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Federated Hermes SDG Engagement Equity Fund

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A Portfolio of Federated Hermes Adviser Series

Dear Valued Shareholder,

We are pleased to present the Annual Shareholder Report for your fund covering the period from November 1, 2022 through October 31, 2023. This report includes Management's Discussion of Fund Performance, a complete listing of your fund's holdings, performance information and financial statements along with other important fund information.

The fund seeks to invest in companies that, in its view, provide the potential for long-term capital appreciation alongside positive societal impact aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Through our pioneering engagement group, EOS at Federated Hermes, we engage with company leaders to gain a deep understanding of their business strategy and purpose to ensure company behaviors align with the long-term interests of our clients.

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

In addition, FederatedHermes.com/us offers quick and easy access to valuable resources that include timely fund updates, economic and market insights from our investment strategists and financial planning tools. You can also access many of those insights by following us on Twitter (@FederatedHermes) and LinkedIn.

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

Sincerely,



J. Christopher Donahue, President

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Management’s Discussion of Fund Performance (unaudited)

The total return of Federated Hermes SDG Engagement Equity Fund (the “Fund”), based on net asset value for the 12-month reporting period ended October 31, 2023, was 2.83% for the Class A shares, 3.08% for the Institutional Shares and 3.08% for the Class R6 Shares. The total return of the MSCI All Country World SMID Cap Index (the “Benchmark”),¹ the Fund’s broad-based securities market index, was 2.28% for the same period. The total return of the Morningstar Global Small/Mid Stock Funds Average (MGSMSFA),² a peer group average for the Fund, was -1.81% for the same period. The Fund’s and MGSMSFA’s total returns for the most recently completed fiscal year reflected actual cash flows, transaction costs and expenses, which were not reflected in the total return of the Benchmark.

During the reporting period, the most significant factors affecting Fund performance relative to the Benchmark were sector allocation and stock selection.

The following discussion will focus on the performance of the Fund’s Class R6 Shares relative to the Benchmark.

MARKET OVERVIEW

Easing inflationary pressures fueled a rally in equities towards the end of 2022 and in the first half of 2023. The first quarter of 2023 was dominated by the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank in March which led to a selloff in the financial sector in both the U.S. and Europe. Fears of a domino effect were alleviated by the coordinated efforts of regulators and large banks to stabilize the sector. The second quarter of 2023 was characterized by the enthusiasm around artificial intelligence technology which boosted technology stocks. However, in the third quarter of 2023 and final month of this reporting period, the optimism ended and both global equity markets and bond markets declined. Much of this decline can be attributed to the market accepting a “higher for longer” rate environment.

Information Technology (+10.39%) and Industrials (+9.19%) were the best performing sectors while Health Care (-9.09%) and Real Estate (-8.23%) were the worst performing sectors. Regionally, Emerging Markets Asia (+15.99%) and Japan (+14.08%) had the strongest returns over the period. North America (-3.44%) and Emerging Markets Latin America (-0.07%) were the worst performing regions.

FUND PERFORMANCE

The Fund outperformed the Benchmark in the reporting period. Sector allocation was the primary driver of the outperformance as stock selection marginally detracted. The outperformance was driven by strong stock selection in Consumer Staples, the overweight in Industrials and stock selection and overweight in Materials. This outweighed the negative contribution from stock

selection in Energy and Financials and the underweight and stock selection in Information Technology. From a regional perspective, the largest contribution to relative returns came from stock selection in North America which outweighed the weaker selection in Europe and the Middle East.³

The largest individual contributors over the reporting period were Simpson Manufacturing, Samsonite and Burckhardt Compression. Simpson Manufacturing outperformed alongside other housing related names which bounced early in 2023 as valuations had become too cheap and the U.S. housing market for new builds was surprisingly strong. The strong performance has continued throughout 2023 after Simpson Manufacturing reported strong quarterly results which were better-than-expected and raised full year guidance. Simpson Manufacturing benefitted from an improvement in input costs and in demand, particularly within new construction. Samsonite rose in the first quarter of 2023 following strong full year results that beat expectations. Samsonite's management expected travel to continue to recover in 2023 which would drive sales and profit growth. Samsonite continued its strong performance after reporting an ongoing recovery in sales and good margin progression from cost control. The recovery in Asia has been particularly supportive to its strong second quarter of 2023 results. Burckhardt Compression rose at the end of 2022 after it reported an exceptional increase in order intake for its components and services that are used in transporting, storing and refining gases. The gas crisis in Europe drove the strong demand for Liquefied Natural Gas as an alternative to Russian supply. Burckhardt Compression's management confirmed full-year guidance after surpassing 1 billion francs in order intake for the first time, thanks to its new products and applications alongside the strong growth in its service unit. Burckhardt Compression has an excellent position in energy security and energy transition applications, with structural drivers and favorable policies around greener energy and infrastructure.

The largest detractors to performance were AMN Healthcare, Diversified Energy and LKQ. AMN Healthcare declined due to a downward trend in demand and bill rates. However, the fundamental drivers for nurses was boosted by the pandemic and, in Fund Management's view, are likely to sustain higher demand for temporary staffing levels. Diversified Energy declined in the first quarter of 2023 alongside the price for U.S. gas and after the company stated that it would fund an acquisition via share issuance. LKQ fell after a small miss on sales results in the second quarter of 2023. LKQ stock was weak from the middle of 2023 on concerns over the strength of the consumer and the effect on the economy of rising rates.

Over the reporting period there were over 200 engagements with portfolio companies linked to a United Nations Sustainable Development Goal.⁴ Highlighted below are three examples of positive societal impact through engagement from this year.

Ansell

Fund Management had a positive call with the head of social responsibility for this Australian PPE glove manufacturer. Fund Management discussed the reassuring progress with the oversight of labor standards in its Malaysian supply chain. In 2023, the company reduced its single-use glove suppliers from twenty to six with this reduction informed by the rating outputs of its new Supplier Management Framework. When pushed on the relationship between their ratings and sourcing volumes, Ansell was clear that its ratings below a “B” result in a halt to additional order, with the supplier likely placed on probation or terminated. Additionally, Ansell has worked hard to gain greater insight into customer demand to in turn create greater transparency and stability of ordering, mitigating some of the risk of exacerbating labor rights risks. 98% of Ansell’s own employees are now employed directly, 13 of 14 sites are being paid at least a living wage (except Sri Lanka where high inflation is a headwind) and 8 of 14 sites have adjusted to a 60-hour working week. Fund Management expects all sites to be doing so within 12 to 24 months. Ansell acknowledged that implementation of measures had been aided by depressed demand. However, Ansell was very explicit that it is committed to maintaining such practices when demand recovered as well as working with suppliers to cascade practices. Finally, Fund Management was pleased to hear the company is hopeful of making progress on a single-use offering with a more sustainable end-of-life management solution. Ansell has embarked on an interesting partnership with a French recycling company which trialed the processing of gloves, including nitrile gloves into second-life material. The potential demand and environmental impact from such a solution could be significant.

Harworth

Fund Management visited the company’s largest redevelopment project in South Yorkshire (Waverley). Harworth has sold land for over 2,400 homes adjacent to the Advanced Manufacturing Park, a center for excellence for high-end manufacturing, and Gateway 36, a former colliery that is being transformed into a major hub for logistics and manufacturing. Fund Management spoke to members of the management team at Harworth to discuss the progress being made on the sustainability strategy, the Harworth Way. At the investor day, the company had announced plans for delivery of affordable homes and net zero homes. For the former, an initial 400 units across six sites are to be developed through a forward-funding agreement, with a further pipeline of approximately 300 homes over three sites identified. Of the initial 400, roughly 60% will benefit from grant funding from the UK government’s Affordable Homes Programme. It will also build 100 net-zero homes, to be sold directly to the market via a new brand. Harworth is developing these properties on irregular plots of land at existing sites. In building these homes, its primary objective is to learn lessons that it can subsequently incorporate into dealings with housebuilders, and to pre-empt

local authority planning departments, which may ask questions around embodied carbon in the near future. These are both positive developments, bolstering Harworth's credentials and expertise. Fund Management intends to engage further on these topics, which can scale as learnings are absorbed. In Fund Management's view, the company is well-placed to generate outsized positive impacts within and beyond the communities it is developing.

Wintrust Financial

Fund Management met with the new CEO of this Chicago bank along with the COO and general counsel. As Fund Management discussed the bank's commercial real estate exposure and deposit-flight risk post the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank, Fund Management was reassured that that bank's long-run prudent approach to risk remains intact. On the deposit front, the bank has lost some accounts but gained others. This comes as customers increasingly appreciate the additional level of deposit guarantee available as a result of the bank's 15 individual community banks, which allows clients to gain further protection by opening accounts at more than one bank under the Wintrust umbrella. Fund Management discussed the succession plans for founder and CEO Ed Wehmer who is retiring this year after over 30 years with the company. Despite the noise and unforeseen issues, the transition nonetheless remains a seamless one. Mr. Wehmer stepped back from the board in May. Mr. Wehmer will continue to have some limited executive responsibilities for the first 12 months post-retirement. However, his contract is clear that his time commitment is 80% less than it was while acting as CEO. All executive responsibilities will be relinquished in 12 months' time. In the meantime, he is mindful of the division of responsibilities. Finally, Fund Management spent some time discussing the bank's role in enabling financial inclusion in Chicago where approximately 7% of residents remain unbanked. The team explained that 50% of their retail locations opened in the past five years were in lower-income communities. Fund Management intends to continue to explore this agenda further but largely remain confident that the bank is more focused on actions than words with respect to this agenda.

