## Annual Shareholder Report

October 31, 2023



Share Class | Ticker

**A** | FMUAX **Institutional** | FMUIX **C** | FMUCX

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# Federated Hermes Muni and Stock Advantage Fund

Fund Established 2003

A Portfolio of Federated Hermes Income Securities Trust

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's primary investment objective is to provide tax-advantaged income with a secondary objective of capital appreciation.

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 Muni and Stock Advantage Fund (the "Fund"), based on net asset value for the 12-month reporting period ended October 31, 2023, was 1.86% for Class A Shares, 1.10% for Class C Shares, 1.86% for Class F Shares and 2.12% for Institutional Shares. The 2.12% total return for the Institutional Shares for the reporting period consisted of -0.63% in depreciation of net asset value of the Fund's shares and 2.75% in reinvested dividends. The total return of the Fund's custom blended index (60% S&P Municipal Bond Index (S&P Muni Index) and 40% Russell 1000® Value Index (R1000V))¹ ("Blended Index") was 1.58% for the same period. The total return of the Morningstar Moderately Conservative Allocation Funds Average (Mod CA),² a peer group average for the Fund, was 2.73% during the same period. The Fund's and the Mod CA'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 R1000V or S&P Muni Index.

During the reporting period, the Fund's investment strategy focused on income earning investments, specifically high-quality, qualified dividend income stocks<sup>3</sup> and intermediate and long-term, tax-exempt securities<sup>4</sup> to achieve the Fund's primary tax-advantaged income objective and secondary capital appreciation objective. The most significant factors that affected the Fund's performance during the reporting period were: (a) the Fund's allocation between stocks and tax-exempt securities; (b) the selection of individual equity securities and equity securities of similar issuers (referred to as sectors); (c) the selection of tax-exempt municipal securities with different maturities (expressed by a yield curve showing the relative yield of similar securities with different maturities), different credit characteristics or different structural attributes; and (d) the effective duration,<sup>5</sup> credit quality and sector allocation of the Fund's tax-exempt securities in the portfolio.

The following discussion will focus on the performance of the Fund's Institutional Shares relative to the Blended Index.

#### MARKET OVERVIEW

The markets started the reporting period with a positive backdrop due in part to optimistic sentiment that the Federal Reserve (the "Fed") would be slowing the pace of rate hikes and signs that elevated inflation could be cooling though this was somewhat reversed in December. The turn of the calendar again brought positive momentum and that carried through the first half of the year due largely to a rise in growth stocks, particularly technology stocks and enthusiasm with artificial intelligence. There was an interruption due to the failure of some regional banks, though this was contained. Stress in the China property markets, weak macroeconomic data out of China, Fitch downgrading the U.S. government credit rating, and the potential for fewer rate cuts next

year with rates staying higher for longer, led to negative performance in the third quarter of 2023. For the reporting period, growth stocks outperformed value stocks; and large growth stocks were the best performing equity style. The S&P 500 Index (S&P 500)<sup>6</sup> returned 10.14% and the R1000V returned 0.13% for the reporting period. Strong performance in Communication Services and Information Technology dominated relatively weaker performance in Utilities across the S&P 500 sectors during the reporting period.

Treasury and municipal market yields increased during the reporting period as strong U.S. economic growth persisted, inflation remained elevated, labor markets remained tight, and market expectations of Fed policy rates moved higher. Although inflation, which first reared its head in 2022, began to abate during the reporting period, it remained well above the Fed's 2% target. Following seven rate increases totaling 4.25% in 2022, the Fed raised rates four more times for an additional 1.00% during the first ten months of 2023. The Treasury curve steepened during the fiscal year with the yield on 2-, 5-, 10- and 30-year treasuries increasing 60, 62, 88 and 93 basis points (bps), respectively. Municipal yields increased as well, with the curve inverting as 2-, 5-, 10- and 30-year AAA-rated municipal yields from Bloomberg Evaluation Services increased 56, 29, 24 and 49 bps, respectively, over the period. A distinguishing characteristic of the municipal yield curve is its consistent upward slope, with 30-year bonds always offering higher yields than shortterm bonds. This relationship remained, however, the curve inverted resulting in yields on short term securities being higher than those on intermediate-term securities as far out as 12 years over the reporting period. Currently, the curve is inverted through 5 years.

The Fed held its policy rates steady at its September meeting, yet signaled another increase in the federal funds rate may occur in 2023 and projected higher policy rates in 2024 and 2025. During the reporting period, higher rates continued to depress new issuance. Municipal mutual fund flows were mixed but ended the fiscal year with net negative outflows. Municipal credit spreads, the yield advantage on mid- and low-quality to high-quality bonds, remained relatively stable during the reporting period.

Despite higher yields, the S&P Muni Index posted a positive return of 2.36% for the fiscal year.

#### PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION

During the reporting period, the Fund's portfolio was allocated primarily between qualified dividend income stocks and tax-exempt securities to reflect the Fund's primary investment objective of tax-advantaged income<sup>7</sup> and its secondary objective of capital appreciation. The factors used in the allocation decision during the reporting period were: (1) maintenance of at least 50% exposure to tax-exempt municipal securities in order to comply with Internal Revenue Service rules governing the payment of tax-exempt dividends from

the tax-exempt securities' portion of the Fund's portfolio; (2) the Fund's ability to pay and maintain an attractive level of dividends; and (3) the expected relative total return of tax-exempt securities and stocks. The allocation at the end of the reporting period was 54.4% tax-exempt municipal bonds, 42.5% stocks and 3.1% tax-exempt cash equivalents. During the reporting period, the Fund used various types of derivative instruments, including equity options and equity and fixed-income futures, to hedge against volatile market conditions. Futures contributed 0.02% to the Fund's performance, and equity options detracted -0.01% from the Fund's performance for the reporting period. The Fund's average underweight position to equities relative to the blended benchmark weight over the reporting period detracted from Fund performance during the reporting period.

#### SECTOR AND SECURITY SELECTION - EQUITY STOCKS

The return of the equity component of the Fund's portfolio outperformed the R1000V during the reporting period. Stock selection in the Information Technology and Health Care sectors were the main drivers of the outperformance. Within Information Technology, stock selection in Software & Services and Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment was the largest contributor. In Health Care, stock selection in Pharmaceuticals, Biotech, and Life Sciences was the largest contributor.

Overall, during the reporting period, both security selection and sector allocation contributed to the Fund's outperformance relative to the R1000V. An overweight position in Information Technology and not having an allocation to real estate investment trusts, as the dividends are not qualified, were the main drivers of the positive sector allocation performance relative to the R1000V. As noted above, the Fund had positive stock selection in Information Technology and Health Care, which more than offset negative stock selection in Communication Services and Industrials.

#### SECURITY SELECTION - TAX-EXEMPT MUNICIPAL BONDS

During the reporting period, the Fund's strategies with respect to the bond component of its portfolio were to: (1) invest in tax-exempt municipal bonds whose interest is not subject to (or not a specific preference item for purposes of) the federal alternative minimum tax for individuals; (2) maintain exposure to intermediate and long-term tax-exempt municipal bonds that historically benefit from income advantages relative to tax-exempt municipal bonds with shorter maturities while tactically taking advantage of attractive yields in shorter-dated and longer-dated bonds as the curve inverted and longer-dated bonds maintained their income advantage; (3) maintain a significant weighting in low investment-grade<sup>9</sup> and noninvestment-grade bonds (or equivalents), given their income advantages; and (4) adjust portfolio duration (or sensitivity to interest rates) and yield curve exposures in an effort to enhance bond portfolio total return as market interest rates fluctuate.<sup>10</sup>

Individual security selection had a positive contribution to performance of the bond portfolio relative to the S&P Muni Index as the portfolio's relative total return was stronger than could be explained by duration, yield curve, sector allocation and credit quality characteristics. Specifically, security selection of specific high-yield bonds and of bonds that experienced positive rating action had a positive impact.

#### **DURATION - TAX-EXEMPT MUNICIPAL BONDS**

Overall, duration detracted from the performance of the portfolio's bond component relative to the S&P Muni Index, while yield curve<sup>11</sup> positioning was a partial offsetting positive contribution. During the 12-month reporting period, the duration of the Fund's tax-exempt municipal bond portfolio averaged about 8.0 years, which was longer than the duration of the S&P Muni Index, which averaged about 6.6 years. This longer duration reflected the bond portfolio's focus on intermediate and long-term securities consistent with the Fund's primary income objective.

#### CREDIT QUALITY-TAX-EXEMPT MUNICIPAL BONDS

The allocation of the bond component of the portfolio across the credit quality spectrum added to the return relative to the S&P Muni Index. Specifically, an overweight allocation to mid- and lower-quality securities and an underweight allocation to high-quality securities drove the outperformance. The fund's strategic allocation to A-rated, BBB-rated and below investment-grade securities relative to the S&P Muni Index carries a yield advantage and helps support the Fund's primary income objective.

#### SECTOR ALLOCATION - TAX-EXEMPT MUNICIPAL BONDS

The bond component's sector allocation had a modest positive impact on relative performance. Underweight allocations to underperforming General Obligation and Housing bonds relative to the S&P Muni Index had a positive impact. Additionally, overweight allocations to outperforming Hospital, Dedicated Tax and Airport bonds also made a positive contribution. However, overweight positions to long-dated Tobacco bonds detracted from performance.

- 1 Please see the footnotes to the line graph below for definitions of, and further information about, the S&P Muni Index and R1000V.
- 2 Please see the footnotes to the line graph below for definitions of, and further information about, the Morningstar peer group.
- 3 There are no guarantees that dividend paying stocks will continue to pay dividends.
- 4 The Fund is not entirely a "tax-exempt" or "municipal" fund. Although a portion of the dividends paid by the Fund will consist of exempt-interest dividends that are exempt from regular federal income tax, some distributions will be subject to federal income tax. Additionally, most distributions will be subject to applicable state and local personal income tax.
- 5 Duration is a measure of a security's price sensitivity to changes in interest rates. Securities with longer durations are more sensitive to changes in interest rates than securities with shorter durations.

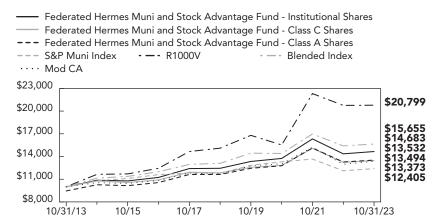
- 6 The S&P 500 is an unmanaged, capitalization-weighted index of 500 stocks designed to measure performance of the broad domestic economy through changes in the aggregate market value of 500 stocks representing all major industries. The index is unmanaged, and it is not possible to invest directly in an index.
- 7 Fund income may be subject to state and local taxes. Although this Fund pursues taxadvantaged income and seeks to invest primarily in securities whose interest is not subject to the federal alternative minimum tax, there are no assurances that it will achieve these goals.
- 8 The Fund's use of derivative instruments involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional instruments.
- 9 Investment-grade securities and noninvestment-grade securities may either be: (a) rated by a nationally recognized statistical ratings organization or rating agency; or (b) unrated securities that the Fund's Adviser believes are of comparable quality. The rating agencies that provided the ratings for rated securities include Standard & Poor's, Moody's Investor Services, Inc. and Fitch Rating Service. When ratings vary, the highest rating is used. Credit ratings of AA or better are considered to be high credit quality; credit ratings of A are considered high or medium/good quality; and credit ratings of BBB are considered to be medium/good credit quality, and the lowest category of investment-grade securities; credit ratings of BB and below are lower-rated, noninvestment-grade securities or junk bonds; and credit ratings of CCC or below are noninvestment-grade securities that have high default risk. Credit ratings are an indication of the risk that a security will default. They do not protect a security from credit risk. Lower rated bonds typically offer higher yields to help compensate investors for the increased risk associated with them. Among these risks are lower creditworthiness, greater price volatility, more risk to principal and income than with higher rated securities and increased possibilities of default.
- 10 Bond prices are sensitive to changes in interest rates and a rise in interest rates can cause a decline in their prices.
- 11 The yield curve is a graph showing the comparative yields of securities in a particular class according to maturity. Securities on the long end of the yield curve have longer maturities.

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

The graph below illustrates the hypothetical investment of \$10,000¹ in the Federated Hermes Muni and Stock Advantage Fund² (the "Fund") from October 31, 2013 to October 31, 2023, compared to the S&P Municipal Bond Index (S&P Muni Index),³ the Russell 1000® Value Index (R1000V),⁴ the custom blend of indexes comprised of 60% S&P Muni Index/40% R1000V ("Blended Index") and the Morningstar Moderately Conservative Allocation Funds Average (Mod CA).⁵ The Average Annual Total Return Table below shows returns for each class 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).
- Total returns shown for the Class C Shares include the maximum contingent deferred sales charge of 1.00% as applicable.

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 charges and contingent deferred sales charges as specified below in footnote #1)

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Class A Shares	-3.76%	1.91%	3.07%
Class C Shares	0.10%	2.30%	3.04%
Class F Shares	-0.16%	2.87%	3.56%
Institutional Shares	2.12%	3.33%	3.92%
S&P Muni Index	2.36%	1.04%	2.18%
R1000V	0.13%	6.60%	7.60%
Blended Index	1.58%	3.62%	4.58%
Mod CA	2.73%	2.95%	3.30%

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 <a href="FederatedHermes.com/us">FederatedHermes.com/us</a> 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 of 5.50% (\$10,000 investment minus \$550 sales charge = \$9,450); for Class C Shares, the maximum contingent deferred sales charge is 1.00% on any redemption less than one year from the purchase date; for Class F Shares, the maximum sales charge of 1.00% (\$10,000 investment minus \$100 sales charge = \$9,900), and the contingent deferred sales charge is 1.00% on any redemption less than four years from the purchase date. The Fund's performance assumes the reinvestment of all dividends and distributions. The S&P Muni Index, R1000V, Blended Index and the Mod CA have been adjusted to reflect reinvestment of dividends on securities in the indices and average.
- 2 As indicated in its name, Federated Hermes Muni and Stock Advantage Fund invests in both municipal (muni) securities and equity securities (stock) as described in the Fund's prospectus. Thus, the Fund is not entirely a "tax-exempt" or "municipal" fund, and a portion of the income derived from the Fund's portfolio (or dividend distributions) will be subject to federal income tax and state and local personal income tax.

