accounting fees	107,899
Distribution services fee (Note 5)	127,939
Printing and postage	36,474
Miscellaneous (Note 5)	22,491
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,249,620
Waiver of investment adviser fee (Note 5)	(69,666)
Net expenses	1,179,954
Net investment income	6,532,149
Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments:	
Net realized loss on investments	(1,351,738)
Net change in unrealized appreciation of investments	(22,618,212)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(23,969,950)
Change in net assets resulting from operations	\$(17,437,801)

See Notes which are an integral part of the Financial Statements

Statement of Changes in Net Assets

Year Ended December 31	2022	2021
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets		
Operations:		
Net investment income	\$ 6,532,149	\$ 6,802,923
Net realized gain (loss)	(1,351,738)	1,224,804
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation	(22,618,212)	(648,867)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	(17,437,801)	7,378,860
Distributions to Shareholders:		
Primary Shares	(4,434,390)	(5,363,823)
Service Shares	(2,815,712)	(2,367,247)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS	(7,250,102)	(7,731,070)
Share Transactions:		
Proceeds from sale of shares	17,048,944	39,605,192
Net asset value of shares issued to shareholders in payment of distributions declared	7,250,097	7,731,066
Cost of shares redeemed	(44,429,214)	(46,465,306)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM SHARE TRANSACTIONS	(20,130,173)	870,952
Change in net assets	(44,818,076)	518,742
Net Assets:		
Beginning of period	160,729,480	160,210,738
End of period	\$115,911,404	\$160,729,480

See Notes which are an integral part of the Financial Statements

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2022

1. ORGANIZATION

Federated Hermes Insurance Series (the "Trust") is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Act"), as an open-end management investment company. The Trust consists of six portfolios. The financial statements included herein are only those of Federated Hermes High Income Bond Fund II (the "Fund"), a diversified portfolio. The financial statements of the other portfolios are presented separately. The assets of each portfolio are segregated and a shareholder's interest is limited to the portfolio in which shares are held. Each portfolio pays its own expenses. The Fund offers two classes of shares: Primary Shares and Service Shares. All shares of the Fund have equal rights with respect to voting, except on class-specific matters. Fund shares are available exclusively as a funding vehicle for life insurance companies writing variable life insurance policies and variable annuity contracts. The investment objective of the Fund is to seek high current income.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Fund in the preparation of its financial statements. These policies are in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

Investment Valuation

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

- Fixed-income securities are fair valued using price evaluations provided by a pricing service approved by Federated Investment Management Company (the "Adviser").
- Equity securities listed on an exchange or traded through a regulated market system are valued at their last reported sale price or official closing price in their principal exchange or market.
- Shares of other mutual funds or non-exchange traded investment companies are valued based upon their reported NAVs, or NAV per share practical expedient, as applicable.
- Derivative contracts listed on exchanges are valued at their reported settlement or closing price, except that options are valued at the mean of closing bid and ask quotations.
- Over-the-counter (OTC) derivative contracts are fair valued using price evaluations provided by a pricing service approved by the Adviser.
- For securities that are fair valued in accordance with procedures established by and under the general supervision of the Adviser, certain factors may be considered, such as: the last traded or purchase price of the security, information obtained by contacting the issuer or dealers, analysis of the issuer's financial statements or other available documents, fundamental analytical data, the nature and duration of restrictions on disposition, the movement of the market in which the security is normally traded, public trading in similar securities or derivative contracts of the issuer or comparable issuers, movement of a relevant index, or other factors including but not limited to industry changes and relevant government actions.

If any price, quotation, price evaluation or other pricing source is not readily available when the NAV is calculated, if the Fund cannot obtain price evaluations from a pricing service or from more than one dealer for an investment within a reasonable period of time as set forth in the Adviser's valuation policies and procedures for the Fund, or if information furnished by a pricing service, in the opinion of the Adviser's valuation committee ("Valuation Committee"), is deemed not representative of the fair value of such security, the Fund uses the fair value of the investment determined in accordance with the procedures described below. There can be no assurance that the Fund could obtain the fair value assigned to an investment if it sold the investment at approximately the time at which the Fund determines its NAV per share, and the actual value obtained could be materially different.

Fair Valuation and Significant Events Procedures

Pursuant to Rule 2a-5 under the Act, the Fund's Board of Trustees (the "Trustees") has designated the Adviser as the Fund's valuation designee to perform any fair value determinations for securities and other assets held by the Fund. The Adviser is subject to the Trustees' oversight and certain reporting and other requirements intended to provide the Trustees the information needed to oversee the Adviser's fair value determinations.

The Adviser, acting through its Valuation Committee, is responsible for determining the fair value of investments for which market quotations are not readily available. The Valuation Committee is comprised of officers of the Adviser and certain of the Adviser's affiliated companies and determines fair value and oversees the calculation of the NAV. The Valuation Committee is also authorized to use pricing services to provide fair value evaluations of the current value of certain investments for purposes of calculating the NAV. The Valuation Committee employs various methods for reviewing third-party pricing-service evaluations including periodic reviews of third-party pricing services' policies, procedures and valuation methods (including key inputs, methods, models and assumptions), transactional back-testing, comparisons of evaluations of different pricing services, and review of price challenges by the Adviser based on recent market activity. In the event that market quotations and price evaluations are not available for an investment, the Valuation Committee determines the fair value of the investment in accordance with procedures adopted by the Adviser. The Trustees periodically review the fair valuations made by the Valuation Committee. The Trustees have also approved the Adviser's fair valuation and significant events procedures as part of the Fund's compliance program and will review any changes made to the procedures.

Factors considered by pricing services in evaluating an investment include the yields or prices of investments of comparable quality, coupon, maturity, call rights and other potential prepayments, terms and type, reported transactions, indications as to values from dealers and general market conditions. Some pricing services provide a single price evaluation reflecting the bid-side of the market for an investment (a "bid" evaluation). Other pricing services offer both bid evaluations and price evaluations indicative of a price between

the prices bid and ask for the investment (a “mid” evaluation). The Fund normally uses bid evaluations for any U.S. Treasury and Agency securities, mortgage-backed securities and municipal securities. The Fund normally uses mid evaluations for any other types of fixed-income securities and any OTC derivative contracts. In the event that market quotations and price evaluations are not available for an investment, the fair value of the investment is determined in accordance with procedures adopted by the Adviser.

The Adviser has also adopted procedures requiring an investment to be priced at its fair value whenever the Valuation Committee determines that a significant event affecting the value of the investment has occurred between the time as of which the price of the investment would otherwise be determined and the time as of which the NAV is computed. An event is considered significant if there is both an affirmative expectation that the investment’s value will change in response to the event and a reasonable basis for quantifying the resulting change in value. Examples of significant events that may occur after the close of the principal market on which a security is traded, or after the time of a price evaluation provided by a pricing service or a dealer, include:

- With respect to securities traded principally in foreign markets, significant trends in U.S. equity markets or in the trading of foreign securities index futures contracts;
- Political or other developments affecting the economy or markets in which an issuer conducts its operations or its securities are traded;
- Announcements concerning matters such as acquisitions, recapitalizations, litigation developments, or a natural disaster affecting the issuer’s operations or regulatory changes or market developments affecting the issuer’s industry.

The Adviser has adopted procedures whereby the Valuation Committee uses a pricing service to provide factors to update the fair value of equity securities traded principally in foreign markets from the time of the close of their respective foreign stock exchanges to the pricing time of the Fund. For other significant events, the Fund may seek to obtain more current quotations or price evaluations from alternative pricing sources. If a reliable alternative pricing source is not available, the Valuation Committee will determine the fair value of the investment in accordance with the fair valuation procedures approved by the Adviser. The Trustees periodically review fair valuations made in response to significant events.

Repurchase Agreements

The Fund may invest in repurchase agreements for short-term liquidity purposes. It is the policy of the Fund to require the other party to a repurchase agreement to transfer to the Fund’s custodian or sub-custodian eligible securities or cash with a market value (after transaction costs) at least equal to the repurchase price to be paid under the repurchase agreement. The eligible securities are transferred to accounts with the custodian or sub-custodian in which the Fund holds a “securities entitlement” and exercises “control” as those terms are defined in the Uniform Commercial Code. The Fund has established procedures for monitoring the market value of the transferred securities and requiring the transfer of additional eligible securities if necessary to equal at least the repurchase price. These procedures also allow the other party to require securities to be transferred from the account to the extent that their market value exceeds the repurchase price or in exchange for other eligible securities of equivalent market value.

