# **Prospectus**

November 14, 2023



# Federated Hermes Project and Trade Finance Tender Fund

Investment objective. Federated Hermes Project and Trade Finance Tender Fund (the "Fund") commenced operations on December 7, 2016, and is a continuously offered, diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund's investment objective is to provide total return primarily from income. The Fund pursues its investment objective primarily by investing in trade finance, structured trade, export finance, import finance, supply chain financing and project finance assets of entities, including sovereign entities ("trade finance related securities"). Trade finance related securities will be located primarily in, or have exposure to, global emerging markets. Trade finance transactions refer to the capital needed to buy or sell, import or export, products or other tangible goods. Project finance transactions are typically used to build something tangible or to expand existing plant capacity to produce more goods for trade; and the Fund typically invests in project finance deals when the project has been largely completed and goods are being produced for export (i.e., transactions are of a short-term nature). No assurance can be given that the Fund's investment objective will be achieved.

The Fund's shareholder reports will be made available on <u>FederatedHermes.com/us/FundInformation</u>, and you will be notified and provided with a link each time a report is posted to the website. You may request to receive paper reports from the Fund or from your financial intermediary, free of charge, at any time. You may also request to receive documents through e-delivery.

Investing in the Fund's Shares involves certain risks and should not constitute a complete investment program. Risks, including "Risk of Investing in Trade Finance Related Securities," "Interest Rate Risk," and "Risk of Investing in Derivative Contracts and Hybrid Instruments," are described in the "Risk Factors" section beginning on page 22 of this prospectus.

The Fund's Shares will not be listed on an exchange. It is not anticipated that a secondary market will develop. An investment in the Fund may not be suitable for investors who may need the money they invest in a specified timeframe.

Neither the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

		Maximum Sales Load as a Percentage of	Proceeds to
	Price to Public <sup>1</sup>	Purchase Amount	Registrant <sup>2</sup>
Per Share	At Current NAV	None	Current NAV
Total	\$894,601,398	None	\$894,601,398

- 1 Common shares of beneficial interest (the "Shares") are continuously offered at current net asset value (NAV), which will fluctuate.
- 2 Total proceeds to the Fund assume that all registered Shares will be sold in a continuous offering. The proceeds may differ from that shown if other than the then-current net asset value at which Shares are sold varies from that shown and/or additional Shares are registered.

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Federated Securities Corp. (the "Distributor") acts as the distributor of the Fund's Shares, on a best efforts basis, subject to various conditions. Shares may be purchased through the Distributor or through advisers, brokers, dealers or banks that have entered into selling agreements with the Distributor. Neither the Distributor nor any other adviser, broker, dealer or bank is obligated to buy from the Fund any of the Shares.

**Portfolio management strategies.** Under normal market conditions, the Fund's investment program will consist primarily of investing in trade finance related securities. It is the Adviser and Sub-Adviser's (each as defined below) intent to focus the Fund's investments in trade finance related securities.

The Fund seeks to provide investors with a portfolio that exceeds the ICE BofA US Dollar 1-Month Deposit Offered Rate Constant Maturity Index with low volatility and low correlation to stock and fixed income market returns as well as commodities. The Fund's investments are expected to consist primarily of loans, or similar instruments used directly or indirectly to finance domestic and international trade and related infrastructure projects. These are expected to include, but not be limited to, facilities for pre-export finance, process and commodities finance, receivables financing, letters of credit and other documentary credits, promissory notes, bills of exchange and other negotiable instruments. The Fund may gain exposure to such investments by way of purchase, assignment, participation, sub-participation, guarantee, insurance, derivative or any other appropriate financial instrument. The Fund invests only in funded letters of credit and other instruments that do not create unfunded commitments to lend. The Fund may also take positions in more traditional assets including bonds, equities and foreign exchange instruments for the purpose of hedging and investment. The Fund, from time to time, may also use currency forwards for hedging purposes. However, although not generally anticipated to be used, the Fund reserves the flexibility to use derivative contracts and/or hybrid instruments to implement elements of its investment strategy. Derivative investments made by the Fund are included within the Fund's 80% policy and are calculated at market value. Under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its net assets, plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, in trade finance related securities. Up to 20% of the Fund's assets may be invested in other types of fixed-income securities and money market instruments.

Adviser and Sub-Adviser. The Fund's investment adviser is Federated Investment Management Company (FIMC or the "Adviser"). As of December 31, 2022, FIMC and its affiliates managed approximately \$668.9 billion. FIMC has engaged Federated Hermes (UK) LLP (the "Sub-Adviser") as a sub-adviser to the Fund. As of December 31, 2022, the Sub-Adviser acted as investment adviser for and/or managed approximately \$7.5 billion of assets. Under the supervision of the Adviser and oversight by the Board of Trustees of the Fund (the "Board") and pursuant to a sub-advisory agreement between the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser, the Sub-Adviser will act as sub-investment adviser to the Fund. The Sub-Adviser will have day-to-day portfolio management responsibilities for the Fund.

This prospectus contains information you should know before investing, including information about risks. Please read it before you invest and keep it for future reference. Copies of the Fund's semi-annual and annual reports, when available, may be obtained without charge by writing to the Fund at its address at 4000 Ericsson Drive, Warrendale, Pennsylvania 15086-7561 or by calling the Fund at 1-855-328-0109. Copies of the Fund's semi-annual and annual reports, when available, may also be obtained without charge at <a href="FederatedHermes.com/us">FederatedHermes.com/us</a>. In addition, the SEC maintains a website (sec.gov) that contains the annual and semi-annual reports and other information regarding registrants that file electronically with the SEC.

A Statement of Additional Information dated November 14, 2023 (SAI) has been filed with the SEC and can be obtained without charge by calling 1-855-328-0109 or by writing to the Fund. Copies of the SAI may also be obtained free of charge at FederatedHermes.com/us. A table of contents to the SAI is located on page 42 of this prospectus. This prospectus incorporates by reference the entire Statement of Additional Information. The Statement of Additional Information is available along with shareholder reports and other Fund-related materials from the EDGAR database on the SEC's internet site (sec.gov) or, upon payment of copying fees, by contacting the SEC by electronic mail at publicinfo@sec.gov. The Fund's address is 4000 Ericsson Drive, Warrendale, PA 15086-7561.

The Fund's shares do not represent a deposit or obligation of, and are not guaranteed or endorsed by, any bank or other insured depository institution, and are not federally insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Reserve Board or any other government agency.

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. The Fund has not, and the Distributor has not, authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. Neither the Fund nor the Distributor is making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should not assume that the information provided by this prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of this prospectus. The Fund's business, financial condition and results of operations may have changed since the date of this prospectus.

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# **Prospectus Summary**

This is only a summary. This summary may not contain all of the information that you should consider before investing in the Federated Hermes Project and Trade Finance Tender Fund's Shares. You should review the more detailed information contained in this prospectus and in the Statement of Additional Information, especially the information set forth under the heading "Investment Objectives and Policies" and "Risk Factors."

#### THE FUND

Federated Hermes Project and Trade Finance Tender Fund (the "Fund") commenced operations on December 7, 2016 and is a continuously offered, diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund's investment objective is to provide total return primarily from income. No assurance can be given that the Fund's investment objective will be achieved. The Fund's investment adviser is Federated Investment Management Company (FIMC or the "Adviser"). Under the supervision of the Adviser and oversight by the Board of Trustees of the Fund (the "Board") Federated Hermes (UK) LLP (the "Sub-Adviser") will have day-to-day portfolio management responsibilities for the Fund.

#### THE OFFERING

The Fund continuously offers and sells shares of beneficial interests (the "Shares"). Investors who purchase Shares in the offering, and other persons who acquire Shares and are admitted to the Fund by its Board of Trustees (each individually a "Trustee" and collectively, the "Board"), will become shareholders of the Fund (the "Shareholders"). The Fund currently intends to accept purchases of Shares as of the last business day of each calendar month, typically following 30 calendar days' advance notice, which may be waived at the discretion of the Board, or at such other times as may be determined by the Board. All Shares are sold at the most recently calculated net asset value per Share as of the date on which the purchase is accepted. The minimum initial investment in the Fund by any account is \$100,000, and the minimum additional investment in the Fund is \$25,000. The minimum investment amounts may be reduced or waived. See "Purchase Terms." At the discretion of the Board and provided that it is in the best interests of the Fund and Shareholders to do so, the Fund intends to provide a limited degree of liquidity to the Shareholders by conducting repurchase offers generally quarterly. In each repurchase offer, the Fund may offer to repurchase its Shares at their NAV on the relevant valuation date. See "Repurchases and Transfers of Shares."

### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND STRATEGIES**

The Fund's investment objective is to provide total return primarily from income. While there is no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective it endeavors to do so by following the strategies and policies described in this Prospectus.

The Fund pursues its investment objective primarily by investing in trade finance, structured trade, export finance, import finance, supply chain financing and project finance assets of entities, including sovereign entities ("trade finance related securities"). Trade finance related securities will be located primarily in, or have exposure to, global emerging markets. Under normal circumstances, the Fund anticipates that approximately 75% or more of its assets may be invested in trade finance related securities of companies or other entities (including sovereign entities) located primarily in or having exposure to global emerging markets. Trade finance transactions refer to the capital needed to buy or sell, or import or export, products or other tangible goods. Project finance transactions are typically used to build something tangible or to expand existing plant capacity to produce more goods for trade; and the Fund typically invests in project finance deals when the project has been largely completed and goods are being produced for export (i.e., transactions are of a short-term nature).

Under normal circumstances, the Fund intends to hold its positions through to maturity. There are no limits on the Fund's average-weighted maturity. However, under normal conditions, the Fund is anticipated to have an average dollar-weighted maturity of not more than 24 months. The Fund's investments in trade finance related securities are often unrated but may also be below investment grade (or "junk" investments).

The Adviser and Sub-Adviser believe that trade finance is a risk mitigated asset class and historically, while trade finance is not immune from default arising from credit or sovereign risk factors, during these periods of financial stress, treatment of trade finance creditors typically has been preferential either formally or informally as a result of:

- The underlying use or purpose of funds (critical imports or key exports, governmental economic priorities, etc.);
- The types of transactional security (export contracts, escrow accounts, inventory, fixed assets, etc.); and
- The recognition of the economic benefit that is derived from trade generally.

For purposes of this Prospectus, the Adviser and Sub-Adviser, are sometimes referred to together, as applicable, as the "Fund's Adviser."

During sovereign and corporate restructurings, trade finance related securities can achieve differentiated treatment in a default and then recovery situation compared to other forms of debt.

The Fund's investments are expected to consist primarily of loans, or similar instruments used to finance domestic and international trade and related infrastructure projects. These are expected to include, but not be limited to, facilities for pre-export finance, process and commodities finance, receivables financing, letters of credit and other documentary credits, promissory notes, bills of exchange and other negotiable instruments. The Fund may engage in such investments by way of purchase, assignment, participation, guarantee, insurance, derivative or any other appropriate financial instrument. The Fund invests only in funded letters of credit and other instruments that do not create unfunded commitments to lend.

The Fund may invest without limitation in securities and obligations for which there is no readily available trading market or which are otherwise illiquid, including trade finance securities and other fixed-income or derivative instruments.

The Fund may also take positions in traditional assets including bonds, (investment-grade or noninvestment-grade (otherwise known as "junk bonds")) debt securities, equities, foreign exchange instruments, as well as derivatives for the purposes set forth below. There can be no assurance that the Fund's use of derivatives will work as intended. Derivative investments made by the Fund are included within the Fund's 80% policy (as described below) and are calculated at market value. The instruments in which the Fund invests may be guaranteed by the U.S. government. A substantial portion of the Fund's investments will be in obligations of non-U.S. issuers or borrowers, including those of issuers in emerging markets.

Under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its net assets, plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, in trade finance related securities. Up to 20% of the Fund's assets may be invested in other types of fixed-income securities and money market instruments as described in this Prospectus. It is the Fund's Adviser's intent to focus the Fund's investments in trade finance related securities.

Because the Fund refers to trade finance related securities in its name, it will notify Shareholders at least 60 days in advance of any change in its investment policies that would enable the Fund to normally invest less than 80% of its net assets, plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, in trade finance related securities.

#### **INVESTMENT SELECTION STRATEGIES**

The Fund's Adviser analyzes the risk-adjusted return characteristics of potential financings and conducts initial expected annual excess return calculations and due diligence analysis of the facility and the obligor to evaluate if they are appropriate investments. Analysis includes:

**Origination.** Assess quality and track record of originator, define originator's role in the transaction and define originator's relationship with the borrower. At this stage, documents are reviewed such as, but not limited to: the offtake contracts, loan agreement, legal opinions, expert consultants' reports, and insurance policies if applicable.

**Obligor.** A thorough review of obligor including, but not limited to: credit analysis, shareholders, market position, access to capital markets and quality of audit/accounting firm. Typically, three years of audited financials and projections are required, among other credit-analysis tools to make this assessment.

**Country.** A country's credit rating, historic treatment of trade flows, the importance of the sector to this country and currency convertibility are all considered.

**Sector.** Evaluated under the following considerations: Strategic priority, critical imports, foreign exchange earner, macro sector themes, and liquidity and tax/tariff issues.

**Mitigants.** The proposed transaction is also evaluated by its ability to mitigate risks such as, but not limited to: country, production, quality, market, operational and payment issues risks, commodity, price, environmental, country and legal. Documentation considerations are also examined closely.

The transaction is then analyzed for its portfolio suitability based upon:

analysis includes region, country, and sector and obligor structure.

**Deal Structure.** Tenor, grace period, amortization schedule, drawing conditions and financing structure of the deal are thoroughly reviewed.

**Deal Pricing.** Relative value of spreads to market, value for risk and return projections are carefully considered. **Portfolio.** The tenor, yield target and concentration of the Fund's portfolio are carefully considered. Concentration

#### **Temporary Investments**

The Fund may temporarily depart from its principal investment strategies by investing its assets in shorter-term debt securities and similar obligations or holding cash. It may do this in response to unusual circumstances, such as: adverse market, economic, or other conditions (for example, to help avoid potential losses, or during periods when there is a shortage of appropriate securities); to maintain liquidity to meet Shareholder redemptions; or to accommodate cash inflows. It is possible that such investments could affect the Fund's investment returns and/or the ability to achieve the Fund's investment objectives.

### **ERISA PLANS AND OTHER TAX-EXEMPT ENTITIES**

Investors subject to ERISA and other tax-exempt entities, including employee benefit plans, individual retirement accounts (each, an IRA) and 401(k) Plans (collectively, "ERISA Plans") may purchase Shares. Because the Fund is an investment company registered under the 1940 Act, the underlying assets of the Fund will not be considered to be "plan assets" of an ERISA Plan investing in the Fund for purposes of ERISA's fiduciary responsibility and prohibited transaction rules. Thus, the Adviser will not be a fiduciary within the meaning of ERISA with respect to the assets of any ERISA Plan that becomes a Shareholder, solely as a result of the ERISA Plan's investment in the Fund.

#### THE ADVISER AND SUB-ADVISER

The Fund's investment adviser is FIMC. As of December 31, 2022, FIMC and its affiliates managed approximately \$668.9 billion. FIMC has engaged the Sub-Adviser as a sub-adviser to the Fund. As of December 31, 2022, the Sub-Adviser acted as investment adviser for and/or managed approximately \$7.5 billion of assets. Under the supervision of the Adviser and oversight by the Board and pursuant to a sub-advisory agreement between the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser, the Sub-Adviser will act as sub-investment adviser to the Fund. The Sub-Adviser will have day-to-day portfolio management responsibilities for the Fund.

#### **DISTRIBUTIONS**

The Fund intends to make regular quarterly cash distributions to Shareholders. The Fund will distribute annually any net short-term capital gain and any net capital gain (which is the excess of net long-term capital gain over net short-term capital loss). Distributions to Shareholders cannot be assured, and the amount of each quarterly distribution is likely to vary. See "Distributions" and "Federal Income Tax Matters."

### **DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN**

Each Shareholder will automatically be a participant under the Fund's Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRP) and have all income dividends and/or capital gains distributions automatically reinvested in Shares. Election not to participate in the DRP and to receive all income dividends and/or capital gains distributions, if any, in cash may be made by notice to the Fund or, if applicable, to a Shareholder's broker or other intermediary (who should be directed to inform the Fund).