- 3 The S&P Muni Index is a broad, market value-weighted index that seeks to measure the performance of the U.S. municipal bond market. It tracks fixed-rate tax-free bonds and bonds subject to the alternative minimum tax (AMT). The index includes bonds of all quality—from "AAA" to non-rated, including defaulted bonds—from all sectors of the municipal bond market. The index is not adjusted to reflect sales charges, expenses and other fees that the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) requires to be reflected in the Fund's performance. The index is unmanaged, and, unlike the Fund, is not affected by cash flows. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.
- 4 The R1000V measures the performance of the large-cap value segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 1000 Index companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower expected growth values. The R1000V is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased barometer for the large-cap value segment and is completely reconstituted annually to ensure new and growing equities are included and that the represented companies continue to reflect value characteristics. The index is not adjusted to reflect sales charges, expenses and other fees that the SEC requires to be reflected in the Fund's performance. The index is unmanaged, and, unlike the Fund, is not affected by cash flows. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.
- 5 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.

### Portfolio of Investments Summary Tables (unaudited)

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

Security Type	Percentage of Total Net Assets
Tax-Exempt, Fixed-Income Securities	54.5%
Equity Securities	42.5%
Cash Equivalents <sup>2</sup>	0.6%
Derivative Contracts <sup>3,4</sup>	0.0%
Other Assets and Liabilities—Net <sup>5</sup>	2.4%
TOTAL	100%

At October 31, 2023, the Fund's sector composition<sup>6</sup> for its equity securities was as follows:

Sector Composition	Percentage of Equity Securities
Information Technology	19.9%
Financials	16.4%
Health Care	15.3%
Communication Services	9.8%
Industrials	7.9%
Consumer Discretionary	7.8%
Consumer Staples	7.8%
Energy	6.4%
Utilities	5.5%
Materials	3.2%
TOTAL	100%

- 1 See the Fund's Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information for a description of the types of securities in which the Fund invests.
- 2 Cash equivalents include any investments in tax-exempt, variable rate instruments.
- 3 Less than 0.1%
- 4 Based upon net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) or value of the derivative contracts as applicable. Derivative contracts may consist of futures, forwards, options and swaps. The impact of a derivative contract on the Fund's performance may be larger than its unrealized appreciation (depreciation) or value may indicate. In many cases, the notional value or amount of a derivative contract may provide a better indication of the contract's significance to the portfolio. More complete information regarding the Fund's direct investments in derivative contracts, including unrealized appreciation (depreciation), value and notional values or amounts of such contracts, can be found in the table at the end of the Portfolio of Investments included in this Report.
- 5 Assets, other than investments in securities, less liabilities and derivative contracts. See Statement of Assets and Liabilities.
- 6 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.

# At October 31, 2023, the Fund's sector composition for its tax-exempt securities was as follows:

Sector Composition	Percentage of Tax-Exempt Securities
Hospital	13.0%
Dedicated Tax	10.7%
General Obligation—State	8.3%
General Obligation—Local	8.1%
Water & Sewer	7.1%
Airport	6.5%
Toll Road	6.4%
Higher Education	5.4%
General Obligation—State Appropriation	5.1%
Other Utility	4.1%
Other <sup>2</sup>	25.3%
TOTAL	100%

Sector classifications, and the assignment of holdings to such sectors, are based upon the economic sector and/or revenue source of the underlying obligor, as determined by the Fund's Adviser. For securities that have been enhanced by a third party guarantor, such as bond insurers and banks, sector classifications are based upon the economic sector and/or revenue source of the underlying obligor, as determined by the Fund's Adviser.

<sup>2</sup> For purposes of this table, sector classifications constitute 74.7% of the Fund's total investments in tax-exempt securities. Remaining tax-exempt security sectors have been aggregated under the designation "Other."

## Portfolio of Investments

October 31, 2023

Amount or Shares		Value
	MUNICIPAL BONDS—54.5%	
	Alabama—1.1%	
\$ 5,000,000	<sup>1</sup> Black Belt Energy Gas District, AL, Gas Project Revenue Bonds (Series 2022B-2) FRNs, (Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. GTD), 4.840% (SIFMA 7-day +0.650%), Mandatory Tender 10/1/2027	\$ 4,906,074
1,500,000	Black Belt Energy Gas District, AL, Gas Project Revenue Refunding Bonds (Series 2023D-1), (Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. GTD), 5.500%, Mandatory Tender 2/1/2029	1,518,283
5,000,000	Energy Southeast, AL, Energy Supply Revenue Bonds (Series 2023A-1), (Morgan Stanley GTD), 5.500%, Mandatory Tender 1/1/2031	5,084,962
2,000,000	Lower Alabama Gas District, Gas Project Revenue Bonds (Series 2016A), (Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. GTD), 5.000%, 9/1/2046	1,860,550
	TOTAL	13,369,869
	Arizona—1.3%	
1,225,000	Arizona State IDA (Basis Schools, Inc. Obligated Group), Education Revenue Bonds (Series 2017F), (School District Credit Program GTD), 5.000%, 7/1/2052	1,122,339
1,500,000	Arizona State IDA (Equitable School Revolving Fund), Senior National Charter School Revenue Bonds (Series 2020A), 4.000%, 11/1/2050	1,143,236
4,250,000	Arizona State IDA (Equitable School Revolving Fund), Senior National Charter School Revolving Loan Fund Revenue Bonds (Series 2022A), 5.000%, 11/1/2047	3,933,406
2,300,000	Maricopa County, AZ, IDA (GreatHearts Academies), Education Revenue Bonds (GreatHearts Arizona Projects) (Series 2017C), (Arizona Public School Credit Enhancement Program GTD), 5.000%, 7/1/2048	2,133,891
665,000	<sup>2</sup> Maricopa County, AZ, IDA (Paradise Schools), Revenue Refunding Bonds, 5.000%, 7/1/2036	621,086
2,500,000	Phoenix, AZ Civic Improvement Corp Airport System, Junior Lien Airport Revenue Bonds (Series 2019A), 5.000%, 7/1/2049	2,419,300
3,000,000	Phoenix, AZ IDA (GreatHearts Academies), Education Facility Revenue Bonds (Series 2014A), 5.000%, 7/1/2034	2,893,933
2,000,000	<sup>2</sup> Pima County, AZ IDA (La Posada at Pusch Ridge), Senior Living Revenue Bonds (Series 2022A), 6.875%, 11/15/2052	1,902,606
	TOTAL	16,169,797
	California—3.5%	
2,000,000	California Health Facilities Financing Authority (Providence St. Joseph Health), Revenue Bonds (Series 2014B), 5.000%, 10/1/2044	1,903,508
250,000	<sup>2</sup> California Public Finance Authority (Kendal at Sonoma), Enso Village Senior Living Revenue Refunding Bonds (Series 2021A), 5.000%, 11/15/2051	200,544
250,000	<sup>2</sup> California Public Finance Authority (Kendal at Sonoma), Enso Village Senior Living Revenue Refunding Bonds (Series 2021A), 5.000%, 11/15/2056	195,655

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Value MUNICIPAL BONDS—continued California—continued 500,000 <sup>2</sup>California School Finance Authority (KIPP LA), School Facility Revenue Bonds (Series 2014A), 5.000%, 7/1/2034 \$ 501,357 1,500,000 <sup>2</sup>California School Finance Authority (KIPP LA), School Facility Revenue Bonds (Series 2014A), 5.125%, 7/1/2044 1,425,615 <sup>2</sup>California School Finance Authority (KIPP LA), School Facility Revenue 1,135,000 Bonds (Series 2015A), 5.000%, 7/1/2045 1,054,677 California State University (The Trustees of), Systemwide Revenue Bonds 65,000 (Series 2014A), (United States Treasury PRF 11/1/2024@100), 5.000%, 11/1/2039 65,830 California State University (The Trustees of), Systemwide Revenue Bonds 3,550,000 (Series 2015A), 5.000%, 11/1/2030 3,632,545 2,000,000 California State, School Facilities UT GO Bonds, 5.000%, 11/1/2031 2,001,634 1,565,000 California State, Various Purpose UT GO Bonds, 5.000%, 9/1/2052 1,604,273 2,765,000 <sup>2</sup>California Statewide Communities Development Authority (Loma Linda University Medical Center), Revenue Bonds (Series 2016A), 5.000%, 12/1/2046 2,440,186 Chula Vista, CA Municipal Finance Authority, Special Tax Revenue 2.935.000 Refunding Bonds (Series 2013), 5.500%, 9/1/2028 2,939,104 3,000,000 Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency, CA, Toll Road Refunding Revenue Bonds (Series 2013A), (Original Issue Yield: 6.050%), (United States Treasury PRF 1/15/2024@100), 5.750%, 1/15/2046 3,012,133 Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corp., CA, Tobacco Settlement 2.650.000 Asset-Backed Bonds (Series 2022), 5.000%, 6/1/2051 2,645,951 2,000,000 Los Angeles, CA Department of Airports (Los Angeles International Airport), Senior Revenue Green Bonds (Series 20221), 5.000%, 5/15/2048 2,038,396 Los Angeles, CA Department of Water & Power (Los Angeles, CA 2.055.000 Department of Water & Power (Electric/Power System)), Power System Revenue Bonds (Series 2022C), 5.000%, 7/1/2052 2.097.756 M-S-R Energy Authority, CA, Gas Revenue Bonds (Series 2009A), 1,535,000 (Original Issue Yield: 6.375%), (Citigroup, Inc. GTD), 6.125%, 11/1/2029 1,589,938 400,000 Riverside County, CA Transportation Commission (RCTC 91 Express Lanes), Toll Revenue Second Lien Refunding Bonds (Series 2021C), 4.000%, 6/1/2047 327,359 San Diego County, CA Regional Airport Authority, Subordinate Airport 3,940,000 Revenue Bonds (Series 2021A), 4.000%, 7/1/2046 3,413,238 1,990,000 San Diego County, CA Regional Airport Authority, Subordinate Airport Revenue Bonds (Series 2021A), 4.000%, 7/1/2051 1,670,351 San Diego, CA Unified School District, UT GO Dedicated Property Tax 1,080,000 Bonds (Series 2002M-2), 4.550%, 7/1/2052 1,017,992 San Francisco, CA Bay Area Rapid Transit District, GO Bonds 2,420,000 (Series 2022D-1), 5.250%, 8/1/2047 2,547,111 2,500,000 San Francisco, CA City & County Airport Commission, Second Series Revenue Refunding Bonds (Series 2023D), 5.250%, 5/1/2048 2,577,022

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Amount or Shares		Value
	MUNICIPAL BONDS—continued	
	California—continued	
\$ 2,440,000	University of California (The Regents of), Limited Project Revenue Bonds (Series 2017M), 5.000%, 5/15/2036	\$ 2,503,177
	TOTAL	43,405,352
	Colorado—2.0%	
1,000,000	Clear Creek Station Metropolitan District No. 2, LT GO Refunding Bonds (Series 2017A), 5.000%, 12/1/2047	850,161
1,500,000	Colorado Educational & Cultural Facilities Authority (University Lab School), Charter School Refunding & Improvement Revenue Bonds (Series 2015), 5.000%, 12/15/2035	1,480,932
250,000	Colorado Health Facilities Authority (Christian Living Communities), Revenue Refunding Bonds (Series 2016), 5.000%, 1/1/2037	225,757
1,750,000	Colorado Health Facilities Authority (CommonSpirit Health), Revenue Bonds (Series 2019A-1), 4.000%, 8/1/2037	1,546,504
1,200,000	Colorado Health Facilities Authority (CommonSpirit Health), Revenue Bonds (Series 2022), 5.500%, 11/1/2047	1,189,523
3,750,000	Colorado Health Facilities Authority (Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Health System), Revenue Bonds (Series 2013A), (Original Issue Yield: 5.120%), (United States Treasury PRF 1/1/2024@100), 5.000%, 1/1/2044	3,756,144
5,880,000	Colorado High Performance Transportation Enterprise, C-470 Express Lanes Senior Revenue Bonds (Series 2017), 5.000%, 12/31/2051	5,343,935
2,815,000	Colorado State Health Facilities Authority (Advent Health System/Sunbelt Obligated Group), Hospital Revenue Bonds (Series 2019A), 4.000%, 11/15/2043	2,424,913
2,475,000	Denver, CO City & County Department of Aviation (Denver, CO City & County Airport Authority), Airport System Revenue Bonds (Series 2013B), (Original Issue Yield: 5.050%), 5.000%, 11/15/2043	2,440,422
4,000,000	Denver, CO City & County Department of Aviation (Denver, CO City & County Airport Authority), Airport System Revenue Bonds (Series 2022C), 5.250%, 11/15/2053	4,097,795
1,500,000	Denver, CO City & County Department of Aviation (Denver, CO City & County Airport Authority), Airport System Senior Revenue Bonds (Series 2022B), 5.250%, 11/15/2053	1,536,673
	TOTAL	24,892,759
	Connecticut—0.4%	
3,000,000	Connecticut State (Connecticut State Special Transportation Fund), Special Tax Obligation Bonds Transportation Infrastructure Purpose (Series 2018B), 5.000%, 10/1/2032	3,135,300
1,500,000	Connecticut State (Connecticut State Special Transportation Fund), Special Tax Obligation Bonds Transportation Infrastructure Purposes (Series 2022A), 5.250%, 7/1/2042	1,576,440
	TOTAL	4,711,740
	Delaware—0.1%	., , . +0
2,000,000	Delaware EDA (ACTS Retirement Life Communities, Inc.), Retirement Communities Revenue Bonds (Series 2018B), 5.000%, 11/15/2048	1,756,553

