

# Annual Shareholder Report

November 30, 2022



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## Federated Hermes International Bond Strategy Portfolio

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A Portfolio of Federated Hermes Managed Pool Series

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## Management's Discussion of Fund Performance (unaudited)

The total return of Federated Hermes International Bond Strategy Portfolio (the "Fund"), based on net asset value for the 12-month reporting period ended November 30, 2022, was -17.16%. The total return of the Fund's blended benchmark ("Blended Index")<sup>1</sup> was -17.51% for the same period. The performance of the Bloomberg Emerging Markets Seasoned ex. Aggregate/Eurodollar Index (BEMSAE),<sup>2</sup> the Fund's broad-based securities market index, was -11.94%. The Fund's total return for the most recently completed fiscal year reflected actual cash flows, transaction costs and expenses which were not reflected in the total returns of the Blended Index.

The Fund's investment strategy focused on four central factors: (1) the currency denomination of the selected securities; (2) the effective duration<sup>3</sup> of the portfolio; (3) yield curve;<sup>4</sup> and (4) country/sector selection.<sup>5</sup> These market elements were the most significant factors affecting the Fund's performance relative to the Blended Index.

### MARKET OVERVIEW

During the reporting period, inflation, tighter monetary policies, and prospects for a global recession drove interest rates higher, credit spreads wider, the U.S. dollar (USD) higher, and global equity markets markedly lower. The surge in global interest rates, the ensuing decline in stock markets, and the plunge in consumer confidence all contributed to fueling a recession scare as the fiscal year progressed. When analyzed, these recession fears were simply a subset of elevated inflation and the associated response by global central banks to stem them. Consequently, the potential for an economic global slowdown did not bode well on risk assets and further incentivized selling of equities and other high beta asset classes throughout the Fund's fiscal year. Lastly, with practically every global central bank hiking interest rates, bond markets failed to provide their traditional role as a hedge against equity drawdowns.

After two years of hardship, challenges, and human perseverance, the pandemic finally appeared to be nearing a long-awaited conclusion in 2022. Unfortunately, no sooner had the global pandemic begun to ease, than another equally disturbing crisis emerged in February of 2022 when the Russian Federation invaded Ukraine. Prior to this period, it was widely believed that Russia's objective was one of political brinkmanship aimed at preventing Ukraine from joining NATO. This belief was shattered in February when 150,000 Russian troops infiltrated the Ukrainian border. The start of the war between Russia and Ukraine, and the resulting commodity shock, presented a formidable dilemma for central banks.

Central banks globally spent the year aggressively raising rates in response to price pressures. As economic data remained robust, it further goaded bankers to raise rates. Strong employment data, higher metal prices, and overall greater cost inputs pointed to a stubborn and resilient inflation profile. The arrival of aggressive rate hikes, coupled with the overwhelming sentiment that real growth rates would decline in a higher interest rate atmosphere, prompted strong sell-offs in risk assets. These downward moves were aggravated by considerable market participants' fears and uncertainties surrounding a higher rate context following nearly a decade and a half of a well-established, accommodative monetary environment. With that being said, central banks, led by the Federal Reserve, continued as stalwarts in their battle against rising prices via hawkish monetary policy maneuvers.

Prior to the Ukraine invasion, European economic data had been holding up quite well despite intense supply-driven inflationary headwinds. However, as the year evolved, symptoms from soaring energy prices and higher borrowing costs began to manifest in a host of data releases. To start, euro area PMI's fell dramatically into recession territory as did consumer confidence gauges. In fact, the weakened consumer outlook in 2022 was outmatched only by the pandemic outbreak two years earlier. Despite rapidly deteriorating economic and consumer confidence data, the European Central Bank (ECB) remained hawkish for the better part of the reporting period. Ultimately, market participants interpreted the ECB's messaging as a major turning point for European monetary policy which had been entrenched in a negative interest rate regime for nearly ten years. For instance, 10-year German borrowing costs rose from -0.40% to an astonishing peak of 2.30% as the period drew to a close. Additionally, the euro endured substantial losses during the reporting period against the USD (-8.22%) as the probability of a recession increased in the eurozone.

With traditional safe-haven vehicles, namely government bonds, failing to provide a buffer from equity volatility, cash became an effective alternative during the reporting period. Traditionally, the U.S. dollar had always been a safe-haven instrument, but it was also followed by the euro and even the British pound. With Europe and the UK in imminent danger of stagflation, the USD became the reigning option to wait out volatile market conditions. In most instances too, the U.S. dollar enjoyed an interest advantage against many of its developed counterparts. Further playing in the USD's favor were the increasing concerns of recessionary forces abroad which further promoted the penchant to own U.S. dollars. Subsequently, the U.S. dollar harvested substantial gains against all its G10 counterparts during the fiscal year.

## **CURRENCY DENOMINATION**

As a consequence of unusually elevated market volatility, currency risk management was a very active process and generally enhanced overall Fund performance relative to the associated Blended Index. Early in the reporting period, the Fund concentrated on overweight currency allocations to commodity linked economies, such as Australia and Canada, which greatly benefited from receding pandemic-related risks and the ensuing rise to commodity prices. An overweight allocation to the euro detracted from performance relative to the Fund's index as the Ukraine invasion fanned the prospects of a recession in the eurozone.

## **DURATION AND YIELD CURVE**

The Fund's weighted average duration at the end of the reporting period was 6.13 years. Fund duration is effectively the Fund's sensitivity to movements in interest rates. The lower the duration, the less the net asset value of the Fund will fluctuate due to changes in interest rates. Duration management was also an active process that consistently targeted lower duration thresholds across global regions, including Germany, Japan, and the United Kingdom. Consequently, duration management was the largest contributor to Fund performance relative to the Fund's Blended Index. Lastly, yield curve selection was relatively muted, but did detract modestly from overall Fund performance relative to the Fund's Blended Index.

## **COUNTRY/SECTOR SELECTION**

Country/sector allocation decisions were generally neutral to Fund performance relative to the Fund's Blended Index. However, a reduction to emerging market<sup>5</sup> holdings did manage to effectively shelter the Fund from excessive volatility.