# **CLOSED-END FUND STRUCTURE-LIMITED LIQUIDITY**

The Fund has been organized as a closed-end management investment company. Closed-end funds differ from open-end management investment companies (commonly known as mutual funds) in that closed-end fund shareholders do not have the right to redeem their shares on a daily basis. In order to meet daily redemption requests, mutual funds are subject to more stringent regulatory limitations than closed-end funds. In particular, a mutual fund generally may not invest more than 15% of its assets in illiquid securities.

The Fund will not list the Shares on any securities exchange, and it is not expected that any secondary market will develop for the Shares. Shareholders will not be able to tender for repurchase their Shares on a daily basis because the Fund is a closed-end fund. Shares may not currently be exchanged for shares of any other fund. However, in order to provide liquidity, the Fund intends on a quarterly basis to conduct repurchase offers for a portion of its outstanding Shares. An investment in the Fund is suitable only for investors who can bear the risks associated with the limited liquidity of the Shares. Shares should be viewed as a long-term investment.

#### REPURCHASES OF SHARES BY THE FUND

Because the Fund is a closed-end fund, shareholders do not have the right to require the Fund to repurchase any or all of their Shares. At the discretion of the Board and provided that it is in the best interests of the Fund and Shareholders to do so, the Fund intends to provide a limited degree of liquidity to the Shareholders by conducting repurchase offers generally quarterly (or more or less frequently as determined by the Board in its discretion). In each repurchase offer, the Fund may offer to repurchase its Shares at their NAV on the relevant valuation date (each, a "Valuation Date"), which will occur on or before the expiration date of the repurchase offer (the "Expiration Date"). Each repurchase offer ordinarily will be limited to the repurchase of approximately 5-15% of the net asset value of the Fund, although the Board can determine to authorize the Fund to repurchase in excess of 15% of the net asset value of the Fund in its discretion. If the value of Shares tendered for repurchase exceeds the value the Fund intended to repurchase, the Fund, in its sole discretion, may (a) accept the additional Shares permitted to be accepted pursuant to Rule 13e-4(f) under the Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"); or (b) determine to repurchase less than the full number of Shares tendered. In the event less than the full number of Shares tendered will be repurchased, Shareholders will have their Shares repurchased on a pro rata basis, and tendering Shareholders will not have all of their tendered Shares repurchased by the Fund. Shareholders tendering Shares for repurchase will be asked to give written notice of their intent to do so as soon as practicable and in any event by no later than the date specified in the notice describing the terms of the applicable repurchase offer (i.e., the Expiration Date). See "Repurchases and Transfers of Shares."

The Expiration Date will be a date set by the Board occurring no sooner than twenty (20) business days after the commencement date of the repurchase offer and at least ten (10) business days from the date that notice of an increase or decrease in the percentage of the securities being sought or consideration offered is first published, sent or given to Shareholders. The Expiration Date may be extended by the Board in its sole discretion. The Fund will not accept any repurchase request received by it or its designated agent after the Expiration Date.

The Fund has the right to repurchase Shares from a Shareholder if the Board determines that the repurchase is in the best interests of the Fund or upon the occurrence of certain events specified in the Fund's Declaration of Trust.

The Fund will repurchase Shares and remit the repurchase price to Shareholders within five (5) business days after the Expiration Date.

Additional Liquidity Information: If a Shareholder submits Shares for repurchase by the Fund in accordance with the tender offer procedures and the Fund has not repurchased all of those Shares within three years from the Valuation Date of the applicable repurchase offer period, then the Fund will, in accordance with the terms of its Declaration of Trust, be dissolved and liquidated. See "Repurchases and Transfers of Shares—No Right of Redemption" and "—Repurchases of Shares."

## **SPECIAL RISK CONSIDERATIONS**

The following describes various principal risks of investing in the Fund. A more detailed description of these and other risks of investing in the Fund are described under "Risk Factors" in this prospectus and under "Investment Risks" in the Fund's Statement of Additional Information.

# Risk of Investing In Trade Finance Related Securities

The Fund pursues its investment objective by investing primarily in trade finance, structured trade finance, export finance and project finance or related obligations of companies or other entities (including sovereign entities) located primarily in or having exposure to global emerging markets. As such, the Fund is subject to all of the risks typical to investments generally made in emerging markets, in addition to risks specific to the trade finance asset class.

**Emerging Markets.** The Fund will make investments in emerging markets. Investors should be aware that the risks associated with an investment in emerging markets are higher than those attached to similar investments in developed countries. Investment in emerging markets involves risk factors and special considerations which may not be typically associated with investing in more developed markets and are likely to include but not be restricted to the following:

Political and Economic Factors: Political and economic change and instability may be more likely to occur and have a greater effect on the economies and markets of emerging countries. Government policies, taxation, restrictions on foreign investment and on currency convertibility and repatriation, currency fluctuations and other developments in the laws and regulations of the relevant country could result in losses. In the event of nationalization, expropriation, or other confiscation, the Fund could lose its entire investment in a foreign security.

Status of Loan Markets: In comparison with more developed primary and secondary loan markets, the emerging market loan market is smaller, may experience reduced liquidity and as a result potentially more volatile securities prices. This may result in greater volatility in the net asset value of the Fund than would be the case if the investments were made in more developed markets. In addition, different transaction settlement and clearing procedures, safe custody and registration procedures may be underdeveloped enhancing the chance of an error, fraud or default, causing losses to the Fund. Such underdeveloped procedures may be unable to keep pace with the volume of securities transactions or otherwise make it difficult to engage in such transactions. In addition, custodial expenses for emerging market securities are generally higher than for developed market securities.

Legal Considerations: The legal infrastructure and accounting, auditing and reporting standards in emerging markets may not provide the same degree of investor information or protection as would generally apply in more developed markets. Certain investments in particular emerging markets may be subject to restrictions which may limit the availability of attractive investment opportunities to the Fund. Furthermore, emerging markets are generally not as efficient as those in more developed countries. In some cases, a market for the security may not exist locally and therefore transactions may need to be made on a neighboring exchange.

*Costs:* Emerging markets securities may incur brokerage or stock transfer taxes or other withholding taxes levied by foreign governments which may have the effect of increasing the cost of investment and which may reduce the realized gain or increase the loss on such securities at the time of sale.

*Regulation:* The issuers of emerging markets securities or borrowers in emerging market countries, such as companies, banks and other financial institutions, may be subject to less stringent regulation than would be the case for issuers in developed countries, and therefore potentially carry greater risk.

Accounting Reporting Standards: The issuers of emerging market securities or borrowers in emerging market countries, such as companies, banks and other financial institutions, may be subject to local accounting and audit practices. These may differ from international accounting practices leading to a greater risk of financial misreporting or misrepresentation.

Credit Ratings: Emerging market loans are often unrated but may also be below investment grade (or "junk" investments). The market values of corporate loans rated below investment grade and comparable unrated securities tend to be more sensitive to company-specific developments and changes in economic conditions than for higher rated securities. Issuers of these securities are often highly leveraged, so that their ability to service debt obligations during an economic downturn may be impaired. In addition, such issuers may not have more traditional methods of financing available to them, and may be unable to repay debt at maturity by refinancing. The risk of loss due to default in payment of interest or principal by such issuers is significantly greater than in the case of investment-grade securities. These securities may be subordinated to the prior payment of senior or secured indebtedness.

Taxation: Taxation of interest received by the Fund with respect to emerging market borrowers may be subject to foreign taxes that may or may not be reclaimable. Trade finance related securities may include methods to minimize such risks but no assurance can be given that such techniques will be successful. In addition, markets in which the Fund invests may have less well developed or defined tax laws and procedures than in more developed markets and this may adversely affect the level of tax suffered by investment in those markets. This may also include the imposition of retroactive taxation which had not reasonably been anticipated in the valuation of the assets of the Fund. This may result in uncertainty which could necessitate significant provisions being made for foreign taxes in the calculation of the NAV of the Fund. The Fund intends to elect to be treated and to qualify each year as a regulated investment company (RIC) under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). In order to qualify as a RIC, the Fund must meet certain requirements regarding the source of its income and the diversification of its assets. Interest received by the Fund in connection with its trade finance related investments will be qualifying income for purposes of such requirements, but income from engaging in lending or other business activities would not be qualifying income. The Fund must take into account the distinction between these types of income in structuring its participation in trade finance related investments.