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	MUNICIPAL BONDS—continued	
	District of Columbia—1.3%	
\$ 1,140,000	District of Columbia (District of Columbia International School), Revenue Bonds (Series 2019), 5.000%, 7/1/2054	\$ 993,596
1,435,000	District of Columbia (Friendship Public Charter School, Inc.), Revenue Bonds (Series 2016A), 5.000%, 6/1/2041	1,299,589
1,000,000	District of Columbia (Ingleside at Rock Creek), Project Revenue Bonds (Series 2017A), (Original Issue Yield: 5.125%), 5.000%, 7/1/2042	811,190
500,000	District of Columbia (Ingleside at Rock Creek), Project Revenue Bonds (Series 2017A), 5.000%, 7/1/2037	432,717
5,375,000	District of Columbia Income Tax Revenue, Income Tax Secured Revenue Bonds (Series 2022A), 5.000%, 7/1/2035	5,812,40
6,090,000	District of Columbia, UT GO Bonds (Series 2019A), 5.000%, 10/15/2044	6,191,92
	TOTAL	15,541,42
	Florida—2.2%	
3,000,000	Brevard County, FL Health Facilities Authority (Health First, Inc.), Hospital Revenue Bonds (Series 2022A), 5.000%, 4/1/2042	2,903,596
4,000,000	Broward County, FL (Broward County, FL Convention Center Hotel), First Tier Revenue Bonds (Series 2022), (Broward County, FL GTD), 4.000%, 1/1/2051	3,285,04
5,000,000	Broward County, FL (Broward County, FL Tourist Development Tax Special Revenue), Convention Center Expansion Project Revenue Bonds (Series 2021), 4.000%, 9/1/2047	4,110,45
2,010,000	Central Florida Expressway Authority, Senior Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds (Series 2016B), 4.000%, 7/1/2040	1,726,078
3,206,483	2.3.4 Collier County, FL IDA (Arlington of Naples), Continuing Care Community Revenue Bonds (Series 2013A), (Original Issue Yield: 8.250%), 8.125%, 5/15/2044	176,35
2,125,000	Hillsborough County, FL Aviation Authority (Tampa International Airport), Revenue Bonds (Series 2018F), 5.000%, 10/1/2048	2,121,90
1,055,000	Lee County, FL IDA (Cypress Cove at Healthpark), Healthcare Facilities Revenue Bonds (Series 2022A), 5.250%, 10/1/2052	821,903
620,000	Miami-Dade County, FL Aviation, Aviation Revenue Refunding Bonds (Series 2020A), 4.000%, 10/1/2041	548,71!
3,500,000	Miami-Dade County, FL Water & Sewer, Water & Sewer System Revenue Refunding Bonds (Series 2021), 4.000%, 10/1/2051	2,859,180
750,000	St. Johns County, FL IDA (Vicar's Landing), Senior Living Revenue Bonds (Series 2021A), 4.000%, 12/15/2046	508,259
7,535,000	Tampa, FL (Tampa, FL Water and Wastewater Systems), Water and Wastewater Revenue Bonds (Series 2022A), 5.000%, 10/1/2047	7,678,91
	TOTAL	26,740,40
	Georgia—2.2%	
4,000,000	Atlanta, GA Airport General Revenue (Atlanta, GA Department of Aviation), General Revenue Bonds (Series 2022A), 5.000%, 7/1/2047	4,037,178
2,500,000	Atlanta, GA Water & Wastewater, Revenue Refunding Bonds (Series 2018C), 5.000%, 11/1/2032	2,593,390

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	Georgia—continued	
3,000,000	Atlanta, GA, UT GO Public Improvement Bonds (Series 2022A-1), 5.000%, 12/1/2040	\$ 3,132,740
2,500,000	Fulton County, GA Residential Care Facilities (Lenbrook Square Foundation, Inc.), Retirement Facility Refunding Revenue Bonds (Series 2016), 5.000%, 7/1/2036	2,332,774
665,000	Geo. L. Smith II Georgia World Congress Center Authority, Convention Center Hotel First Tier Revenue Bonds (Series 2021A), 4.000%, 1/1/2054	496,015
4,135,000	Georgia Ports Authority, Revenue Bonds (Series 2022), 4.000%, 7/1/2052	3,433,516
1,000,000	Georgia Ports Authority, Revenue Bonds (Series 2022), 5.250%, 7/1/2052	1,026,575
4,000,000	Georgia State, UT GO Bonds (Series 2022A), 4.000%, 7/1/2042	3,720,156
3,940,000	Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia, Plant Vogtle Units 3&4 Project J Revenue Refunding Bonds (Series 2015A), 5.000%, 7/1/2060	3,641,318
3,515,000	Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia, Plant Vogtle Units 3&4 Project P Revenue Refunding Bonds (Series 2023A), 5.500%, 7/1/2064	3,387,034
	TOTAL	27,800,696
	Idaho—0.2%	
2,000,000	Idaho Health Facilities Authority (Terraces of Boise), Exchange Revenue Refunding Bonds (Series 2021A), 4.250%, 10/1/2039	1,418,044
2,020,000	Idaho Health Facilities Authority (Terraces of Boise), Exchange Revenue Refunding Bonds (Series 2021A), 4.550%, 10/1/2056	1,262,214
	TOTAL	2,680,258
	Illinois—5.3%	
1,000,000	Chicago, IL Board of Education, Dedicated Capital Improvement Tax Bonds (Series 2023), (Original Issue Yield: 5.190%), 5.000%, 4/1/2045	912,007
1,000,000	Chicago, IL Board of Education, UT GO Bonds (Series 2023A), 5.875%, 12/1/2047	985,395
625,000	Chicago, IL Board of Education, UT GO Dedicated Refunding Bonds (Series 2018D), (Original Issue Yield: 5.210%), 5.000%, 12/1/2046	548,698
2,000,000	Chicago, IL Board of Education, UT GO Dedicated Revenue Bonds (Series 2017H), 5.000%, 12/1/2046	1,755,834
2,500,000	Chicago, IL Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, LT GO Capital Improvement Bonds (Series 2021A) Green Bonds, 4.000%, 12/1/2046	2,086,234
2,000,000	Chicago, IL Midway Airport, Second Lien Revenue & Refunding Bonds (Series 2014B), (United States Treasury PRF 2/6/2024@100), 5.000%, 1/1/2036	2,005,317
2,000,000	Chicago, IL Midway Airport, Second Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds (Series 2014B), (United States Treasury PRF 2/26/2024@100), 5.000%, 1/1/2035	2,005,317
305,000	Chicago, IL O'Hare International Airport, General Airport Senior Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds (Series 2016B), 5.000%, 1/1/2041	301,276
2,000,000	Chicago, IL O'Hare International Airport, General Airport Senior Lien Revenue Refunding Bonds (Series 2018B), 5.000%, 1/1/2048	1,955,957

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	MUNICIPAL BONDS—continued	
	Illinois—continued	
\$ 3,750,000	Sales Tax Securitization Corp., IL, Sales Tax Securitization Bonds (Series 2018A), 5.000%, 1/1/2048	\$ 3,558,300
	TOTAL	 66,473,261
	Indiana—0.9%	
3,735,000	Indiana Municipal Power Agency, Power Supply System Refunding Revenue Bonds (Series 2022A), 5.500%, 1/1/2053	3,853,241
1,250,000	Indiana Municipal Power Agency, Revenue Refunding Bonds (Series 2017A), 5.000%, 1/1/2042	1,259,340
5,000,000	Indiana State Finance Authority (CWA Authority, Inc.), First Lien Wastewater Utility Revenue Bonds (Series 2022B), 5.250%, 10/1/2047	5,065,004
765,000	Indiana State Finance Authority Hospital Revenue (Indiana University Health Obligated Group), Hospital Revenue Refunding Bonds (Series 2014A), 5.000%, 12/1/2029	772,516
	TOTAL	10,950,101
	lowa—0.4%	
542,361	lowa Finance Authority (Deerfield Retirement Community, Inc.), Lifespace GTD Senior Living Facility Revenue Refunding Bonds (Series 2014A), (United States Treasury PRF 11/15/2024@100), 5.400%, 11/15/2046	548,030
5,300,000	Iowa Finance Authority (Iowa Fertilizer Co. LLC), Midwestern Disaster Area Revenue Refunding Bonds (Series 2022), 5.000%, 12/1/2050	4,684,701
	TOTAL	5,232,731
	Kentucky—0.7%	
2,000,000	Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority (Miralea), Revenue Bonds (Series 2016A), 5.000%, 5/15/2051	1,315,743
1,925,000	Kentucky Public Transportation Infrastructure Authority, First Tier Toll Revenue Refunding Bonds (Series 2021B), (Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp. INS), 4.000%, 7/1/2053	1,493,605
5,565,000	<sup>1</sup> Public Energy Authority of Kentucky, Gas Supply Revenue Bonds (Series 2022A-2) FRNs, (Morgan Stanley GTD), 4.758% (SOFR x 0.67 +1.200%), Mandatory Tender 8/1/2030	5,330,771
	TOTAL	8,140,119
	Louisiana—0.4%	
2,400,000	Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District, Senior Revenue Bonds (Series 2023A), 5.000%, 7/1/2048	2,365,652
1,000,000	Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District, Senior Revenue Bonds (Series 2023A), 5.250%, 7/1/2053	1,001,621
1,450,000	St. James Parish, LA (NuStar Logistics LP), Revenue Bonds (Series 2011), 5.850%, Mandatory Tender 6/1/2025	1,465,804
	TOTAL	4,833,077
	Maryland—0.6%	
6,000,000	Anne Arundel County, MD, LT GO Bonds (Series 2018), 5.000%, 10/1/2032	6,241,720

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Value MUNICIPAL BONDS—continued Maryland—continued 270,000 Maryland State Economic Development Corp. (Ports America Chesapeake, Inc.), Transportation Facilities Revenue Refunding Bonds (Series 2017A), 5.000%, 6/1/2031 \$ 272.245 550,000 Maryland State Economic Development Corp. (Ports America Chesapeake, Inc.), Transportation Facilities Revenue Refunding Bonds (Series 2017A), 5.000%, 6/1/2035 552,281 600,000 Westminster, MD (Lutheran Village at Miller's Grant, Inc.), Revenue Bonds (Series 2014A), 6.000%, 7/1/2034 600,521 TOTAL 7,666,767 Massachusetts—1.4% 5,000,000 Commonwealth of Massachusetts, UT GO Consolidated Loan Bonds (Series 2022C), 5.250%, 10/1/2052 5,136,080 5,000,000 Massachusetts Development Finance Agency (Mass General Brigham), Revenue Bonds (Series 2016Q), 5.000%, 7/1/2041 4,982,691 2,500,000 Massachusetts Development Finance Agency (Northeastern University), Revenue Bonds (Series 2022), 5.000%, 10/1/2044 2,571,073 5.000.000 Massachusetts School Building Authority, Senior Dedicated Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds (Series 2015C), 5.000%, 8/15/2037 5,035,160 TOTAL 17,725,004 Michigan-1.2% 2,980,000 Great Lakes, MI Water Authority (Great Lakes, MI Water Authority Water Supply System), Water Supply System Revenue Senior Lien Bonds (Series 2022A), 5.250%, 7/1/2052 3,043,084 1.530.000 Michigan State Building Authority, Revenue and Revenue Refunding Bonds Facilities Program (Series I), 4.000%, 4/15/2054 1,247,714 1,250,000 Michigan State Finance Authority (Beaumont Health Spectrum Health System), Hospital Revenue Refunding Bonds (Series 2022A), 5.000%, 4/15/2038 1,278,440 <sup>1</sup>Michigan State Finance Authority (Beaumont Health Spectrum Health 1.875.000 System), Hospital Revenue Refunding Bonds (Series 2022C) FRNs, 4.940% (SIFMA 7-day +0.750%), Mandatory Tender 4/15/2027 1.863.699 4.000.000 Michigan State Finance Authority (Detroit, MI Public Lighting Authority). Local Government Loan Program Revenue Bonds (Series 2014B), 5.000%, 7/1/2039 3,674,243 2,500,000 Michigan State Finance Authority (Great Lakes, MI Water Authority Sewage Disposal System), Local Government Loan Program Revenue Bonds (Series 2015C-1), 5.000%, 7/1/2035 2,520,401 1,150,000 Michigan State Finance Authority (Great Lakes, MI Water Authority Water Supply System), Senior Lien Revenue Bonds (Series 2014 D-1), (Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp. INS), 5.000%, 7/1/2037 1,152,870 TOTAL 14,780,451 Minnesota—0.6% 1,000,000 Forest Lake, MN (Lakes International Language Academy), Charter School Lease Revenue Bonds (Series 2018A), 5.375%, 8/1/2050 849,174

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	Minnesota—continued	
\$ 1,540,000	Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN Metropolitan Airports Commission (Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport), Subordinate Airport Revenue Bonds (Series 2022A), 5.000%, 1/1/2052	\$ 1,490,331
5,000,000	<sup>1</sup> Minnesota Municipal Gas Agency, Commodity Supply Revenue Bonds (Series 2022B) FRNs, (Royal Bank of Canada GTD), 4.558% (SOFR x 0.67 +1.000%), Mandatory Tender 12/1/2027	4,898,158
	TOTAL	7,237,663
	Missouri—0.5%	
4,000,000	<sup>2</sup> Kansas City, MO Redevelopment Authority (Kansas City Convention Center Headquarters Hotel CID), Revenue Bonds (Series 2018B), (Original Issue Yield: 5.079%), 5.000%, 2/1/2050	2,749,678
2,500,000	Missouri State HEFA (BJC Health System, MO), Health Facilities Revenue Bonds, 5.000%, 1/1/2044	2,499,659
1,250,000	St. Louis, MO Airport Revenue (St. Louis Lambert International Airport), Airport Revenue Refunding and Airport Revenue Bonds (Series 2017C), (Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp. INS), 5.000%, 7/1/2042	1,251,055
	TOTAL	6,500,392
	New Hampshire—0.0%	
834,787	<sup>2,3,4</sup> New Hampshire HEFA (Hillside Village), Revenue Bonds (Series 2017A), 6.125%, 7/1/2037	50,087
	New Jersey—3.8%	
1,800,000	New Jersey EDA (New Jersey State), North Portal Bridge Project (Series 2022), 5.250%, 11/1/2041	1,852,590
4,000,000	New Jersey EDA (New Jersey State), North Portal Bridge Project (Series 2022), 5.250%, 11/1/2047	4,034,496
70,000	New Jersey EDA (New Jersey State), School Facilities Construction Bonds (Series 2015 WW), (United States Treasury PRF 6/15/2025@100), 5.250%, 6/15/2040	71,606
1,245,000	New Jersey EDA (New Jersey State), School Facilities Construction Bonds (Series 2015 WW), (United States Treasury PRF 6/15/2025@100), 5.250%, 6/15/2040	1,273,567
1,000,000	New Jersey EDA (New Jersey State), School Facilities Construction Refunding Bonds (Series 2017 DDD), (United States Treasury PRF 6/15/2027@100), 5.000%, 6/15/2033	1,045,638
930,000	New Jersey EDA (New Jersey State), School Facilities Construction Refunding Bonds (Series 2018EEE), (United States Treasury PRF 12/15/2028@100), 5.000%, 6/15/2043	991,192
1,570,000	New Jersey EDA (New Jersey State), School Facilities Construction Refunding Bonds (Series 2018EEE), 5.000%, 6/15/2043	1,560,909
750,000	New Jersey State Educational Facilities Authority (New Jersey State), Higher Education Capital Improvement Fund (Series 2023A), 5.250%, 9/1/2053	756,583
1,000,000	New Jersey State Transportation Trust Fund Authority (New Jersey State), Federal Highway Reimbursement Revenue Refunding Notes (Series 2018A), 5.000%, 6/15/2031	1,014,965