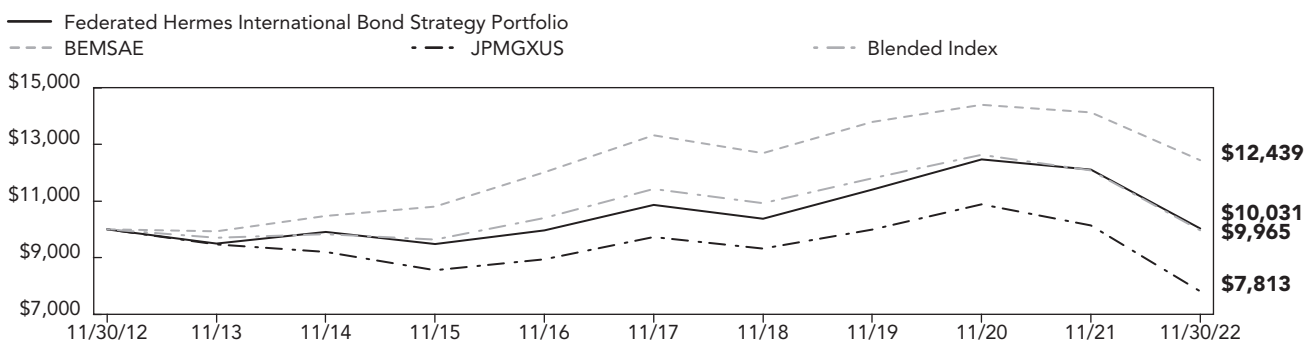
- 1 *The Blended Index is a custom blended index comprised of 50% of the Bloomberg Emerging Markets Seasoned ex. Aggregate/Eurodollar Index (BEMSAE) and 50% of the J.P. Morgan Global (ex-U.S.) Government Bond Index (JPMGXUS). Please see the footnotes to the line graph under "Fund Performance and Growth of a \$10,000 Investment" below for the definition of, and more information about, the Blended Index.*
- 2 *Please see the footnotes to the line graph under "Fund Performance and Growth of a \$10,000 Investment" below for the definition of, and more information about, the BEMSAE.*
- 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 *Bond prices are sensitive to changes in interest rates, and a rise in interest rates can cause a decline in their prices. 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 *International investing involves special risks including currency risk, increased volatility, political risks and differences in auditing and other financial standards. Prices of emerging market securities can be significantly more volatile than the prices of securities in developed countries, and currency risk and political risks are accentuated in emerging markets.*

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

The graph below illustrates the hypothetical investment of \$10,000<sup>1</sup> in the Federated Hermes International Bond Strategy Portfolio (the “Fund”) from November 30, 2012 to November 30, 2022, compared to a blend of indexes comprised of 50% Bloomberg Emerging Markets Seasoned ex Aggregate/Eurodollar Index<sup>2</sup> (BEMSAE) and 50% J.P. Morgan Global (ex-U.S.) Government Bond Index (JPMGXUS)<sup>3</sup> (the “Blended Index”).<sup>4</sup>

### GROWTH OF A \$10,000 INVESTMENT

#### Growth of \$10,000 as of November 30, 2022



#### Average Annual Total Returns for the Period Ended 11/30/2022

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
<b>Fund</b>	-17.16%	-1.58%	0.03%
BEMSAE	-11.94%	-1.36%	2.21%
JPMGXUS	-22.92%	-4.29%	-2.44%
Blended Index	-17.51%	-2.70%	-0.04%

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. Mutual fund performance changes over time and current performance may be lower or higher than what is stated. For current to the most recent month-end performance and after-tax returns, visit [FederatedInvestors.com](http://FederatedInvestors.com) or call 1-800-341-7400. Returns shown do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption of Fund shares. Mutual funds are not obligations of or guaranteed by any bank and are not federally insured.

- 1 Represents a hypothetical investment of \$10,000 in the Fund. The Fund’s performance assumes the reinvestment of all dividends and distributions. The BEMSAE, JPMGXUS and the Blended Index have been adjusted to reflect reinvestment of dividends on securities in the indexes.
- 2 The BEMSAE is the emerging markets debt component of the Bloomberg US Universal Bond Index and is generally at least 80% non-investment grade. The index is not adjusted to reflect sales charges, expenses or other fees that the Securities and Exchange Commission 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 The JPMGXUS is a broad measure of bond performance in developed countries, excluding the U.S. The index is not adjusted to reflect sales loads, expenses or other fees that the Securities and Exchange Commission 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.
- 4 The Blended Index is a custom blended index comprised of 50% of the BEMSAE and 50% of JPMGXUS.

## Portfolio of Investments Summary Table (unaudited)

At November 30, 2022, the Fund's issuer country and currency exposure composition<sup>1</sup> were as follows:

Country	Country Exposure as a Percentage of Total Net Assets <sup>2,3</sup>	Currency Exposure as a Percentage of Total Net Assets <sup>3,4</sup>
Japan	10.7%	18.0%
Mexico	7.6%	0.1%
France	6.0%	—
United Kingdom	5.8%	—
Italy	5.3%	—
Brazil	4.7%	—
Turkey	4.6%	—
Colombia	4.1%	—
Spain	3.4%	—
Argentina	2.8%	—
Belgium	2.6%	—
South Africa	2.5%	—
Germany	2.4%	—
Dominican Republic	2.3%	—
Oman	2.3%	—
Bahrain	2.1%	—
India	1.8%	—
Canada	1.7%	1.7%
China	1.5%	0.4%
Australia	1.4%	0.9%
Netherlands	1.3%	—
Nigeria	1.0%	—
Peru	1.0%	—
United States	0.5%	45.1%
Other <sup>5</sup>	10.7%	—
Euro	—	25.8%
New Zealand	—	(1.9)%
SUB-TOTAL	90.1%	90.1%
Cash Equivalents <sup>6</sup>	9.3%	9.3%
Derivative Contracts <sup>7</sup>	(0.1)%	(0.1)%
Other Assets and Liabilities—Net <sup>8</sup>	0.7%	0.7%
TOTAL	100%	100%

- <sup>1</sup> The fixed-income securities of some issuers may not be denominated in the currency of the issuer's designated country. Therefore, the two columns above "Country Exposure as a Percentage of Total Net Assets" and "Currency Exposure as a Percentage of Total Net Assets" may not be equal.
- <sup>2</sup> This column depicts the Fund's exposure to various countries through its investment in foreign fixed-income securities, along with the Fund's holdings of cash equivalents and other assets and liabilities. With respect to foreign corporate fixed-income securities, country allocations are based primarily on the country in which the issuing company has registered the security. However, the Fund's Adviser may allocate the company to a country based on other factors such as the location of the company's head office, the jurisdiction of the company's incorporation, the location of the principal trading market for the company's securities or the country from which a majority of the company's revenue is derived.
- <sup>3</sup> As of the date specified above, the Fund owned shares of one or more affiliated investment companies. For purposes of this table, the affiliated investment company (other than an affiliated money market fund) is not treated as a single portfolio security, but rather the Fund is treated as owning a pro rata portion of each security and each other asset and liability owned by the affiliated investment company. Accordingly, the percentages of total net assets shown in the table will differ from those presented on the Portfolio of Investments.
- <sup>4</sup> This column depicts the Fund's exposure to various currencies through its investment in foreign fixed-income securities, currency derivative contracts and foreign exchange contracts (which for purposes of this report includes any currency options sold by the Fund and currency forward contracts).
- <sup>5</sup> This line depicts the Fund's exposure to various countries, each of which represents less than 1.0% of the Fund's Total Net Assets.
- <sup>6</sup> Cash Equivalents include any investments in money market mutual funds and/or overnight repurchase agreements. This does not include cash held in the Fund that is denominated in foreign currencies. See the Statement of Assets and Liabilities for information regarding the Fund's foreign cash position.