The insolvency of the other party or other failure to repurchase the securities may delay the disposition of the underlying securities or cause the Fund to receive less than the full repurchase price. Under the terms of the repurchase agreement, any amounts received by the Fund in excess of the repurchase price and related transaction costs must be remitted to the other party.

The Fund may enter into repurchase agreements in which eligible securities are transferred into joint trading accounts maintained by the custodian or sub-custodian for investment companies and other clients advised by the Fund’s Adviser and its affiliates. The Fund will participate on a pro rata basis with the other investment companies and clients in its share of the securities transferred under such repurchase agreements and in its share of proceeds from any repurchase or other disposition of such securities.

Repurchase agreements are subject to Master Netting Agreements which are agreements between the Fund and its counterparties that provide for the net settlement of all transactions and collateral with the Fund, through a single payment, in the event of default or termination. Amounts presented on the Portfolio of Investments and Statement of Assets and Liabilities are not net settlement amounts but gross. As indicated above, the cash or securities to be repurchased, as shown on the Portfolio of Investments, exceeds the repurchase price to be paid under the agreement reducing the net settlement amount to zero.

Investment Income, Gains and Losses, Expenses and Distributions

Investment transactions are accounted for on a trade-date basis. Realized gains and losses from investment transactions are recorded on an identified-cost basis. Interest income and expenses are accrued daily. Dividend income and distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Foreign dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date or when the Fund is informed of the ex-dividend date. Distributions of net investment income, if any, are declared and paid annually. Non-cash dividends included in dividend income, if any, are recorded at fair value. Amortization/accretion of premium and discount is included in investment income. Investment income, realized and unrealized gains and losses, and certain fund-level expenses are allocated to each class based on relative average daily net assets, except that select classes will bear certain expenses unique to those classes. Dividends are declared separately for each class. No class has preferential dividend rights; differences in per share dividend rates are generally due to differences in separate class expenses. The detail of the total fund expense waiver of \$69,666 is disclosed in Note 5.

Federal Taxes

It is the Fund’s policy to comply with the Subchapter M provision of the Internal Revenue Code (the “Code”) and to distribute to shareholders each year substantially all of its income. Accordingly, no provision for federal income tax is necessary. As of and during the year ended December 31, 2022, the Fund did not have a liability for any uncertain tax positions. The Fund recognizes interest and penalties, if any, related to tax liabilities as income tax expense in the Statement of Operations. As of December 31, 2022, tax years 2019 through 2022 remain subject to examination by the Fund’s major tax jurisdictions, which include the United States of America and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

When-Issued and Delayed-Delivery Transactions

The Fund may engage in when-issued or delayed-delivery transactions. The Fund records when-issued securities on the trade date and maintains security positions such that sufficient liquid assets will be available to make payment for the securities purchased. Securities purchased on a when-issued or delayed-delivery basis are marked to market daily and begin earning interest on the settlement date. Losses may occur on these transactions due to changes in market conditions or the failure of counterparties to perform under the contract.

Restricted Securities

The Fund may purchase securities which are considered restricted. Restricted securities are securities that either: (a) cannot be offered for public sale without first being registered, or being able to take advantage of an exemption from registration, under the Securities Act of 1933; or (b) are subject to contractual restrictions on public sales. In some cases, when a security cannot be offered for public sale without first being registered, the issuer of the restricted security has agreed to register such securities for resale, at the issuer's expense, either upon demand by the Fund or in connection with another registered offering of the securities. Many such restricted securities may be resold in the secondary market in transactions exempt from registration. Restricted securities may be determined to be liquid under criteria established by the Trustees. The Fund will not incur any registration costs upon such resales. The Fund's restricted securities, like other securities, are priced in accordance with procedures established by and under the general supervision of the Adviser.

Other

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

3. SHARES OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST

The following tables summarize share activity:

	Year Ended 12/31/2022		Year Ended 12/31/2021	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
Primary Shares:				
Shares sold	2,111,750	\$ 11,833,606	4,174,668	\$ 26,549,890
Shares issued to shareholders in payment of distributions declared	769,859	4,434,390	875,012	5,363,823
Shares redeemed	(6,157,435)	(35,688,342)	(6,051,898)	(38,301,626)
NET CHANGE RESULTING FROM PRIMARY SHARE TRANSACTIONS	(3,275,826)	\$(19,420,346)	(1,002,218)	\$ (6,387,913)

	Year Ended 12/31/2022		Year Ended 12/31/2021	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
Service Shares:				
Shares sold	910,215	\$ 5,215,338	2,074,882	\$ 13,055,302
Shares issued to shareholders in payment of distributions declared	490,541	2,815,707	387,437	2,367,243
Shares redeemed	(1,579,698)	(8,740,872)	(1,294,328)	(8,163,680)
NET CHANGE RESULTING FROM SERVICE SHARE TRANSACTIONS	(178,942)	\$(709,827)	1,167,991	\$ 7,258,865
NET CHANGE RESULTING FROM TOTAL FUND SHARE TRANSACTIONS	(3,454,768)	\$(20,130,173)	165,773	\$ 870,952

4. FEDERAL TAX INFORMATION

The tax character of distributions as reported on the Statement of Changes in Net Assets for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, was as follows:

	2022	2021
Ordinary income	\$7,250,102	\$7,731,070

As of December 31, 2022, the components of distributable earnings on a tax-basis were as follows:

Undistributed ordinary income	\$ 6,772,839
Net unrealized depreciation	\$(19,796,346)
Capital loss carryforwards	\$(15,203,910)
TOTAL	\$(28,227,417)

At December 31, 2022, the cost of investments for federal tax purposes was \$133,744,800. The net unrealized depreciation of investments for federal tax purposes was \$19,796,132. This consists of net unrealized appreciation from investments for those securities having an excess of value over cost of \$874,530 and net unrealized depreciation from investments for those securities having an excess of cost over value of \$20,670,662. The difference between book-basis and tax-basis net unrealized appreciation is attributable to differing treatments for defaulted securities and discount accretion/premium amortization on debt securities.

As of December 31, 2022, the Fund had a capital loss carryforward of \$15,203,910 which will reduce the Fund's taxable income arising from future net realized gains on investments, if any, to the extent permitted by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, thereby reducing the amount of distributions to shareholders which would otherwise be necessary to relieve the Fund of any liability for federal income tax. Pursuant to the Code, these net capital losses retain their character as either short-term or long-term and do not expire.

The following schedule summarizes the Fund's capital loss carryforwards:

Short-Term	Long-Term	Total
\$235,769	\$14,968,141	\$15,203,910

5. INVESTMENT ADVISER FEE AND OTHER TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

Investment Adviser Fee

The advisory agreement between the Fund and the Adviser provides for an annual fee equal to 0.60% of the Fund's average daily net assets. Subject to the terms described in the Expense Limitation note, the Adviser may voluntarily choose to waive any portion of its fee and/or reimburse certain operating expenses of the Fund for competitive reasons such as to maintain the Fund's expense ratio, or as and when appropriate, to maintain positive or zero net yields. For the year ended December 31, 2022, the Adviser voluntarily waived \$69,666 of its fee.

Administrative Fee

Federated Administrative Services (FAS), under the Administrative Services Agreement, provides the Fund with administrative personnel and services. For purposes of determining the appropriate rate breakpoint, "Investment Complex" is defined as all of the Federated Hermes Funds subject to a fee under the Administrative Services Agreement. The fee paid to FAS is based on the average daily net assets of the Investment Complex as specified below:

Administrative Fee	Average Daily Net Assets of the Investment Complex
0.100%	on assets up to \$50 billion
0.075%	on assets over \$50 billion

Subject to the terms described in the Expense Limitation note, FAS may voluntarily choose to waive any portion of its fee. For the year ended December 31, 2022, the annualized fee paid to FAS was 0.082% of average daily net assets of the Fund.

In addition, FAS may charge certain out-of-pocket expenses to the Fund.