Additional risks associated with investing in foreign securities, and emerging markets in particular, are discussed below under "Risks of Foreign Investing."

**Transportation and Warehousing Risk.** Because of the transaction structuring involved, certain of the Fund's investments will be backed by commodities or other trade finance goods in transit or held in warehouses or physical assets such as plant or land. Negligence and fraud are always significant risks in transactions involving the financing of such assets. The Fund may use methods to minimize such risks but no assurance can be given that such efforts will be successful.

**Legal Risk.** Laws in emerging markets may be less sophisticated than in developed countries. Accordingly the Fund may be subject to additional legal risks concerning its investments in the underlying trade finance related security and in particular the effectiveness of various legal contracts that form the trade finance related security such as loan documentation, local law security agreements and collateral management arrangements. These include, but are not limited to, inadequate investor protection, unclear or contradictory legislation or regulations and lack of enforcement thereof, ignorance or breach of legislation or regulations on the part of other market participants, lack of legal redress and breaches of confidentiality. It may be difficult to obtain and enforce a judgment in certain emerging markets against borrowers or against local assets which provide collateral or security in support of a specific investment in a trade finance related security in which the Fund may be invested.

**Collateral Price Risk.** Many investment transactions may be supported or secured by underlying collateral, which may include primary commodities, and other secondary or tertiary goods or physical assets. The price of this commodity or asset collateral may be highly volatile in terms of value or subject to illiquidity at the time of a required sale.

**Liquidity.** Trade finance investments are not listed on any stock exchange or securities market, and the established or recognized market (if any) for the investments may be relatively small and/or poorly developed, therefore trades may only be executed on a matched bargain basis and prices may not be published or be readily available from an independent price source.

**Market Risk.** The profitability of the investment strategy of the Fund may depend on correct assessments of the future course of credit spreads of trade finance loans and other investments by the Fund's Adviser. There can be no assurance that the Fund's Adviser will be able to accurately predict such price movements.

**Specificity of Certain Investments.** Certain securities in particular jurisdictions may only be held by entities (often banks) resident in those jurisdictions, and not directly by the Fund. Depending on the existence or otherwise and local interpretation of trust or fiduciary laws in the relevant jurisdiction, the Fund may have the risk of such entity holding or registering such security. In the event of the insolvency of such an entity, the Fund may only rank as an unsecured creditor and the whole or part of such security may be lost.

The Fund may also acquire participations, sub-participations or other interests in emerging market debt, where the additional performance risk of the grantor of such interest will be taken, as well as the risk of the underlying emerging market debt. In the event of the insolvency of the grantor, the relevant Fund would only rank as an unsecured creditor and the whole or part of the relevant investments may be lost.

# Interest Rate Risk

Prices of fixed-income securities rise and fall in response to changes in interest rates. Generally, when interest rates rise, prices of fixed-income securities fall. However, market factors, such as the demand for particular fixed-income securities, may cause the price of certain fixed-income securities to fall while the prices of other securities rise or remain unchanged.

The longer the duration of a fixed-income security, the more susceptible it is to interest rate risk. The duration of a fixed-income security may be equal to or shorter than the stated maturity of a fixed-income security. Recent and potential future changes in monetary policy made by central banks and/or their governments are likely to affect the level of interest rates. Duration measures the price sensitivity of a fixed-income security given a change in interest rates. For example, if a fixed-income security has an effective duration of three years, a 1% increase in general interest rates would be expected to cause the security's value to decline about 3% while a 1% decrease in general interest rates would be expected to cause the security's value to increase about 3%.

#### **Issuer Credit Risk**

It is possible that interest or principal on securities will not be paid when due. Non-investment grade securities generally have a higher default risk than investment-grade securities. Such non-payment or default may reduce the value of the Fund's portfolio holdings, its share price and its performance.

Many fixed-income securities receive credit ratings from nationally recognized statistical rating organizations (NRSROs) such as Fitch Rating Service, Moody's Investor Services, Inc. and Standard & Poor's that assign ratings to securities by assessing the likelihood of an issuer and/or guarantor default. Higher credit ratings correspond to lower perceived credit risk and lower credit ratings correspond to higher perceived credit risk. Credit ratings may be upgraded or downgraded from time to time as an NRSRO's assessment of the financial condition of a party obligated to make payments with respect to such securities and credit risk changes. The impact of any credit rating downgrade can be uncertain. Credit rating downgrades may lead to increased interest rates and volatility in financial markets, which in turn could negatively affect the value of the Fund's portfolio holdings, its share price and its investment performance. Credit ratings are not a guarantee of quality. Credit ratings may lag behind the current financial conditions of the issuer and/or guarantor and do not provide assurance against default or other loss of money. Credit ratings do not protect against a decline in the value of a security. If a security has not received a rating, the Fund must rely entirely upon the Adviser's credit assessment.

Fixed-income securities generally compensate for greater credit risk by paying interest at a higher rate. The difference between the yield of a security and the yield of a U.S. Treasury security or other appropriate benchmark with a comparable maturity (the "spread") measures the additional interest paid for risk. Spreads may increase generally in response to adverse economic or market conditions. A security's spread may also increase if the security's rating is lowered, or the security is perceived to have an increased credit risk. An increase in the spread will cause the price of the security to decline if interest rates remain unchanged.

#### **Counterparty Credit Risk**

Credit risk includes the possibility that a party to a transaction involving the Fund will fail to meet its obligations. This could cause the Fund to lose money or to lose the benefit of the transaction or prevent the Fund from selling or buying other securities to implement its investment strategy.

#### **Prepayment and Extension Risk**

During periods of declining interest rates or for other purposes, borrowers may exercise their option to prepay principal earlier than scheduled which may force the Fund to reinvest in lower-yielding debt instruments. Also, when interest rates fall, the price of mortgage-backed securities may not rise to as great an extent as that of other fixed-income securities. When interest rates rise, borrowers are less likely to prepay principal. A decreased rate of prepayments lengthens the expected maturity of a mortgage-backed security, and the price of mortgage-backed securities may decrease more than the price of other fixed-income securities when interest rates rise.

#### **Call Risk**

Call risk is the possibility that an issuer may redeem a fixed-income security before maturity (a "call") at a price below its current market price. An increase in the likelihood of a call may reduce the security's price.

If a fixed-income security is called, the Fund may have to reinvest the proceeds in other fixed-income securities with lower interest rates, higher credit risks or other less favorable characteristics.

## **Liquidity Risk**

Trading opportunities are more limited for fixed-income securities that have not received any credit ratings, have received any credit ratings below investment grade or are not widely held. These features may make it more difficult to sell or buy a security at a favorable price or time. Consequently, the Fund may have to accept a lower price to sell a security, sell other securities to raise cash or give up an investment opportunity, any of which could have a negative effect on the Fund's performance. Infrequent trading of securities may also lead to an increase in their price volatility. Noninvestment-grade securities generally have less liquidity than investment-grade securities.

Liquidity risk also refers to the possibility that the Fund may not be able to sell a security or close out a derivative contract when it wants to. If this happens, the Fund will be required to continue to hold the security or keep the position open, and the Fund could incur losses.

OTC derivative contracts generally carry greater liquidity risk than exchange-traded contracts. This risk may be increased in times of financial stress, if the trading market for OTC derivative contracts becomes restricted.

Loan instruments may not be readily marketable and may be subject to restrictions on resale. In some cases, negotiations involved in disposing of loans may require weeks to complete. Thus, transactions in loan instruments may take longer than seven days to settle. This could pose a liquidity risk to the Fund and, if the Fund's exposure to such investments is substantial, could impair the Fund's ability to meet shareholder redemptions in a timely manner. Additionally, collateral on loan instruments may consist of assets that may not be readily liquidated, and there is no assurance that the liquidation of such assets will satisfy a borrower's obligations under the instrument. Loans and other forms of indebtedness may be structured such that they are not securities under securities laws. As such, it is unclear whether loans and other forms of direct indebtedness offer securities law protections, such as those against fraud and misrepresentation. In the absence of definitive regulatory guidance, while there can be no assurance that fraud or misrepresentation will not occur with respect to the loans and other investments in which the Fund invests, the Fund relies on the Adviser's research in an attempt to seek to avoid situations where fraud or misrepresentation could adversely affect the Fund.