- 7 Based upon net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) or value of the derivative contracts as applicable. Derivative contracts may consist of futures, forwards, options and swaps. The impact of a derivative contract on the Fund's performance may be larger than its unrealized appreciation (depreciation) or value may indicate. In many cases, the notional value or amount of a derivative contract may provide a better indication of the contract's significance to the portfolio. More complete information regarding the Fund's direct investment in derivative contracts, including unrealized appreciation (depreciation), value and notional values or amounts of such contracts, can be found in the table at the end of the Portfolio of Investments included in this report.
- 8 Assets, other than investments in securities and derivative contracts, less liabilities. See Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

# Portfolio of Investments

November 30, 2022

Foreign Currency Par Amount, Principal Amount or Shares		Value in U.S. Dollars
	BONDS—41.9%	
	AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR—1.4%	
	<b>Sovereign—1.4%</b>	
100,000	Australia, Government of, Series 137, 2.750%, 4/21/2024	\$ 67,543
65,000	Australia, Government of, Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series 148, 2.750%, 11/21/2027	43,041
130,000	Australia, Government of, Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series 160, 1.000%, 12/21/2030	72,972
	TOTAL	183,556
	BRITISH POUND—5.8%	
	<b>Sovereign—5.8%</b>	
120,000	United Kingdom, Government of, 3.250%, 1/22/2044	137,648
110,000	United Kingdom, Government of, 4.250%, 12/7/2027	138,125
100,000	United Kingdom, Government of, Bond, 4.250%, 3/7/2036	130,860
100,000	United Kingdom, Government of, Unsecd. Deb., 1.625%, 10/22/2028	110,315
160,000	United Kingdom, Government of, Unsecd. Note, 1.500%, 7/22/2047	129,182
90,000	United Kingdom, Government of, Unsecd. Note, 4.250%, 6/7/2032	118,076
	TOTAL	764,206
	CANADIAN DOLLAR—1.7%	
	<b>Sovereign—1.7%</b>	
265,000	Canada, Government of, Series WL43, 5.750%, 6/1/2029	229,238
	EURO—21.1%	
	<b>Sovereign—21.1%</b>	
110,000	Belgium, Government of, Series 68, 2.250%, 6/22/2023	114,522
230,000	Belgium, Government of, Series 74, 0.800%, 6/22/2025	231,588
145,000	France, Government of, 0.500%, 5/25/2025	144,665
140,000	France, Government of, 2.750%, 10/25/2027	149,494
100,000	France, Government of, 5.750%, 10/25/2032	134,741
100,000	France, Government of, Bond, 4.500%, 4/25/2041	131,059
120,000	France, Government of, O.A.T., 5.500%, 4/25/2029	148,862
100,000	France, Government of, Unsecd. Note, 2.000%, 5/25/2048	91,831
115,000	Germany, Government of, 2.500%, 7/4/2044	132,729
100,000	Germany, Government of, Bond, Series 03, 4.750%, 7/4/2034	133,969
55,000	Germany, Government of, Unsecd. Note, 1.000%, 8/15/2024	56,251
200,000	Italy, Government of, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 0.650%, 10/15/2023	204,911
200,000	Italy, Government of, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.650%, 3/1/2032	175,117
105,000	Italy, Government of, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.750%, 9/1/2028	117,201
140,000	Italy, Government of, Unsecd. Note, 1.600%, 6/1/2026	138,643
70,000	Italy, Government of, Unsecd. Note, 3.250%, 9/1/2046	65,979
70,000	Netherlands, Government of, Unsecd. Note, 0.250%, 7/15/2025	69,462
100,000	Netherlands, Government of, Unsecd. Note, 2.500%, 1/15/2033	106,452
140,000	Spain, Government of, 4.200%, 1/31/2037	163,919
75,000	Spain, Government of, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.500%, 4/30/2027	74,925
95,000	Spain, Government of, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.950%, 7/30/2030	93,657
25,000	Spain, Government of, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.750%, 10/31/2024	26,208
90,000	Spain, Government of, Unsecd. Note, 1.600%, 4/30/2025	92,132
	TOTAL	2,798,317



Foreign Currency Par Amount, Principal Amount or Shares		Value in U.S. Dollars
	BONDS—continued	
	JAPANESE YEN—10.7%	
	<b>Sovereign—10.7%</b>	
41,000,000	Japan, Government of, Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series 122, 1.800%, 9/20/2030	\$ 332,008
60,000,000	Japan, Government of, Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series 153, 1.300%, 6/20/2035	469,755
53,000,000	Japan, Government of, Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series 44, 1.700%, 9/20/2044	419,479
30,000,000	Japan, Government of, Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series 58, 0.800%, 3/20/2048	190,960
	TOTAL	1,412,202
	MEXICAN PESO—1.2%	
	<b>Sovereign—1.2%</b>	
3,500,000	Mexico, Government of, Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series M, 5.750%, 3/5/2026	161,770
	TOTAL BONDS (IDENTIFIED COST \$7,291,392)	5,549,289
	REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS—9.1%	
\$ 1,212,000	Interest in \$400,000,000 joint repurchase agreement, 3.78% dated 11/30/2022 under which BNP Paribas S.A. will repurchase the securities provided as collateral for \$400,042,000 on 12/1/2022. The securities provided as collateral at the end of the period held with BNY Mellon, tri-party agent, were U.S. government agency and U.S. treasury securities with various maturities to 10/15/2024 and the market value of those underlying securities was \$408,042,862.	1,212,000
	INVESTMENT COMPANY—49.1%	
824,821	Emerging Markets Core Fund (IDENTIFIED COST \$8,481,907)	6,499,592
	TOTAL INVESTMENT IN SECURITIES—100.1% (IDENTIFIED COST \$16,985,299) <sup>1</sup>	13,260,881
	OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - NET—(0.1)% <sup>2</sup>	(9,681)
	TOTAL NET ASSETS—100%	\$ 13,251,200

At November 30, 2022, the Fund had the following outstanding foreign exchange contracts:

Settlement Date	Counterparty	Units to Receive/Deliver	In Exchange For	Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)
<b>Contracts Purchased:</b>				
12/15/2022	Barclays	\$25,000	3,472,475 JPY	\$ (202)
12/19/2022	Morgan Stanley	\$25,000	3,455,875 JPY	\$ (97)
12/19/2022	Morgan Stanley	\$50,000	6,950,000 JPY	\$ (471)
1/26/2023	Bank of America	100,000 EUR	136,017 CAD	\$ 3,342
1/26/2023	Bank of America	100,000 EUR	14,409,193 JPY	\$ (614)
1/26/2023	Bank of America	50,000 EUR	85,145 NZD	\$ (1,424)
1/26/2023	Bank of America	50,000 EUR	\$49,328	\$ 2,947
1/26/2023	Bank of America	100,000 EUR	\$103,972	\$ 577
1/26/2023	Bank of America	100,000 GBP	160,736 CAD	\$ 1,161
1/26/2023	Bank of America	200,000 GBP	32,642,120 JPY	\$ 3,287
1/26/2023	Bank of America	\$120,000	17,622,272 JPY	\$ (8,614)
1/26/2023	Bank of America	\$300,000	42,700,791 JPY	\$(11,646)
1/26/2023	BNP Paribas	\$150,000	3,045,587 MXN	\$ (6,233)
1/26/2023	Citibank	100,000 NZD	\$57,069	\$ 5,997
1/26/2023	HSBC	\$100,000	14,224,627 JPY	\$ (3,817)
1/26/2023	Morgan Stanley	600,000 EUR	521,171 GBP	\$ (2,074)
1/26/2023	Morgan Stanley	600,000 EUR	\$630,023	\$ (2,728)
1/26/2023	Morgan Stanley	100,000 GBP	159,891 CAD	\$ 1,790
1/26/2023	State Street	50,000 EUR	84,723 NZD	\$ (1,157)
1/30/2023	BNP Paribas	400,000 CNY	\$56,029	\$ 257