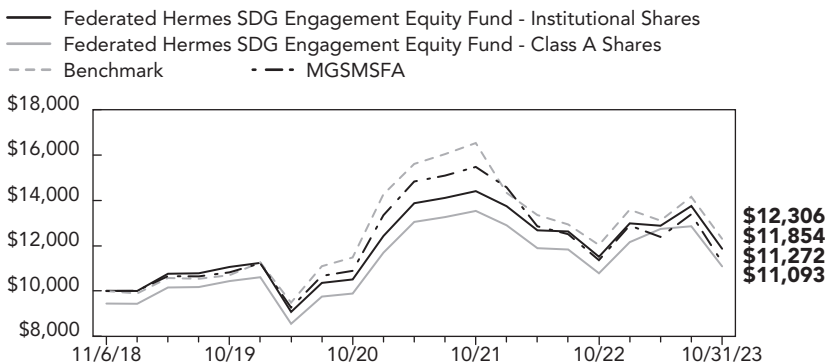
- 1 *Please see the footnotes to the line graph below for definitions of, and further information about, the Benchmark.*
- 2 *Please see the footnotes to the line graph below for definitions of, and further information about, the Morningstar peer group.*
- 3 *International investing involves special risks including currency risk, increased volatility, political risks and differences in auditing and other financial standards.*
- 4 *The fund's strategy is to target companies that the adviser or sub-adviser believes will contribute positive societal impact aligned to the SDGs. The fund may underperform funds that do not have such a strategy. The SDGs are as follows: no poverty; zero hunger; good health and well-being; quality education; gender equality; clean water and sanitation; affordable and clean energy; decent work and economic growth; industry, innovation and infrastructure; reduced inequalities; sustainable cities and communities; responsible consumption and production; climate action; life below water; life on land; peace, justice and strong institutions; and partnership for the goals.*

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

The graph below illustrates the hypothetical investment of \$10,000¹ in the Federated Hermes SDG Engagement Equity Fund (the “Fund”) from November 6, 2018 to October 31, 2023, compared to the MSCI All Country World SMID Cap Index (the “Benchmark”)² and the Morningstar Global Small/Mid Stock Funds Average (MGSMSFA).³ The Average Annual Total Return table below shows returns averaged over the stated periods.

GROWTH OF A \$10,000 INVESTMENT

Growth of \$10,000 as of October 31, 2023



- Total returns shown for Class A Shares include the maximum sales charge of 5.50% (\$10,000 investment minus \$550 sales charge = \$9,450).

The Fund offers multiple share classes whose performance may be greater than or less than its other share class(es) due to differences in sales charges and expenses. See the Average Annual Total Return table below for the returns of additional classes not shown in the line graph above.

Average Annual Total Returns for the Period Ended 10/31/2023

(returns reflect all applicable sales charge as specified below in footnote #1)

	1 Year	Start of Performance ⁴
Class A Shares⁵	-2.85%	2.10%
Institutional Shares	3.08%	3.47%
Class R6 Shares⁶	3.08%	3.49%
Benchmark	2.28%	4.25%
MGSMSFA	-1.81%	2.49%

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 FederatedHermes.com/us 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 after deducting applicable sales charges: For Class A Shares, the maximum sales charge is 5.50% (\$10,000 investment minus \$550 sales charge = \$9,450). The Fund's performance assumes the reinvestment of all dividends and distributions. The Benchmark and the MGSMSFA have been adjusted to reflect reinvestment of dividends on securities in the Benchmark and the MGSMSFA.
- 2 The Benchmark captures mid- and small-cap representation across 23 Developed Markets and 24 Emerging Markets countries. The Benchmark is not adjusted to reflect taxes, expenses or other fees that the Securities and Exchange Commission requires to be reflected in the Fund's performance. The Benchmark is unmanaged and, unlike the Fund, is not affected by cash flows. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.
- 3 Morningstar figures represent the average of the total returns reported by all the funds designated by Morningstar as falling into the respective category indicated. They do not reflect sales charges. The Morningstar figures in the Growth of a \$10,000 Investment line graph are based on historical return information published by Morningstar and reflect the return of the funds comprising the category in the year of publication. Because the funds designated by Morningstar as falling into the category can change over time, the Morningstar figures in the line graph may not match the Morningstar figures in the Average Annual Total Returns table, which reflect the return of the funds that currently comprise the category.
- 4 The Fund commenced operations on November 6, 2018.
- 5 The Fund's Class A Shares commenced operations on November 5, 2019. For the periods prior to the commencement of operations of the Class A Shares, the performance information shown is for the Fund's Institutional Shares. The performance shown has been adjusted to reflect differences between the sales loads/charges imposed on the purchase and redemption of those classes where applicable.
- 6 The Fund's Class R6 Shares commenced operations on June 11, 2021. For the period prior to the commencement of operations of the Class R6 Shares, the performance information shown is for the Fund's Institutional Shares. The performance of the Institutional Shares has not been adjusted to reflect the expenses applicable to the Class R6 Shares since the Class R6 Shares have a lower expense ratio than the expense ratio of the Institutional Shares.

Portfolio of Investments Summary Tables (unaudited)

At October 31, 2023, the Fund's portfolio composition¹ was as follows:

Country	Percentage of Total Net Assets
United States	55.1%
Japan	9.2%
United Kingdom	8.0%
Netherlands	3.0%
Sweden	2.4%
Hong Kong	2.4%
Spain	2.3%
Italy	2.3%
India	2.3%
Ireland	1.9%
Peru	1.7%
Switzerland	1.7%
France	1.7%
Singapore	1.7%
Finland	1.6%
Australia	1.1%
Other Assets and Liabilities—Net ²	1.6%
TOTAL	100%

At October 31, 2023, the Fund's sector composition³ was as follows:

Sector Composition	Percentage of Total Net Assets
Industrials	23.7%
Consumer Discretionary	14.4%
Materials	13.1%
Financials	10.7%
Health Care	9.4%
Consumer Staples	9.1%
Information Technology	8.4%
Real Estate	5.1%
Utilities	2.0%
Energy	1.8%
Communication Services	0.7%
Other Assets and Liabilities—Net ²	1.6%
TOTAL	100%

- 1 *Country allocations are based primarily on the country in which a company is incorporated. However, the Fund's Adviser may allocate a company to a country based on other factors such as location of the company's principal office, the location of the principal trading market for the company's securities or the country where a majority of the company's revenues are derived.*
- 2 *Assets, other than investments in securities, less liabilities. See Statement of Assets and Liabilities.*
- 3 *Except for Other Assets and Liabilities, sector classifications are based upon, and individual portfolio securities are assigned to, the classifications of the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) except that the Adviser assigns a classification to securities not classified by the GICS and to securities for which the Adviser does not have access to the classification made by the GICS.*

Portfolio of Investments

October 31, 2023

Shares		Value in U.S. Dollars
	COMMON STOCKS—98.4%	
	Australia—1.1%	
68,089	Ansell Ltd.	\$ 918,101
	Finland—1.6%	
41,035	Huhtamaki Oyj	1,408,156
	France—1.7%	
9,657	¹ Silicon-On-Insulator Technologies (SOITEC)	1,442,460
	Hong Kong—2.4%	
228,240	Techtronic Industries Co.	2,069,968
	India—2.3%	
179,914	Varun Beverages Ltd.	1,964,888
	Ireland—1.9%	
103,366	Glanbia PLC	1,628,134
	Italy—2.3%	
34,029	MARR SpA	404,386
212,369	Technogym SpA	1,596,646
	TOTAL	2,001,032
	Japan—9.2%	
30,372	Horiba Ltd.	1,533,002
60,922	NIFCO, Inc.	1,430,350
32,597	Nissan Chemical Industries	1,326,934
32,914	Open House Co. Ltd.	1,082,935
50,424	Yaoko Co. Ltd.	2,593,697
	TOTAL	7,966,918
	Netherlands—3.0%	
53,128	Aalberts NV	1,662,805
7,560	IMCD Group NV	911,671
	TOTAL	2,574,476
	Peru—1.7%	
11,935	Credicorp Ltd.	1,491,398
	Singapore—1.7%	
906,922	Mapletree Industrial Trust	1,425,728
	Spain—2.3%	
97,239	Merlin Properties Socimi SA	812,486
20,805	Viscofan Industria Navarra De Envolturas Celulosicas SA	1,204,748
	TOTAL	2,017,234
	Sweden—2.4%	
81,836	Trelleborg AB, Class B	2,073,214