#### Risk Associated with Noninvestment-Grade Securities

Securities rated below investment grade, also known as junk bonds, generally entail greater economic, credit and liquidity risks than investment-grade securities. For example, their prices are more volatile, economic downturns and financial setbacks may affect their prices more negatively, and their trading market may be more limited. These securities are considered speculative with respect to the issuer's ability to pay interest and repay principal.

#### **Sector Risk**

Companies with similar characteristics may be grouped together in broad categories called sectors. Sector risk is the possibility that a certain sector may underperform other sectors or the market as a whole. As the Adviser allocates more of the Fund's portfolio holdings to a particular sector, the Fund's performance will be more susceptible to any economic, business or other developments which generally affect that sector.

#### Risk Related to the Economy

The value of the Fund's portfolio may decline in tandem with a drop in the overall value of the markets in which the Fund invests and/or other markets based on negative developments in the U.S. and global economies. Economic, political and financial conditions, or industry or economic trends and developments, may, from time to time, and for varying periods of time, cause volatility, illiquidity or other potentially adverse effects in the financial markets, including the fixed-income market. The commencement, continuation or ending of government policies and economic stimulus programs, changes in monetary policy, increases or decreases in interest rates, or other factors or events that affect the financial markets, including the fixed-income markets, may contribute to the development of or increase in volatility, illiquidity, shareholder redemptions and other adverse effects, which could negatively impact the Fund's performance. For example, the value of certain portfolio securities may rise or fall in response to changes in interest rates, which could result from a change in government policies, and has the potential to cause investors to move out of certain portfolio securities, including fixed-income securities, on a large scale. This may increase redemptions from funds that hold large amounts of certain securities and may result in decreased liquidity and increased volatility in the financial markets. Market factors, such as the demand for particular portfolio securities, may cause the price of certain portfolio securities to fall while the prices of other securities rise or remain unchanged. Among other investments, lower-grade bonds and loans may be particularly sensitive to changes in the economy.

#### **Epidemic and Pandemic Risk**

An outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus was first detected in China in late 2019 and subsequently spread globally. This coronavirus has resulted in, and may continue to result in, closed borders, enhanced health screenings, disruptions to healthcare service preparation and delivery, quarantines, cancellations, and disruptions to supply chains, workflow operations and consumer activity, as well as general concern and uncertainty. The impact of this coronavirus has resulted in substantial economic volatility. Health crises caused by outbreaks, such as the coronavirus outbreak, may exacerbate other pre-existing political, social and economic risks. The impact of this outbreak, and other epidemics and pandemics that may arise in the future, could continue to negatively affect the worldwide economy, as well as the economies of individual countries, individual companies, including certain Fund service providers and issuers of the Fund's investments, and the markets in general in significant and unforeseen ways. In addition, governments, their regulatory agencies, or self-regulatory organizations may take actions in response to the pandemic, including significant fiscal and monetary policy changes, that may affect the instruments in which the Fund invests or the issuers of such instruments. Any such impact could adversely affect the Fund's performance.

# **Geopolitical Risk**

Global economic, political and financial conditions, war or other military action or political or economic sanctions, may, from time to time, and for varying periods of time, cause volatility, illiquidity, shareholder repurchase requests, loss of value, or other potentially adverse effects in the financial markets, including the fixed-income market. In particular, as a result of continued political tensions and armed conflicts, including the Russian invasion of Ukraine commencing in February of 2022, the extent and ultimate result of which are unknown at this time, the United States and the European Union, along with the regulatory bodies of a number of countries, have imposed economic sanctions on certain Russian corporate entities and individuals, and certain sectors of Russia's economy, which may result in, among other things, the continued devaluation of Russian currency, a downgrade in the country's credit rating, and/or a decline in the value and liquidity of Russian securities, property or interests. These sanctions could also result in the immediate freeze of Russian securities and/or funds invested in prohibited assets, impairing the ability of a fund to buy, sell, receive or deliver those securities and/or assets. These sanctions or the threat of additional sanctions could also result in Russia taking counter measures or retaliatory actions, which may further impair the value and liquidity of Russian securities. The United States and other nations or international organizations may also impose additional economic sanctions or take other actions that may adversely affect Russia-exposed issuers and companies in various sectors of the Russian economy. Any or all of these potential results could lead Russia's economy into a recession.

Economic sanctions and other actions against Russian institutions, companies, and individuals resulting from the ongoing conflict may also have a substantial negative impact on other economies and securities markets both regionally and globally, as well as on companies with operations in the conflict region, the extent to which is unknown at this time.

#### Risk of Foreign Investing

Foreign securities pose additional risks because foreign economic or political conditions may be less favorable than those of the United States. Securities in foreign markets may also be subject to taxation policies that reduce returns for U.S. investors.

Foreign companies may not provide information (including financial statements) as frequently or to as great an extent as companies in the United States. Foreign companies may also receive less coverage than U.S. companies by market analysts and the financial press. In addition, foreign countries may lack uniform accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards or regulatory requirements comparable to those applicable to U.S. companies. These factors may prevent the Fund and its Adviser from obtaining information concerning foreign companies that is as frequent, extensive and reliable as the information available concerning companies in the United States.

Foreign countries may have restrictions on foreign ownership of securities or may impose exchange controls, capital flow restrictions or repatriation restrictions which could adversely affect the liquidity of the Fund's investments.

Since many loan instruments involve parties (for example, lenders, borrowers and agent banks) located in multiple jurisdictions outside of the United States, there is a risk that a security interest in any related collateral may be unenforceable and obligations under the related loan agreements may not be binding.

### **Currency Risk**

Exchange rates for currencies fluctuate daily. The combination of currency risk and market risks tends to make securities traded in foreign markets more volatile than securities traded exclusively in the United States. The Adviser and Sub-Adviser attempt to manage currency risk by limiting the amount the Fund invests in securities denominated in a particular currency. However, diversification will not protect the Fund against a general increase in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to other currencies.

Investing in currencies or securities denominated in a foreign currency, entails risk of being exposed to a currency that may not fully reflect the strengths and weaknesses of the economy of the country or region utilizing the currency. Currency risk includes both the risk that currencies in which the Fund's investments are traded, or currencies in which the Fund has taken an active investment position, will decline in value relative to the U.S. dollar and, in the case of hedging positions, that the U.S. dollar will decline in value relative to the currency being hedged. In addition, it is possible that a currency (such as, for example, the euro) could be abandoned in the future by countries that have already adopted its use, and the effects of such an abandonment on the applicable country and the rest of the countries utilizing the currency are uncertain but could negatively affect the Fund's investments denominated in the currency. If a currency used by a country or countries is replaced by another currency, the Fund's Adviser and Sub-Adviser would evaluate whether to continue to hold any investments denominated in such currency, or whether to purchase investments denominated in the currency that replaces such currency, at the time. Such investments may continue to be held, or purchased, to the extent consistent with the Fund's investment objective and permitted under applicable law.

Many countries rely heavily upon export-dependent businesses and any strength in the exchange rate between a currency and the U.S. dollar or other currencies can have either a positive or a negative effect upon corporate profits and the performance of investments in the country or region utilizing the currency. Adverse economic events within such country or region may increase the volatility of exchange rates against other currencies, subjecting the Fund's investments denominated in such country's or region's currency to additional risks. In addition, certain countries, particularly emerging market countries, may impose foreign currency exchange controls or other restrictions on the transferability, repatriation or convertibility of currency.

# Leverage Risk

Leverage risk is created when an investment, which includes, for example, an investment in a derivative contract, exposes the Fund to a level of risk that exceeds the amount invested. Changes in the value of such an investment magnify the Fund's risk of loss and potential for gain. Investments can have these same results if their returns are based on a multiple of a specified index, security or other benchmark.