Settlement Date	Counterparty	Units to Receive/Deliver	In Exchange For	Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)
<b>Contracts Sold:</b>				
12/15/2022	Barclays	\$25,000	3,481,525 JPY	\$ 268
12/19/2022	JPMorgan	\$12,500	1,723,584 JPY	\$ 17
12/19/2022	Morgan Stanley	\$25,000	3,485,125 JPY	\$ 309
12/19/2022	Morgan Stanley	\$25,000	3,464,575 JPY	\$ 160
12/19/2022	Morgan Stanley	\$12,500	1,738,334 JPY	\$ 124
12/21/2022	Morgan Stanley	12,500 GBP	\$14,799	\$ (280)
1/26/2023	Bank of America	50,000 EUR	68,166 CAD	\$ (1,554)
1/26/2023	Bank of America	100,000 EUR	14,661,749 JPY	\$ 2,458
1/26/2023	Bank of America	350,000 EUR	\$365,028	\$ (894)
1/26/2023	Bank of America	100,000 GBP	16,545,800 JPY	\$ (3)
1/26/2023	Bank of America	100,000 NZD	\$57,576	\$ (5,491)
1/26/2023	Bank of America	\$975,000	143,342,033 JPY	\$ 71,163
1/26/2023	Bank of America	\$70,000	10,226,152 JPY	\$ 4,634
1/26/2023	Citibank	200,000 GBP	312,279 CAD	\$ (9,162)
1/26/2023	Citibank	400,000 NZD	\$248,422	\$ (3,845)
1/26/2023	JPMorgan	\$300,000	42,445,494 JPY	\$ 9,783
1/26/2023	Morgan Stanley	50,000 EUR	67,724 CAD	\$ (1,883)
1/26/2023	Morgan Stanley	100,000 EUR	173,304 NZD	\$ 4,747
1/26/2023	Morgan Stanley	350,000 EUR	\$364,604	\$ (1,318)
1/26/2023	Morgan Stanley	100,000 GBP	16,449,928 JPY	\$ (703)
1/26/2023	Morgan Stanley	100,000 GBP	\$120,516	\$ (245)
1/26/2023	Morgan Stanley	\$100,000	14,611,311 JPY	\$ 6,639
1/26/2023	State Street	50,000 EUR	\$49,748	\$ (2,526)
1/27/2023	State Street	100,000 AUD	\$63,259	\$ (4,787)
NET UNREALIZED APPRECIATION ON FOREIGN EXCHANGE CONTRACTS				\$ 47,892

Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) on Foreign Exchange Contracts are included in "Other Assets and Liabilities—Net."

Affiliated fund holdings are investment companies which are managed by the Adviser or an affiliate of the Adviser. Transactions with affiliated fund holdings during the period ended November 30, 2022, were as follows:

	Emerging Markets Core Fund
Value as of 11/30/2021	\$ 36,800,598
Purchases at Cost	\$ 2,739,220
Proceeds from Sales	\$(29,175,000)
Change in Unrealized Appreciation/(Depreciation)	\$ 637,524
Net Realized Gain/(Loss)	\$ (4,502,750)
Value as of 11/30/2022	\$ 6,499,592
Shares Held as of 11/30/2022	824,821
Dividend Income	\$ 1,141,942

Pursuant to an Exemptive Order issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the Fund invests in a portfolio of Federated Hermes Core Trust ("Core Trust"), which is managed by the Federated Investment Management Company (the "Adviser"). Core Trust is an open-end management company, registered under the Act, available only to registered investment companies and other institutional investors. The investment objective of Emerging Markets Core Fund (EMCOR), a portfolio of Core Trust, is to achieve a total return on its assets. EMCOR's secondary objective is to achieve a high level of income. Distributions of net investment income from EMCOR are declared daily and paid monthly. Capital gain distributions, if any, from EMCOR are declared and paid annually, and are recorded by the Fund as capital gains. Federated Hermes, Inc. ("Federated Hermes") receives no advisory or administrative fees from EMCOR. Copies of the EMCOR financial statements are available on the EDGAR Database on the SEC's website or upon request from the Fund.

- 1 The cost of investments for federal tax purposes amounts to \$17,013,235.
- 2 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 November 30, 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 November 30, 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
<b>Debt Securities:</b>				
Bonds	\$ —	\$5,549,289	\$—	\$ 5,549,289
<b>Repurchase Agreement</b>	—	1,212,000	—	1,212,000
<b>Investment Company</b>	6,499,592	—	—	6,499,592
TOTAL SECURITIES	\$6,499,592	\$6,761,289	\$—	\$13,260,881
<b>Other Financial Instruments:<sup>1</sup></b>				
<b>Assets</b>	\$ —	\$ 119,660	\$—	\$ 119,660
<b>Liabilities</b>	—	(71,768)	—	(71,768)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS	\$ —	\$ 47,892	\$—	\$ 47,892

1 Other financial instruments are Foreign Exchange Contracts.

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

AUD —Australian Dollar

CAD —Canadian Dollar

CNY —Chinese Yuan Renminbi

EUR —Euro

GBP —Great British Pound

JPY —Japanese Yen

MXN—Mexican Peso

NZD —New Zealand Dollar

See Notes which are an integral part of the Financial Statements

# Financial Highlights

(For a Share Outstanding Throughout Each Period)

Year Ended November 30	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
<b>Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period</b>	<b>\$14.83</b>	<b>\$15.59</b>	<b>\$14.75</b>	<b>\$14.01</b>	<b>\$15.08</b>
<b>Income From Investment Operations:</b>					
Net investment income <sup>1</sup>	0.52	0.62	0.51	0.53	0.54
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	(2.94)	(1.05)	0.83	0.81	(1.20)
TOTAL FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS	(2.42)	(0.43)	1.34	1.34	(0.66)
<b>Less Distributions:</b>					
Distributions from net investment income	(0.71)	(0.33)	(0.50)	(0.60)	(0.41)
<b>Net Asset Value, End of Period</b>	<b>\$11.70</b>	<b>\$14.83</b>	<b>\$15.59</b>	<b>\$14.75</b>	<b>\$14.01</b>
<b>Total Return<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>(17.16)%</b>	<b>(2.90)%</b>	<b>9.34%</b>	<b>9.92%</b>	<b>(4.50)%</b>

## Ratios to Average Net Assets:

Net expenses <sup>3,4</sup>	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Net investment income	3.95%	4.01%	3.49%	3.66%	3.76%
Expense waiver/reimbursement <sup>5</sup>	0.94%	0.49%	0.93%	1.24%	1.55%

## Supplemental Data:

Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)	\$13,251	\$62,853	\$52,037	\$23,369	\$18,179
Portfolio turnover <sup>6</sup>	15%	53%	69%	52%	20%

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

2 Based on net asset value.

3 See Note 5, Investment Adviser Fee and Other Transactions with Affiliates.

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

5 This expense decrease is reflected in both the net expense and net investment income ratios shown above. Amount does not reflect expense waiver/reimbursement recorded by investment companies in which the Fund may invest.