Distribution Services Fee

The Fund has adopted a Distribution Plan (the "Plan") pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the Act. Under the terms of the Plan, the Fund will compensate Federated Securities Corp. (FSC), the principal distributor, from the daily net assets of the Fund's Service Shares to finance activities intended to result in the sale of these shares. The Plan provides that the Fund may incur distribution expenses at 0.25% of average daily net assets, annually, to compensate FSC. For the year ended December 31, 2022, distribution services fees for the Fund were as follows:

	Distribution Services Fees Incurred
Service Shares	\$127,939

When FSC receives fees, it may pay some or all of them to financial intermediaries whose customers purchase shares. Subject to the terms described in the Expense Limitation note, FSC may voluntarily choose to waive any portion of its fee. For the year ended December 31, 2022, FSC did not retain any fees paid by the Fund.

Expense Limitation

The Adviser and certain of its affiliates (which may include FAS and FSC) on their own initiative have agreed to waive certain amounts of their respective fees and/or reimburse expenses. Total annual fund operating expenses (as shown in the financial highlights, excluding interest expense, extraordinary expenses and proxy-related expenses paid by the Fund, if any) paid by the Fund's Primary Shares and Service Shares (after the voluntary waivers and/or reimbursements) will not exceed 0.81% and 1.06% (the "Fee Limit"), respectively, up to but not including the later of (the "Termination Date"): (a) May 1, 2023; or (b) the date of the Fund's next effective Prospectus. While the Adviser and its applicable affiliates currently do not anticipate terminating or increasing these arrangements prior to the Termination Date, these arrangements may only be terminated or the Fee Limit increased prior to the Termination Date with the agreement of the Trustees.

Interfund Transactions

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Fund engaged in purchase transactions with funds that have a common investment adviser (or affiliated investment advisers), common Directors/Trustees and/or common Officers. These purchase transactions complied with Rule 17a-7 under the Act and amounted to \$187,375.

Directors'/Trustees' and Miscellaneous Fees

Certain Officers and Trustees of the Fund are Officers and Directors or Trustees of certain of the above companies. To efficiently facilitate payment, Independent Directors'/Trustees' fees and certain expenses related to conducting meetings of the Directors/Trustees and other miscellaneous expenses are paid by an affiliate of the Adviser which in due course are reimbursed by the Fund. These expenses related to conducting meetings of the Directors/Trustees and other miscellaneous expenses may be included in Accrued and Miscellaneous Expenses on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities and Statement of Operations, respectively.

6. INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS

Purchases and sales of investments, excluding long-term U.S. government securities and short-term obligations, for the year ended December 31, 2022, were as follows:

Purchases	\$15,818,526
Sales	\$34,942,900

7. 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 dated June 22, 2022. The LOC was made available to temporarily finance the repurchase or redemption of shares of the Fund, 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. The Fund's ability to borrow under the LOC also is subject to the limitations of the Act and various conditions precedent that must be satisfied before the Fund can borrow. Loans under the LOC are charged interest at a fluctuating rate per annum equal to (a) the highest, on any day, of (i) the federal funds effective rate, (ii) the published secured overnight financing rate plus an assigned percentage, and (iii) 0.0%, plus (b) a margin. Any fund eligible to borrow under the LOC pays its pro rata share of a commitment fee based on the amount of the lenders' commitment that has not been utilized, quarterly in arrears and at maturity. As of December 31, 2022, the Fund had no outstanding loans. During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Fund did not utilize the LOC.

8. INTERFUND LENDING

Pursuant to an Exemptive Order issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Fund, along with other funds advised by subsidiaries of Federated Hermes, Inc., may participate in an interfund lending program. This program provides an alternative credit facility allowing the Fund to borrow from other participating affiliated funds. As of December 31, 2022, there were no outstanding loans. During the year ended December 31, 2022, the program was not utilized.

9. INDEMNIFICATIONS

Under the Fund's organizational documents, its Officers and Directors/Trustees are indemnified against certain liabilities arising out of the performance of their duties to the Fund (other than liabilities arising out of their willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of their duties to the Fund). In addition, in the normal course of business, the Fund provides certain indemnifications under arrangements with third parties. Typically, obligations to indemnify a third party arise in the context of an arrangement entered into by the Fund under which the Fund agrees to indemnify such third party for certain liabilities arising out of actions taken pursuant to the arrangement, provided the third party's actions are not deemed to have breached an agreed-upon standard of care (such as willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of their duties under the contract). The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Fund that have not yet arisen. The Fund does not anticipate any material claims or losses pursuant to these arrangements at this time, and accordingly expects the risk of loss to be remote.

10. OTHER MATTERS

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

11. RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In December 2022, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2022-06 "Reference Rate Reform (Topic 848)". ASU No. 2022-06 updates and clarifies ASU No. 2020-04, which provides optional, temporary relief with respect to the financial reporting of contracts subject to certain types of modifications due to the planned discontinuation of LIBOR and other interbank-offered reference rates. The temporary relief provided by ASU No. 2022-06 is effective immediately for certain reference rate-related contract modifications that occur through December 31, 2024. Management does not expect ASU No. 2022-06 to have a material impact on the financial statements.

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FEDERATED HERMES INSURANCE SERIES AND SHAREHOLDERS OF FEDERATED HERMES HIGH INCOME BOND FUND II:

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of Federated Hermes High Income Bond Fund II (the Fund), a portfolio of Federated Hermes Insurance Series, including the portfolio of investments, as of December 31, 2022, the related statement of operations for the year then ended, the statements of changes in net assets for each of the years in the two year period then ended, and the related notes (collectively, the financial statements) and the financial highlights for each of the years in the five-year period then ended. In our opinion, the financial statements and financial highlights present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as of December 31, 2022, the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the years in the two year period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the years in the five-year period then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial highlights based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Fund in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and financial highlights, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and financial highlights. Such procedures also included confirmation of securities owned as of December 31, 2022, by correspondence with custodians and brokers; when replies were not received from brokers, we performed other auditing procedures. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements and financial highlights. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

KPMG LLP

We have served as the auditor for one or more of Federated Hermes' investment companies since 2006.

Boston, Massachusetts
February 15, 2023

Shareholder Expense Example (unaudited)

As a shareholder of the Fund, you incur ongoing costs, including management fees and to the extent applicable, distribution (12b-1) fees and/or other service fees and other Fund expenses. This Example is intended to help you to understand your ongoing costs (in dollars) of investing in the Fund and to compare these costs with the ongoing costs of investing in other funds used as variable investment options. It is based on an investment of \$1,000 invested at the beginning of the period and held for the entire period from July 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

ACTUAL EXPENSES

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

HYPOTHETICAL EXAMPLE FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES

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

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

	Beginning Account Value 7/1/2022	Ending Account Value 12/31/2022	Expenses Paid During Period ¹
Actual:			
Primary Shares	\$1,000	\$1,023.00	\$4.13
Service Shares	\$1,000	\$1,021.20	\$5.40
Hypothetical (assuming a 5% return before expenses):			
Primary Shares	\$1,000	\$1,021.12	\$4.13
Service Shares	\$1,000	\$1,019.86	\$5.40

¹ Expenses are equal to the Fund’s annualized net expense ratios, multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by 184/365 (to reflect the one-half-year period). The expenses shown in the table do not include the charges and expenses imposed by the insurance company under the variable insurance product contract. Please refer to the variable insurance product prospectus for a complete listing of these expenses. The annualized net expense ratios are as follows:

Primary Shares	0.81%
Service Shares	1.06%

Board of Trustees and Trust Officers

The Board of Trustees is responsible for managing the Trust's business affairs and for exercising all the Trust's powers except those reserved for the shareholders. The following tables give information about each Trustee and the senior officers of the Fund. Where required, the tables separately list Trustees who are "interested persons" of the Fund (i.e., "Interested" Trustees) and those who are not (i.e., "Independent" Trustees). Unless otherwise noted, the address of each person listed is 1001 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-3779. The address of all Independent Trustees listed is 4000 Ericsson Drive, Warrendale, PA 15086-7561; Attention: Mutual Fund Board. As of December 31, 2022, the Trust comprised six portfolio(s), and the Federated Hermes Fund Family consisted of 33 investment companies (comprising 102 portfolios). Unless otherwise noted, each Officer is elected annually. Unless otherwise noted, each Trustee oversees all portfolios in the Federated Hermes Fund Family and serves for an indefinite term. The Fund's Statement of Additional Information includes additional information about Trust Trustees and is available, without charge and upon request, by calling 1-800-341-7400, Option #4.