Shares		Value in U.S. Dollars
	COMMON STOCKS—continued	
	Switzerland—1.7%	
2,896	Burckhardt Compression Holdings AG	\$ 1,468,491
	United Kingdom—8.0%	
96,624	Bovis Homes Group PLC	829,629
241,125	Breedon Group PLC	918,066
583,139	Central Asia Metals PLC	1,162,593
32,399	DCC PLC	1,799,095
219,813	¹ Draper Esprit PLC	629,742
511,835	Harworth Group PLC	618,156
425,268	¹ SSP Group PLC	931,282
	TOTAL	6,888,563
	United States—55.1%	
35,669	Alliant Energy Corp.	1,740,291
26,186	¹ AMN Healthcare Services, Inc.	1,986,470
18,839	AptarGroup, Inc.	2,303,445
8,602	Assurant, Inc.	1,280,838
31,658	Brunswick Corp.	2,199,281
13,731	¹ Chart Industries, Inc.	1,595,954
12,614	¹ Clean Harbors, Inc.	1,938,393
3,165	Cooper Cos., Inc.	986,689
1,951,727	² Diversified Energy Co. PLC	1,588,411
14,155	Eagle Materials, Inc.	2,178,596
9,502	Equifax, Inc.	1,611,254
32,943	Fortune Brands Innovations, Inc.	1,838,219
22,228	¹ Kirby Corp.	1,660,432
47,353	LKQ Corp.	2,079,744
17,051	¹ PTC, Inc.	2,394,301
14,539	Reinsurance Group of America	2,173,144
130,984	Retail Opportunity Investments Corp.	1,537,752
22,791	RPM International, Inc.	2,080,135
742,443	¹ Samsonite International SA	2,309,942
19,774	¹ Silicon Laboratories, Inc.	1,822,767
13,383	Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc.	1,782,348
11,906	STERIS PLC	2,500,022
5,338	West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc.	1,699,032
10,349	¹ WEX, Inc.	1,722,902
19,166	Wiley (John) & Sons, Inc., Class A	580,155

Shares		Value in U.S. Dollars
	COMMON STOCKS—continued	
	United States—continued	
26,156	Wintrust Financial Corp.	\$ 1,953,592
	TOTAL	47,544,109
	TOTAL INVESTMENT IN SECURITIES—98.4% (IDENTIFIED COST \$78,175,674) ³	84,882,870
	OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - NET—1.6% ⁴	1,391,378
	TOTAL NET ASSETS—100%	\$86,274,248

- 1 *Non-income-producing security.*
- 2 *Denotes a restricted security that either: (a) cannot be offered for public sale without first being registered, or availing of an exemption from registration, under the Securities Act of 1933; or (b) is subject to a contractual restriction on public sales. At October 31, 2023, these restricted securities amounted to \$1,588,411, which represented 1.8% of total net assets.*
- 3 *The cost of investments for federal tax purposes amounts to \$82,611,632.*
- 4 *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 October 31, 2023.

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 October 31, 2023, 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
Equity Securities:				
Common Stocks				
Domestic	\$43,645,756	\$ 3,898,353	\$—	\$47,544,109
International	1,491,398	35,847,363	—	37,338,761
TOTAL SECURITIES	\$45,137,154	\$39,745,716	\$—	\$84,882,870

See Notes which are an integral part of the Financial Statements

Financial Highlights – Class A Shares

(For a Share Outstanding Throughout Each Period)

	Year Ended October 31,			Period
	2023	2022	2021	Ended 10/31/2020 ¹
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	\$11.11	\$13.98	\$10.31	\$11.24
Income From Investment Operations:				
Net investment income ²	0.09	0.09	0.04	0.07
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	0.22	(2.92)	3.74	(0.83)
TOTAL FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS	0.31	(2.83)	3.78	(0.76)
Less Distributions:				
Distributions from net investment income	(0.01)	(0.04)	(0.11)	(0.12)
Distributions from net realized gain	—	—	—	(0.05)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS	(0.01)	(0.04)	(0.11)	(0.17)
Net Asset Value, End of Period	\$11.41	\$11.11	\$13.98	\$10.31
Total Return³	2.83%	(20.31)%	36.82%	(6.87)%
Ratios to Average Net Assets:				
Net expenses ⁴	1.19% ⁵	1.19%	1.19% ⁵	1.19% ^{5,6}
Net investment income	0.71%	0.69%	0.34%	0.70% ⁶
Expense waiver/reimbursement ⁷	0.38%	0.57%	0.62%	1.31% ⁶
Supplemental Data:				
Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)	\$256	\$156	\$194	\$158
Portfolio turnover ⁸	14%	15%	13%	52% ⁹

- 1 Reflects operations for the period from November 5, 2019 (commencement of operations) to October 31, 2020.
- 2 Per share numbers have been calculated using the average shares method.
- 3 Based on net asset value, which does not reflect the sales charge, redemption fee or contingent deferred sales charge, if applicable. Total returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized.
- 4 Amount does not reflect net expenses incurred by investment companies in which the Fund may invest.
- 5 The net expense ratios are calculated without reduction for expense offset arrangements. The net expense ratios are 1.19% and 1.18% for the years ended October 31, 2023 and 2021, respectively, and 1.17% for the period ended October 31, 2020, after taking into account these expense reductions.
- 6 Computed on an annualized basis.
- 7 This expense decrease is reflected in both the net expense and the net investment income ratios shown above. Amount does not reflect expense waiver/reimbursement recorded by investment companies in which the Fund may invest.
- 8 Securities that mature are considered sales for purposes of this calculation.
- 9 Portfolio turnover is calculated at the Fund level. Percentage indicated was calculated for the fiscal period ended October 31, 2020.

See Notes which are an integral part of the Financial Statements

Financial Highlights – Institutional Shares

(For a Share Outstanding Throughout Each Period)

	Year Ended October 31,				Period
	2023	2022	2021	2020	Ended 10/31/2019 ¹
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	\$11.14	\$14.05	\$10.34	\$11.05	\$10.00
Income From Investment Operations:					
Net investment income ²	0.12	0.12	0.07	0.07	0.12
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	0.22	(2.93)	3.75	(0.61)	0.93
TOTAL FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS	0.34	(2.81)	3.82	(0.54)	1.05
Less Distributions:					
Distributions from net investment income	(0.04)	(0.10)	(0.11)	(0.12)	—
Distributions from net realized gain	—	—	—	(0.05)	—
TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS	(0.04)	(0.10)	(0.11)	(0.17)	—
Net Asset Value, End of Period	\$11.44	\$11.14	\$14.05	\$10.34	\$11.05
Total Return³	3.08%	(20.11)%	37.11%	(4.99)%	10.50%
Ratios to Average Net Assets:					
Net expenses ⁴	0.94% ⁵	0.94%	0.94% ⁵	0.94% ⁵	0.94% ^{5,6}
Net investment income	0.98%	0.93%	0.55%	0.70%	1.13% ⁶
Expense waiver/reimbursement ⁷	0.33%	0.53%	0.60%	1.13%	1.16% ⁶
Supplemental Data:					
Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)	\$85,874	\$59,692	\$63,268	\$39,785	\$33,602
Portfolio turnover ⁸	14%	15%	13%	52%	13%

- 1 Reflects operations for the period from November 6, 2018 (commencement of operations) to October 31, 2019.
- 2 Per share numbers have been calculated using the average shares method.
- 3 Based on net asset value. Total returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized.
- 4 Amount does not reflect net expenses incurred by investment companies in which the Fund may invest.
- 5 The net expense ratios are calculated without reduction for expense offset arrangements. The net expense ratios are 0.94%, 0.94% and 0.92% for the years ended October 31, 2023, 2021 and 2020, respectively, and 0.94% for the period ended October 31, 2019, after taking into account these expense reductions.
- 6 Computed on an annualized basis.
- 7 This expense decrease is reflected in both the net expense and the net investment income ratios shown above. Amount does not reflect expense waiver/reimbursement recorded by investment companies in which the Fund may invest.
- 8 Securities that mature are considered sales for purposes of this calculation.