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

See Notes which are an integral part of the Financial Statements

# Statement of Assets and Liabilities

November 30, 2022

## Assets:

Investment in securities, at value including \$6,499,592 of investment in an affiliated holding* (identified cost \$16,985,299)	\$ 13,260,881
Cash denominated in foreign currencies (identified cost \$20,959)	21,849
Cash	663
Unrealized appreciation on foreign exchange contracts	119,660
Income receivable	50,168
Receivable for shares sold	4,863
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>13,458,084</b>

## Liabilities:

Unrealized depreciation on foreign exchange contracts	\$71,768
Payable for shares redeemed	1,640
Payable for portfolio accounting fees	79,108
Payable for auditing fees	30,701
Payable for custodian fees	9,709
Payable for share registration costs	7,484
Payable to adviser (Note 5)	2,085
Payable for administrative fee (Note 5)	225
Payable for Directors'/Trustees' fees (Note 5)	112
Accrued expenses (Note 5)	4,052
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>206,884</b>
Net assets for 1,132,493 shares outstanding	\$ 13,251,200

## Net Assets Consists of:

Paid-in capital	\$ 23,948,549
Total distributable earnings (loss)	(10,697,349)
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 13,251,200</b>

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

\$13,251,200 ÷ 1,132,493 shares outstanding, no par value, unlimited shares authorized	\$ 11.70
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\* See information listed after the Fund's Portfolio of Investments.

See Notes which are an integral part of the Financial Statements

# Statement of Operations

Year Ended November 30, 2022

## Investment Income:

Dividends received from an affiliated holding*	\$ 1,141,942
Interest (net of foreign tax withheld of \$1,636)	115,473
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>1,257,415</b>

## Expenses:

Administrative fee (Note 5)	\$ 25,715
Custodian fees	15,071
Transfer agent fees	4,757
Directors'/Trustees' fees (Note 5)	1,660
Auditing fees	30,700
Legal fees	8,537
Portfolio accounting fees	139,549
Share registration costs	28,754
Printing and postage	20,412
LOC commitment fees	8,058
Miscellaneous (Note 5)	14,786
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>297,999</b>
Reimbursement of other operating expenses (Note 5)	\$(297,999)
Net expenses	-
Net investment income	1,257,415

## Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments, Foreign Exchange Contracts, Futures Contracts, Written Options, Swap Contracts and Foreign Currency Transactions:

Net realized loss on investments (including realized loss of \$(4,502,750) on sales of investments in an affiliated holding*) and foreign currency transactions	\$(7,338,529)
Net realized loss on foreign exchange contracts	(912,914)
Net realized gain on futures contracts	42,236
Net realized gain on written options	3,012
Net realized gain on swap contracts	7,227
Net change in unrealized depreciation of investments and translation of assets and liabilities in foreign currency (including net change in unrealized appreciation of \$637,524 of investments in an affiliated holding*)	(597,465)
Net change in unrealized depreciation of foreign exchange contracts	252,935
Net change in unrealized depreciation of futures contracts	7,019
Net change in unrealized appreciation of written options	(414)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments, foreign exchange contracts, futures contracts, written options, swap contracts and foreign currency transactions	(8,536,893)
Change in net assets resulting from operations	\$(7,279,478)

\* See information listed after the Fund's Portfolio of Investments.

See Notes which are an integral part of the Financial Statements

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

Year Ended November 30	2022	2021
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets</b>		
<b>Operations:</b>		
Net investment income	\$ 1,257,415	\$ 2,742,610
Net realized gain (loss)	(8,198,968)	411,176
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation	(337,925)	(5,077,555)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	(7,279,478)	(1,923,769)
<b>Distributions to Shareholders:</b>		
Distribution to shareholders	(2,996,216)	(1,580,581)
<b>Share Transactions:</b>		
Proceeds from sale of shares	13,023,781	49,235,633
Net asset value of shares issued to shareholders in payment of distributions declared	110,582	48,888
Cost of shares redeemed	(52,460,725)	(34,963,789)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM SHARE TRANSACTIONS	(39,326,362)	14,320,732
Change in net assets	(49,602,056)	10,816,382
<b>Net Assets:</b>		
Beginning of period	62,853,256	52,036,874
End of period	\$ 13,251,200	\$ 62,853,256

See Notes which are an integral part of the Financial Statements

# Notes to Financial Statements

November 30, 2022

## 1. ORGANIZATION

Federated Hermes Managed Pool 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 five portfolios. The financial statements included herein are only those of Federated Hermes International Bond Strategy Portfolio (the "Fund"), a non-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 investment objective of the Fund is to achieve total return on its assets, by investing primarily in foreign government and corporate bonds in both developed and emerging markets.

## 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:

- 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.
- 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.
- Fixed-income securities are fair valued using price evaluations provided by a pricing service approved by Federated Investment Management Company (the "Adviser").
- 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 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. Distributions of net investment income, if any, are declared and paid annually. Foreign dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date or when the Fund is informed of the ex-dividend date. Amortization/accretion of premium and discount is included in investment income. The detail of the total fund expense reimbursement of \$297,999 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 November 30, 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 November 30, 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.

The Fund may be subject to taxes imposed by governments of countries in which it invests. Such taxes are generally based on either income or gains earned or repatriated. The Fund accrues and applies such taxes to net investment income, net realized gains and net unrealized gains as income and/or gains are earned.

### **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.

### **Swap Contracts**

Swap contracts involve two parties that agree to exchange the returns (or the differential in rates of return) earned or realized on particular predetermined investments, instruments, indices or other measures. The gross returns to be exchanged or “swapped” between parties are generally calculated with respect to a “notional amount” for a determined period of time. The Fund may enter into interest rate, total return, credit default, currency and other swap agreements to seek to increase yield, income and return, and to manage currency risk, duration risk, market risk and yield curve risk. Risks may arise upon entering into swap agreements from the potential inability of the counterparties to meet the terms of their contract from unanticipated changes in the value of the swap agreement. In connection with these agreements, securities or cash may be identified as collateral or margin in accordance with the terms of the respective swap agreements to provide assets of value and recourse in the event of default.

The “buyer” in a credit swap is obligated to pay the “seller” a periodic stream of payments over the term of the contract provided that no event of default on an underlying reference obligation has occurred. If an event of default occurs, the seller must pay the buyer the full notional value, or the “par value,” of the reference obligation in exchange for the reference obligation. In connection with these agreements, securities may be identified as collateral in accordance with the terms of the respective swap agreements to provide assets of the value and recourse in the event of default or bankruptcy/solvency. Recovery values are assumed by market makers considering either industry standard recovery rates or entity specific factors and considerations until a credit event occurs. If a credit event has occurred, the recovery value is typically determined by a facilitated auction whereby a minimum number of allowable broker bids, together with a specific valuation method, are used to calculate the settlement value. The maximum amount of the payment that may occur, as a result of a credit event payable by the protection seller, is equal to the notional amount of the underlying index or security. The Fund’s maximum risk of loss from counterparty credit risk, either as the protection buyer or as the protection seller, is the fair value of the contract. This risk is mitigated by having a master netting arrangement between the Fund and the counterparty and by the posting of collateral by the counterparty to the Fund to cover the Fund’s exposure to the counterparty.