INTERESTED TRUSTEES BACKGROUND

Name Birth Date Positions Held with Trust Date Service Began	Principal Occupation(s) for Past Five Years, Other Directorships Held and Previous Position(s)
J. Christopher Donahue* Birth Date: April 11, 1949 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: September 1993	Principal Occupations: Principal Executive Officer and President of certain of the Funds in the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Director or Trustee of the Funds in the Federated Hermes Fund Family; President, Chief Executive Officer and Director, Federated Hermes, Inc.; Chairman and Trustee, Federated Investment Management Company; Trustee, Federated Investment Counseling; Chairman and Director, Federated Global Investment Management Corp.; Chairman and Trustee, Federated Equity Management Company of Pennsylvania; Trustee, Federated Shareholder Services Company; Director, Federated Services Company. Previous Positions: President, Federated Investment Counseling; President and Chief Executive Officer, Federated Investment Management Company, Federated Global Investment Management Corp. and Passport Research, Ltd; Chairman, Passport Research, Ltd.
Thomas R. Donahue* Birth Date: October 20, 1958 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: May 2016	Principal Occupations: Director or Trustee of certain of the funds in the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer, Vice President and Assistant Secretary, Federated Hermes, Inc.; Chairman and Trustee, Federated Administrative Services; Chairman and Director, Federated Administrative Services, Inc.; Trustee and Treasurer, Federated Advisory Services Company; Director or Trustee and Treasurer, Federated Equity Management Company of Pennsylvania, Federated Global Investment Management Corp., Federated Investment Counseling, and Federated Investment Management Company; Director, MDTA LLC; Director, Executive Vice President and Assistant Secretary, Federated Securities Corp.; Director or Trustee and Chairman, Federated Services Company and Federated Shareholder Services Company; and Director and President, FII Holdings, Inc. Previous Positions: Director, Federated Hermes, Inc.; Assistant Secretary, Federated Investment Management Company, Federated Global Investment Management Company and Passport Research, LTD; Treasurer, Passport Research, LTD; Executive Vice President, Federated Securities Corp.; and Treasurer, FII Holdings, Inc.

* Family relationships and reasons for "interested" status: J. Christopher Donahue and Thomas R. Donahue are brothers. Both are "interested" due to their beneficial ownership of shares of Federated Hermes, Inc. and the positions they hold with Federated Hermes, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES BACKGROUND

Name Birth Date Positions Held with Trust Date Service Began	Principal Occupation(s) for Past Five Years, Other Directorships Held, Previous Position(s) and Qualifications
John T. Collins Birth Date: January 24, 1947 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: October 2013	Principal Occupations: Director or Trustee, and Chair of the Board of Directors or Trustees, of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; formerly, Chairman and CEO, The Collins Group, Inc. (a private equity firm) (Retired). Other Directorships Held: Director, KLX Energy Services Holdings, Inc. (oilfield services); former Director of KLX Corp. (aerospace). Qualifications: Mr. Collins has served in several business and financial management roles and directorship positions throughout his career. Mr. Collins previously served as Chairman and CEO of The Collins Group, Inc. (a private equity firm) and as a Director of KLX Corp. Mr. Collins serves as Chairman Emeriti, Bentley University. Mr. Collins previously served as Director and Audit Committee Member, Bank of America Corp.; Director, FleetBoston Financial Corp.; and Director, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (Harvard University Affiliate Hospital).

Name Birth Date Positions Held with Trust Date Service Began	Principal Occupation(s) for Past Five Years, Other Directorships Held, Previous Position(s) and Qualifications
G. Thomas Hough Birth Date: February 28, 1955 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: August 2015	<p>Principal Occupations: Director or Trustee, Chair of the Audit Committee of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; formerly, Vice Chair, Ernst & Young LLP (public accounting firm) (Retired).</p> <p>Other Directorships Held: Director, Chair of the Audit Committee, Equifax, Inc.; Lead Director, Member of the Audit and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committees, Haverty Furniture Companies, Inc.; formerly, Director, Member of Governance and Compensation Committees, Publix Super Markets, Inc.</p> <p>Qualifications: Mr. Hough has served in accounting, business management and directorship positions throughout his career. Mr. Hough most recently held the position of Americas Vice Chair of Assurance with Ernst & Young LLP (public accounting firm). Mr. Hough serves on the President's Cabinet and Business School Board of Visitors for the University of Alabama. Mr. Hough previously served on the Business School Board of Visitors for Wake Forest University, and he previously served as an Executive Committee member of the United States Golf Association.</p>
Maureen Lally-Green Birth Date: July 5, 1949 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: August 2009	<p>Principal Occupations: Director or Trustee of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Adjunct Professor Emerita of Law, Duquesne University School of Law; formerly, Dean of the Duquesne University School of Law and Professor of Law and Interim Dean of the Duquesne University School of Law; formerly, Associate General Secretary and Director, Office of Church Relations, Diocese of Pittsburgh.</p> <p>Other Directorships Held: Director, CNX Resources Corporation (natural gas).</p> <p>Qualifications: Judge Lally-Green has served in various legal and business roles and directorship positions throughout her career. Judge Lally-Green previously held the position of Dean of the School of Law of Duquesne University (as well as Interim Dean). Judge Lally-Green previously served as Associate General Secretary of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, a member of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania and as a Professor of Law, Duquesne University School of Law. Judge Lally-Green was appointed by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania to serve on the Supreme Court's Board of Continuing Judicial Education and the Supreme Court's Appellate Court Procedural Rules Committee. Judge Lally-Green also currently holds the positions on not for profit or for profit boards of directors as follows: Director and Chair, UPMC Mercy Hospital; Regent, Saint Vincent Seminary; Member, Pennsylvania State Board of Education (public); Director, Catholic Charities, Pittsburgh; and Director CNX Resources Corporation (natural gas). Judge Lally-Green has held the positions of: Director, Auberle; Director, Epilepsy Foundation of Western and Central Pennsylvania; Director, Ireland Institute of Pittsburgh; Director, Saint Thomas More Society; Director and Chair, Catholic High Schools of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Inc.; Director, Pennsylvania Bar Institute; Director, St. Vincent College; Director and Chair, North Catholic High School, Inc.; Director and Vice Chair, Our Campaign for the Church Alive!, Inc.; and Director and Vice Chair, Saint Francis University.</p>
Thomas M. O'Neill Birth Date: June 14, 1951 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: August 2006	<p>Principal Occupations: Director or Trustee of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Sole Proprietor, Navigator Management Company (investment and strategic consulting).</p> <p>Other Directorships Held: None.</p> <p>Qualifications: Mr. O'Neill has served in several business, mutual fund and financial management roles and directorship positions throughout his career. Mr. O'Neill serves as Director, Medicines for Humanity. Mr. O'Neill previously served as Chief Executive Officer and President, Managing Director and Chief Investment Officer, Fleet Investment Advisors; President and Chief Executive Officer, Aeltus Investment Management, Inc.; General Partner, Hellman, Jordan Management Co., Boston, MA; Chief Investment Officer, The Putnam Companies, Boston, MA; Credit Analyst and Lending Officer, Fleet Bank; Director and Consultant, EZE Castle Software (investment order management software); Director, Midway Pacific (lumber); and Director, The Golisano Children's Museum of Naples, Florida.</p>
Madelyn A. Reilly Birth Date: February 2, 1956 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: November 2020	<p>Principal Occupations: Director or Trustee of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; formerly, Senior Vice President for Legal Affairs, General Counsel and Secretary of Board of Directors, Duquesne University (Retired).</p> <p>Other Directorships Held: None.</p> <p>Qualifications: Ms. Reilly has served in various business and legal management roles throughout her career. Ms. Reilly previously served as Senior Vice President for Legal Affairs, General Counsel and Secretary of Board of Directors and Director of Risk Management and Associate General Counsel, Duquesne University. Prior to her work at Duquesne University, Ms. Reilly served as Assistant General Counsel of Compliance and Enterprise Risk as well as Senior Counsel of Environment, Health and Safety, PPG Industries. Ms. Reilly currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of UPMC Mercy Hospital.</p>
P. Jerome Richey Birth Date: February 23, 1949 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: October 2013	<p>Principal Occupations: Director or Trustee of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Retired; formerly, Senior Vice Chancellor and Chief Legal Officer, University of Pittsburgh and Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer, CONSOL Energy Inc. (now split into two separate publicly traded companies known as CONSOL Energy Inc. and CNX Resources Corp.).</p> <p>Other Directorships Held: None.</p> <p>Qualifications: Mr. Richey has served in several business and legal management roles and directorship positions throughout his career. Mr. Richey most recently held the positions of Senior Vice Chancellor and Chief Legal Officer, University of Pittsburgh. Mr. Richey previously served as Chairman of the Board, Epilepsy Foundation of Western Pennsylvania and Chairman of the Board, World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh. Mr. Richey previously served as Chief Legal Officer and Executive Vice President, CONSOL Energy Inc. and CNX Gas Company; and Board Member, Ethics Counsel and Shareholder, Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC (a law firm).</p>