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Financial Highlights – Class R6 Shares

(For a Share Outstanding Throughout Each Period)

	Year Ended October 31,		Period Ended
	2023	2022 ¹	10/31/2021 ^{1,2}
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	\$11.15	\$14.05	\$13.83
Income From Investment Operations:			
Net investment income (loss) ³	0.13	(0.01)	0.04
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	0.21	(2.79)	0.18
TOTAL FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS	0.34	(2.80)	0.22
Less Distributions:			
Distributions from net investment income	(0.04)	(0.10)	—
Net Asset Value, End of Period	\$11.45	\$11.15	\$14.05
Total Return⁴	3.08%	(20.04)%	1.59%
Ratios to Average Net Assets:			
Net expenses ⁵	0.89% ⁶	0.89%	0.87% ^{6,7}
Net investment income (loss)	1.03%	(0.13)%	0.28% ⁷
Expense waiver/reimbursement ⁸	0.31%	0.65%	0.00% ^{7,9}
Supplemental Data:			
Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)	\$144	\$140	\$0 ¹⁰
Portfolio turnover ¹¹	14%	15%	13% ¹²

1 Certain ratios included in Ratios to Average Net Assets and per share amounts may be inflated or deflated as compared to the fee structure for each respective share class as a result of daily systematic allocations being rounded to the nearest penny for fund level income, expense and realized gain/loss amounts. Such differences are immaterial.

2 Reflects operations for the period from June 11, 2021 (commencement of operations) to October 31, 2021.

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

4 Based on net asset value. Total returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized.

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

6 The net expense ratios are calculated without reduction for expense offset arrangements. The net expense ratios are 0.89% for the year ended October 31, 2023 and 0.86% for the period ended October 31, 2021, after taking into account these expense reductions.

7 Computed on an annualized basis.

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

9 Represents less than 0.01%.

10 Represents less than \$1,000.

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

12 Portfolio turnover is calculated at the Fund level. Percentage indicated was calculated for the fiscal period ended October 31, 2021.

See Notes which are an integral part of the Financial Statements

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

October 31, 2023

Assets:

Investment in securities, at value (identified cost \$78,175,674)	\$84,882,870
Cash	1,436,798
Income receivable	173,158
Receivable for shares sold	151,604
TOTAL ASSETS	86,644,430

Liabilities:

Payable for capital gains taxes withheld	164,198
Payable for portfolio accounting fees	80,616
Payable for shares redeemed	50,619
Payable for auditing fees	31,631
Payable for share registration costs	14,054
Payable for custodian fees	13,396
Payable for investment adviser fee (Note 5)	2,690
Accrued expenses (Note 5)	12,978
TOTAL LIABILITIES	370,182
Net assets for 7,539,459 shares outstanding	\$86,274,248

Net Assets Consist of:

Paid-in capital	\$83,346,755
Total distributable earnings (loss)	2,927,493
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$86,274,248

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

Class A Shares:

Net asset value per share ($\$256,219 \div 22,458$ shares outstanding) no par value, unlimited shares authorized	\$11.41
Offering price per share (100/94.50 of \$11.41)	\$12.07
Redemption proceeds per share	\$11.41

Institutional Shares:

Net asset value per share ($\$85,874,434 \div 7,504,463$ shares outstanding) no par value, unlimited shares authorized	\$11.44
Offering price per share	\$11.44
Redemption proceeds per share	\$11.44

Class R6 Shares:

Net asset value per share ($\$143,595 \div 12,538$ shares outstanding) no par value, unlimited shares authorized	\$11.45
Offering price per share	\$11.45
Redemption proceeds per share	\$11.45

See Notes which are an integral part of the Financial Statements

Statement of Operations

Year Ended October 31, 2023

Investment Income:

Dividends (net of foreign taxes withheld of \$70,347)	\$1,751,913
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Expenses:

Investment adviser fee (Note 5)	\$ 684,271
Administrative fee (Note 5)	71,783
Custodian fees	23,244
Transfer agent fees (Note 2)	78,699
Directors'/Trustees' fees (Note 5)	867
Auditing fees	36,463
Legal fees	11,183
Other service fees (Notes 2 and 5)	535
Portfolio accounting fees	141,354
Share registration costs	52,736
Printing and postage	22,640
Miscellaneous (Note 5)	37,318
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,161,093

Waiver, Reimbursement and Reduction:

Waiver of investment adviser fee (Note 5)	(277,849)
Reimbursement of other operating expenses (Notes 2 and 5)	(21,285)
Reduction of custodian fees (Note 6)	(7,013)
TOTAL WAIVER, REIMBURSEMENT AND REDUCTION	(306,147)

Net expenses	854,946
Net investment income	896,967

Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments and Foreign Currency Transactions:

Net realized gain on investments and foreign currency transactions	1,292,718
Net change in unrealized appreciation of investments and translation of assets and liabilities in foreign currency (including increase in payable for capital gains taxes withheld of \$89,661)	648,214
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency transactions	1,940,932
Change in net assets resulting from operations	\$2,837,899

See Notes which are an integral part of the Financial Statements

Statement of Changes in Net Assets

Year Ended October 31	2023	2022
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets		
Operations:		
Net investment income	\$ 896,967	\$ 594,318
Net realized gain (loss)	1,292,718	(1,060,533)
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation	648,214	(13,968,108)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	2,837,899	(14,434,323)
Distributions to Shareholders:		
Class A Shares	(232)	(534)
Institutional Shares	(311,512)	(478,208)
Class Ró Shares	(555)	(1)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS	(312,299)	(478,743)
Share Transactions:		
Proceeds from sale of shares	36,626,388	27,402,888
Net asset value of shares issued to shareholders in payment of distributions declared	305,977	468,272
Cost of shares redeemed	(13,171,406)	(16,432,739)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM SHARE TRANSACTIONS	23,760,959	11,438,421
Change in net assets	26,286,559	(3,474,645)
Net Assets:		
Beginning of period	59,987,689	63,462,334
End of period	\$ 86,274,248	\$ 59,987,689

See Notes which are an integral part of the Financial Statements

Notes to Financial Statements

October 31, 2023

1. ORGANIZATION

Federated Hermes Adviser 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 twelve portfolios. The financial statements included herein are only those of the Federated Hermes SDG Engagement Equity Fund (the "Fund"), a diversified portfolio. The financial statements of the other portfolios are presented separately. The assets of each portfolio are segregated and a shareholder's interest is limited to the portfolio in which shares are held. Each portfolio pays its own expenses. The Fund offers three classes of shares, Class A Shares, Institutional Shares and Class R6 Shares. Class C Shares are effective with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), but currently are not yet offered for sale. All shares of the Fund have equal rights with respect to voting, except on class-specific matters. The Fund's investment objective is to provide long-term capital appreciation alongside positive societal impact.

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:

- Equity securities listed on an exchange or traded through a regulated market system are valued at their last reported sale price or official closing price in their principal exchange or market.
- Shares of other mutual funds or non-exchange-traded investment companies are valued based upon their reported NAVs, or NAV per share practical expedient, as applicable.
- Derivative contracts listed on exchanges are valued at their reported settlement or closing price, except that options are valued at the mean of closing bid and ask quotations.
- Over-the-counter (OTC) derivative contracts are fair valued using price evaluations provided by a pricing service approved by Federated Global Investment Management Corp. (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.

Investment Income, Gains and Losses, Expenses and Distributions

Investment transactions are accounted for on a trade-date basis. Realized gains and losses from investment transactions are recorded on an identified-cost basis. Interest income and expenses are accrued daily. Dividend income and distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Foreign dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date or when the Fund is informed of the ex-dividend date. Distributions of net investment income, if any, are declared and paid annually. Non-cash dividends included in dividend income, if any, are recorded at fair value. Amortization/accretion of premium and discount is included in investment income. Investment income, realized and unrealized gains and losses, and certain fund-level expenses are allocated to each class based on relative average daily net assets, except that select classes will bear certain expenses unique to those classes. The detail of the total fund expense waiver, reimbursement and reduction of \$306,147 is disclosed in this Note 2, Note 5 and Note 6. Dividends are declared separately for each class. No class has preferential dividend rights; differences in per share dividend rates are generally due to differences in separate class expenses.

Transfer Agent Fees

For the year ended October 31, 2023, transfer agent fees for the Fund were as follows:

	Transfer Agent Fees Incurred	Transfer Agent Fees Reimbursed
Class A Shares	\$ 285	\$ (149)
Institutional Shares	78,394	(21,136)
Class R6 Shares	20	—
TOTAL	\$78,699	\$(21,285)

Other Service Fees

The Fund may pay other service fees up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets of the Fund's Class A Shares and Institutional Shares to financial intermediaries or to Federated Shareholder Services Company (FSSC) for providing services to shareholders and maintaining shareholder accounts. Subject to the terms described in the Expense Limitation note, FSSC may voluntarily reimburse the Fund for other service fees. For the year ended October 31, 2023, other service fees for the Fund were as follows:

	Other Service Fees Incurred
Class A Shares	\$535

For the year ended October 31, 2023, the Fund's Institutional Shares did not incur other service fees.

Federal Taxes

It is the Fund's policy to comply with the Subchapter M provision of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 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 October 31, 2023, 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 October 31, 2023, tax years 2020 through 2023 remain subject to examination by the Fund's major tax jurisdictions, which include the United States of America and the State of Delaware.

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.

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.