Upfront payments received or paid by the Fund will be reflected as an asset or liability on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Changes in the value of swap contracts are included in “Swaps, at value” on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities, and periodic payments are reported as “Net realized gain (loss) on swap contracts” in the Statement of Operations.

Certain swap contracts may be centrally cleared (“centrally cleared swaps”), whereby all payments made or received by the Fund pursuant to the contract are with a central clearing party (CCP) rather than the counterparty. The CCP guarantees the performance of the parties to the contract. Upon entering into centrally cleared swaps, the Fund is required to deposit with the CCP, either in cash or securities, an amount of initial margin determined by the CCP, which is subject to adjustment. For centrally cleared swaps, the daily change in valuation is recorded as a receivable or payable for variation margin and settled in cash with the CCP daily. In the case of centrally cleared swaps, counterparty risk is minimal due to protections provided by the CCP.

At November 30, 2022, the Fund had no open swaps contracts.

The average notional amount of credit default swap contracts held by the Fund throughout the period was \$46,154. This is based on amounts held as of each month-end throughout the fiscal period.

### **Foreign Exchange Contracts**

The Fund may enter into foreign exchange contracts to seek to increase return and to manage currency risk. Purchased contracts are used to acquire exposure to foreign currencies, whereas, contracts to sell are used to hedge the Fund’s securities against currency fluctuations. Risks may arise upon entering into these transactions from the potential inability of counterparties to meet the terms of their commitments and from unanticipated movements in security prices or foreign exchange rates. The foreign exchange contracts are adjusted by the daily exchange rate of the underlying currency and any gains or losses are recorded for financial statement purposes as unrealized until the settlement date.

Foreign exchange contracts are subject to Master Netting Agreements (MNA) 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.

Foreign exchange contracts outstanding at period end, including net unrealized appreciation/depreciation or net settlement amounts, are listed after the Fund’s Portfolio of Investments.

The average value at settlement date payable and receivable of foreign exchange contracts purchased and sold by the Fund throughout the period was \$419,622 and \$270,735, respectively. This is based on the contracts held as of each month-end throughout the fiscal period.

## Foreign Currency Translation

The accounting records of the Fund are maintained in U.S. dollars. All assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars based on the rates of exchange of such currencies against U.S. dollars on the date of valuation. Purchases and sales of securities, income and expenses are translated at the rate of exchange quoted on the respective date that such transactions are recorded. The Fund does not isolate that portion of the results of operations resulting from changes in foreign exchange rates on investments from the fluctuations arising from changes in market prices of securities held. Such fluctuations are included with the net realized and unrealized gain or loss from investments.

Reported net realized foreign exchange gains or losses arise from sales of foreign currencies, currency gains or losses realized between the trade and settlement dates on securities transactions, the difference between the amounts of dividends, interest and foreign withholding taxes recorded on the Fund's books and the U.S. dollar equivalent of the amounts actually received or paid. Net unrealized foreign exchange gains and losses arise from changes in the value of assets and liabilities other than investments in securities at period end, resulting from changes in the exchange rate.

## Futures Contracts

The Fund purchases and sells financial futures contracts to seek to manage currency, duration and yield curve risk. Upon entering into a financial futures contract with a broker, the Fund is required to deposit with a broker, either U.S. government securities or a specified amount of cash, which is shown as due from broker in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Futures contracts are valued daily and unrealized gains or losses are recorded in a "variation margin" account. The Fund receives from or pays to the broker a specified amount of cash based upon changes in the variation margin account. When a contract is closed, the Fund recognizes a realized gain or loss. Futures contracts have market risks, including the risk that the change in the value of the contract may not correlate with the changes in the value of the underlying securities. There is minimal counterparty risk to the Fund since futures contracts are exchange traded and the exchange's clearing house, as counterparty to all exchange-traded futures contracts, guarantees the futures contracts against default.

At November 30, 2022, the Fund had no outstanding futures contracts.

The average notional value of long futures and short futures contracts held by the Fund throughout the period was \$567,247 and \$1,081,201, respectively. This is based on amounts held as of each month-end throughout the fiscal period.

## Option Contracts

The Fund buys or sells put and call options to seek to manage currency, duration and market risk. The seller ("writer") of an option receives a payment or premium, from the buyer, which the writer keeps regardless of whether the buyer exercises the option. When the Fund writes a put or call option, an amount equal to the premium received is recorded as a liability and subsequently marked to market to reflect the current value of the option written. Premiums received from writing options which expire are treated as realized gains. The Fund, as a writer of an option, bears the market risk of an unfavorable change in the price of the underlying reference instrument. When the Fund purchases a put or call option, an amount equal to the premium paid is recorded as an increase to the cost of the investment and subsequently marked to market to reflect the current value of the option purchased. Premiums paid for purchasing options which expire are treated as realized losses. Premiums received/paid for writing/purchasing options which are exercised or closed are added to the proceeds or offset against amounts paid on the underlying reference instrument to determine the realized gain or loss. The risk associated with purchasing put and call options is limited to the premium paid. Options can trade on securities or commodities exchanges. In this case, the exchange sets all the terms of the contract except for the price. Most exchanges require investors to maintain margin accounts through their brokers to cover their potential obligations to the exchange. This protects investors against potential defaults by the counterparty.

At November 30, 2022, the Fund had no outstanding purchased and written option contracts.

The average market value of purchased put and call options held by the Fund throughout the period was \$1,354 and \$101, respectively. This is based on amounts held as of each month-end throughout the fiscal period.

The average market value of written put and call options held by the Fund throughout the period was \$147 and \$42, respectively. This is based on amounts held as of each month-end throughout the fiscal period.

## 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.

## Additional Disclosure Related to Derivative Instruments

### Fair Value of Derivative Instruments

	Asset		Liability	
	Statement of Assets and Liabilities Location	Fair Value	Statement of Assets and Liabilities Location	Fair Value
Derivatives not accounted for as hedging instruments under ASC Topic 815				
Foreign exchange contracts	Unrealized appreciation on foreign exchange contracts	\$119,660	Unrealized depreciation on foreign exchange contracts	\$71,768
Total derivatives not accounted for as hedging instruments under ASC Topic 815		\$ 119,660		\$71,768

### The Effect of Derivative Instruments on the Statement of Operations for the Year Ended November 30, 2022

Amount of Realized Gain or (Loss) on Derivatives Recognized in Income	Purchased Options <sup>1</sup>	Credit Default Swap Contracts	Written Option Contract	Foreign Exchange Contracts	Futures Contracts	Total
Foreign exchange contracts	\$(24,424)	\$ —	\$3,012	\$(912,914)	\$ —	\$(934,326)
Credit contracts	—	7,227	—	—	—	\$ 7,227
Interest rate contracts	—	—	—	—	42,236	\$ 42,236
TOTAL	\$(24,424)	\$7,227	\$3,012	\$(912,914)	\$42,236	\$(884,863)

### Change in Unrealized Appreciation or (Depreciation) on Derivatives Recognized in Income

	Purchased Options <sup>2</sup>	Written Option Contracts	Foreign Exchange Contracts	Futures Contracts	Total
Foreign exchange contracts	\$14	\$(414)	\$252,935	\$ —	\$252,535
Interest rate contracts	—	—	—	7,019	7,019
TOTAL	\$14	\$(414)	\$252,935	\$7,019	\$259,554

1 The net realized loss on Purchased Options is found within the Net realized loss on investments and foreign currency transactions on the Statement of Operations.