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	MUNICIPAL BONDS—continued	
	New Jersey—continued	
\$ 3,000,000	New Jersey State Transportation Trust Fund Authority (New Jersey State), Transportation Program Bonds (Series 2022AA), 5.000%, 6/15/2035	\$ 3,125,278
750,000	New Jersey State Transportation Trust Fund Authority (New Jersey State), Transportation Program Bonds (Series 2022BB), 4.000%, 6/15/2046	638,630
2,000,000	New Jersey State Transportation Trust Fund Authority (New Jersey State), Transportation System Bonds (Series 2018A), 5.000%, 12/15/2034	2,050,216
1,000,000	New Jersey State Transportation Trust Fund Authority (New Jersey State), Transportation System Bonds (Series 2023AA), (Original Issue Yield: 4.250%), 4.250%, 6/15/2044	890,375
2,000,000	New Jersey State Transportation Trust Fund Authority, Transportation System Bonds (Series 2022CC), 5.000%, 6/15/2048	1,958,296
4,000,000	New Jersey Turnpike Authority, Turnpike Revenue Bonds (Series 2015E), 5.000%, 1/1/2034	4,023,546
4,000,000	New Jersey Turnpike Authority, Turnpike Revenue Bonds (Series 2019A), 5.000%, 1/1/2048	4,005,081
3,500,000	New Jersey Turnpike Authority, Turnpike Revenue Bonds (Series 2022B), 5.250%, 1/1/2052	3,568,625
1,500,000	South Jersey Transportation Authority, Transportation System Revenue Bonds (Series 2020A), 4.000%, 11/1/2050	1,190,020
1,500,000	Tobacco Settlement Financing Corp., NJ, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Refunding Bonds (Series 2018A), 5.250%, 6/1/2046	1,472,691
4,745,000	Tobacco Settlement Financing Corp., NJ, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Senior Refunding Bonds (Series 2018A), 5.000%, 6/1/2035	4,855,807
7,975,000	Tobacco Settlement Financing Corp., NJ, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Subordinate Refunding Bonds (Series 2018B), 5.000%, 6/1/2046	7,394,558
	TOTAL	47,774,669
	New Mexico—0.2%	
2,175,000	New Mexico State Hospital Equipment Loan Council (Presbyterian Healthcare Services), Hospital System Revenue Bonds (Series 2017A), 5.000%, 8/1/2046	2,116,472
	New York—5.5%	
1,000,000	Build NYC Resource Corporation (KIPP NYC Canal West), Revenue Bonds (Series 2022), 5.250%, 7/1/2052	930,169
2,860,000	Build NYC Resource Corporation (KIPP NYC Canal West), Revenue Bonds (Series 2022), 5.250%, 7/1/2057	2,627,571
1,605,000	Metropolitan Transportation Authority, NY (MTA Transportation Revenue), Revenue Bonds (Series 20114B), 5.250%, 11/15/2044	1,588,839
3,305,000	Metropolitan Transportation Authority, NY (MTA Transportation Revenue), Revenue Bonds (Series 2013C), (United States Treasury PRF 1/8/2024@100), 5.000%, 11/15/2042	3,311,076

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	Ohio—continued	
\$ 1,000,000	Hamilton County, OH (Life Enriching Communities), Healthcare Improvement and Refunding Revenue Bonds (Series 2016), 5.000%, 1/1/2051	\$ 811,915
1,500,000	Hamilton County, OH (Life Enriching Communities), Hospital Revenue Bonds (Series 2023A), 5.750%, 1/1/2053	1,382,865
3,000,000	Miami University, OH, General Receipts Revenue and Refunding Bonds (Series 2020A), 4.000%, 9/1/2045	2,566,231
2,060,000	Muskingum County, OH (Genesis Healthcare Corp.), Hospital Facilities Revenue Bonds (Series 2013), 5.000%, 2/15/2027	2,006,863
1,125,000	Ohio State Hospital Revenue (University Hospitals Health System, Inc.), Hospital Revenue Bonds (Series 2016A), 5.000%, 1/15/2041	1,060,470
1,500,000	University of Cincinnati, OH, General Receipts Bonds (Series 2013C), (United States Treasury PRF 12/1/2023@100), 5.000%, 6/1/2039	1,501,201
1,000,000	University of Cincinnati, OH, General Receipts Bonds (Series 2019A), 4.000%, 6/1/2035	960,258
	TOTAL	32,702,291
	Oklahoma—0.1%	
1,250,000	Tulsa County, OK Industrial Authority (Montereau, Inc.), Senior Living Community Revenue Refunding Bonds (Series 2017), 5.250%, 11/15/2037	1,175,415
	Oregon—0.7%	
3,525,000	Oregon State Housing and Community Services Department, Single Family Mortgage Program (Series 2023A), 4.600%, 7/1/2043	3,303,859
5,000,000	Oregon State, UT GO State Project Bonds (Series 2017C), 5.000%, 6/1/2034	5,173,684
	TOTAL	8,477,543
	Pennsylvania—2.6%	
2,870,000	<sup>1</sup> Allegheny County, PA Hospital Development Authority (UPMC Health System), Revenue Bonds (Series 2017D-2) FRNs, 4.890% (SIFMA 7-day +0.700%), Mandatory Tender 5/15/2027	2,840,755
4,000,000	Allegheny County, PA Sanitation Authority, Sewer Revenue Bonds (Series 2022), 5.750%, 6/1/2047	4,280,196
1,000,000	Commonwealth Financing Authority of PA (Commonwealth of Pennsylvania), Tobacco Master Settlement Payment Revenue Bonds (Series 2018), 5.000%, 6/1/2033	1,022,690
5,000,000	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, UT GO Bonds (First Series 2022), 5.000%, 10/1/2042	5,168,511
130,000	Cumberland County, PA Municipal Authority (Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries), Revenue Bonds (Series 2015), (United States Treasury PRF 1/1/2025@100), 5.000%, 1/1/2038	131,411
550,000	Cumberland County, PA Municipal Authority (Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries), Revenue Bonds (Series 2015), (United States Treasury PRF 1/1/2025@100), 5.000%, 1/1/2038	555,968
675,000	Cumberland County, PA Municipal Authority (Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries), Revenue Bonds (Series 2015), 5.000%, 1/1/2038	633,192

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Value MUNICIPAL BONDS—continued Pennsylvania—continued \$ 4,150,000 Geisinger Authority, PA Health System (Geisinger Health System), Health System Revenue Bonds (Series 2020A), 4.000%, 4/1/2050 \$ 3,285,256 Lancaster County, PA Hospital Authority (University of Pennsylvania 1,360,000 Health System), Revenue Refunding Bonds (Series 2016), 5.000%, 8/15/2042 1,342,472 Montgomery County, PA Higher Education & Health Authority Hospital 1,000,000 (Thomas Jefferson University), Revenue Refunding Bonds (Series 2022B), 4.000%, 5/1/2041 860,093 Northampton County, PA General Purpose Authority (Lafayette 1,290,000 College), College Refunding and Revenue Bonds (Series 2017), 5.000%, 11/1/2047 1,257,211 3,030,000 Northampton County, PA General Purpose Authority (St. Luke's University Health Network), Hospital Revenue Bonds (Series 2018A), (Original Issue Yield: 4.090%), 4.000%, 8/15/2048 2,288,382 Pennsylvania State Economic Development Financing Authority (UPMC 1.145.000 Health System), Revenue Bonds (Series 2023A-2), 4.000%, 5/15/2053 887,871 2.430.000 Pennsylvania State Turnpike Commission, Subordinate Revenue Bonds (Series 2019A), 5.000%, 12/1/2044 2.372.987 Pennsylvania State Turnpike Commission, Turnpike Revenue Bonds 1,155,000 (Series 2022B), 5.250%, 12/1/2052 1.174.098 Pennsylvania State University, Revenue Bonds (Series 2022A), 4.240.000 5.000%, 9/1/2047 4,302,551 395,000 Philadelphia, PA Authority for Industrial Development (PresbyHomes Germantown/Morrisville), Senior Living Revenue Bonds (Series 2005A), 5.625%, 7/1/2035 402,702 TOTAL 32.806.346 Puerto Rico—1.3% Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, UT GO Restructured Bonds 4,000,000 (Series 2022A), 5.750%, 7/1/2031 4,114,375 Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corp., Restructured Capital 5,000,000 Appreciation Sales Tax Bonds (Series 2019A-1), (Original Issue Yield: 5.375%), 3.450%, 7/1/2046 1.239.381 Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corp., Restructured Sales Tax Bonds 13,000,000 (Series 2019A), (Original Issue Yield: 5.154%), 5.000%, 7/1/2058 11,349,103 TOTAL 16,702,859 Rhode Island—0.3% Tobacco Settlement Financing Corp., RI, Tobacco Settlement 4,500,000 Asset-Backed Bonds (Series 2015B), 5.000%, 6/1/2050 4,069,283 South Carolina—0.5% South Carolina Jobs-EDA (Prisma Health Obligated Group), Hospital 6,250,000 Revenue Bonds (Series 2018A), 5.000%, 5/1/2048 5,918,026 Tennessee—1.0% 6,105,000 Greenville, TN Health and Educational Facilities Board (Ballad Health), Hospital Revenue Bonds (Series 2018A), 4.000%, 7/1/2040 5,180,384

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	MUNICIPAL BONDS—continued	
	Tennessee—continued	
5,000,000	Metropolitan Government Nashville & Davidson County, TN, GO Improvement Bonds (Series 2018), 5.000%, 7/1/2031	\$ 5,257,19
1,500,000	Metropolitan Nashville Tennessee Airport Authority, Airport Revenue Bonds (Series 2022A), 5.250%, 7/1/2047	1,511,69
	TOTAL	11,949,27
	Texas—4.5%	
1,500,000	Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority, Senior Lien Revenue Bonds (Series 2021B), 4.000%, 1/1/2051	1,213,81
1,080,000	Clifton Higher Education Finance Corporation, TX (Idea Public Schools), 6.000%, 8/15/2033	1,081,19
500,000	Clifton Higher Education Finance Corporation, TX (Idea Public Schools), Education Revenue Bonds (Series 2012), 5.000%, 8/15/2042	459,78
3,000,000	Clifton Higher Education Finance Corporation, TX (Uplift Education), Revenue Bonds (Series 2015A), 5.000%, 12/1/2035	2,950,33
1,985,000	Conroe, TX Independent School District, UT GO Tax School Building Bonds (Series 2022), (Texas Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program GTD), 4.000%, 2/15/2047	1,667,05
1,200,000	Dallas-Fort Worth, TX (Dallas-Fort Worth, TX International Airport), Joint Revenue Refunding Bonds (Series 2022B), 4.000%, 11/1/2045	1,014,59
764,000	Decatur, TX Hospital Authority (Wise Regional Health System), Hospital Revenue Bonds (Series 2021C), 4.000%, 9/1/2044	571,02
2,000,000	Harris County, TX Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corp. (Brazos Presbyterian Homes Holding, Inc.), First Mortgage Revenue Bonds (Series 2016), 5.000%, 1/1/2048	1,479,29
2,750,000	<sup>1</sup> Harris County, TX Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corp. (Memorial Hermann Health System), Hospital Revenue Bonds (Series 2022C) FRNs, 5.040% (SIFMA 7-day +0.850%), Mandatory Tender 12/1/2026	2,747,31
4,870,000	Harris County, TX IDC (Energy Transfer LP), Marine Terminal Refunding Revenue Bonds (Series 2023), 4.050%, Mandatory Tender 6/1/2033	4,544,17
2,000,000	Houston, TX Combined Utility System, First Lien Revenue & Refunding Bonds (Series 2014D), 5.000%, 11/15/2044	1,979,13
1,544,173	<sup>4</sup> New Hope Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corporation (Buckingham Senior Living Community), Retirement Facilities Revenue Exchange Bonds (Series 2021B), 2.000%, 11/15/2061	579,43
325,000	New Hope Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corporation (MRC Crestview), Retirement Facility Revenue Bonds (Series 2016), (United States Treasury PRF 11/15/2024@102), 5.000%, 11/15/2036	334,04
650,000	New Hope Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corporation (MRC Langford), Retirement Facility Revenue Bonds (Series 2016A), 5.500%, 11/15/2046	490,63
3,000,000	North Texas Tollway Authority, Second Tier Revenue Refunding Bonds (Series 2014B), (United States Treasury PRF 1/1/2024@100), 5.000%, 1/1/2031	3,004,66
1,430,000	North Texas Tollway Authority, Second Tier Revenue Refunding Bonds (Series 2018), 4.250%, 1/1/2049	1,176,74