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 information on restricted securities held at October 31, 2023, is as follows:

Security	Acquisition Date	Acquisition Cost	Value
Diversified Energy Co. PLC	7/24/2020–10/06/2023	\$2,394,385	\$1,588,411

Other

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

3. SHARES OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST

The following tables summarize share activity:

Class A Shares:	Year Ended 10/31/2023		Year Ended 10/31/2022	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
Shares sold	11,800	\$ 142,722	3,065	\$ 39,482
Shares issued to shareholders in payment of distributions declared	20	232	40	533
Shares redeemed	(3,433)	(43,076)	(2,895)	(32,400)
NET CHANGE RESULTING FROM CLASS A SHARE TRANSACTIONS	8,387	\$ 99,878	210	\$ 7,615

Institutional Shares:	Year Ended 10/31/2023		Year Ended 10/31/2022	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
Shares sold	3,196,591	\$ 36,483,666	2,175,962	\$ 27,229,070
Shares issued to shareholders in payment of distributions declared	26,540	305,745	34,673	467,739
Shares redeemed	(1,075,002)	(13,128,330)	(1,356,434)	(16,400,339)
NET CHANGE RESULTING FROM INSTITUTIONAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS	2,148,129	\$ 23,661,081	854,201	\$ 11,296,470

Class R6 Shares:	Year Ended 10/31/2023		Year Ended 10/31/2022	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
Shares sold	—	\$ —	12,531	\$ 134,336
Shares issued to shareholders in payment of distributions declared	—	—	—	—
Shares redeemed	—	—	—	—
NET CHANGE RESULTING FROM CLASS R6 SHARE TRANSACTIONS	—	\$ —	12,531	\$ 134,336
NET CHANGE RESULTING FROM TOTAL FUND SHARE TRANSACTIONS	2,156,516	\$ 23,760,959	866,942	\$ 11,438,421

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 excise taxes paid.

For the period ended October 31, 2023, permanent differences identified and reclassified among the components of net assets were as follows:

Increase (Decrease)	Total Distributable Earnings (Loss)
Paid-In Capital	
\$(227)	\$227

Net assets were not affected by this reclassification.

The tax character of distributions as reported on the Statement of Changes in Net Assets for the years ended October 31, 2023 and 2022, was as follows:

	2023	2022
Ordinary income	\$312,299	\$478,743

As of October 31, 2023, the components of distributable earnings on a tax-basis were as follows:

Other timing differences	\$ (167,063)
Undistributed ordinary income ¹	\$ 823,318
Net unrealized appreciation	\$2,271,238
TOTAL	\$2,927,493

1 For tax purposes, short-term capital gains are considered ordinary income in determining distributable earnings.

At October 31, 2023, the cost of investments for federal tax purposes was \$82,611,632. The net unrealized appreciation of investments for federal tax purposes was \$2,271,238. This consists of unrealized appreciation from investments for those securities having an excess of value over cost of \$8,944,353 and unrealized depreciation from investments for those securities having an excess of cost over value of \$6,673,115. The difference between book-basis and tax-basis net unrealized appreciation is attributable to the deferral of losses on wash sales and passive foreign investment companies.

Capital loss carryforwards of \$1,218,452 were utilized during the year ended October 31, 2023.

5. INVESTMENT ADVISER FEE AND OTHER TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

Investment Adviser Fee

The advisory agreement between the Fund and the Adviser provides for an annual fee equal to 0.75% of the Fund's average daily net assets. Subject to the terms described in the Expense Limitation note, the Adviser may voluntarily choose to waive any portion of its fee and/or reimburse certain operating expenses of the Fund for competitive reasons such as to maintain the Fund's expense ratio, or as and when appropriate, to maintain positive or zero net yields. For the year ended October 31, 2023, the Adviser voluntarily waived \$277,849 of its fee and voluntarily reimbursed \$21,285 of transfer agent fees.

Certain of the Fund's assets are managed by Hermes Investment Management Limited (the "Sub-Adviser"). Under the terms of a sub-advisory agreement between the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser, the Sub-Adviser receives an annual fee equal to 0.50% of the daily net assets of the Fund. The fee is paid by the Adviser out of its resources and is not an incremental Fund expense. The Sub-Adviser may from time to time, and for such periods as it deems appropriate, reduce its compensation. The Sub-Adviser agrees to share pro rata in any fee waivers, or expense assumptions and reimbursements, imposed or made by the Adviser or its affiliates.

For the year ended October 31, 2023, the Sub-Adviser received a net fee of \$270,961 after waivers and reimbursements.

Administrative Fee

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

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

Subject to the terms described in the Expense Limitation note, FAS may voluntarily choose to waive any portion of its fee. For the year ended October 31, 2023, the annualized fee paid to FAS was 0.079% of average daily net assets of the Fund.

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

Distribution Services Fee

The Fund has adopted a Distribution Plan (the "Plan") pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the Act. Under the terms of the Plan, the Fund will compensate Federated Securities Corp. (FSC), the principal distributor, from the daily net assets of the Fund's Class A Shares to finance activities intended to result in the sale of these shares. The Plan provides that the Fund may incur and pay distribution expenses at the following percentage of average daily net assets annually, to compensate FSC:

Share Class Name	Percentage of Average Daily Net Assets of Class
Class A Shares	0.05%

Subject to the terms described in the Expense Limitation note, FSC may voluntarily choose to waive any portion of its fee.

When FSC receives fees, it may pay some or all of them to financial intermediaries whose customers purchase shares.

For the year ended October 31, 2023, the Fund's Class A Shares did not incur a distribution services fee; however, it may begin to incur this fee upon approval of the Trustees.

Sales Charges

Front-end sales charges and contingent deferred sales charges do not represent expenses of the Fund. They are deducted from the proceeds of sales of Fund shares prior to investment or from redemption proceeds prior to remittance, as applicable. For the year ended October 31, 2023, FSC did not retain any sales charges from the sale of Class A Shares.

Other Service Fees

For the year ended October 31, 2023, FSSC received \$7 of other service fees disclosed in Note 2.

Expense Limitation

The Adviser and certain of its affiliates (which may include FSSC, FAS or FSC) on their own initiative have agreed to waive certain amounts of their respective fees and/or reimburse expenses. Total annual fund operating expenses (as shown in financial highlights, excluding tax reclaim recovery expenses, interest expense, extraordinary expenses, and proxy-related expenses, paid by the Fund, if any) paid by the Fund's Class A Shares, Institutional Shares and Class R6 Shares (after the voluntary waivers and/or reimbursements) will not exceed 1.19%, 0.94% and 0.89% (the "Fee Limit"), respectively, up to but not including the later of (the "Termination Date"):

(a) January 1, 2025; or (b) the date of the Fund's next effective Prospectus. While the Adviser and its affiliates currently do not anticipate terminating or increasing these additional arrangements prior to the Termination Date, these additional arrangements may only be terminated or the Fee Limit increased prior to the Termination Date with the agreement of the Trustees.

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. EXPENSE REDUCTION

Through arrangements with the Fund's custodian, net credits realized as a result of uninvested cash balances were used to offset custody expenses. For the year ended October 31, 2023, the Fund's expenses were offset by \$7,013 under these arrangements.

7. CREDIT RISK

The Fund may place its cash on deposit with financial institutions in the United States, which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Company (FDIC) up to \$250,000. The Fund's credit risk in the event of failure of these financial institutions is represented by the difference between the FDIC limit and the total amounts on deposit. The Fund from time to time may have amounts on deposit in excess of the insured limits.

8. INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS

Purchases and sales of investments, excluding long-term U.S. government securities and short-term obligations, for the year ended October 31, 2023, were as follows:

Purchases	\$36,018,230
Sales	\$11,896,185

9. CONCENTRATION OF RISK

The Fund invests in securities of non-U.S. issuers and may invest a portion of its assets in securities of companies that are deemed by the Fund's management to be classified in similar business sectors. Political or economic developments may have an effect on the liquidity and volatility of portfolio securities and currency holdings.

10. 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 21, 2023. 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 October 31, 2023, the Fund had no outstanding loans. During the year ended October 31, 2023, the Fund did not utilize the LOC.

11. 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 October 31, 2023, there were no outstanding loans. During the year ended October 31, 2023, the program was not utilized.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. FEDERAL TAX INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

For the year ended October 31, 2023, 100.00% of total ordinary income (including short-term capital gains) distributions made by the Fund are qualifying dividends which may be subject to a maximum tax rate of 15%, as provided for by the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Act of 2003. Complete information is reported in conjunction with the reporting of your distributions on Form 1099-DIV.

Of the ordinary income (including short-term capital gain) distributions made by the Fund during the year ended October 31, 2023, 92.88% qualify for the dividend received deduction available to corporate shareholders.