2 The net change in unrealized depreciation of Purchased Options is found within the Net change in unrealized depreciation of investments and translation of assets and liabilities in foreign currency on the Statement of Operations.

As indicated above, certain derivative investments are transacted subject to MNA. These agreements permit the Fund to offset with a counterparty certain derivative payables and/or receivables with collateral held and create one single net payment in the event of default or termination of the agreement by either the Fund or the counterparty. Amounts presented on the Portfolio of Investments and Statement of Assets and Liabilities are not net settlement amounts but gross. As of November 30, 2022, the impact of netting assets and liabilities and the collateral pledged or received based on MNA are detailed below:

### Gross Amounts Not Offset in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Transaction	Gross Asset Derivatives Presented in Statement of			
	Assets and Liabilities	Financial Instruments	Collateral Received	Net Amount
Foreign Exchange Contracts	\$119,660	\$(46,495)	\$—	\$73,165
TOTAL	\$119,660	\$(46,495)	\$—	\$73,165

Transaction	Gross Liability Derivatives Presented in Statement of			Net Amount
	Assets and Liabilities	Financial Instruments	Collateral Pledged	
Foreign Exchange Contracts	\$71,768	\$(46,495)	\$—	\$25,273
TOTAL	\$71,768	\$(46,495)	\$—	\$25,273

### 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 table summarizes share activity:

Year Ended November 30	2022	2021
Shares sold	1,017,088	3,167,471
Shares issued to shareholders in payment of distributions declared	7,787	3,098
Shares redeemed	(4,129,609)	(2,271,691)
NET CHANGE RESULTING FROM FUND SHARE TRANSACTIONS	(3,104,734)	898,878

### 4. FEDERAL TAX INFORMATION

The accounting treatment of certain items in accordance with income tax regulations may differ from the accounting treatment in accordance with GAAP which may result in permanent differences. In the case of the Fund, such differences primarily result from net operating loss and registered investment company overdistribution.

For the year ended November 30, 2022, permanent differences identified and reclassified among the components of net assets were as follows:

	Increase (Decrease)	Total Distributable Earnings (Loss)
Paid-In Capital		
\$(441,444)		\$441,444

The tax character of distributions as reported on the Statement of Changes in Net Assets for the years ended November 30, 2022 and 2021, was as follows:

	2022	2021
Ordinary income <sup>1</sup>	\$2,996,216	\$1,580,581

<sup>1</sup> For tax purposes, short-term capital gain distributions are considered ordinary income distributions.

As of November 30, 2022, the components of distributable earnings on a tax-basis were as follows:

Net unrealized depreciation	\$ (3,750,710)
Capital loss carryforwards	\$ (6,946,639)
TOTAL	\$(10,697,349)

At November 30, 2022, the cost of investments for federal tax purposes was \$17,013,235. The net unrealized depreciation of investments for federal tax purposes was \$3,752,354. This consists of net unrealized appreciation from investments for those securities having an excess of value over cost of \$10,333 and net unrealized depreciation from investments for those securities having an excess of cost over value of \$3,762,687. The amounts presented are inclusive of derivative contracts. The difference between book-basis and tax-basis net unrealized appreciation/depreciation is attributable to differing treatments for the deferral of losses on wash sales, discount accretion/premium amortization on debt securities, partnership basis adjustment, and mark to market of derivative instruments.

As of November 30, 2022, the Fund had a capital loss carryforward of \$6,946,639 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
\$1,018,405	\$5,928,234	\$6,946,639

## 5. INVESTMENT ADVISER FEE AND OTHER TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

### Investment Adviser Fee

The Adviser provides investment adviser services at no fee, because all eligible investors are: (1) in separately managed or wrap-free programs, who often pay a single aggregate fee to the wrap program sponsor for all costs and expenses of the wrap-free programs; or (2) in certain other separately managed accounts and discretionary investment accounts. The Adviser has contractually agreed to reimburse all expenses of the Fund, excluding extraordinary expenses. Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses are not direct obligations of the Fund and are not contractual reimbursements under the investment advisory contract. For the year ended November 30, 2022, the Adviser reimbursed \$297,999 of other operating expenses.

### 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

FAS may voluntarily choose to waive any portion of its fee. For the year ended November 30, 2022, the annualized fee paid to FAS was 0.081% of average daily net assets of the Fund. Fees paid to FAS by the Fund were reimbursed by the Adviser.

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

### 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 November 30, 2022, were as follows:

Purchases	\$ 4,578,389
Sales	\$42,054,108

## 7. INTERFUND LENDING

Pursuant to an Exemptive Order issued by the SEC, 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 November 30, 2022, there were no outstanding loans. During the year ended November 30, 2022, the program was not utilized.

## 8. 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 November 30, 2022, the Fund had no outstanding loans. During the year ended November 30, 2022, the Fund did not utilize the LOC.

## **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.



# Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

## TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FEDERATED HERMES MANAGED POOL SERIES AND SHAREHOLDERS OF FEDERATED HERMES INTERNATIONAL BOND STRATEGY PORTFOLIO:

### Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of Federated Hermes International Bond Strategy Portfolio (the “Fund”) (one of the portfolios constituting Federated Hermes Managed Pool Series (the “Trust”)), including the portfolio of investments, as of November 30, 2022, and the related statement of operations for the year then ended, the statement of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended and the related notes (collectively referred to as the “financial statements”). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund (one of the portfolios constituting Federated Hermes Managed Pool Series) at November 30, 2022, the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended and its financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

### Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Trust’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Fund’s financial statements 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 Trust 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 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. The Trust is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of the Trust’s internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits, we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust’s internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, 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. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of November 30, 2022, by correspondence with the custodian, brokers, and others; when replies were not received from brokers or others, 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. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

*Ernst + Young LLP*

We have served as the auditor of one or more Federated Hermes investment companies since 1979.

Boston, Massachusetts  
January 24, 2023



## Shareholder Expense Example (unaudited)

As a shareholder of the Fund, you incur ongoing costs, including to the extent applicable, management fees, 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 mutual funds. It is based on an investment of \$1,000 invested at the beginning of the period and held for the entire period from June 1, 2022 to November 30, 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 6/1/2022	Ending Account Value 11/30/2022	Expenses Paid During Period <sup>1</sup>
Actual	\$1,000	\$ 938.30	\$0.00
Hypothetical (assuming a 5% return before expenses)	\$1,000	\$1,025.07	\$0.00

<sup>1</sup> Expenses are equal to the Fund's annualized net expense ratio of 0.00%, multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by 183/365 (to reflect the one-half-year period). Federated Investment Management Company, the Adviser, has contractually agreed to reimburse all operating expenses excluding extraordinary expenses and expenses allocated from affiliated holdings, incurred by the Fund. This agreement has no fixed term.