Name	Principal Occupation(s) for Past Five Years, Other Directorships Held, Previous Position(s) and Qualifications
John S. Walsh Birth Date: November 28, 1957 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: January 1999	Principal Occupations: Director or Trustee of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; President and Director, Heat Wagon, Inc. (manufacturer of construction temporary heaters); President and Director, Manufacturers Products, Inc. (distributor of portable construction heaters); President, Portable Heater Parts, a division of Manufacturers Products, Inc. Other Directorships Held: None. Qualifications: Mr. Walsh has served in several business management roles and directorship positions throughout his career. Mr. Walsh previously served as Vice President, Walsh & Kelly, Inc. (paving contractors).

OFFICERS

Name	Principal Occupation(s) for Past Five Years and Previous Position(s)
Lori A. Hensler Birth Date: January 6, 1967 TREASURER Officer since: April 2013	Principal Occupations: Principal Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Senior Vice President, Management Company; Treasurer, Federated Investors Trust Company; Financial and Operations Principal for Federated Securities Corp.; and Assistant Treasurer, Federated Investors Trust Company. Ms. Hensler has received the Certified Public Accountant designation. Previous Positions: Controller of Federated Hermes, Inc.; Senior Vice President and Assistant Treasurer, Federated Investors Management Company; Treasurer, Federated Investors Trust Company; Assistant Treasurer, Federated Administrative Services, Federated Administrative Services, Inc., Federated Securities Corp., Edgewood Services, Inc., Federated Advisory Services Company, Federated Equity Management Company of Pennsylvania, Federated Global Investment Management Corp., Federated Investment Counseling, Federated Investment Management Company, Passport Research, Ltd., and Federated MDTA, LLC; Financial and Operations Principal for Federated Securities Corp., Edgewood Services, Inc. and Southpointe Distribution Services, Inc.
Peter J. Germain Birth Date: September 3, 1959 CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER, SECRETARY AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT Officer since: January 2005	Principal Occupations: Mr. Germain is Chief Legal Officer, Secretary and Executive Vice President of the Federated Hermes Fund Family. He is General Counsel, Chief Legal Officer, Secretary and Executive Vice President, Federated Hermes, Inc.; Trustee and Senior Vice President, Federated Investors Management Company; Trustee and President, Federated Administrative Services; Director and President, Federated Administrative Services, Inc.; Director and Vice President, Federated Securities Corp.; Director and Secretary, Federated Private Asset Management, Inc.; Secretary, Federated Shareholder Services Company; and Secretary, Retirement Plan Service Company of America. Mr. Germain joined Federated Hermes, Inc. in 1984 and is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. Previous Positions: Deputy General Counsel, Special Counsel, Managing Director of Mutual Fund Services, Federated Hermes, Inc.; Senior Vice President, Federated Services Company; and Senior Corporate Counsel, Federated Hermes, Inc.
John B. Fisher Birth Date: May 16, 1956 PRESIDENT Officer since: November 2004	Principal Occupations: Principal Executive Officer and President of certain of the Funds in the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Director or Trustee of certain of the Funds in the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Director and Vice President, Federated Hermes, Inc.; President, Director/Trustee and CEO, Federated Advisory Services Company, Federated Equity Management Company of Pennsylvania, Federated Global Investment Management Corp., Federated Investment Counseling, Federated Investment Management Company, and Federated MDTA LLC; Director, Federated Investors Trust Company. Previous Positions: President and Director of the Institutional Sales Division of Federated Securities Corp.; President and CEO of Passport Research, Ltd.; Director and President, Technology, Federated Services Company.
Stephen Van Meter Birth Date: June 5, 1975 CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER AND SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT Officer since: July 2015	Principal Occupations: Senior Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer of Federated Hermes, Inc. and Chief Compliance Officer of certain of its subsidiaries. Mr. Van Meter joined Federated Hermes, Inc. in October 2011. He holds FINRA licenses under Series 3, 7, 24 and 66. Previous Positions: Mr. Van Meter previously held the position of Compliance Operating Officer, Federated Hermes, Inc. Prior to joining Federated Hermes, Inc., Mr. Van Meter served at the United States Securities and Exchange Commission in the positions of Senior Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, Division of Investment Management and Senior Counsel, Division of Enforcement.
Stephen F. Auth Birth Date: September 13, 1956 101 Park Avenue 41 st Floor New York, NY 10178 CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER Officer since: November 2002	Principal Occupations: Stephen F. Auth is Chief Investment Officer of various Funds in the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Executive Vice President, Federated Investment Counseling, Federated Global Investment Management Corp. and Federated Equity Management Company of Pennsylvania. Previous Positions: Executive Vice President, Federated Investment Management Company and Passport Research, Ltd. (investment advisory subsidiary of Federated); Senior Vice President, Global Portfolio Management Services Division; Senior Vice President, Federated Investment Management Company and Passport Research, Ltd.; Senior Managing Director and Portfolio Manager, Prudential Investments.
Robert J. Ostrowski Birth Date: April 26, 1963 CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER Officer since: May 2004	Principal Occupations: Robert J. Ostrowski joined Federated Hermes, Inc. in 1987 as an Investment Analyst and became a Portfolio Manager in 1990. He was named Chief Investment Officer of Federated Hermes' taxable fixed-income products in 2004 and also serves as a Senior Portfolio Manager. Mr. Ostrowski became an Executive Vice President of the Fund's Adviser in 2009 and served as a Senior Vice President of the Fund's Adviser from 1997 to 2009. Mr. Ostrowski has received the Chartered Financial Analyst designation. He received his M.S. in Industrial Administration from Carnegie Mellon University.

Name Birth Date Address Positions Held with Trust Date Service Began	Principal Occupation(s) for Past Five Years and Previous Position(s)
Deborah A. Cunningham Birth Date: September 15, 1959 CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER Officer since: June 2012	Principal Occupations: Deborah A. Cunningham was named Chief Investment Officer of Federated Hermes' money market products in 2004. She joined Federated Hermes in 1981 and has been a Senior Portfolio Manager since 1997 and an Executive Vice President of the Fund's Adviser since 2009. Ms. Cunningham has received the Chartered Financial Analyst designation and holds an M.S.B.A. in Finance from Robert Morris College.

Evaluation and Approval of Advisory Contract – May 2022

FEDERATED HERMES HIGH INCOME BOND FUND II (THE “FUND”)

At its meetings in May 2022 (the “May Meetings”), the Fund’s Board of Trustees (the “Board”), including those Trustees who are not “interested persons” of the Fund, as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “Independent Trustees”), reviewed and unanimously approved the continuation of the investment advisory contract between the Fund and Federated Investment Management Company (the “Adviser”) (the “Contract”) for an additional one-year term. The Board’s determination to approve the continuation of the Contract reflects the exercise of its business judgment after considering all of the information and factors believed to be relevant and appropriate on whether to approve the continuation of the existing arrangement. The information, factors and conclusions that formed the basis for the Board’s approval are summarized below.