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	MUNICIPAL BONDS—continued		
	Texas—continued		
\$ 335,000	North Texas Tollway Authority, Second Tier Revenue Refunding Bonds (Series 2021B), 4.000%, 1/1/2041	\$	283,936
835,000	Red River, TX HFDC (MRC The Crossings), Retirement Facility Revenue Bonds (Series 2014A), (Original Issue Yield: 7.550%), (United States Treasury PRF 11/15/2024@100), 7.500%, 11/15/2034		863,624
3,000,000	San Antonio, TX Electric & Gas System, Revenue Bonds (New Series 2015), 5.000%, 2/1/2032		3,055,060
750,000	San Antonio, TX Electric & Gas System, Revenue Refunding Bonds (New Series 2015), 5.000%, 2/1/2027		768,073
3,570,000	San Antonio, TX Independent School District, UT GO School Building Bonds (Series 2022), (Texas Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program GTD), 5.000%, 8/15/2052		3,618,644
1,610,000	San Antonio, TX Public Facilities Corp. (San Antonio, TX), Convention Center Facilities Lease Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds (Series 2022), 5.000%, 9/15/2033		1,720,859
1,000,000	Tarrant County, TX Cultural Education Facilities Finance Corp. (Methodist Hospitals of Dallas), Hospital Revenue Bonds (Series 2022), 4.000%, 10/1/2042		832,867
1,000,000	Tarrant County, TX Hospital District, LT Bonds (Series 2023), (Original Issue Yield: 4.660%), 4.250%, 8/15/2053		867,853
1,990,000	Tarrant County, TX, LT Bonds (Series 2022), 5.000%, 7/15/2033		2,142,507
2,965,000	Texas Municipal Gas Acquisition & Supply Corp. I, Gas Supply Senior Lien Revenue Bonds (Series 2006A), (Bank of America Corp. GTD), 5.250%, 12/15/2026		2,984,851
1,880,000	Texas State Transportation Commission (State Highway 249 System), First Tier Toll Revenue Bonds (Series 2019A), 5.000%, 8/1/2057		1,647,825
5,000,000	Texas Water Development Board (Texas State Water Implementation Revenue Fund), Revenue Bonds (Series 2017A), 4.000%, 10/15/2036		4,748,269
1,500,000	Texas Water Development Board, State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas Revenue Bonds (Series 2022), 5.000%, 10/15/2047		1,517,744
5,000,000	University of Texas System (The Board of Regents of) - Permanent University Fund, General Revenue Bonds (Series 2022A), 5.000%, 7/1/2042		5,159,011
	TOTAL		55,504,369
	Utah—0.5%		
3,990,000	Intermountain Power Agency, Power Supply Revenue Bonds (Series 2022A), 5.000%, 7/1/2045		4,046,237
1,755,000	Utah State Board of Higher Education (University of Utah), General Revenue Bonds (Series 2022B), 5.000%, 8/1/2037		1,853,394
	TOTAL		5,899,631
	Virginia—1.1%		
4,900,000	University of Virginia (The Rectors and Visitors of), General Revenue Pledge Refunding Bonds (Series 2018B), 4.000%, 8/1/2048		4,215,707
7,385,000	Virginia College Building Authority, Revenue Bonds (Series 2018A), 5.000%, 9/1/2031		7,767,395

Amount or Shares		Value
	MUNICIPAL BONDS—continued	
	Virginia—continued	
\$ 2,500,000	Virginia Small Business Financing Authority (Bon Secours Mercy Health), Hospital Facilities Revenue Bonds (Series 2020A), 4.000%, 12/1/2049	\$ 1,998,194
	TOTAL	13,981,296
	Washington—1.5%	
1,745,000	Seattle, WA Water System, Water System Improvement and Refunding Revenue Bonds (Series 2022), 5.000%, 9/1/2044	1,790,563
1,460,000	Washington State Health Care Facilities Authority (CommonSpirit Health), Revenue Refunding Bonds (Series 2019A-1), 4.000%, 8/1/2044	1,175,289
1,500,000	<sup>2</sup> Washington State Housing Finance Commission (Presbyterian Retirement Communities Northwest), Revenue Bonds (Series 2016), 5.000%, 1/1/2031	1,333,858
2,000,000	<sup>2</sup> Washington State Housing Finance Commission (Rockwood Retirement Communities), Nonprofit Housing Revenue & Refunding Revenue Bonds (Series 2014A), (Original Issue Yield: 7.400%), (United States Treasury PRF 1/1/2024@100), 7.375%, 1/1/2044	2,010,071
2,510,000	<sup>2</sup> Washington State Housing Finance Commission (Rockwood Retirement Communities), Nonprofit Housing Revenue Bonds (Series 2020A), 5.000%, 1/1/2051	1,740,506
2,499,069	Washington State Housing Finance Commission, Municipal Certificates (Series 2023-1 Class A), (Original Issue Yield: 5.067%), 3.375%, 4/20/2037	2,030,531
7,000,000	Washington State, UT GO Bonds (Series 2018C), 5.000%, 2/1/2036	7,239,342
1,825,000	Washington State, UT GO Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax Bonds (Series 2019B), 5.000%, 6/1/2039	1,870,143
	TOTAL	19,190,303
	West Virginia—0.3%	
2,950,000	West Virginia State Hospital Finance Authority (Vandalia Health), Hospital Refunding and Improvement Revenue Bonds (Series 2023B), 6.000%, 9/1/2048	3,047,022
	Wisconsin—0.8%	
3,000,000	<sup>2</sup> Public Finance Authority, WI (LVHN CHP JV, LLC), Revenue Bonds (Series 2022A), 6.625%, 12/1/2032	2,842,573
2,450,000	Wisconsin Health & Educational Facilities Authority (Hospital Sisters Services, Inc.), Revenue Refunding Bonds (Series 2014A), 5.000%, 11/15/2029	2,455,404
4,000,000	Wisconsin State, UT GO Bonds (Series 2018A), 4.000%, 5/1/2034	3,944,912
	TOTAL	9,242,889
	TOTAL MUNICIPAL BONDS (IDENTIFIED COST \$741,064,684)	677,680,768

21,478,992 9,561,090

3,059,630

Communication Services—4.2%

<sup>3</sup>Alphabet, Inc., Class A

Comcast Corp., Class A

AT&T, Inc.

173,106

620,850

74,101

or Shares		Value
	COMMON STOCKS—continued	
	Communication Services—continued	
77,759	Deutsche Telekom AG, Class REG	\$ 1,684,994
13,577	<sup>3</sup> Meta Platforms, Inc.	4,090,343
8,731	<sup>3</sup> Netflix, Inc.	3,594,465
66,715	<sup>3</sup> Walt Disney Co.	5,443,277
316,903	<sup>3</sup> Warner Bros. Discovery, Inc.	3,150,016
	TOTAL	52,062,807
	Consumer Discretionary—3.3%	
86,032	<sup>3</sup> Amazon.com, Inc.	11,449,999
30,766	<sup>3</sup> Aptiv PLC	2,682,795
36,223	Churchill Downs, Inc.	3,978,734
17,650	D. R. Horton, Inc.	1,842,660
484,832	Gap (The), Inc.	6,205,850
179,356	General Motors Co.	5,057,839
4,545	Home Depot, Inc.	1,293,916
15,933	Lowe's Cos., Inc.	3,036,352
125,552	The Wendy's Co.	2,387,999
23,726	TJX Cos., Inc.	2,089,549
3,218	<sup>3</sup> Ulta Beauty, Inc.	1,227,055
	TOTAL	41,252,748
	Consumer Staples—3.3%	
18,519	Constellation Brands, Inc., Class A	4,336,224
8,123	Costco Wholesale Corp.	4,487,470
16,945	Hershey Foods Corp.	3,174,646
55,037	Philip Morris International, Inc.	4,907,099
35,756	Procter & Gamble Co.	5,364,473
24,144	Target Corp.	2,674,914
167,945	The Coca-Cola Co.	9,487,213
41,716	WalMart, Inc.	6,816,811
	TOTAL	41,248,850
	Energy—2.7%	
46,482	Chevron Corp.	6,773,822
60,463	ConocoPhillips	7,183,004
119,649	Exxon Mobil Corp.	12,664,847
42,929	Schlumberger Ltd.	2,389,428
25,385	TotalEnergies SE	1,700,121
23,334	Valero Energy Corp.	2,963,418
	TOTAL	33,674,640
	Financials—7.0%	
50,378	Allstate Corp.	6,454,933

or Shares		Value
	COMMON STOCKS—continued	
	Financials—continued	
26,948	American Express Co.	\$ 3,935,216
64,249	American International Group, Inc.	 3,939,106
39,098	Assurant, Inc.	 5,821,692
214,575	Bank of America Corp.	 5,651,906
5,528	BlackRock, Inc.	 3,384,684
27,907	Chubb Ltd.	 5,989,400
23,202	Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.	 7,044,359
53,642	Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc.	 3,940,005
53,429	Intercontinental Exchange, Inc.	 5,740,412
78,329	JPMorgan Chase & Co.	 10,892,431
22,790	M&T Bank Corp.	 2,569,573
20,155	Progressive Corp., OH	 3,186,304
13,366	S&P Global, Inc.	 4,668,878
27,363	Visa, Inc., Class A	 6,433,041
181,555	Wells Fargo & Co.	 7,220,442
	TOTAL	86,872,382
	Health Care—6.5%	
29,654	Abbott Laboratories	2,803,786
57,269	<sup>3</sup> Avantor, Inc.	 998,199
6,545	Becton Dickinson & Co.	 1,654,445
36,722	Danaher Corp.	 7,051,358
20,871	Eli Lilly & Co.	 11,561,073
29,228	Gilead Sciences, Inc.	 2,295,567
7,745	Humana, Inc.	 4,055,979
75,806	Johnson & Johnson	 11,245,062
10,821	McKesson Corp.	 4,927,451
32,081	Medtronic PLC	 2,263,635
63,430	Merck & Co., Inc.	 6,514,261
185,412	Pfizer, Inc.	 5,666,191
16,639	Sanofi	 1,518,585
11,687	Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc.	 5,198,027
19,687	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	 10,543,570
26,307	Zimmer Biomet Holdings, Inc.	 2,746,714
	TOTAL	81,043,903
	Industrials—3.4%	
27,548	<sup>3</sup> Boeing Co.	5,146,518
4,634	Deere & Co.	 1,693,078
17,496	Dover Corp.	 2,273,605
16,571	FedEx Corp.	 3,978,697
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or Shares		Value
	COMMON STOCKS—continued	
	Industrials—continued	
39,685	Fortune Brands Innovations, Inc.	\$ 2,214,423
18,082	Hunt (J.B.) Transportation Services, Inc.	3,107,753
82,401	Knight-Swift Transportation Holdings, Inc.	4,028,585
23,156	L3Harris Technologies, Inc.	4,154,418
11,750	Parker-Hannifin Corp.	4,334,693
68,500	Stanley Black & Decker, Inc.	5,825,925
32,534	Waste Management, Inc.	5,346,312
	TOTAL	42,104,007
	Information Technology—8.4%	
9,927	Accenture PLC, Class A	2,949,212
4,491	<sup>3</sup> Adobe, Inc.	2,389,481
17,465	Analog Devices, Inc.	2,747,768
131,664	Apple, Inc.	22,484,261
12,423	Applied Materials, Inc.	1,644,184
9,002	Broadcom, Inc.	7,574,013
82,959	Cisco Systems, Inc.	4,324,653
64,814	IBM Corp.	9,374,697
156,335	Intel Corp.	5,706,228
26,371	Microchip Technology, Inc.	1,879,989
81,022	Microsoft Corp.	27,394,348
9,207	Motorola Solutions, Inc.	2,563,78
9,921	NVIDIA Corp.	4,045,784
21,255	<sup>3</sup> Salesforce, Inc.	4,268,642
63,714	TD SYNNEX Corp.	5,841,300
	TOTAL	105,188,34
	Materials—1.4%	
75,109	Freeport-McMoRan, Inc.	2,537,182
16,284	Linde PLC	6,223,093
29,796	LyondellBasell Industries N.V.	2,688,791
152,533	<sup>3</sup> MP Materials Corp.	2,501,54
15,201	Vulcan Materials Co.	2,986,845
	TOTAL	16,937,452
	Utilities—2.3%	
71,374	American Electric Power Co., Inc.	5,391,592
389,992	CenterPoint Energy, Inc.	10,482,985
116,968	NextEra Energy, Inc.	6,819,234

or Shares		Value
	COMMON STOCKS—continued	
	Utilities—continued	
93,837	Southern Co.	\$ 6,315,230
	TOTAL	29,009,041
	TOTAL COMMON STOCKS (IDENTIFIED COST \$421,454,481)	529,394,171
	<sup>1</sup> SHORT-TERM MUNICIPALS—0.6%	
	Alabama—0.1%	
\$ 1,000,000	Columbia, AL IDB PCRB (Alabama Power Co.), (Series 2014-B) Daily VRDNs, 4.250%, 11/1/2023	1,000,000
100,000	Mobile, AL IDB (Alabama Power Co.), (First Series 2009: Barry Plant) Daily VRDNs, 4.250%, 11/1/2023	100,000
	TOTAL	1,100,000
	Michigan—0.4%	
3,250,000	Green Lake Township, MI (Interlochen Center), (Series 2004) Daily VRDNs, (PNC Bank, N.A. LOC), 3.870%, 11/1/2023	3,250,000
2,250,000	Michigan Strategic Fund (Air Products & Chemicals, Inc.), (Series 2007) Daily VRDNs, 4.050%, 11/1/2023	2,250,000
	TOTAL	5,500,000
	Ohio-0.1%	
670,000	Allen County, OH (Bon Secours Mercy Health), (Series 2010C) Daily VRDNs, (BMO Harris Bank, N.A. LOC), 4.000%, 11/1/2023	670,000
900,000	Ohio State Higher Educational Facility Commission (Cleveland Clinic), (Series 2013B-2) Daily VRDNs, (Bank of New York Mellon, N.A. LIQ), 3.950%, 11/1/2023	900,000
	TOTAL	1,570,000
	TOTAL SHORT-TERM MUNICIPALS	.,0,0,00
	(IDENTIFIED COST \$8,170,000)	8,170,000
	TOTAL INVESTMENT IN SECURITIES—97.6% (IDENTIFIED COST \$1,170,689,165) <sup>5</sup>	1,215,244,939
	OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - NET—2.4%6	29,501,581
	TOTAL NET ASSETS—100%	\$1,244,746,520

At October 31, 2023, the Fund had the following outstanding futures contracts:

Description	Number of Contracts	Notional Value	Expiration Date	Value and Unrealized Appreciation
Long Futures:				
S&P 500 E-Mini Index	30	\$6,318,375	December 2023	\$24,542

At October 31, 2023, the Fund held no securities that are subject to the federal alternative minimum tax (AMT) (Unaudited).