## 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)
<b>J. Christopher Donahue*</b> Birth Date: April 11, 1949 PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: October 2005	<b>Principal Occupations:</b> 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.  <b>Previous Positions:</b> 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.
<b>John B. Fisher*</b> Birth Date: May 16, 1956 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: May 2016	<b>Principal Occupations:</b> 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.  <b>Previous Positions:</b> 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.

\* Reasons for "interested" status: J. Christopher Donahue and John B. Fisher are interested due to their beneficial ownership of shares of Federated Hermes, Inc. and due to 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
<b>John T. Collins</b> Birth Date: January 24, 1947 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: October 2013	<b>Principal Occupations:</b> 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).  <b>Other Directorships Held:</b> Director, KLX Energy Services Holdings, Inc. (oilfield services); former Director of KLX Corp. (aerospace).  <b>Qualifications:</b> 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
<b>G. Thomas Hough</b> Birth Date: February 28, 1955 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: August 2015	<p><b>Principal Occupations:</b> Director or Trustee, Chair of the Audit Committee of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; formerly, Vice Chair, Ernst &amp; Young LLP (public accounting firm) (Retired).</p> <p><b>Other Directorships Held:</b> Director, Chair of the Audit Committee, Equifax, Inc.; Lead Director, Member of the Audit and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committees, Haverly Furniture Companies, Inc.; formerly, Director, Member of Governance and Compensation Committees, Publix Super Markets, Inc.</p> <p><b>Qualifications:</b> 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 &amp; 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>
<b>Maureen Lally-Green</b> Birth Date: July 5, 1949 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: August 2009	<p><b>Principal Occupations:</b> 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><b>Other Directorships Held:</b> Director, CNX Resources Corporation (natural gas).</p> <p><b>Qualifications:</b> 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>
<b>Thomas M. O'Neill</b> Birth Date: June 14, 1951 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: October 2006	<p><b>Principal Occupations:</b> Director or Trustee of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Sole Proprietor, Navigator Management Company (investment and strategic consulting).</p> <p><b>Other Directorships Held:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Qualifications:</b> 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>
<b>Madelyn A. Reilly</b> Birth Date: February 2, 1956 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: November 2020	<p><b>Principal Occupations:</b> 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><b>Other Directorships Held:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Qualifications:</b> 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>
<b>P. Jerome Richey</b> Birth Date: February 23, 1949 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: October 2013	<p><b>Principal Occupations:</b> 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><b>Other Directorships Held:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Qualifications:</b> 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 &amp; Rooney PC (a law firm).</p>

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
<b>John S. Walsh</b> Birth Date: November 28, 1957 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: November 2005	<b>Principal Occupations:</b> 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.  <b>Other Directorships Held:</b> None.  <b>Qualifications:</b> 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 Birth Date Address Positions Held with Trust Date Service Began	Principal Occupation(s) for Past Five Years and Previous Position(s)
<b>Lori A. Hensler</b> Birth Date: January 6, 1967 TREASURER Officer since: April 2013	<b>Principal Occupations:</b> Principal Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Senior Vice President, Federated Administrative Services; Financial and Operations Principal for Federated Securities Corp.; and Assistant Treasurer, Federated Investors Trust Company. Ms. Hensler has received the Certified Public Accountant designation.  <b>Previous Positions:</b> 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.
<b>Peter J. Germain</b> Birth Date: September 3, 1959 CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER, SECRETARY AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT Officer since: January 2005	<b>Principal Occupations:</b> 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.  <b>Previous Positions:</b> 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.
<b>Stephen Van Meter</b> Birth Date: June 5, 1975 CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER AND SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT Officer since: July 2015	<b>Principal Occupations:</b> 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.  <b>Previous Positions:</b> 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.
<b>Robert J. Ostrowski</b> Birth Date: April 26, 1963 CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER Officer since: September 2006	<b>Principal Occupations:</b> 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.
<b>Stephen F. Auth</b> Birth Date: September 13, 1956 101 Park Avenue 41 <sup>st</sup> Floor New York, NY 10178 CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER Officer since: February 2015	<b>Principal Occupations:</b> 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.  <b>Previous Positions:</b> 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.

## Evaluation and Approval of Advisory Contract – May 2022

### **FEDERATED HERMES INTERNATIONAL BOND STRATEGY PORTFOLIO (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.

The Board considered that the Fund is distinctive in that it is used to implement particular investment strategies that are offered to investors in certain separately managed or wrap fee accounts or programs, or certain other discretionary investment accounts, and may also be offered to other funds (each, a “Federated Hermes Fund” and, collectively the “Federated Hermes Funds”) advised by the Adviser or its affiliates (collectively, “Federated Hermes”).

In addition, the Board considered that the Adviser does not charge an investment advisory fee for its services, although Federated Hermes may receive compensation for managing assets invested in the Fund.

### ***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 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 Advisers and their 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, 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 Federated Hermes Funds.

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 benchmark index, 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.

For the one-year, three-year and five-year periods ended December 31, 2021, the Fund outperformed its benchmark index.

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 that the Adviser does not charge an investment advisory fee to this Fund for its services and has agreed to reimburse the Fund's expenses so that total operating expenses are zero. Because the Adviser does not charge the Fund an investment advisory fee and the Fund's total operating expenses will remain at zero due to reimbursement of expenses, the Board noted that it did not consider fee comparisons to other registered funds or other types of clients of Federated Hermes to be relevant to its evaluation.

### **Profitability**

The Board received and considered profitability information furnished by Federated Hermes, as requested by the CCO. The Board considered that the Adviser does not charge an investment advisory fee to the Fund and noted, therefore, that the Adviser does not profit from providing advisory services to the Fund under the Contract.

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**

Because of the distinctive nature of the Fund as primarily an internal product with an advisory fee of zero, the Board noted that it did not consider the assessment of whether economies of scale would be realized if the Fund were to grow to a sufficient size to be particularly relevant to its evaluation.

### **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, although an affiliate of the Adviser charges the Fund an administrative services fee and also the affiliate is entitled to reimbursement for certain out-of-pocket expenses incurred in providing administrative services to the Fund, Federated Hermes reimburses all such fees and expenses to the Fund.

In connection with the Board's governance of other 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 Managed Pool Series (the “Trust”) has adopted and implemented a liquidity risk management program (the “Program”) for Federated Hermes International Bond Strategy Portfolio (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, as well as a report on "Form N-PX" of how the Fund voted any such proxies during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30, are 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 Report (Form N-PX) link associated with the Fund at [FederatedInvestors.com/FundInformation](https://www.federatedinvestors.com/fundinformation). Select a product name, then click "Documents" and click on "Proxy Voting Record Report." Form N-PX filings are also available at the SEC's website at [sec.gov](https://www.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](https://www.sec.gov) within 60 days of the end of the fiscal quarter upon filing. You may also access this information at [FederatedInvestors.com](https://www.federatedinvestors.com). Select a product name, then click "Documents" and select "Form N-PORT."

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