Information Received and Review Process

At the request of the Independent Trustees, the Fund’s Chief Compliance Officer (the “CCO”) furnished to the Board in advance of its May Meetings an independent written evaluation presenting on the topics discussed below. The Board considered the CCO’s independent written evaluation (the “CCO Fee Evaluation Report”), along with other information, in evaluating the reasonableness of the Fund’s management fee and in determining to approve the continuation of the Contract. The CCO, in preparing the CCO Fee Evaluation Report, has the authority to retain consultants, experts or staff as reasonably necessary to assist in the performance of his duties, reports directly to the Board, and can be terminated only with the approval of a majority of the Independent Trustees. At the request of the Independent Trustees, the CCO Fee Evaluation Report followed the same general approach and covered the same topics as that of the report that had previously been delivered by the CCO in his capacity as “Senior Officer” prior to the elimination of the Senior Officer position in December 2017.

In addition to the extensive materials that comprise and accompany the CCO Fee Evaluation Report, the Board considered information specifically prepared in connection with the approval of the continuation of the Contract that was presented at the May Meetings. In this regard, in the months preceding the May Meetings, the Board requested and reviewed written responses and supporting materials prepared by the Adviser and its affiliates (collectively, “Federated Hermes”) in response to requests posed to Federated Hermes by independent legal counsel on behalf of the Independent Trustees encompassing a wide variety of topics, including those summarized below. The Board also considered such additional matters as the Independent Trustees deemed reasonably necessary to evaluate the Contract, which included detailed information about the Fund and Federated Hermes furnished to the Board at its meetings throughout the year and in between regularly scheduled meetings on particular matters as the need arose.

The Board’s consideration of the Contract included review of materials and information covering the following matters, among others: the nature, quality and extent of the advisory and other services provided to the Fund by the Adviser and its affiliates; Federated Hermes’ business and operations; the Adviser’s investment philosophy, personnel and processes; the Fund’s investment objectives and strategies; the Fund’s short-term and long-term performance (in absolute terms, both on a gross basis and net of expenses, and relative to the Fund’s particular investment program and a group of its peer funds and/or its benchmark, as appropriate); the Fund’s fees and expenses, including the advisory fee and the overall expense structure of the Fund (both in absolute terms and relative to a group of its peer funds), with due regard for contractual or voluntary expense limitations (if any); the financial condition of Federated Hermes; the Adviser’s profitability with respect to the Fund; distribution and sales activity for the Fund; and the use and allocation of brokerage commissions derived from trading the Fund’s portfolio securities (if any).

The Board also considered judicial decisions concerning allegedly excessive investment advisory fees charged to other registered funds in determining to approve the Contract. Using these judicial decisions as a guide, the Board observed that the following factors may be relevant to an adviser’s fiduciary duty with respect to its receipt of compensation from a fund: (1) the nature and quality of the services provided by the adviser to the fund and its shareholders, including the performance of the fund, its benchmark and comparable funds; (2) the adviser’s cost of providing the services and the profitability to the adviser of providing advisory services to the fund; (3) the extent to which the adviser may realize “economies of scale” as the fund grows larger and, if such economies of scale exist, whether they have been appropriately shared with the fund and its shareholders or the family of funds; (4) any “fall-out” benefits that accrue to the adviser because of its relationship with the fund, including research services received from brokers that execute fund trades and any fees paid to affiliates of the adviser for services rendered to the fund; (5) comparative fee and expense structures, including a comparison of management fees paid to the adviser with those paid by similar funds both internally and externally as well as management fees charged to institutional and other advisory clients of the adviser for what might be viewed as like services; and (6) the extent of care, conscientiousness and independence with which the fund’s board members perform their duties and their expertise, including whether they are fully informed about all facts the board deems relevant to its consideration of the adviser’s services and fees. The Board noted that the Securities and Exchange

Commission (“SEC”) disclosure requirements regarding the basis for a fund board’s approval of the fund’s investment advisory contract generally align with the factors listed above. The Board was guided by these factors in its review of the Contract to the extent it considered them to be appropriate and relevant, as discussed further below. The Board considered and weighed these factors in light of its substantial accumulated experience in governing the Fund and working with Federated Hermes on matters relating to the oversight of the other funds advised by Federated Hermes (each, a “Federated Hermes Fund” and, collectively, the “Federated Hermes Funds”).

In addition to considering the above-referenced factors, the Board was mindful of the preferences and expectations of Fund shareholders and the potential disruptions of the Fund’s operations and various risks, uncertainties and other effects that could occur as a result of a decision to terminate or not renew the Contract. In particular, the Board recognized that many shareholders likely have invested in the Fund on the strength of Federated Hermes’ industry standing and reputation and with the expectation that Federated Hermes will have a continuing role in providing advisory services to the Fund. Thus, the Board observed that in the marketplace there are a range of investment options available to the Fund’s shareholders and such shareholders, having had the opportunity to consider other investment options, have effectively selected Federated Hermes by virtue of investing in the Fund.

In determining to approve the continuation of the Contract, the members of the Board reviewed and evaluated information and factors they believed to be relevant and appropriate through the exercise of their reasonable business judgment. While individual members of the Board may have weighed certain factors differently, the Board’s determination to approve the continuation of the Contract was based on a comprehensive consideration of all information provided to the Board throughout the year and specifically with respect to the continuation of the Contract. The Board recognized that its evaluation process is evolutionary and that the factors considered and emphasis placed on relevant factors may change in recognition of changing circumstances in the registered fund marketplace. The Independent Trustees were assisted throughout the evaluation process by independent legal counsel. In connection with their deliberations at the May Meetings, the Independent Trustees met separately in executive session with their independent legal counsel and without management present to review the relevant materials and consider their responsibilities under applicable laws. In addition, senior management representatives of Federated Hermes also met with the Independent Trustees and their independent legal counsel to discuss the materials and presentations furnished to the Board at the May Meetings. The Board considered the approval of the Contract for the Fund as part of its consideration of agreements for funds across the family of Federated Hermes Funds, but its approvals were made on a fund-by-fund basis.

Nature, Extent and Quality of Services

The Board considered the nature, extent and quality of the services provided to the Fund by the Adviser and the resources of Federated Hermes dedicated to the Fund. In this regard, the Board evaluated, among other things, the terms of the Contract and the range of services provided to the Fund by Federated Hermes. The Board considered the Adviser’s personnel, investment philosophy and process, investment research capabilities and resources, trade operations capabilities, experience and performance track record. The Board reviewed the qualifications, backgrounds and responsibilities of the portfolio management team primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund and Federated Hermes’ ability and experience in attracting and retaining qualified personnel to service the Fund. The Board also considered the Adviser’s ability to deliver competitive investment performance for the Fund when compared to the Fund’s Performance Peer Group (as defined below), which was deemed by the Board to be a useful indicator of how the Adviser is executing the Fund’s investment program.

In addition, the Board considered the financial resources and overall reputation of Federated Hermes and its willingness to consider and make investments in personnel, infrastructure, technology, cybersecurity, business continuity planning and operational enhancements that are designed to benefit the Federated Hermes Funds. The Board noted the significant acquisition of Hermes Fund Managers Limited by Federated Hermes, which has deepened the organization’s investment management expertise and capabilities and expanded the investment process for all of the Federated Hermes Funds to have access to analytical resources related to environmental, social and governance (“ESG”) factors and issuer engagement on ESG matters. The Board considered Federated Hermes’ oversight of the securities lending program for the Federated Hermes Funds that engage in securities lending and noted the income earned by the Federated Hermes Funds that participate in such program. In addition, the Board considered the quality of Federated Hermes’ communications with the Board and responsiveness to Board inquiries and requests made from time to time with respect to the Fund and other Federated Hermes Funds. In this regard, the Board took into account Federated Hermes’ communications with the Board in light of the pandemic. The Board also considered that Federated Hermes is responsible for providing the Federated Hermes Funds’ officers.

