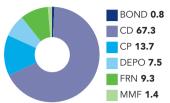
# **Federated Hermes Sterling Cash Plus Fund**

# Class 3 Shares - accumulation

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## 30 April 2024

#### Portfolio composition (%)



#### Effective maturity schedule (%)



## Weighted average maturity 132.71 days

#### Weighted average life

150.16 days

Liquidity	
Daily	7.57%
Weekly	17.45%
Fund information	
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Domicile	UK
Structure	OEIC UCITS
Launch date	14 November 2011
Dealing cut off	1.30pm London Time
Liquidity	T+1
Currency	GBP
Fund type	VNAV
Fund volume	£419.8 million

## Key investment team



Vice President Senior Portfolio Manager for the Federated Hermes (UK) LLP products Head of UK Cash Management Team

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# Investment objective and strategy

The fund aims to provide capital stability and income through investment in short-term fixed-income and variable rate securities. The fund will invest in high quality, liquid securities from both within and outside the UK, aiming to achieve capital preservation with money market returns. The fund is a standard money market fund.

## Investment manager's report

The Bank of England is expected to keep official rates unchanged at 5.25% at its May meeting. The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development has stated that lower rates likely will not occur in the U.K. until the third quarter because of persistent service price growth. However, Bank of England (BoE) Governor Bailey signaled that each of the central bank's Monetary Policy Committee upcoming meetings is "live." Market expectations for rate cuts in June has fallen to 50%. At 3.2%, inflation in March was lower than February's 3.4% but missed the forecast by 10 basis points. The BoE's closely monitored service inflation remained elevated at 6%. The Consumer Price Index is expected to be closer to its 2% target as the energy price cap falls out of the annual calculation. Unemployment rose from 3.9% to 4.2% for the three months to February 2024, the largest change since August 2023. Job vacancies rose to 916,000 from 910,000, however. More worrying for the BoE were earnings growth of 6%. Retail sales in March did little to excite the markets, with a year-on-year 0.8% and the ex-autos and fuel measures at 0.4%. Both missed forecasts and were the first monthly declines since December 2023, despite lower inflation and cuts in National Insurance contributions. Growth recovered slightly in February, with month-on-month at 0.1%. Public coffers suffered more bad news as borrowing increased in March, resulting in a total shortage for the 2023-24 fiscal year of £6.6 billion higher than the Office for Budget Responsibility's forecast. However, the falling Retail Price Index saved a net of £4.3 billion in national debt repayments from February to March. Market volatility continues as global geopolitical events and the decreased likelihood the U.S. Federal Reserve will lower rates this year continue to affect the sterling curve. The 2-year gilt yield rose 33 basis points to 4.49% in April as price pressures continue.

# Net average annual total returns (%)

#### (See important legal information)

Federated Hermes

Cumulative 3-month	Year to date	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year	Since inception
1.25	1.70	5.29	2.58	1.74	1.20	1.16

# Rolling year performance (%)

30/04/2023 -	30/04/2022 -	30/04/2021 -	30/04/2020 -	30/04/2019 -
30/04/2024	30/04/2023	30/04/2022	30/04/2021	30/04/2020
5.29	2.47	0.05	0.22	0.75

# Share class details

ISIN	SEDOL	Dividend	Ongoing charges*
GB00B6TNT268	B6TNT26	Accumulating	17 bps

\*The ongoing charges figure is based on the annual management charge and the running costs of the Fund for the year ended 31 December 2023. Federated Hermes may agree to voluntarily limit the total ongoing charges for the share class. Any such voluntary limit may be terminated or modified at any time. The ongoing charges figure excludes portfolio transaction costs and may vary from year to year.

# Top portfolio issuers

# Groupe BPCESumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings, Inc.National Bank of Canada, MontrealING Groep N.V.JPMorgan Chase & Co.Citigroup, Inc.Lloyds Banking Group PLCNordea Bank AbpGroupe Credit MutuelDNB Bank ASA

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