- 1 Current rate and current maturity or next reset date shown for floating rate notes and variable rate notes/demand instruments. Certain variable rate securities are not based on a published reference rate and spread but are determined by the issuer or agent and are based on current market conditions. These securities do not indicate a reference rate and spread in their description above.
- 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 \$21,475,670, which represented 1.7% of total net assets.
- 3 Non-income-producing security.
- 4 Security in default.
- 5 The cost of investments for federal tax purposes amounts to \$1,171,888,583.
- 6 Assets, other than investments in securities, less liabilities. See Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Note: The categories of investments are shown as a percentage of total net assets at 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

	C	evel 1— Quoted Prices	S	evel 2— Other ignificant bservable Inputs	Level 3— Significant Unobservable Inputs	Total
Equity Securities:						
Common Stocks						
Domestic	\$49	9,304,117	\$	_	\$—	\$ 499,304,117
International	2	5,186,354		4,903,700	_	30,090,054
Debt Securities:						
Municipal Bonds		_	6	77,680,768	_	677,680,768
Short-Term Municipals		_		8,170,000	_	8,170,000
TOTAL SECURITIES	\$52	4,490,471	\$6	90,754,468	\$—	\$ 1,215,244,939
Other Financial Instruments:*						
Assets	\$	24,542	\$	_	\$—	\$ 24,542
TOTAL OTHER FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS	\$	24,542	\$	_	\$—	\$ 24,542

<sup>\*</sup> Other financial instruments are futures contracts.

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

EDA —Economic Development Authority

FRNs —Floating Rate Notes GO —General Obligation

GO —General Obliga GTD —Guaranteed

HEFA —Health and Education Facilities Authority

HFDC —Health Facility Development Corporation

IDA —Industrial Development Authority
IDB —Industrial Development Bond

IDC —Industrial Development Corporation

INS —Insured

LIQ —Liquidity Agreement

LOC —Letter of Credit

LP —Limited Partnership

LT —Limited Tax

PCRB —Pollution Control Revenue Bond(s)

PRF —Pre-refunded

SIFMA —Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association

SOFR —Secured Overnight Financing Rate

UT —Unlimited Tax

VRDNs—Variable Rate Demand Notes

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,				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	\$12.66	\$15.09	\$13.02	\$12.98	\$13.08
Income From Investment Operations:	_				
Net investment income <sup>1</sup>	0.33	0.27	0.32	0.31	0.30
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	(0.08)	(2.06)	2.07	0.04	0.56
TOTAL FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS	0.25	(1.79)	2.39	0.35	0.86
Less Distributions:					
Distributions from net investment income	(0.33)	(0.28)	(0.32)	(0.31)	(0.30)
Distributions from net realized gain		(0.36)	_	_	(0.66)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS	(0.33)	(0.64)	(0.32)	(0.31)	(0.96)
Net Asset Value, End of Period	\$12.58	\$12.66	\$15.09	\$13.02	\$12.98
Total Return <sup>2</sup>	1.86%	(12.29)%	18.46%	2.73%	6.99%
Ratios to Average Net Assets:					
Net expenses <sup>3</sup>	1.00%4	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%4	1.00%4
Net investment income	2.52%	1.99%	2.18%	2.40%	2.34%
Expense waiver/reimbursement <sup>5</sup>	0.09%	0.07%	0.07%	0.07%	0.08%
Supplemental Data:					
Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)	\$578,250	\$617,694	\$722,618	\$577,400	\$610,305
Portfolio turnover <sup>6</sup>	36%	67%	48%	68%	50%

- 1 Per share numbers have been calculated using the average shares method.
- 2 Based on net asset value, which does not reflect the sales charge, redemption fee or contingent deferred sales charge, if applicable.
- 3 Amount does not reflect net expenses incurred by investment companies in which the Fund may invest.
- 4 The net expense ratio is calculated without reduction for expense offset arrangements. The net expense ratio is 1.00% for the years ended October 31, 2023, 2020 and 2019, after taking into account these expense reductions.
- 5 This expense decrease is reflected in both the net expense and net investment income ratios shown above. Amount does not reflect net expenses incurred by investment companies in which the Fund may invest.
- 6 Securities that mature are considered sales for purposes of this calculation.

See Notes which are an integral part of the Financial Statements

## Financial Highlights – Class C Shares

(For a Share Outstanding Throughout Each Period)

	Year Ended October 31,				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	\$12.65	\$15.08	\$13.01	\$12.97	\$13.07
Income From Investment Operations:	_				
Net investment income <sup>1</sup>	0.23	0.17	0.21	0.21	0.20
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	(0.08)	(2.07)	2.07	0.04	0.56
TOTAL FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS	0.15	(1.90)	2.28	0.25	0.76
Less Distributions:					
Distributions from net investment income	(0.23)	(0.17)	(0.21)	(0.21)	(0.20)
Distributions from net realized gain		(0.36)	_	_	(0.66)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS	(0.23)	(0.53)	(0.21)	(0.21)	(0.86)
Net Asset Value, End of Period	\$12.57	\$12.65	\$15.08	\$13.01	\$12.97
Total Return <sup>2</sup>	1.10%	(12.96)%	17.59%	1.96%	6.20%
Ratios to Average Net Assets:					
Net expenses <sup>3</sup>	1.75% <sup>4</sup>	1.75%	1.75%	1.75%4	1.75% <sup>4</sup>
Net investment income	1.78%	1.22%	1.43%	1.66%	1.59%
Expense waiver/reimbursement <sup>5</sup>	0.09%	0.07%	0.07%	0.07%	0.08%
Supplemental Data:					
Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)	\$92,339	\$138,985	\$204,272	\$212,844	\$260,572
Portfolio turnover <sup>6</sup>	36%	67%	48%	68%	50%

- 1 Per share numbers have been calculated using the average shares method.
- 2 Based on net asset value, which does not reflect the sales charge, redemption fee or contingent deferred sales charge, if applicable.
- 3 Amount does not reflect net expenses incurred by investment companies in which the Fund may invest.
- 4 The net expense ratio is calculated without reduction for expense offset arrangements. The net expense ratio is 1.75% for the years ended October 31, 2023, 2020 and 2019, after taking into account these expense reductions.
- 5 This expense decrease is reflected in both the net expense and net investment income ratios shown above. Amount does not reflect net expenses incurred by investment companies in which the Fund may invest.
- 6 Securities that mature are considered sales for purposes of this calculation.

## Financial Highlights – Class F Shares

(For a Share Outstanding Throughout Each Period)

	Year Ended October 31,				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	\$12.66	\$15.09	\$13.02	\$12.98	\$13.08
Income From Investment Operations:	_				
Net investment income <sup>1</sup>	0.33	0.27	0.32	0.31	0.30
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	(0.09)	(2.06)	2.07	0.04	0.56
TOTAL FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS	0.24	(1.79)	2.39	0.35	0.86
Less Distributions:					
Distributions from net investment income	(0.32)	(0.28)	(0.32)	(0.31)	(0.30)
Distributions from net realized gain		(0.36)	_	_	(0.66)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS	(0.32)	(0.64)	(0.32)	(0.31)	(0.96)
Net Asset Value, End of Period	\$12.58	\$12.66	\$15.09	\$13.02	\$12.98
Total Return <sup>2</sup>	1.86%	(12.29)%	18.46%	2.73%	6.99%
Ratios to Average Net Assets:					
Net expenses <sup>3</sup>	1.00%4	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%4	1.00%4
Net investment income	2.53%	1.98%	2.18%	2.40%	2.34%
Expense waiver/reimbursement <sup>5</sup>	0.09%	0.07%	0.07%	0.07%	0.08%
Supplemental Data:					
Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)	\$178,339	\$215,557	\$269,042	\$238,543	\$253,897
Portfolio turnover <sup>6</sup>	36%	67%	48%	68%	50%

- 1 Per share numbers have been calculated using the average shares method.
- 2 Based on net asset value, which does not reflect the sales charge, redemption fee or contingent deferred sales charge, if applicable.
- 3 Amount does not reflect net expenses incurred by investment companies in which the Fund may invest.
- 4 The net expense ratio is calculated without reduction for expense offset arrangements. The net expense ratio is 1.00% for the years ended October 31, 2023, 2020 and 2019, after taking into account these expense reductions.
- 5 This expense decrease is reflected in both the net expense and net investment income ratios shown above. Amount does not reflect net expenses incurred by investment companies in which the Fund may invest.
- 6 Securities that mature are considered sales for purposes of this calculation.

## Financial Highlights – Institutional Shares

(For a Share Outstanding Throughout Each Period)

		Year Ended October 31,			
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	\$12.66	\$15.09	\$13.02	\$12.98	\$13.08
Income From Investment Operations:					
Net investment income <sup>1</sup>	0.36	0.31	0.35	0.34	0.33
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	(0.08)	(2.07)	2.08	0.04	0.56
TOTAL FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS	0.28	(1.76)	2.43	0.38	0.89
Less Distributions:					
Distributions from net investment income	(0.36)	(0.31)	(0.36)	(0.34)	(0.33)
Distributions from net realized gain		(0.36)	_	_	(0.66)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS	(0.36)	(0.67)	(0.36)	(0.34)	(0.99)
Net Asset Value, End of Period	\$12.58	\$12.66	\$15.09	\$13.02	\$12.98
Total Return <sup>2</sup>	2.12%	(12.07)%	18.75%	2.99%	7.27%
Ratios to Average Net Assets:					
Net expenses <sup>3</sup>	0.75%4	0.75%	0.75%	0.75%4	0.75%4
Net investment income	2.78%	2.24%	2.43%	2.66%	2.59%
Expense waiver/reimbursement <sup>5</sup>	0.09%	0.07%	0.07%	0.07%	0.08%
Supplemental Data:					
Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)	\$395,819	\$427,368	\$485,428	\$367,771	\$408,096
Portfolio turnover <sup>6</sup>	36%	67%	48%	68%	50%

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<sup>1</sup> Per share numbers have been calculated using the average shares method.

<sup>2</sup> Based on net asset value.

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

<sup>4</sup> The net expense ratio is calculated without reduction for expense offset arrangements. The net expense ratio is 0.75% for the years ended October 31, 2023, 2020 and 2019, after taking into account these expense reductions.

<sup>5</sup> This expense decrease is reflected in both the net expense and net investment income ratios shown above. Amount does not reflect net expenses incurred by investment companies in which the Fund may invest.

<sup>6</sup> Securities that mature are considered sales for purposes of this calculation.

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities

October 31, 2023

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Investment in securities, at value (identified cost \$1,170,689,165)	\$1,215,244,939
Cash	60,961
Receivable for investments sold	24,122,679
Income receivable	11,632,726
Due from broker (Note 2)	336,000
Receivable for shares sold	290,115
Receivable for variation margin on futures contracts	39,750
TOTAL ASSETS	1,251,727,170
Liabilities:	
Payable for investments purchased	\$ 3,550,435
Payable for shares redeemed	2,767,067
Payable for other service fees (Notes 2 and 5)	267,290
Payable for distribution services fee (Note 5)	60,651
Payable for investment adviser fee (Note 5)	18,963
Accrued expenses (Note 5)	316,244
TOTAL LIABILITIES	6,980,650
Net assets for 98,949,492 shares outstanding	\$1,244,746,520
Net Assets Consist of:	
Paid-in capital	\$1,206,330,318
Total distributable earnings (loss)	38,416,202
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$1,244,746,520

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities - continued

Net Asset Value, Offering Price and Redemption Proceeds Per Share:	
Class A Shares:	
Net asset value per share (\$578,250,008 ÷ 45,958,827 shares outstanding), no par value, unlimited shares authorized	\$12.58
Offering price per share (100/94.50 of \$12.58)	\$13.31
Redemption proceeds per share	\$12.58
Class C Shares:	
Net asset value per share (\$92,338,848 ÷ 7,345,822 shares outstanding), no par value, unlimited shares authorized	\$12.57
Offering price per share	\$12.57
Redemption proceeds per share (99.00/100 of \$12.57)	\$12.44
Class F Shares:	
Net asset value per share ( $$178,338,611 \div 14,176,280$ shares outstanding), no par value, unlimited shares authorized	\$12.58
Offering price per share (100/99.00 of \$12.58)	\$12.71
Redemption proceeds per share (99.00/100 of \$12.58)	\$12.45
Institutional Shares:	
Net asset value per share (\$395,819,053 ÷ 31,468,563 shares outstanding), no par value, unlimited shares authorized	\$12.58
Offering price per share	\$12.58
Redemption proceeds per share	\$12.58

## Statement of Operations

Year Ended October 31, 2023

Investment Income:	_
Interest	\$ 35,031,736
Dividends (net of foreign taxes withheld of \$189,759)	13,779,064
TOTAL INCOME	48,810,800
Expenses:	_
Investment adviser fee (Note 5)	\$ 9,010,394
Administrative fee (Note 5)	1,086,487
Custodian fees	46,529
Transfer agent fees	902,090
Directors'/Trustees' fees (Note 5)	8,392
Auditing fees	36,304
Legal fees	13,985
Distribution services fee (Note 5)	897,612
Other service fees (Notes 2 and 5)	2,368,195
Portfolio accounting fees	252,239
Share registration costs	
Printing and postage	63,494
Miscellaneous (Note 5)	38,126
TOTAL EXPENSES	14,799,924
Waiver and Reduction:	
Waiver of investment adviser fee (Note 5)	(1,184,252)
Reduction of custodian fees (Note 6)	(11,833)
TOTAL WAIVER AND REDUCTION	(1,196,085)
Net expenses	13,603,839
Net investment income	35,206,961
Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments, Futures Contracts, Written Options and Foreign Currency Transactions:	
Net realized gain on investments and foreign currency transactions	7,372,411
Net realized gain on futures contracts	218,591
Net realized gain on written options	174,136
Net change in unrealized appreciation of investments and translation of assets and liabilities in foreign currency	– (11,561,071)
Net change in unrealized appreciation of futures contracts	24,542
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments, futures contracts, written options and foreign currency transactions	(3,771,391)
Change in net assets resulting from operations	\$ 31,435,570

## Statement of Changes in Net Assets

Year Ended October 31	2023	2022
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets		
Operations:		
Net investment income	\$ 35,206,96	1 \$ 31,190,133
Net realized gain (loss)	7,765,13	8 (10,960,532)
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation	(11,536,52	9) (226,870,845)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	31,435,57	0 (206,641,244)
Distributions to Shareholders:		_
Class A Shares	(15,561,32	4) (31,227,451)
Class B Shares <sup>1</sup>	(19,97)	2) (246,074)
Class C Shares	(2,083,76	4) (7,008,962)
Class F Shares	(4,916,87	6) (11,352,543)
Institutional Shares	(11,952,25	4) (22,484,789)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS	(34,534,19	0) (72,319,819)
Share Transactions:		
Proceeds from sale of shares	180,881,84	1 229,699,083
Net asset value of shares issued to shareholders in payment of distributions declared	32,988,89	6 67,835,604
Cost of shares redeemed	(369,238,61	5) (304,577,379)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM SHARE TRANSACTIONS	(155,367,87	8) (7,042,692)
Change in net assets	(158,466,49	8) (286,003,755)
Net Assets:		
Beginning of period	1,403,213,01	8 1,689,216,773
End of period	\$1,244,746,52	0 \$1,403,213,018

<sup>1</sup> On February 3, 2023, Class B Shares were converted to Class A Shares.