### Risk of Investing in Derivative Contracts and Hybrid Instruments

The Fund may use currency forwards for hedging purposes. In addition, although not generally anticipated, the Fund reserves the flexibility to use other derivative contracts and/or hybrid instruments to implement elements of its investment strategy. The Fund's exposure to derivative contracts and hybrid instruments (either directly or through its investment in another investment company) involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional investments. First, changes in the value of the derivative contracts and hybrid instruments in which the Fund invests may not be correlated with changes in the value of the underlying Reference Instruments or, if they are correlated, may move in the opposite direction than originally anticipated. Second, while some strategies involving derivatives may reduce the risk of loss, they may also reduce potential gains or, in some cases, result in losses by offsetting favorable price movements in portfolio holdings. Third, there is a risk that derivative contracts and hybrid instruments may be erroneously priced or improperly valued and, as a result, the Fund may need to make increased cash payments to the counterparty. Fourth, exposure to derivative contracts and hybrid instruments may have tax consequences to the Fund and its Shareholders. For example, derivative contracts and hybrid instruments may cause the Fund to realize increased ordinary income or short-term capital gains (which are treated as ordinary income for Federal income tax purposes) and, as a result, may increase taxable distributions to Shareholders. In addition, under certain circumstances certain derivative contracts and hybrid instruments may cause the Fund to: (a) incur an excise tax on a portion of the income related to those contracts and instruments; and/or (b) reclassify, as a return of capital, some or all of the distributions previously made to Shareholders during the fiscal year as dividend income. Fifth, a common provision in OTC derivative contracts permits the counterparty to terminate any such contract between it and the Fund, if the value of the Fund's total net assets declines below a specified level over a given time period. Factors that may contribute to such a decline (which usually must be substantial) include significant Shareholder redemptions and/or a marked decrease in the market value of the Fund's investments. Any such termination of the Fund's OTC derivative contracts may adversely affect the Fund (for example, by increasing losses and/or costs, and/or preventing the Fund from fully implementing its investment strategies). Sixth, the Fund may use a derivative contract to benefit from a decline in the value of a Reference Instrument. If the value of the Reference Instrument declines during the term of the contract, the Fund makes a profit on the difference (less any payments the Fund is required to pay under the terms of the contract). Any such strategy involves risk. There is no assurance that the Reference Instrument will decline in value during the term of the contract and make a profit for the Fund. The Reference Instrument may instead appreciate in value creating a loss for the Fund. Seventh, a default or failure by a CCP or an FCM (also sometimes called a "futures broker"), or the failure of a contract to be transferred from an Executing Dealer to the FCM for clearing, may expose the Fund to losses, increase its costs, or prevent the Fund from entering or exiting derivative positions, accessing margin or fully implementing its investment strategies. The central clearing of a derivative and trading of a contract over a SEF could reduce the liquidity in, or increase costs of entering into or holding, any contracts. Finally, derivative contracts and hybrid instruments may also involve other risks described in this Prospectus, such as interest rate, credit, currency, liquidity and leverage risks.

#### **Illiquidity of Shares**

The Fund is a closed-end investment company designed primarily for long-term investors and is not intended to be a trading vehicle. The Fund does not currently intend to list Shares for trading on any national securities exchange. There is no secondary trading market for Shares, and it is not expected that a secondary market will develop. Shares therefore are not readily marketable. Because the Fund is a closed-end investment company, Shares in the Fund may not be tendered for repurchase on a daily basis, and they may not be exchanged for shares of any other fund. Although the Fund, at the discretion of the Board, will consider whether to make periodic repurchase offers of its outstanding Shares at net asset value, Shares are significantly less liquid than shares of funds that trade on a stock exchange. There is no guarantee that you will be able to sell all of your Shares that you desire to sell in any particular repurchase offer.

### Potential Consequences of Regular Repurchase Offers

The Fund's repurchase offer policy may have the effect of decreasing the size of the Fund over time absent significant new investments in the Fund. It may also force the Fund to sell assets it would not otherwise sell and/or to maintain an increased amount of cash or liquid investments at times. It may also reduce the investment opportunities available to the Fund and cause its expense ratio to increase. In addition, because of the limited market for certain of the Fund's private securities, the Fund may be forced to sell its more liquid securities, in order to meet cash requirements for repurchases. This may have the effect of substantially increasing the Fund's ratio of relatively more illiquid securities to relatively more liquid securities for the remaining investors. In addition, the Fund may be required to maintain a portion of its portfolio in cash or cash equivalents. The amount may vary, but typically will be approximately the amount of the outstanding repurchase offers (currently expected to be 5-15% of the net asset value of the Fund). An allocation of cash or cash equivalents above the amount of the outstanding repurchase offers also may be maintained to operate the Fund and effect its investment program. When the Fund holds cash or cash equivalents, it is unable to invest those assets in other investments consistent with its investment objective and investment strategies, and the Fund may receive less returns on such cash and cash equivalents as compared to such other investments. Accordingly, the Fund's performance may be negatively impacted by holding cash or cash equivalents in such amounts.

## Large Shareholder Risk

A significant percentage of the Fund's Shares may be owned or controlled by a large shareholder, such as other funds or accounts, including those of which the Adviser or an affiliate of the Adviser may have investment discretion. Accordingly, the Fund can be subject to the potential for large scale inflows and outflows as a result of purchases and redemptions made by significant shareholders. These inflows and outflows could be significant and, if frequently occurring, could negatively affect the Fund's net asset value and performance and could cause the Fund to buy or sell securities at inopportune times in order to meet purchase or redemption requests. Investments in the Fund by other investment companies also can create conflicts of interests for the Adviser to the Fund and the investment adviser to the acquiring fund. For example, a conflict of interest can arise due to the possibility that the investment adviser to the acquiring fund could make a decision to redeem the acquiring fund's investment in the Fund. In the case of an investment by an affiliated fund, a conflict of interest can arise if, because of the acquiring fund's investment in the Fund, the Fund is able to garner more assets from third-party investors, thereby growing the Fund and increasing the management fees received by the Adviser, which could also be the investment adviser to the acquiring fund.

# **Technology Risk**

The Adviser uses various technologies in managing the Fund, consistent with its investment objective(s) and strategy described in this Prospectus. For example, proprietary and third-party data and systems are utilized to support decision-making for the Fund. Data imprecision, software or other technology malfunctions, programming inaccuracies and similar circumstances may impair the performance of these systems, which may negatively affect Fund performance.

# Summary of Fund Expenses

The purpose of the table below is to help you understand all fees and expenses that you, as a Shareholder, would bear directly or indirectly.

#### **Shareholder Transaction Expenses**

Sales Load paid by you (as a percentage of offering price)	None
Annual Francisco (annual annual annua	
Annual Expenses (percentage of net assets attributable to Shares)	
Management Fee	0.50%
Other Expenses <sup>1</sup>	0.15%
Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses	0.02%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses.	0.67%
Fee Waiver and/or Expense Reimbursements <sup>2</sup>	(0.24)%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Waiver and/or Expense Reimbursements	0.43%

<sup>1 &</sup>quot;Other Expenses" include the Fund's operating expenses, including professional fees, transfer agency fees, administration fees, custody fees, offering costs and other operating expenses and are estimated for the current fiscal year.

#### **EXAMPLE**

The following example illustrates the expenses that you would pay on a \$1,000 investment in Shares, for the time periods indicated and then redeem or hold all of your Shares at the end of those periods assuming (1) total annual expenses of 0.67% of net assets attributable to the Shares and (2) a 5% annual return:\*

1 Year	\$ 7
3 Years	\$21
5 Years	\$37
10 Years	\$83

# The example should not be considered a representation of future expenses. Actual expenses may be higher or lower.

<sup>2</sup> The Adviser and certain of its affiliates on their own initiative have agreed to waive certain amounts of their respective fees and/or reimburse expenses. Total annual fund operating expenses (excluding Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses, interest expense, extraordinary expenses, proxy-related expenses, premiums for risk insurance policies on portfolio securities and certain legal fees related to specific investments paid by the Fund, if any) paid by the Fund's Shares (after the waivers and/or reimbursements) will not exceed 0.40% (the "Fee Limit") up to but not including the later of (the "Termination Date"):
(a) December 1, 2024; or (b) the date of the Fund's next effective Prospectus. While the Adviser and its affiliates currently do not anticipate terminating or increasing these 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 Fund's Board of Trustees.

<sup>\*</sup> The example assumes that the Operating Expenses remain the same for each year, and that all dividends and distributions are reinvested at net asset value. The Example does not reflect sales charges (loads) on reinvested dividends. If these sales charges (loads) were included, your cost would be higher. Actual expenses may be greater or less than those assumed. Moreover, the Fund's actual rate of return may be greater or less than the hypothetical 5% return shown in the example.

# **Financial Information**

The Financial Highlights will help you understand the Fund's financial performance for its past ten fiscal years or since inception, if the life of the Fund is shorter. Some of the information is presented on a per share basis. Total returns represent the rate an investor would have earned (or lost) on an investment in the Fund, assuming reinvestment of any dividends or capital gains.