The Board received and evaluated information regarding Federated Hermes’ regulatory and compliance environment. The Board considered Federated Hermes’ compliance program and compliance history and reports from the CCO about Federated Hermes’ compliance with applicable laws and regulations, including responses to regulatory developments and any compliance or other issues raised by regulatory agencies. The Board also noted Federated Hermes’ support of the

Federated Hermes Funds' compliance control structure and the compliance-related resources devoted by Federated Hermes in support of the Fund's obligations pursuant to Rule 38a-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, including Federated Hermes' commitment to respond to rulemaking and other regulatory initiatives of the SEC. The Board considered Federated Hermes' approach to internal audits and risk management with respect to the Federated Hermes Funds and its day-to-day oversight of the Federated Hermes Funds' compliance with their investment objectives and policies as well as with applicable laws and regulations, noting that regulatory and other developments had over time led to an increase in the scope of Federated Hermes' oversight in this regard, including in connection with the designation of the Federated Hermes Funds' investment advisers as the administrators of the Federated Hermes Funds' liquidity risk management program.

The Board also considered the implementation of Federated Hermes' business continuity plans and recognized steps taken by Federated Hermes to continue to provide the same nature, extent and quality of services to the Federated Hermes Funds during the pandemic. In addition, the Board noted Federated Hermes' commitment to maintaining high quality systems and expending substantial resources to prepare for and respond to ongoing changes due to the market, regulatory and control environments in which the Fund and its service providers operate, including changes associated with the pandemic.

The Board considered Federated Hermes' efforts to provide shareholders in the Federated Hermes Funds with a comprehensive array of funds with different investment objectives, policies and strategies. The Board considered the expenses that Federated Hermes had incurred, as well as the entrepreneurial and other risks assumed by Federated Hermes, in sponsoring and providing on-going services to new funds to expand these opportunities for shareholders. The Board noted the benefits to shareholders of being part of the family of Federated Hermes Funds, which include the general right to exchange investments between the same class of shares without the incurrence of additional sales charges.

Based on these considerations, the Board concluded that it was satisfied with the nature, extent and quality of the services provided by the Adviser to the Fund.

Fund Investment Performance

The Board considered the investment performance of the Fund. In evaluating the Fund's investment performance, the Board considered performance results in light of the Fund's investment objective, strategies and risks. The Board considered detailed investment reports on, and the Adviser's analysis of, the Fund's performance over different time periods that were provided to the Board throughout the year and in connection with the May Meetings. These reports include, among other items, information on the Fund's gross and net returns, the Fund's investment performance compared to one or more relevant categories or groups of peer funds and the Fund's benchmark index, performance attribution information and commentary on the effect of market conditions.

The Board also reviewed comparative information regarding the performance of other registered funds in the category of peer funds selected by Morningstar, Inc. (the "Morningstar"), an independent fund ranking organization (the "Performance Peer Group"). The Board noted the CCO's view that comparisons to fund peer groups may be helpful, though not conclusive, in evaluating the performance of the Adviser in managing the Fund. The Board considered, in evaluating such comparisons, that in some cases there may be differences in the funds' objectives or investment management techniques, or the costs to implement the funds, even within the same Performance Peer Group.

For the one-year, three-year and five-year periods ended December 31, 2021, the Fund's performance was above the median of the Performance Peer Group.

Based on these considerations, the Board concluded that it had continued confidence in the Adviser's overall capabilities to manage the Fund.

Fund Expenses

The Board considered the advisory fee and overall expense structure of the Fund and the comparative fee and expense information that had been provided in connection with the May Meetings. In this regard, the Board was presented with, and considered, information regarding the contractual advisory fee rates, total expense ratios and each element of the Fund's total expense ratio (i.e., gross and net advisory fees, administrative fees, custody fees, portfolio accounting fees and transfer agency fees) relative to an appropriate group of peer funds compiled by Federated Hermes from the category of peer funds selected by Morningstar (the "Expense Peer Group"). The Board received a description of the methodology used to select the Expense Peer Group from the overall Morningstar category. The Board also reviewed comparative information regarding the fees and expenses of the broader group of funds in the overall Morningstar category.

While mindful that courts have cautioned against giving too much weight to comparative information concerning fees charged by other advisers for managing funds with comparable investment programs, the Board noted that it found the use of such comparisons to be relevant to its evaluation. The Board focused on comparisons with other similar registered funds more heavily than non-registered fund products or services because such comparisons are believed to be more relevant.

The Board considered that other registered funds are the products most like the Fund, in that they are readily available to Fund shareholders as alternative investment vehicles, and they are the type of investment vehicle, in fact, chosen and maintained by the Fund's shareholders. The Board noted that the range of such other registered funds' fees and expenses, therefore, appears to be a relevant indicator of what investors have found to be reasonable in the marketplace in which the Fund competes.

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

The Board also received and considered information about the fees charged by Federated Hermes for providing advisory services to other types of clients with investment strategies similar to those of the Federated Hermes Funds, including non-registered fund clients (such as institutional separate accounts) and third-party unaffiliated registered funds for which the Adviser or its affiliates serve as sub-adviser. The Board noted the CCO's conclusion that non-registered fund clients are inherently different products due to the following differences, among others: (i) different types of targeted investors; (ii) different applicable laws and regulations; (iii) different legal structures; (iv) different average account sizes and portfolio management techniques made necessary by different cash flows and different associated costs; (v) the time spent by portfolio managers and their teams (among other personnel across various departments, including legal, compliance and risk management) in reviewing securities pricing and fund liquidity; (vi) different administrative responsibilities; (vii) different degrees of risk associated with management; and (viii) a variety of different costs. The Board also considered information regarding the differences in the nature of the services required for Federated Hermes to manage its proprietary registered fund business versus managing a discrete pool of assets as a sub-adviser to another institution's registered fund, noting the CCO's view that Federated Hermes generally performs significant additional services and assumes substantially greater risks in managing the Fund and other Federated Hermes Funds than in its role as sub-adviser to an unaffiliated third-party registered fund. The Board noted that the CCO did not consider the fees for providing advisory services to other types of clients to be determinative in judging the appropriateness of the Federated Hermes Funds' advisory fees.

Based on these considerations, the Board concluded that the fees and total operating expenses of the Fund, in conjunction with other matters considered, are reasonable in light of the services provided.

Profitability

The Board received and considered profitability information furnished by Federated Hermes, as requested by the CCO. Such profitability information included revenues reported on a fund-by-fund basis and estimates of the allocation of expenses made on a fund-by-fund basis, using allocation methodologies specified by the CCO and described to the Board. The Board considered the CCO's view that, while these cost allocation reports apply consistent allocation processes, the inherent difficulties in allocating costs on a fund-by-fund basis continues to cause the CCO to question the precision of the process and to conclude that such reports may be unreliable because a single change in an allocation estimate may dramatically alter the resulting estimate of cost and/or profitability of a Federated Hermes Fund and may produce unintended consequences. In addition, the Board considered the CCO's view that the allocation methodologies used by Federated Hermes in estimating profitability for purposes of reporting to the Board in connection with the continuation of the Contract are consistent with the methodologies previously reviewed by an independent consultant. The Board noted that the independent consultant had previously conducted a review of the allocation methodologies and reported that, although there is no single best method to allocate expenses, the methodologies used by Federated Hermes are reasonable.

The Board also reviewed information compiled by Federated Hermes comparing its profitability information to other publicly held fund management companies, including information regarding profitability trends over time. The Board considered the CCO's conclusion that, based on such profitability information, Federated Hermes' profit margins did not appear to be excessive. The Board also considered the CCO's view that Federated Hermes appeared financially sound, with the resources necessary to fulfill its obligations under its contracts with the Federated Hermes Funds.

Economies of Scale

The Board received and considered information about the notion of possible realization of "economies of scale" as a fund grows larger, the difficulties of calculating economies of scale at an individual fund level, and the extent to which potential scale benefits are shared with shareholders. In this regard, the Board considered that Federated Hermes has made significant and long-term investments in areas that support all of the Federated Hermes Funds, such as: personnel, processes and tools for portfolio management, including the use of market data on which portfolio managers make investment decisions; trading operations; ESG integration and issuer engagement on ESG matters; shareholder services; compliance; business continuity; cybersecurity; internal audit and risk management functions; and technology that supports the provision of investment management services. The Board noted that Federated Hermes' investments in these areas are extensive and are designed to provide enhanced services to the Federated Hermes Funds and their shareholders.