#### Notes to Financial Statements

October 31, 2023

#### 1. ORGANIZATION

Federated Hermes Income Securities Trust (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 seven portfolios. The financial statements included herein are only those of Federated Hermes Muni and Stock Advantage 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 four classes of shares: Class A Shares, Class C Shares, Class F Shares and Institutional Shares. All shares of the Fund have equal rights with respect to voting, except on class-specific matters. The primary investment objective of the Fund is to provide tax-advantaged income with a secondary objective of capital appreciation.

At the close of business on February 3, 2023, Class B Shares were converted into the Fund's existing Class A Shares pursuant to a Plan of Conversion approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees (the "Trustees"). The conversion occurred on a tax-free basis. The cash value of a shareholder's investment was not changed as a result of the share class conversion. No action was required by shareholders to effect the conversion.

#### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

#### Investment Valuation

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

- Fixed-income securities are fair valued using price evaluations provided by a pricing service approved by Federated Equity Management Company of Pennsylvania (the "Adviser").
- Equity securities listed on an exchange or traded through a regulated market system are valued at their last reported sale price or official closing price in their principal exchange or market.
- Derivative contracts listed on exchanges are valued at their reported settlement or closing price, except that options are valued at the mean of closing bid and ask quotations.
- Over-the-counter (OTC) derivative contracts are fair valued using price evaluations provided by a pricing service approved by the Adviser.
- 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.
- 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 Trustees have 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. Distributions of net investment income, if any, are declared and paid monthly. 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 and reduction of \$1,196,085 is disclosed in 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.

#### 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, Class C Shares and Class F Shares to financial intermediaries or to Federated Shareholder Services Company (FSSC) for providing services to shareholders and maintaining shareholder accounts. Prior to their conversion to Class A Shares at the close of business on February 3, 2023, the Class B Shares were also subject to these fees. 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	\$1,573,178
Class B Shares	2,278
Class C Shares	296,926
Class F Shares	495,813
TOTAL	\$2,368,195

#### **Federal Taxes**

It is the Fund's policy to comply with the Subchapter M provision of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code") and to distribute to shareholders each year substantially all of its income. Accordingly, no provision for federal income tax is necessary. As of and during the year ended 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 Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

#### When-Issued and Delayed-Delivery Transactions

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

#### **Futures Contracts**

The Fund purchases and sells financial futures contracts to manage currency, duration, market, sector/asset class and yield curve risks. Upon entering into a financial futures contract with a broker, the Fund is required to deposit with a broker, either U.S. government securities or a specified amount of cash, which is shown as due from broker in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Futures contracts are valued daily and

unrealized gains or losses are recorded in a "variation margin" account. The Fund receives from or pays to the broker a specified amount of cash based upon changes in the variation margin account. When a contract is closed, the Fund recognizes a realized gain or loss. Futures contracts have market risks, including the risk that the change in the value of the contract may not correlate with the changes in the value of the underlying securities. There is minimal counterparty risk to the Fund since futures contracts are exchange traded and the exchange's clearinghouse, as counterparty to all exchange-traded futures contracts, guarantees the futures contracts against default.

Futures contracts outstanding at period end are listed after the Fund's Portfolio of Investments

The average notional value of long and short futures contracts held by the Fund throughout the period was \$2,547,663 and \$1,828,005, respectively. This is based on amounts held as of each month-end throughout the fiscal year.

#### **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.

Security	Acquisition Date	Acquisition Cost	Value
California Public Finance Authority (Kendal at Sonoma), Enso			
Village Senior Living Revenue Refunding Bonds (Series 2021A), 5.000%, 11/15/2051	5/27/2021	\$ 261,398	\$ 200,544
California Public Finance Authority (Kendal at Sonoma), Enso	0/2//2021	Ψ 201,070	Ψ 200,011
Village Senior Living Revenue Refunding Bonds			
(Series 2021A), 5.000%, 11/15/2056	5/27/2021	\$ 260,117	\$ 195,655
California School Finance Authority (KIPP LA), School Facility Revenue Bonds (Series 2014A), 5.000%, 7/1/2034	6/24/2014	\$ 500,728	\$ 501,357
California School Finance Authority (KIPP LA), School Facility Revenue Bonds (Series 2014A), 5.125%, 7/1/2044	7/9/2014	\$1,501,210	\$1,425,615
California School Finance Authority (KIPP LA), School Facility Revenue Bonds (Series 2015A), 5.000%, 7/1/2045	8/27/2015	\$1,145,808	\$1,054,677
California Statewide Communities Development Authority (Loma Linda University Medical Center), Revenue Bonds (Series 2016A), 5.000%, 12/1/2046	1/11/2023	\$2,738,207	\$2,440,186
Collier County, FL IDA (Arlington of Naples), Continuing Care Community Revenue Bonds (Series 2013A), (Original Issue Yield: 8.250%), 8.125%, 5/15/2044	8/11/2017	\$3,241,146	\$ 176,357
Kansas City, MO Redevelopment Authority (Kansas City Convention Center Headquarters Hotel CID), Revenue Bonds (Series 2018B), (Original Issue Yield: 5.079%), 5.000%, 2/1/2050	5/15/2018	\$4,060,970	\$2,749,678
Maricopa County, AZ, IDA (Paradise Schools), Revenue Refunding Bonds, 5.000%, 7/1/2036	10/6/2016	\$ 679,616	\$ 621,086
New Hampshire HEFA (Hillside Village), Revenue Bonds (Series 2017A), 6.125%, 7/1/2037	10/4/2017	\$ 727,540	\$ 50,087
New York Liberty Development Corporation (3 World Trade			
Center), Revenue Bonds (Series 2014 Class 1), 5.000%, 11/15/2044	10/29/2014	\$2,500,000	\$2,230,814
Pima County, AZ IDA (La Posada at Pusch Ridge), Senior Living Revenue Bonds (Series 2022A), 6.875%, 11/15/2052	10/6/2022	\$2,000,000	\$1,902,606
Public Finance Authority, WI (LVHN CHP JV, LLC), Revenue Bonds (Series 2022A), 6.625%, 12/1/2032	2/2/2023	\$3,000,000	\$2,842,573
Washington State Housing Finance Commission (Presbyterian Retirement Communities Northwest), Revenue Bonds (Series 2016), 5.000%, 1/1/2031	12/14/2016	\$1,504,337	\$1,333,858
Washington State Housing Finance Commission (Rockwood Retirement Communities), Nonprofit Housing Revenue & Refunding Revenue Bonds (Series 2014A), (Original Issue Yield: 7.400%), (United States Treasury PRF 1/1/2024@100), 7.375%, 1/1/2044	1/31/2014	\$1,994,584	\$2,010,071
Washington State Housing Finance Commission (Rockwood Retirement Communities), Nonprofit Housing Revenue Bonds (Series 2020A), 5.000%, 1/1/2051	6/9/2021	\$2,706,135	\$1,740,506

#### **Option Contracts**

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

At October 31, 2023, the Fund had no outstanding purchased or written options contracts.

The average market value of purchased call and written call options contracts held by the Fund throughout the period was \$5,848 and \$5,682, respectively. This is based on amounts held as of each month-end throughout the fiscal year.

## Additional Disclosure Related to Derivative Instruments Fair Value of Derivative Instruments

	Asset		
	Statement of Assets and Liabilities Location	Fair Value	
Derivatives not accounted for as hedging instruments under ASC Topic 815			
Equity contracts	Receivable for variation margin on futures contracts	\$24,542*	

Includes cumulative appreciation of futures contracts as reported in the footnotes to the Portfolio of Investments. Only the current day's variation margin is reported within the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

## The Effect of Derivative Instruments on the Statement of Operations for the Year Ended October 31, 2023

Amount of Realized Gain or (Loss) on Derivatives Recognized in Income

	Futures Contracts	Purchased Options Contracts <sup>1</sup>	Written Options Contracts	Total
Interest rate contracts	\$218,591	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 218,591
Equity contracts	_	(317,738)	174,136	(143,602)
TOTAL	\$218,591	\$(317,738)	\$174,136	\$ 74,989

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

	Futures Contracts
Interest rate contracts	\$24,542

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

#### Other

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

#### 3. SHARES OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST

The following tables summarize share activity:

	Year Ended 10/31/2023		Year Ended 10/31/2022	
Class A Shares:	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
Shares sold	5,396,080	\$ 70,795,099	6,488,234	\$ 90,791,023
Shares issued to shareholders in payment of distributions declared	1,109,295	14,534,107	1,992,919	28,476,999
Conversion of Class B Shares to Class A Shares <sup>1</sup>	248,799	3,336,394	_	_
Shares redeemed	(9,575,028)	(125,386,465)	(7,577,291)	(103,361,137)
NET CHANGE RESULTING FROM CLASS A SHARE TRANSACTIONS	(2,820,854)	\$ (36,720,865)	903,862	\$ 15,906,885

	Year Ended 10/31/2023		Year Ended 10/31/2022			
Class B Shares:	Shares		Amount	Shares		Amount
Shares sold	126	\$	1,643	3,593	\$	50,412
Shares issued to shareholders in payment of distributions declared	1,334		17,405	13,884		201,513
Conversion of Class B Shares to Class A Shares <sup>1</sup>	(248,840)		(3,336,394)	_		_
Shares redeemed	(37,763)		(488,408)	(253,058)		(3,523,981)
NET CHANGE RESULTING FROM CLASS B SHARE TRANSACTIONS	(285,143)	\$	(3,805,754)	(235,581)	\$	(3,272,056)
			nded 2023			nded 2022
Class C Shares:	Shares		Amount	Shares		Amount
Shares sold	680,089	\$	8,925,389	1,050,296	\$	14,800,059
Shares issued to shareholders in payment of distributions declared	149,482		1,955,311	444,784		6,421,947
Shares redeemed	(4,469,882)		(58,621,528)	(4,055,652)		(55,776,839)
NET CHANGE RESULTING FROM CLASS C SHARE TRANSACTIONS	(3,640,311)	\$	(47,740,828)	(2,560,572)	\$	(34,554,833)
			nded 2023			nded '2022
Class F Shares:	Shares		Amount	Shares		Amount
Shares sold	270,604	\$	3,534,250	551,401	\$	7,605,861
Shares issued to shareholders in payment of distributions declared	369,301		4,837,913	788,909		11,287,048
Shares redeemed	(3,487,209)		(45,205,205)	(2,142,341)		(29,145,646)
NET CHANGE RESULTING FROM CLASS F SHARE TRANSACTIONS	(2,847,304)	\$	(36,833,042)	(802,031)	\$	(10,252,737)
			nded 2023			nded 2022
Institutional Shares:	Shares		Amount	Shares		Amount
Shares sold	7,230,745	\$	94,289,066	8,379,327	\$	116,451,728
Shares issued to shareholders in payment of distributions declared	888,973		11,644,160	1,506,072		21,448,097
Shares redeemed	(10,411,669)		(136,200,615)	(8,296,122)	(	112,769,776)
NET CHANGE RESULTING FROM INSTITUTIONAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS	(2,291,951)	\$	(30,267,389)	1,589,277	\$	25,130,049
NET CHANGE RESULTING FROM TOTAL						

<sup>1</sup> On February 3, 2023, Class B Shares were converted to Class A Shares. Within the Statement of Changes in Net Assets, the conversion from Class B Shares is within the Cost of shares redeemed and the conversion to Class A Shares is within Proceeds from sale of shares.

(11,885,563) \$(155,367,878) (1,105,045) \$ (7,042,692)

**FUND SHARE TRANSACTIONS** 

#### 4. FEDERAL TAX INFORMATION

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
Tax-exempt income	\$23,416,267	\$19,247,667
Ordinary income	\$11,117,923	\$12,195,604
Long-term capital gains	\$ -	\$40,876,548

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

Undistributed tax-exempt income	\$ 1,475,834
Net unrealized appreciation	\$42,608,930
Capital loss carryforwards	\$ (5,668,562)
TOTAL	\$38,416,202

At October 31, 2023, the cost of investments for federal tax purposes was \$1,171,888,583. The net unrealized appreciation of investments for federal tax purposes was \$42,629,598. This consists of unrealized appreciation from investments for those securities having an excess of value over cost of \$132,675,778 and unrealized depreciation from investments for those securities having an excess of cost over value of \$90,046,180. The amounts presented are inclusive of derivative contracts. The difference between book-basis and tax-basis unrealized appreciation is attributable to differing treatments for the deferral of losses on wash sales, straddle loss deferrals, defaulted bonds, mark to mark of futures contracts, and discount accretion/premium amortization on debt securities.

As of October 31, 2023, the Fund had a capital loss carryforward of \$5,668,562 which will reduce the Fund's taxable income arising from future net realized gains on investments, if any, to the extent permitted by the Code, thereby reducing the amount of distributions to shareholders which would otherwise be necessary to relieve the Fund of any liability for federal income tax. Pursuant to the Code, these net capital losses retain their character as either short-term or long-term and do not expire.

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

Short-Term	Long-Term	Total
\$5,668,562	\$—	\$5,668,562

The Fund used capital loss carryforwards of \$6,939,048 to offset capital gains realized during the year ended October 31, 2023.

At October 31, 2023, for federal tax purposes, the Fund had \$726,758 in straddle loss deferrals.