This information has been audited by KPMG LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with the Fund's audited financial statements, is included in the Annual Report.

# Financial Highlights

(For a Share Outstanding Throughout Each Period)

	Year Ended March 31,				Period Ended		
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	3/31/2017 <sup>1</sup>
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	\$9.80	\$9.92	\$9.71	\$9.98	\$10.00	\$10.02	\$10.01
Income From Investment Operations:							
Net investment income	0.462	$0.19^{2}$	$0.25^{2}$	$0.39^{2}$	0.45	$0.28^{2}$	0.02
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	0.12	(0.11)	0.22	(0.27)	(0.01)	0.02	$0.00^{3}$
TOTAL FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS	0.58	0.08	0.47	0.12	0.44	0.30	0.02
Less Distributions:							
Distributions from net investment income	(0.51)	(0.20)	(0.26)	(0.38)	(0.45)	(0.32)	(0.01)
Distributions from net realized gain	(0.00) <sup>3</sup>	$(0.00)^3$	$(0.00)^3$	(0.01)	(0.01)	$(0.00)^3$	_
TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS	(0.51)	(0.20)	(0.26)	(0.39)	(0.46)	(0.32)	(0.01)
Net Asset Value, End of Period	\$9.87	\$9.80	\$9.92	\$9.71	\$9.98	\$10.00	\$10.02
Total Return <sup>4</sup>	6.07%	0.80%	4.91%	1.13%	4.42%	3.04%	0.22%
Ratios to Average Net Assets:							
Net expenses <sup>5</sup>	0.41%	0.41%	0.71%	0.71%	0.70%	0.67%	0.34%6
Net investment income	4.70%	1.94%	2.57%	3.94%	4.44%	2.74%	1.37%6
Expense waiver/reimbursement <sup>7</sup>	0.24%	0.22%	0.44%	0.32%	0.29%	0.34%	1.72%6
Supplemental Data:							
Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)	\$577,272	\$560,685	\$39,835	\$63,873	\$51,680	\$49,484	\$70,873
Portfolio turnover <sup>8</sup>	52%	36%	47%	73%	57%	39%	4%

<sup>1</sup> Reflects operations for the period from January 31, 2017 (date of initial public investment) to March 31, 2017. During the period prior to date of initial public investment, a distribution of \$0.012 per share was made to the Adviser.

- 2 Per share numbers have been calculated using the average shares method.
- 3 Represents less than \$0.01.
- 4 Based on net asset value. Total returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized.
- 5 Amount does not reflect net expenses incurred by investment companies in which the Fund may invest.
- 6 Computed on an annualized basis.
- 7 This expense decrease is reflected in both the net expense and the net investment income ratios shown above. Amount does not reflect expense waiver/reimbursement recorded by investment companies in which the Fund may invest.
- 8 Securities that mature are considered sales for purposes of this calculation.

Further information about the Fund's performance is contained in the Fund's Annual Report, dated March 31, 2023, which can be obtained free of charge.

# The Fund

The Fund, which commenced operations on December 7, 2016, is a continuously offered, diversified, closed-end management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"). The Fund was organized as a Delaware statutory trust on June 30, 2016, pursuant to a Certificate of Trust, which is governed by the laws of the State of Delaware. The Fund has a limited operating history. The Fund's principal office is located at 4000 Ericsson Drive, Warrendale, Pennsylvania 15086-7561, and its telephone number is 1-855-328-0109. The Fund's investment adviser is Federated Investment Management Company (FIMC or the "Adviser"). Under the supervision of the Adviser and oversight by the Board of Trustees of the Fund (the "Board"), Federated Hermes (UK) LLP (the "Sub-Adviser") will have day-to-day portfolio management responsibilities of the Fund.

# Use of Proceeds

The net proceeds to the Fund will be invested in accordance with the Fund's investment objectives and policies (as stated below) as soon as practicable. The Fund currently anticipates being able to do so, under normal circumstances, within three months after receipt. Pending investment of the net proceeds in accordance with the Fund's investment objectives and policies, the Fund will invest in high-quality, short-term debt securities, cash and/or cash equivalents. Investors should expect, therefore, that before the Fund has fully invested the proceeds of the offering in accordance with its investment objectives and policies, the Fund would earn interest income at a modest rate. If the Fund's investments are delayed, the first planned distribution could consist principally of a return of capital.

# **Investment Objective and Policies**

### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

The investment objective of the Fund is to provide total return primarily from income.

While there is no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective it endeavors to do so by following the strategies and policies described in this Prospectus.

The Fund pursues its investment objective primarily by investing in trade finance, structured trade, export finance, import finance, supply chain financing and project finance assets of entities, including sovereign entities ("trade finance related securities"). Trade finance related securities will be located primarily in, or have exposure to, global emerging markets. Under normal circumstances, the Fund anticipates that approximately 75% or more of its assets may be invested in trade finance related securities of companies or other entities (including sovereign entities) located primarily in or having exposure to global emerging markets. Trade finance transactions refer to the capital needed to buy or sell, or import or export, products or other tangible goods. Project finance transactions are typically used to build something tangible or to expand existing plant capacity to produce more goods for trade; and the Fund typically invests in project finance deals when the project has been largely completed and goods are being produced for export (i.e., transactions are of a short-term nature).

Under normal circumstances, the Fund intends to hold its positions through to maturity. There are no limits on the Fund's average-weighted maturity. However, under normal conditions, the Fund is anticipated to have an average dollar-weighted maturity of not more than 24 months. The Fund's investments in trade finance related securities are often unrated but may also be below investment grade (or "junk" investments).

#### PRIMARY INVESTMENT POLICIES

The Adviser and Sub-Adviser believe that trade finance is a risk mitigated asset class and historically, while trade finance is not immune from default arising from credit or sovereign risk factors, during these periods of financial stress, treatment of trade finance creditors typically has been preferential either formally or informally as a result of:

- The underlying use or purpose of funds (critical imports or key exports, governmental economic priorities, etc.);
- The types of transactional security (export contracts, escrow accounts, inventory, fixed assets, etc.); and
- The recognition of the economic benefit that is derived from trade generally.

For purposes of this Prospectus, the Adviser and Sub-Adviser, are sometimes referred to together, as applicable, as the "Fund's Adviser."

During sovereign and corporate restructurings, trade finance related securities can achieve differentiated treatment in a default and then recovery situation compared to other forms of debt.

The Fund's investments are expected to consist primarily of loans, or similar instruments used to finance domestic and international trade and related infrastructure projects. These are expected to include, but not be limited to, facilities for pre-export finance, process and commodities finance, receivables financing, letters of credit and other documentary credits, promissory notes, bills of exchange and other negotiable instruments. The Fund may engage in such investments by way of purchase, assignment, participation, guarantee, insurance, derivative or any other appropriate financial instrument. The Fund invests only in funded letters of credit and other instruments that do not create unfunded commitments to lend.

The Fund may invest without limitation in securities and obligations for which there is no readily available trading market or which are otherwise illiquid, including trade finance securities and other fixed-income or derivative instruments.

The Fund may also take positions in traditional assets including bonds, (investment-grade or noninvestment-grade (otherwise known as "junk bonds")) debt securities, equities, foreign exchange instruments, as well as derivatives for the purposes set forth below. There can be no assurance that the Fund's use of derivatives will work as intended. Derivative investments made by the Fund are included within the Fund's 80% policy (as described below) and are calculated at market value. The instruments in which the Fund invests may be guaranteed by the U.S. government. A substantial portion of the Fund's investments will be in obligations of non-U.S. issuers or borrowers, including those of issuers in emerging markets.

Under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its net assets, plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, in trade finance related securities. Up to 20% of the Fund's assets may be invested in other types of fixed-income securities and money market instruments as described in this Prospectus. It is the Fund's Adviser's intent to focus the Fund's investments in trade finance related securities.

Because the Fund refers to trade finance related securities in its name, it will notify Shareholders at least 60 days in advance of any change in its investment policies that would enable the Fund to normally invest less than 80% of its net assets, plus the amount of any borrowings for investment purposes, in trade finance related securities.