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FEDERATED HERMES ADVISER SERIES AND SHAREHOLDERS OF FEDERATED HERMES SDG ENGAGEMENT EQUITY FUND:

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of Federated Hermes SDG Engagement Equity Fund (the “Fund”) (one of the portfolios constituting Federated Hermes Adviser Series (the “Trust”)), including the portfolio of investments, as of October 31, 2023, 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 four years in the period then ended and the period from November 6, 2018 (commencement of operations) to October 31, 2019 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 Adviser Series) at October 31, 2023, 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 four years in the period then ended and the period from November 6, 2018 (commencement of operations) to October 31, 2019, 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 the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements 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 October 31, 2023, 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
December 22, 2023

Shareholder Expense Example (unaudited)

As a shareholder of the Fund, you incur two types of costs: (1) transaction costs, including sales charges (loads) on purchase or redemption payments; and (2) ongoing costs, including management fees and to the extent applicable, distribution (12b-1) fees and/or other service fees and other Fund expenses. This Example is intended to help you to understand your ongoing costs (in dollars) of investing in the Fund and to compare these costs with the ongoing costs of investing in other 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 May 1, 2023 to October 31, 2023.

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 and do not reflect any transaction costs, such as sales charges (loads) on purchase or redemption payments. 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. In addition, if these transaction costs were included, your costs would have been higher.

	Beginning Account Value 5/1/2023	Ending Account Value 10/31/2023	Expenses Paid During Period ¹
Actual:			
Class A Shares	\$1,000.00	\$ 920.90	\$5.76
Institutional Shares	\$1,000.00	\$ 921.10	\$4.55
Class R6 Shares	\$1,000.00	\$ 921.90	\$4.36
Hypothetical (assuming a 5% return before expenses):			
Class A Shares	\$1,000.00	\$1,019.21	\$6.06
Institutional Shares	\$1,000.00	\$1,020.47	\$4.79
Class R6 Shares	\$1,000.00	\$1,020.67	\$4.58

¹ Expenses are equal to the Fund's annualized net expense ratios, multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by 184/365 (to reflect the one-half-year period). The annualized net expense ratios are as follows:

Class A Shares	1.19%
Institutional Shares	0.94%
Class R6 Shares	0.90%

Board of Trustees and Trust Officers

The Board of Trustees is responsible for managing the Fund’s business affairs and for exercising all the Fund’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 Thirteen 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 Fund Date Service Began	Principal Occupation(s) for Past Five Years, Other Directorships Held and Previous Position(s)
J. Christopher Donahue*	Birth Date: April 11, 1949	PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: May 2017	<p>Principal Occupations: Principal Executive Officer and President of certain of the Funds in the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Director or Trustee of the Funds in the Federated Hermes Fund Family; President, Chief Executive Officer and Director, Federated Hermes, Inc.; Chairman and Trustee, Federated Investment Management Company; Trustee, Federated Investment Counseling; Chairman and Director, Federated Global Investment Management Corp.; Chairman and Trustee, Federated Equity Management Company of Pennsylvania; Trustee, Federated Shareholder Services Company; Director, Federated Services Company.</p> <p>Previous Positions: President, Federated Investment Counseling; President and Chief Executive Officer, Federated Investment Management Company, Federated Global Investment Management Corp. and Passport Research, Ltd; Chairman, Passport Research, Ltd.</p>

Name Birth Date Positions Held with Fund Date Service Began	Principal Occupation(s) for Past Five Years, Other Directorships Held and Previous Position(s)
John B. Fisher* Birth Date: May 16, 1956 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: May 2017	<p>Principal Occupations: Principal Executive Officer and President of certain of the Funds in the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Director or Trustee of certain of the Funds in the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Director and Vice President, Federated Hermes, Inc.; President, Director/Trustee and CEO, Federated Advisory Services Company, Federated Equity Management Company of Pennsylvania, Federated Global Investment Management Corp., Federated Investment Counseling, Federated Investment Management Company, and Federated MDTA LLC; Director, Federated Investors Trust Company.</p> <p>Previous Positions: President and Director of the Institutional Sales Division of Federated Securities Corp.; President and CEO of Passport Research, Ltd.; Director and President, Technology, Federated Services Company.</p>

* *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 Fund Date Service Began	Principal Occupation(s) for Past Five Years, Other Directorships Held, Previous Position(s) and Qualifications
John T. Collins Birth Date: January 24, 1947 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: May 2017	<p>Principal Occupations: Director or Trustee, and Chair of the Board of Directors or Trustees, of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; formerly, Chairman and CEO, The Collins Group, Inc. (a private equity firm) (Retired).</p> <p>Other Directorships Held: Director, KLX Energy Services Holdings, Inc. (oilfield services); former Director of KLX Corp. (aerospace).</p> <p>Qualifications: Mr. Collins has served in several business and financial management roles and directorship positions throughout his career. Mr. Collins previously served as Chairman and CEO of The Collins Group, Inc. (a private equity firm) and as a Director of KLX Corp. Mr. Collins serves as Chairman Emeriti, Bentley University. Mr. Collins previously served as Director and Audit Committee Member, Bank of America Corp.; Director, FleetBoston Financial Corp.; and Director, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (Harvard University Affiliate Hospital).</p>

Name Birth Date Positions Held with Fund Date Service Began	Principal Occupation(s) for Past Five Years, Other Directorships Held, Previous Position(s) and Qualifications
G. Thomas Hough Birth Date: February 28, 1955 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: May 2017	<p>Principal Occupations: Director or Trustee, Chair of the Audit Committee of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; formerly, Vice Chair, Ernst & Young LLP (public accounting firm) (Retired).</p> <p>Other Directorships Held: Director, Chair of the Audit Committee, Equifax, Inc.; Lead Director, Member of the Audit and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committees, Haverty Furniture Companies, Inc.; formerly, Director, Member of Governance and Compensation Committees, Publix Super Markets, Inc.</p> <p>Qualifications: Mr. Hough has served in accounting, business management and directorship positions throughout his career. Mr. Hough most recently held the position of Americas Vice Chair of Assurance with Ernst & Young LLP (public accounting firm). Mr. Hough serves on the President's Cabinet and Business School Board of Visitors for the University of Alabama. Mr. Hough previously served on the Business School Board of Visitors for Wake Forest University, and he previously served as an Executive Committee member of the United States Golf Association.</p>
Maureen Lally-Green Birth Date: July 5, 1949 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: May 2017	<p>Principal Occupations: Director or Trustee of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Adjunct Professor Emerita of Law, Duquesne University School of Law; formerly, Dean of the Duquesne University School of Law and Professor of Law and Interim Dean of the Duquesne University School of Law; formerly, Associate General Secretary and Director, Office of Church Relations, Diocese of Pittsburgh.</p> <p>Other Directorships Held: Director, CNX Resources Corporation (natural gas).</p> <p>Qualifications: Judge Lally-Green has served in various legal and business roles and directorship positions throughout her career. Judge Lally-Green previously held the position of Dean of the School of Law of Duquesne University (as well as Interim Dean). Judge Lally-Green previously served as Associate General Secretary of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, a member of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania and as a Professor of Law, Duquesne University School of Law. Judge Lally-Green was appointed by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania to serve on the Supreme Court's Board of Continuing Judicial Education and the Supreme Court's Appellate Court Procedural Rules Committee. Judge Lally-Green also currently holds the positions on not for profit or for profit boards of directors as follows: Director and Chair, UPMC Mercy Hospital; Regent, Saint Vincent Seminary; Member, Pennsylvania State Board of Education (public); Director, Catholic Charities, Pittsburgh; and Director CNX Resources Corporation (natural gas). Judge Lally-Green has held the positions of: Director, Auberle; Director, Epilepsy Foundation of Western and Central Pennsylvania; Director, Ireland Institute of Pittsburgh; Director, Saint Thomas More Society; Director and Chair, Catholic High Schools of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Inc.; Director, Pennsylvania Bar Institute; Director, St. Vincent College; Director and Chair, North Catholic High School, Inc.; Director and Vice Chair, Our Campaign for the Church Alive!, Inc.; and Director and Vice Chair, Saint Francis University.</p>

Name Birth Date Positions Held with Fund Date Service Began	Principal Occupation(s) for Past Five Years, Other Directorships Held, Previous Position(s) and Qualifications
Thomas M. O'Neill Birth Date: June 14, 1951 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: May 2017	<p>Principal Occupations: Director or Trustee of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Sole Proprietor, Navigator Management Company (investment and strategic consulting).</p> <p>Other Directorships Held: None.</p> <p>Qualifications: Mr. O'Neill has served in several business, mutual fund and financial management roles and directorship positions throughout his career. Mr. O'Neill serves as Director, Medicines for Humanity. Mr. O'Neill previously served as Chief Executive Officer and President, Managing Director and Chief Investment Officer, Fleet Investment Advisors; President and Chief Executive Officer, Aeltus Investment Management, Inc.; General Partner, Hellman, Jordan Management Co., Boston, MA; Chief Investment Officer, The Putnam Companies, Boston, MA; Credit Analyst and Lending Officer, Fleet Bank; Director and Consultant, EZE Castle Software (investment order management software); Director, Midway Pacific (lumber); and Director, The Golisano Children's Museum of Naples, Florida.</p>
Madelyn A. Reilly Birth Date: February 2, 1956 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: November 2020	<p>Principal Occupations: Director or Trustee of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; formerly, Senior Vice President for Legal Affairs, General Counsel and Secretary of Board of Directors, Duquesne University (Retired).</p> <p>Other Directorships Held: None.</p> <p>Qualifications: Ms. Reilly has served in various business and legal management roles throughout her career. Ms. Reilly previously served as Senior Vice President for Legal Affairs, General Counsel and Secretary of Board of Directors and Director of Risk Management and Associate General Counsel, Duquesne University. Prior to her work at Duquesne University, Ms. Reilly served as Assistant General Counsel of Compliance and Enterprise Risk as well as Senior Counsel of Environment, Health and Safety, PPG Industries. Ms. Reilly currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of UPMC Mercy Hospital.</p>