## 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 0.65% of 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 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 \$1,184,252 of its fee.

Certain of the Fund's assets are managed by Federated Investment Management Company (the "Sub-Adviser"). Under the terms of a sub-advisory agreement between the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser, the Sub-Adviser receives an allocable portion of the Adviser's fee. The fee is paid by the Adviser out of its resources and is not an incremental Fund expense. For the year ended October 31, 2023, the Sub-Adviser earned a fee of \$2.098.386.

#### 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 0.078% 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 and Class C Shares to finance activities intended to result in the sale of these shares. The Plan provides that the Fund may incur distribution expenses at the following percentages 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%
Class C Shares	0.75%

Prior to their conversion to Class A Shares at the close of business on February 3, 2023, the Class B Shares were also subject to the Plan at 0.75% of average daily net assets of the Class B Shares.

Subject to the terms described in the Expense Limitation note, FSC may voluntarily choose to waive any portion of its fee. For the year ended October 31, 2023, distribution services fees for the Fund were as follows:

	Distribution Services Fees Incurred
Class B Shares	\$ 6,834
Class C Shares	890,778
TOTAL	\$897,612

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, FSC retained \$76,156 of fees paid by the Fund. 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 (CDSC) 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 retained \$38,928 in sales charges from the sale of Class A Shares. FSC also retained \$1,305, \$24, \$8,535 and \$35,000 relating to redemptions of Class A Shares, Class B Shares, Class C Shares and Class F Shares, respectively.

#### Other Service Fees

For the year ended October 31, 2023, FSSC received \$8,014 of other service fees disclosed in Note 2.

#### **Expense Limitation**

The Adviser and certain of its affiliates (which may include FSC, FAS and FSSC) on their own initiative have agreed to waive certain amounts of their respective fees and/or reimburse expenses. Effective January 1, 2023, total annual fund operating expenses (as shown in the financial highlights, excluding interest expense, extraordinary expenses and proxy-related expenses paid by the Fund, if any) paid by the Fund's Class A Shares, Class C Shares, Class F Shares and Institutional Shares (after the voluntary waivers and reimbursements) will not exceed 0.99%, 1.74%, 0.99% and 0.74% (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. Prior to January 1, 2023, the Fee Limit for the Class A Shares, Class C Shares, Class F Shares and Institutional Shares was 1.00%, 1.75%, 1.00% and 0.75%, respectively. While the Adviser and its applicable affiliates currently do not anticipate terminating or increasing these arrangements prior to the Termination Date, these arrangements may only be terminated or the Fee Limit increased prior to the Termination Date with the agreement of the Trustees.

#### Interfund Transactions

During the year ended October 31, 2023, the Fund engaged in purchase and sale transactions with funds that have a common investment adviser (or affiliated investment advisers), common Trustees and/or common Officers. These purchase and sale transactions complied with Rule 17a-7 under the Act and amounted to \$158,490,000 and \$283,200,000, respectively. Net realized loss recognized on these transactions was \$0.

#### 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 \$11,833 under these arrangements.

#### 7. 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	\$483,822,381
Sales	\$581,894,575

#### 8. LINE OF CREDIT

The Fund participates with certain other Federated Hermes Funds, on a several basis, in an up to \$500,000,000 unsecured, 364-day, committed, revolving line of credit (LOC) agreement dated June 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.

#### 9. INTERFUND LENDING

Pursuant to an Exemptive Order issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Fund, along with other funds advised by subsidiaries of Federated Hermes, Inc., may participate in an interfund lending program. This program provides an alternative credit facility allowing the Fund to borrow from other participating affiliated funds. As of October 31, 2023, there were no outstanding loans. During the year ended October 31, 2023, the program was not utilized.

#### 10. 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.

#### 11. 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 preexisting 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.

#### 12. FEDERAL TAX INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2023, 67.81% of distributions from net investment income is exempt from federal income tax other than the federal AMT.

For the year ended October 31, 2023, 99.47% of total ordinary income 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 distributions made by the Fund during the year ended October 31, 2023, 99.21% 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 INCOME SECURITIES TRUST AND SHAREHOLDERS OF FEDERATED HERMES MUNI AND STOCK ADVANTAGE FUND:

#### **Opinion on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of Federated Hermes Muni and Stock Advantage Fund (the "Fund") (one of the portfolios constituting Federated Hermes Income Securities Trust (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 five years in the period then ended and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund (one of the portfolios constituting Federated Hermes Income Securities Trust) 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 five years in the period then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

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

We conducted our audits in accordance with standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements 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.

	Beginning Account Value 5/1/2023	Ending Account Value 10/31/2023	Expenses Paid During Period <sup>1</sup>
Actual:			
Class A Shares	\$1,000.00	\$ 959.50	\$4.89
Class C Shares	\$1,000.00	\$ 955.90	\$8.58
Class F Shares	\$1,000.00	\$ 959.50	\$4.89
Institutional Shares	\$1,000.00	\$ 960.70	\$3.66
Hypothetical (assuming a 5% return before expenses):			
Class A Shares	\$1,000.00	\$1,020.21	\$5.04
Class C Shares	\$1,000.00	\$1,016.43	\$8.84
Class F Shares	\$1,000.00	\$1,020.21	\$5.04
Institutional Shares	\$1,000.00	\$1,021.48	\$3.77

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	0.99%
Class C Shares	1.74%
Class F Shares	0.99%
Institutional Shares	0.74%

#### **Board of Trustees and Trust Officers**

The Board of Trustees is responsible for managing the Trust's business affairs and for exercising all the Trust's powers except those reserved for the shareholders. The following tables give information about each Trustee and the senior officers of the Fund. Where required, the tables separately list Trustees who are "interested persons" of the Fund (i.e., "Interested" Trustees) and those who are not (i.e., "Independent" Trustees). Unless otherwise noted, the address of each person listed is 1001 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-3779. The address of all Independent Trustees listed is 4000 Ericsson Drive, Warrendale, PA 15086-7561; Attention: Mutual Fund Board. As of December 31, 2022, the Trust comprised seven 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
<b>Positions Held with Trust</b>
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: January 2000

Principal Occupations: Principal Executive Officer and President of certain of the Funds in the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Director or Trustee of the Funds in the Federated Hermes Fund Family; President, Chief Executive Officer and Director, Federated Hermes, Inc.; Chairman and Trustee, Federated Investment Management Company; Trustee, Federated Investment Counseling; Chairman and Director, Federated Global Investment Management Corp.; Chairman and Trustee, Federated Equity Management Company of Pennsylvania; Trustee, Federated Shareholder Services Company; Director, Federated Services Company.

**Previous Positions**: President, Federated Investment Counseling; President and Chief Executive Officer, Federated Investment Management Company, Federated Global Investment Management Corp. and Passport Research, Ltd; Chairman, Passport Research, Ltd.

Name
Birth Date
<b>Positions Held with Trust</b>
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 2016 Principal Occupations: Principal Executive Officer and President of certain of the Funds in the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Director or Trustee of certain of the Funds in the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Director and Vice President, Federated Hermes, Inc.; President, Director/Trustee and CEO, Federated Advisory Services Company, Federated Equity Management Company of Pennsylvania, Federated Global Investment Management Corp., Federated Investment Counseling, Federated Investment Management Company, and Federated MDTA LLC; Director, Federated Investors Trust Company.

**Previous Positions**: President and Director of the Institutional Sales Division of Federated Securities Corp.; President and CEO of Passport Research, Ltd.; Director and President, Technology, Federated Services Company.

\* Reasons for "interested" status: J. Christopher Donahue and John B. Fisher are interested due to their beneficial ownership of shares of Federated Hermes, Inc. and due to positions they hold with Federated Hermes, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

#### INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES BACKGROUND

#### Name Birth Date Positions Held with Trust Date Service Began

Principal Occupation(s) for Past Five Years, Other Directorships Held, Previous Position(s) and Qualifications

John T. Collins
Birth Date: January 24, 1947
TRUSTEE
Indefinite Term
Began serving: October 2013

**Principal Occupations**: Director or Trustee, and Chair of the Board of Directors or Trustees, of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; formerly, Chairman and CEO, The Collins Group, Inc. (a private equity firm) (Retired).

**Other Directorships Held**: Director, KLX Energy Services Holdings, Inc. (oilfield services); former Director of KLX Corp. (aerospace).

Qualifications: Mr. Collins has served in several business and financial management roles and directorship positions throughout his career. Mr. Collins previously served as Chairman and CEO of The Collins Group, Inc. (a private equity firm) and as a Director of KLX Corp. Mr. Collins serves as Chairman Emeriti, Bentley University. Mr. Collins previously served as Director and Audit Committee Member, Bank of America Corp.; Director, FleetBoston Financial Corp.; and Director, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (Harvard University Affiliate Hospital).

#### Name Birth Date Positions Held with Trust Date Service Began

#### Principal Occupation(s) for Past Five Years, Other Directorships Held, Previous Position(s) and Qualifications

# **G. Thomas Hough**Birth Date: February 28, 1955 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: August 2015

**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).

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.

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.

#### Maureen Lally-Green Birth Date: July 5, 1949 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: August 2009

**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.

**Other Directorships Held**: Director, CNX Resources Corporation (natural gas).

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.

Name
Birth Date
<b>Positions Held with Trust</b>
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: August 2006

**Principal Occupations**: Director or Trustee of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Sole Proprietor, Navigator Management Company (investment and strategic consulting).

Other Directorships Held: None.

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.

#### Madelyn A. Reilly Birth Date: February 2, 1956 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: November 2020

**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).

Other Directorships Held: None.

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.

Name
Birth Date
<b>Positions Held with Trust</b>
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: October 2013

**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.).

#### Other Directorships Held: None.

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).

#### John S. Walsh Birth Date: November 28, 1957 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: November 1999

**Principal Occupations**: Director or Trustee of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; President and Director, Heat Wagon, Inc. (manufacturer of construction temporary heaters); President and Director, Manufacturers Products, Inc. (distributor of portable construction heaters); President, Portable Heater Parts, a division of Manufacturers Products. Inc.

#### Other Directorships Held: None.

**Qualifications**: Mr. Walsh has served in several business management roles and directorship positions throughout his career. Mr. Walsh previously served as Vice President, Walsh & Kelly, Inc. (paving contractors).

#### **OFFICERS**

Name Birth Date Address Positions Held with Trust 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: April 2013 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, Federated Administrative Services, Inc., Federated Securities Corp., Edgewood Services, Inc., Federated Advisory Services Company, Federated Equity Management Company of Pennsylvania, Federated Global Investment Management Corp., Federated Investment Counseling, Federated Investment Management Company, Passport Research, Ltd., and Federated MDTA, LLC; Financial and Operations Principal for Federated Securities Corp., Edgewood Services, Inc. and Southpointe Distribution Services, Inc.

#### Peter J. Germain

Birth Date:
September 3, 1959
CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER,
SECRETARY AND EXECUTIVE
VICE PRESIDENT
Officer since: January 2005

Principal Occupations: Mr. Germain is Chief Legal Officer, Secretary and Executive Vice President of the Federated Hermes Fund Family. He is General Counsel, Chief Legal Officer, Secretary and Executive Vice President, Federated Hermes, Inc.; Trustee and Senior Vice President, Federated Investors Management Company; Trustee and President, Federated Administrative Services; Director and President, Federated Administrative Services, Inc.; Director and Vice President, Federated Securities Corp.; Director and Secretary, Federated Private Asset Management, Inc.; Secretary, Federated Shareholder Services Company; and Secretary, Retirement Plan Service Company of America. Mr. Germain joined Federated Hermes, Inc. in 1984 and is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

Previous Positions: Deputy General Counsel, Special Counsel, Managing Director of Mutual Fund Services, Federated Hermes, Inc.; Senior Vice President, Federated Services Company; and Senior Corporate Counsel, Federated Hermes, Inc.

#### Stephen Van Meter

Birth Date: June 5, 1975 CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER AND SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT Officer since: July 2015 **Principal Occupations**: Senior Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer of Federated Hermes, Inc. and Chief Compliance Officer of certain of its subsidiaries. Mr. Van Meter joined Federated Hermes, Inc. in October 2011. He holds FINRA licenses under Series 3, 7, 24 and 66.

**Previous Positions**: Mr. Van Meter previously held the position of Compliance Operating Officer, Federated Hermes, Inc. Prior to joining Federated Hermes, Inc., Mr. Van Meter served at the United States Securities and Exchange Commission in the positions of Senior Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, Division of Investment Management and Senior Counsel, Division of Enforcement.

Name Birth Date Address

Positions Held with Trust 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<sup>st</sup> Floor

New York, NY 10178 CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER Officer since: May 2004 **Principal Occupations**: Stephen F. Auth is Chief Investment Officer of various Funds in the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Executive Vice President, Federated Investment Counseling, Federated Global Investment Management Corp. and Federated Equity Management Company of Pennsylvania.

Previous Positions: Executive Vice President, Federated Investment Management Company and Passport Research, Ltd. (investment advisory subsidiary of Federated); Senior Vice President, Global Portfolio Management Services Division; Senior Vice President, Federated Investment Management Company and Passport Research, Ltd.; Senior Managing Director and Portfolio Manager, Prudential Investments.

# Evaluation and Approval of Advisory Contract – May 2023

## FEDERATED HERMES MUNI AND STOCK ADVANTAGE 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 Equity Management Company of Pennsylvania (the "Adviser") and the investment sub-advisory contract between the Adviser and Federated Investment Management Company (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 anv).

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 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 environmental, social and governance ("ESG") factors and issuer engagement on ESG matters. The Board considered Federated Hermes' oversight of the securities lending program for the Federated Hermes Funds that engage in securities lending and noted the income earned by the Federated Hermes Funds that participate in such program. In addition, the Board considered the quality of Federated Hermes' communications with the Board and responsiveness to Board inquiries and requests made from time to time with respect to the 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 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 the one-year, three-year and five-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 above the median of the Expense Peer Group, but the Board noted the applicable waivers and reimbursements, and that the overall expense structure of the Fund remained competitive in the context of other factors considered by the Board.

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 Income Securities Trust (the "Trust") has adopted and implemented a liquidity risk management program (the "Program") for Federated Hermes Muni and Stock Advantage 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 <a href="sec.gov">sec.gov</a> 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.

# Notes

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