The Board considered that the benefits of these investments are likely to be shared with the family of Federated Hermes Funds as a whole. In addition, the Board considered that fee waivers and expense reimbursements are another means for potential economies of scale to be shared with shareholders and can provide protection from an increase in expenses if a Federated Hermes Fund's assets decline. The Board considered that, in order for the Federated Hermes Funds to remain competitive in the marketplace, Federated Hermes has frequently waived fees and/or reimbursed expenses for the Federated Hermes Funds and has disclosed to shareholders and/or reported to the Board its intention to do so (or continue to do so) in the future. The Board also considered Federated Hermes' reductions in contractual management fees for certain Federated Hermes Funds during the prior year, including in response to the CCO's recommendations in the prior year's CCO Fee Evaluation Report, which have resulted in benefits being realized by shareholders.

The Board also considered reports on adviser-paid fees (commonly referred to as "revenue sharing") that were provided to the Board throughout the year and in connection with the May Meetings. The Board considered that Federated Hermes and the CCO believe that this information should be viewed to determine if there was an incentive to either not apply breakpoints, or to apply breakpoints at higher levels, and should not be viewed to evaluate the reasonableness of advisory fees. The Board also noted the absence of any applicable regulatory or industry guidelines on this subject, which is compounded by the lack of any uniform methodology or pattern with respect to structuring fund advisory fees with breakpoints that serve to reduce the fees as a fund attains a certain size.

Other Benefits

The Board considered information regarding the compensation and other ancillary (or "fall-out") benefits that Federated Hermes derived from its relationships with the Federated Hermes Funds. The Board noted that, in addition to receiving advisory fees under the Federated Hermes Funds' investment advisory contracts, Federated Hermes' affiliates also receive fees for providing other services to the Federated Hermes Funds under separate contracts (e.g., for serving as the Federated Hermes Funds' administrator and distributor). In this regard, the Board considered that certain of Federated Hermes' affiliates provide distribution and shareholder services to the Federated Hermes Funds, for which they may be compensated through distribution and servicing fees paid pursuant to Rule 12b-1 plans or otherwise. The Board also received and considered information detailing any indirect benefit that Federated Hermes may derive from its receipt of research services from brokers who execute portfolio trades for the Federated Hermes Funds.

Conclusions

The Board considered: (i) the CCO's conclusion that his observations and the information accompanying the CCO Fee Evaluation Report show that the management fee for the Fund is reasonable; and (ii) the CCO's recommendation that the Board approve the management fee. The Board noted that, under these circumstances, no changes were recommended to, and no objection was raised to the continuation of, the Contract by the CCO. The CCO also recognized that the Board's evaluation of the Federated Hermes Funds' advisory and sub-advisory arrangements is a continuing and ongoing process that is informed by the information that the Board requests and receives from management throughout the course of the year and, in this regard, the CCO noted certain items for future reporting to the Board or further consideration by management as the Board continues its ongoing oversight of the Federated Hermes Funds.

On the basis of the information and factors summarized above, among other information and factors deemed relevant by the Board, and the evaluation thereof, the Board, including the Independent Trustees, unanimously voted to approve the continuation of the Contract. The Board based its determination to approve the Contract on the totality of the circumstances and relevant factors and with a view of past and future long-term considerations. Not all of the factors and considerations identified above were necessarily deemed to be relevant to the Fund, nor did the Board consider any one of them to be determinative. With respect to the factors that were deemed to be relevant, the Board's determination to approve the continuation of the Contract reflects its view that Federated Hermes' performance and actions provided a satisfactory basis to support the determination to approve the continuation of the existing arrangement.

Liquidity Risk Management Program – Annual Evaluation of Adequacy and Effectiveness

In accordance with Rule 22e-4 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “Liquidity Rule”), Federated Hermes Insurance Series (the “Trust”) has adopted and implemented a liquidity risk management program (the “Program”) for Federated Hermes High Income Bond Fund II (the “Fund” and, collectively with the other non-money market open-end funds advised by Federated Hermes, the “Federated Hermes Funds”). The Program seeks to assess and manage the Fund’s liquidity risk. “Liquidity risk” is defined under the Liquidity Rule as the risk that the Fund is unable to meet redemption requests without significantly diluting remaining investors’ interests in the Fund. The Board of Trustees of the Trust (the “Board”) has approved the designation of each Federated Hermes Fund’s investment adviser as the administrator for the Program (the “Administrator”) with respect to that Fund. The Administrator, in turn, has delegated day-to-day responsibility for the administration of the Program to multiple Liquidity Risk Management Committees, which are comprised of representatives from certain divisions within Federated Hermes.

The Program is comprised of various components designed to support the assessment and/or management of liquidity risk, including: (1) the periodic assessment (no less frequently than annually) of certain factors that influence the Fund’s liquidity risk; (2) the periodic classification (no less frequently than monthly) of the Fund’s investments into one of four liquidity categories that reflect an estimate of their liquidity under current market conditions; (3) a 15% limit on the acquisition of “illiquid investments” (as defined under the Liquidity Rule); (4) to the extent a Fund does not invest primarily in “highly liquid investments” (as defined under the Liquidity Rule), the determination of a minimum percentage of the Fund’s assets that generally will be invested in highly liquid investments (an “HLIM”); (5) if a Fund has established an HLIM, the periodic review (no less frequently than annually) of the HLIM and the adoption of policies and procedures for responding to a shortfall of the Fund’s highly liquid investments below its HLIM; and (6) periodic reporting to the Board.

At its meetings in May 2022, the Board received and reviewed a written report (the “Report”) from the Federated Hermes Funds’ Chief Compliance Officer and Chief Risk Officer, on behalf of the Administrator, concerning the operation of the Program for the period from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022 (the “Period”). The Report addressed the operation of the Program and assessed its adequacy and effectiveness, including, where applicable, the operation of any HLIM established for a Federated Hermes Fund and each Federated Hermes Fund’s access to other available funding sources such as the Federated Hermes Funds’ interfund lending facility, redemptions in-kind, reverse repurchase agreement transactions, redemptions delayed beyond the normal T+1 settlement, but within seven days of the redemption request, and committed lines of credit. There were no material changes to the Program during the Period. The Report summarized the operation of the Program and the information and factors considered by the Administrator in assessing whether the Program has been adequately and effectively implemented with respect to the Federated Hermes Funds. Such information and factors included, among other things:

- confirmation that it was not necessary for the Fund to utilize, and the Fund did not utilize, alternative funding sources during the Period;
- the periodic classifications of the Fund’s investments into one of four liquidity categories and the methodologies and inputs used to classify the investments, including the Fund’s reasonably anticipated trade size;
- the analysis received from a third-party liquidity assessment vendor that is taken into account in the process of determining the liquidity classifications of the Fund’s investments and the results of an evaluation of the services performed by the vendor in support of this process;
- the fact that the Fund invested primarily in highly liquid investments during the Period and, therefore, was not required to establish, and has not established, an HLIM and the procedures for monitoring the status of the Fund as investing primarily in highly liquid investments;
- the fact that the Fund invested no more than 15% of its assets in illiquid investments during the Period and the procedures for monitoring this limit;
- the fact that there were no liquidity events during the Period, that materially affected the Fund’s liquidity risk;
- the impact on liquidity and management of liquidity risk caused by extended non-U.S. market closures and confirmation that there were no issues for any of the affected Federated Hermes Funds in meeting shareholder redemptions at any time during these temporary non-U.S. market closures;
- circumstances during the Period under which the Administrator convened meetings of the Liquidity Risk Management Committees more frequently than normal to conduct enhanced liquidity risk monitoring, including prior to the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Based on this review, the Administrator concluded that the Program is operating effectively to assess and manage the Fund’s liquidity risk, and that the Program has been and continues to be adequately and effectively implemented to monitor and, as applicable, respond to the Fund’s liquidity developments.

Voting Proxies on Fund Portfolio Securities

A description of the policies and procedures that the Fund uses to determine how to vote proxies, if any, relating to securities held in the Fund's portfolio is available, without charge and upon request, by calling 1-800-341-7400, Option #4. A report on "Form N-PX" of how the Fund voted any such proxies during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available via the Proxy Voting Record (Form N-PX) link associated with the Fund and share class name at FederatedInvestors.com/FundInformation. Form N-PX filings are also available at the SEC's website at sec.gov.

Quarterly Portfolio Schedule

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 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.

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Variable investment options are not bank deposits or obligations, are not 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. Investment in variable investment options involves investment risk, including the possible loss of principal.

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