Name Birth Date Positions Held with Fund Date Service Began	Principal Occupation(s) for Past Five Years, Other Directorships Held, Previous Position(s) and Qualifications
P. Jerome Richey Birth Date: February 23, 1949 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: May 2017	<p>Principal Occupations: Director or Trustee of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Retired; formerly, Senior Vice Chancellor and Chief Legal Officer, University of Pittsburgh and Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer, CONSOL Energy Inc. (now split into two separate publicly traded companies known as CONSOL Energy Inc. and CNX Resources Corp.).</p> <p>Other Directorships Held: None.</p> <p>Qualifications: Mr. Richey has served in several business and legal management roles and directorship positions throughout his career. Mr. Richey most recently held the positions of Senior Vice Chancellor and Chief Legal Officer, University of Pittsburgh. Mr. Richey previously served as Chairman of the Board, Epilepsy Foundation of Western Pennsylvania and Chairman of the Board, World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh. Mr. Richey previously served as Chief Legal Officer and Executive Vice President, CONSOL Energy Inc. and CNX Gas Company; and Board Member, Ethics Counsel and Shareholder, Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC (a law firm).</p>
John S. Walsh Birth Date: November 28, 1957 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: May 2017	<p>Principal Occupations: Director or Trustee of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; President and Director, Heat Wagon, Inc. (manufacturer of construction temporary heaters); President and Director, Manufacturers Products, Inc. (distributor of portable construction heaters); President, Portable Heater Parts, a division of Manufacturers Products, Inc.</p> <p>Other Directorships Held: None.</p> <p>Qualifications: Mr. Walsh has served in several business management roles and directorship positions throughout his career. Mr. Walsh previously served as Vice President, Walsh & Kelly, Inc. (paving contractors).</p>

OFFICERS

Name	
Birth Date	
Address	
Positions Held with Fund Date Service Began	Principal Occupation(s) for Past Five Years and Previous Position(s)
Lori A. Hensler Birth Date: January 6, 1967 TREASURER Officer since: May 2017	Principal Occupations: 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. Previous Positions: Controller of Federated Hermes, Inc.; Senior Vice President and Assistant Treasurer, Federated Investors Management Company; Treasurer, Federated Investors Trust Company; Assistant Treasurer, Federated Administrative Services, Federated Administrative Services, Inc., Federated Securities Corp., Edgewood Services, Inc., Federated Advisory Services Company, Federated Equity Management Company of Pennsylvania, Federated Global Investment Management Corp., Federated Investment Counseling, Federated Investment Management Company, Passport Research, Ltd., and Federated MDTA, LLC; Financial and Operations Principal for Federated Securities Corp., Edgewood Services, Inc. and Southpointe Distribution Services, Inc.
Peter J. Germain Birth Date: September 3, 1959 CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER, SECRETARY AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT Officer since: November 2017	Principal Occupations: Mr. Germain is Chief Legal Officer, Secretary and Executive Vice President of the Federated Hermes Fund Family. He is General Counsel, Chief Legal Officer, Secretary and Executive Vice President, Federated Hermes, Inc.; Trustee and Senior Vice President, Federated Investors Management Company; Trustee and President, Federated Administrative Services; Director and President, Federated Administrative Services, Inc.; Director and Vice President, Federated Securities Corp.; Director and Secretary, Federated Private Asset Management, Inc.; Secretary, Federated Shareholder Services Company; and Secretary, Retirement Plan Service Company of America. Mr. Germain joined Federated Hermes, Inc. in 1984 and is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. Previous Positions: Deputy General Counsel, Special Counsel, Managing Director of Mutual Fund Services, Federated Hermes, Inc.; Senior Vice President, Federated Services Company; and Senior Corporate Counsel, Federated Hermes, Inc.
Stephen Van Meter Birth Date: June 5, 1975 CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER AND SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT Officer since: May 2017	Principal Occupations: Senior Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer of Federated Hermes, Inc. and Chief Compliance Officer of certain of its subsidiaries. Mr. Van Meter joined Federated Hermes, Inc. in October 2011. He holds FINRA licenses under Series 3, 7, 24 and 66. Previous Positions: Mr. Van Meter previously held the position of Compliance Operating Officer, Federated Hermes, Inc. Prior to joining Federated Hermes, Inc., Mr. Van Meter served at the United States Securities and Exchange Commission in the positions of Senior Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, Division of Investment Management and Senior Counsel, Division of Enforcement.

Name	Birth Date	Address	Positions Held with Fund Date Service Began	Principal Occupation(s) for Past Five Years and Previous Position(s)
Stephen F. Auth	Birth Date: September 13, 1956	101 Park Avenue 41 st Floor	New York, NY 10178 CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER Officer since: May 2017	<p>Principal Occupations: Stephen F. Auth is Chief Investment Officer of various Funds in the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Executive Vice President, Federated Investment Counseling, Federated Global Investment Management Corp. and Federated Equity Management Company of Pennsylvania.</p> <p>Previous Positions: Executive Vice President, Federated Investment Management Company and Passport Research, Ltd. (investment advisory subsidiary of Federated); Senior Vice President, Global Portfolio Management Services Division; Senior Vice President, Federated Investment Management Company and Passport Research, Ltd.; Senior Managing Director and Portfolio Manager, Prudential Investments.</p>

Evaluation and Approval of Advisory Contract – May 2023

FEDERATED HERMES SDG ENGAGEMENT EQUITY FUND (THE “FUND”)

At its meetings in May 2023 (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 Global Investment Management Corp. (the “Adviser”) and the investment sub-advisory contract between the Adviser and Hermes Investment Management Limited (the “Sub-Adviser” and together with the Adviser, the “Advisers”) with respect to the Fund (together, the “Contracts”) for an additional one-year term. The Board’s determination to approve the continuation of the Contracts 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 arrangements. The information, factors and conclusions that formed the basis for the Board’s approval are summarized below.

Information Received and Review Process

At the request of the Independent Trustees, the Fund’s Chief Compliance Officer (the “CCO”) furnished to the Board in advance of its May Meetings an independent written evaluation of the Fund’s management fee (the “CCO Fee Evaluation Report”). The Board considered 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 Contracts. 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 Contracts that was presented at the May Meetings. In this regard, in the months preceding the May Meetings, the Board requested and reviewed written responses and supporting materials prepared by the Advisers and their affiliates (collectively, “Federated Hermes”) in response to requests posed to Federated Hermes by independent legal counsel on behalf of the Independent Trustees encompassing a wide variety of topics, including those summarized below. The Board also

considered such additional matters as the Independent Trustees deemed reasonably necessary to evaluate the Contracts, 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 Contracts 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 Federated Hermes; Federated Hermes' business and operations; the Advisers' investment philosophy, personnel and processes; the Fund's investment objectives and strategies; the Fund's short-term and long-term performance (in absolute terms, both on a gross basis and net of expenses, and relative to the Fund's particular investment program and a group of its peer funds and/or its benchmark, as appropriate); the Fund's fees and expenses, including the advisory fee and the overall expense structure of the Fund (both in absolute terms and relative to a group of its peer funds), with due regard for contractual or voluntary expense limitations (if any); the financial condition of Federated Hermes; the Adviser's profitability with respect to managing 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 evaluating the Contracts. 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 managed by the same adviser or other advisers as well as management fees charged to institutional and other advisory clients of the same 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 evaluation of the Contracts to the extent it considered them to be appropriate and relevant, as discussed further below. The Board considered and weighed these factors in light of its substantial accumulated experience in governing the Fund and working with Federated Hermes on matters relating to the oversight of the other funds advised by Federated Hermes (each, a “Federated Hermes Fund” and, collectively, the “Federated Hermes Funds”).

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

In determining to approve the continuation of the Contracts, 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 Contracts 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 Contracts. 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 Contracts 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 Advisers and the resources of Federated Hermes dedicated to the Fund. In this regard, the Board evaluated, among other things, the terms of the Contracts and the range of services provided to the Fund by Federated Hermes. The Board considered the Advisers' personnel, investment philosophy and process, investment research capabilities and resources, trade operations capabilities, experience and performance track record. The Board considered information about the Advisers' capabilities and resources with respect to environmental, social and governance ("ESG") investing, noting that in managing the assets of the Fund, the Advisers seek to invest in companies that, in their view, provide the potential for long-term capital appreciation while also contributing to positive societal impact aligned to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. 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 considered the trading operations by the Advisers, including the execution of portfolio transactions and the selection of brokers for those transactions. The Board also considered the Advisers' ability to deliver competitive investment performance for the Fund when compared to the Fund's Performance Peer Group (as defined below), which was deemed by the Board to be a useful indicator of how the Advisers are 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 that the significant acquisition of Hermes Fund Managers Limited by Federated Hermes has deepened Federated Hermes' investment management expertise and capabilities and expanded its access to analytical resources related to 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 Federated Hermes Funds. 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 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, and continue to lead, to an increase in the scope of Federated Hermes' oversight in this regard, including in connection with the implementation of new rules on derivatives risk management and fair valuation.

The Board also considered the implementation of Federated Hermes' business continuity plans. 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.

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 ongoing 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 Advisers 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 also considered information regarding how ESG investing

may relate to the Fund’s investment performance. The Board considered detailed investment reports on, and the Advisers’ analysis of, the Fund’s performance over different time periods that were provided to the Board throughout the year and in connection with the May Meetings. These reports included, among other items, information on the Fund’s gross and net returns, the Fund’s investment performance compared to one or more relevant categories or groups of peer funds and the Fund’s benchmark index, performance attribution information and commentary on the effect of market conditions. The Board considered that, in its evaluation of investment performance at meetings throughout the year, it focused particular attention on information indicating less favorable performance of certain Federated Hermes Funds for specific time periods and discussed with Federated Hermes the reasons for such performance as well as any specific actions Federated Hermes had taken, or had agreed to take, to seek to enhance Fund investment performance and the results of those actions.

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

The Board considered that for both the one-year and three-year periods ended December 31, 2022, the Fund’s performance was above the median of the Performance Peer Group.

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

Fund Expenses

The Board considered the advisory fee, sub-advisory fee, and overall expense structure of the Fund and the comparative fee and expense information that had been provided in connection with the May Meetings. In this regard, the Board was presented with, and considered, information regarding the contractual advisory fee rates, net advisory fee rates, total expense ratios and each element of the Fund’s total expense ratio (i.e., gross and net advisory fees, administrative fees, custody fees, portfolio accounting fees and transfer agency fees) relative to an appropriate group of peer funds compiled by Federated Hermes from the category of peer funds selected by Morningstar (the “Expense

Peer Group”). The Board received a description of the methodology used to select the Expense Peer Group from the overall Morningstar category. The Board also reviewed comparative information regarding the fees and expenses of the broader group of funds in the overall Morningstar category.

While mindful that courts have cautioned against giving too much weight to comparative information concerning fees charged to funds by other advisers, the use of comparisons between the Fund and its Expense Peer Group assisted the Board in its evaluation of the Fund’s fees and expenses. The Board focused on comparisons with other registered funds with comparable investment programs more heavily than non-registered fund products or services because such comparisons are believed to be more relevant. The Board considered that other registered funds are the products most like the Fund, in that they are readily available to Fund shareholders as alternative investment vehicles, and they are the type of investment vehicle, in fact, chosen and maintained by the Fund’s shareholders. The Board noted that the range of such other registered funds’ fees and expenses, therefore, appears to be a relevant indicator of what investors have found to be reasonable in the marketplace in which the Fund competes.

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

The Board also received and considered information about the nature and extent of services offered and fees charged by Federated Hermes to other types of clients with investment strategies similar to those of the Federated Hermes Funds, including non-registered fund clients (such as institutional separate accounts) and third-party unaffiliated registered funds for which any of the Advisers or their affiliates serve as sub-adviser. The Board noted the CCO’s conclusion that non-registered fund clients are inherently different products due to the following differences, among others: (i) different types of targeted investors; (ii) different applicable laws and regulations; (iii) different legal structures; (iv) different average account sizes and portfolio management techniques made necessary by different cash flows and different associated costs; (v) the time spent by portfolio managers and their teams (among other personnel across various departments, including legal, compliance and risk management) in reviewing securities pricing and fund liquidity; (vi) different administrative responsibilities; (vii) different degrees of risk associated with management; and (viii) a variety of different costs. The Board also considered information regarding the differences in the nature of the services required for Federated Hermes to manage its proprietary registered fund business versus managing a discrete pool of assets as a sub-adviser to another institution’s registered fund, noting the CCO’s view that Federated Hermes generally

performs significant additional services and assumes substantially greater risks in managing the Fund and other Federated Hermes Funds than in its role as sub-adviser to an unaffiliated third-party registered fund. The Board noted that the CCO did not consider the fees for providing advisory services to other types of clients to be determinative in judging the appropriateness of the Federated Hermes Funds' advisory fees.

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

Profitability

The Board received and considered profitability information furnished by Federated Hermes. Such profitability information included revenues reported on a fund-by-fund basis and estimates of the allocation of expenses made on a fund-by-fund basis, using allocation methodologies specified by the CCO and described to the Board. The Board considered the CCO's view that, while these cost allocation reports apply consistent allocation processes, the inherent difficulties in allocating costs on a fund-by-fund basis continues to cause the CCO to question the precision of the process and to conclude that such reports may be unreliable because a single change in an allocation estimate may dramatically alter the resulting estimate of cost and/or profitability of a Federated Hermes Fund and may produce unintended consequences. In addition, the Board considered the CCO's view that the allocation methodologies used by Federated Hermes in estimating profitability for purposes of reporting to the Board in connection with the continuation of the Contracts are consistent with the methodologies previously reviewed by an independent consultant. The Board noted that the independent consultant had previously conducted a review of the allocation methodologies and reported to the Board that, although there is no single best method to allocate expenses, the methodologies used by Federated Hermes are reasonable. The Board considered the CCO's view that the estimated profitability to the Adviser from its relationship with the Fund was not unreasonable in relation to the services provided.

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 recognized that profitability comparisons among fund management companies are difficult because of the variation in the type of comparative information that is publicly available, and the profitability of any fund management company is affected by numerous factors. The Board considered the CCO's conclusion that, based on such profitability information, Federated

Hermes' profit margins did not appear to be excessive. The Board also considered the CCO's view that Federated Hermes appeared financially sound, with the resources necessary to fulfill its obligations under its contracts with the Federated Hermes Funds.

Economies of Scale

The Board received and considered information about the notion of possible realization of "economies of scale" as a fund grows larger, the difficulties of determining economies of scale at an individual fund level, and the extent to which potential scale benefits are shared with shareholders. In this regard, the Board considered that Federated Hermes has made significant and long-term investments in areas that support all of the Federated Hermes Funds, such as: portfolio management, investment research and trading operations; shareholder services; compliance; business continuity, cybersecurity and information security programs; internal audit and risk management functions; and technology and use of data. The Board noted that Federated Hermes' investments in these areas are extensive and are designed to provide enhanced services to the Federated Hermes Funds and their shareholders. The Board considered that the benefits of these investments are likely to be shared with the family of Federated Hermes Funds as a whole. In addition, the Board considered that fee waivers and expense reimbursements are another means for potential economies of scale to be shared with shareholders and can provide protection from an increase in expenses if a Federated Hermes Fund's assets decline. The Board considered that, in order for the Federated Hermes Funds to remain competitive in the marketplace, Federated Hermes has frequently waived fees and/or reimbursed expenses for the Federated Hermes Funds and has disclosed to shareholders and/or reported to the Board its intention to do so (or continue to do so) in the future. The Board also considered that Federated Hermes has been active in managing expenses of the Federated Hermes Funds in recent years, which has resulted in benefits being realized by shareholders.

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

Other Benefits

The Board considered information regarding the compensation and other ancillary (or “fall-out”) benefits that Federated Hermes derived from its relationships with the Federated Hermes Funds. The Board noted that, in addition to receiving advisory fees under the Federated Hermes Funds’ investment advisory contracts, Federated Hermes’ affiliates also receive fees for providing other services to the Federated Hermes Funds under separate service contracts including 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 the benefits, if any, 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 Contracts 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 Contracts. The Board based its determination to approve the Contracts 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.

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 Adviser Series (the “Trust”) has adopted and implemented a liquidity risk management program (the “Program”) for Federated Hermes SDG Engagement Equity Fund (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 2023, 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, 2022 through March 31, 2023 (the “Period”). The Report addressed the operation of the Program and assessed the adequacy and effectiveness of its implementation, including, where applicable, the operation of any HLIM established for a Federated Hermes Fund. 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, any alternative funding sources that were available to the Federated Hermes Funds during the Period, 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;
- 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 the Administrator's evaluation of the services performed by the vendor in support of this process, including the Administrator's view that the methodologies utilized by the vendor continue to be appropriate;
- 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 operation of 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 operation of 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, if any, 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.

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

Voting Proxies on Fund Portfolio Securities

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

Quarterly Portfolio Schedule

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

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