The Fund's Adviser analyzes the risk-adjusted return characteristics of potential financings and conducts initial expected annual excess return calculations and due diligence analysis of the facility and the obligor to evaluate if they are appropriate investments. Analysis includes:

**Origination.** Assess quality and track record of originator, define originator's role in the transaction and define originator's relationship with the borrower. At this stage, documents are reviewed such as, but not limited to: the offtake contracts, loan agreement, legal opinions, expert consultants' reports, and insurance policies if applicable.

**Obligor.** A thorough review of obligor including, but not limited to: credit analysis, shareholders, market position, access to capital markets and quality of audit/accounting firm. Typically, three years of audited financials and projections are required, among other credit-analysis tools to make this assessment.

**Country.** A country's credit rating, historic treatment of trade flows, the importance of the sector to this country and currency convertibility are all considered.

**Sector.** Evaluated under the following considerations: Strategic priority, critical imports, foreign exchange earner, macro sector themes, and liquidity and tax/tariff issues.

**Mitigants.** The proposed transaction is also evaluated by its ability to mitigate risks such as, but not limited to: country, production, quality, market, operational and payment issues risks, commodity, price, environmental, country and legal. Documentation considerations are also examined closely.

The transaction is then analyzed for its portfolio suitability based upon:

**Deal Structure.** Tenor, grace period, amortization schedule, drawing conditions and financing structure of the deal are thoroughly reviewed.

**Deal Pricing.** Relative value of spreads to market, value for risk and return projections are carefully considered. **Portfolio.** The tenor, yield target and concentration of the Fund's portfolio are carefully considered. Concentration analysis includes region, country, and sector and obligor structure.

# **TEMPORARY INVESTMENTS**

The Fund may temporarily depart from its principal investment strategies by investing its assets in shorter-term debt securities and similar obligations or holding cash. It may do this in response to unusual circumstances, such as: adverse market, economic, or other conditions (for example, to help avoid potential losses, or during periods when there is a shortage of appropriate securities); to maintain liquidity to meet Shareholder redemptions; or to accommodate cash inflows. It is possible that such investments could affect the Fund's investment returns and/or the ability to achieve the Fund's investment objectives.

#### **PRIMARY INVESTMENT TYPES**

The following provides general information on the Fund's principal investments. The Fund's Statement of Additional Information (SAI) provides information about the Fund's non-principal investments and may provide additional information about the Fund's principal investments.

#### **Trade Finance Related Securities**

The Fund's Adviser will attempt to identify opportunities and invest the Fund's assets in trade finance related securities. Specifically, these securities will consist of trade finance, structured trade finance, project finance or export finance transactions where there is a flow of goods or services (typically of a cross-border nature) and a financing need. These trade finance structures are subject to significant individual variation but typical structures may include but not be limited to the following:

**Buyer's credit.** An extension of credit typically made by a bank to a buyer of goods (i.e., importer) to finance the purchase of goods under a commercial contract of sale.

Contract frustration and trade credit indemnity. An insurance policy issued by an insurer in favor of an insured (typically a supplier or a bank) that provides conditional coverage to the insured against loss incurred as a result of non-payment/non-delivery by an obligor involved in a trade transaction.

Cross border leases. Cross border leases, often structured with insignificant residual value.

Export credit agency financing. A loan where an export credit agency act as lender, co-lender or guarantor.

**Import finance.** An extension of credit made to an importer that finances his imports.

**Inventory finance.** An extension of credit made to a borrowing entity (be it an importer or exporter) secured against the physical inventory held and owned by that borrower. The inventory may be held in a warehouse.

**Letter of Credit (L/C).** A written undertaking, or obligation, of a bank made at the request of its customer (usually an importer) to honor or pay an exporter against presentation of trade documents that comply with terms specified in the letter of credit

**Multilateral agency financing.** A loan where a multilateral agency acts as either a lender or a co-lender. Such a loan may benefit from preferred creditor status in the event of shortages of foreign exchange that may be experienced by sovereign governments.

**Pre-export finance.** An extension of credit to an exporter before export of the goods has taken place. This can be secured against the subject goods or sales proceeds, or unsecured.

**Pre-payment agreement.** An extension of credit to an exporter where the source of pay-back is dependent on collections from the end purchaser. The difference between pre-export finance and a pre-payment agreement is that the latter arrangement may involve the buyer of the goods as a contractual party and is in effect a payment for goods in advance of delivery.

**Promissory notes, bills of exchange and other forms of negotiable instrument.** A written promise to pay issued by (or drawn on) an obligor in favor of a beneficiary.

Receivables. Receivables or flows of receivables created in consideration for the transfer of goods and services.

**Supplier Credit.** An extension of credit made by a supplier (or exporter) to an importer to finance a purchase of goods. Banks or other lenders may purchase or participate in the credit instrument if the instrument permits transfer.

Trade finance related loans and other loan assignments and participations. The Fund expects primarily to purchase trade finance loans and other loans by assignment, transfer or novation from a participant in the original syndicate of lenders or from subsequent holders of such interests. When a loan is assigned, transferred or novated, the Fund generally is a lender of record on the loan agreement and has full voting rights per the loan agreement. The Fund may also purchase participations on a primary basis from a mandated lead arranger during the formation of the original syndicate making such loans. Loan participations typically represent direct participations in a loan to a corporate or other borrower, and generally are offered by banks or other financial institutions or on behalf of themselves or the lending syndicate. The Fund may participate in such syndications, or can buy part of a loan, becoming a part lender. When purchasing loan participations, the Fund assumes the credit risk associated with the corporate or other borrower and may assume the credit or counterparty risk associated with an interposed bank or other financial intermediary. In addition, the Fund will be subject to the requirements of each loan agreement, which may differ. Typically, however, taking action under a loan agreement requires action by more than one lender and, generally, no one lender, unless they are at least a majority lender, can act unilaterally.

#### **Fixed-Income Securities**

Fixed-income securities pay interest, dividends or distributions at a specified rate. The rate may be a fixed percentage of the principal or may be adjusted periodically. In addition, the issuer of a fixed-income security must repay the principal amount of the security, normally within a specified time. Fixed-income securities provide more regular income than equity securities. However, the returns on fixed-income securities are limited and normally do not increase with the issuer's earnings. This limits the potential appreciation of fixed-income securities as compared to equity securities.

A security's yield measures the annual income earned on a security as a percentage of its price. A security's yield will increase or decrease depending upon whether it costs less (a "discount") or more (a "premium") than the principal amount. If the issuer may redeem the security before its scheduled maturity, the price and yield on a discount or premium security may change based upon the probability of an early redemption. Securities with higher risks generally have higher yields.

The following describes the fixed-income securities in which the Fund principally invests:

### Treasury Securities (A Fixed-Income Security)

Treasury securities are direct obligations of the federal government of the United States. Treasury securities are generally regarded as having minimal credit risks.

### **Government Securities (A Fixed-Income Security)**

Government securities are issued or guaranteed by a federal agency or instrumentality acting under federal authority. Some government securities, including those issued by Government National Mortgage Association ("Ginnie Mae"), are supported by the full faith and credit of the United States and are guaranteed only as to the timely payment of interest and principal.

Other government securities receive support through federal subsidies, loans or other benefits, but are not backed by the full faith and credit of the United States. For example, the U.S. Treasury is authorized to purchase specified amounts of securities issued by (or otherwise make funds available to) the Federal Home Loan Bank System, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("Freddie Mac") and Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae") in support of such obligations.

Some government agency securities have no explicit financial support and are supported only by the credit of the applicable agency, instrumentality or corporation. The U.S. government has provided financial support to Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, but there is no assurance that it will support these or other agencies in the future.

The Fund treats mortgage-backed securities guaranteed by a federal agency or instrumentality as government securities. Although such a guarantee protects against credit risk, it does not eliminate it entirely or reduce other risks.

# **Corporate Debt Securities (A Fixed-Income Security)**

Corporate debt securities are fixed-income securities issued by businesses. Notes, bonds, debentures and commercial paper are the most prevalent types of corporate debt securities. The Fund may also purchase interests in bank loans to companies. The credit risks of corporate debt securities vary widely among issuers.

In addition, the credit risk of an issuer's debt security may vary based on its priority for repayment. For example, higher ranking ("senior") debt securities have a higher priority than lower ranking ("subordinated") securities. This means that the issuer might not make payments on subordinated securities while continuing to make payments on senior securities. In addition, in the event of bankruptcy, holders of senior securities may receive amounts otherwise payable to the holders of subordinated securities. Some subordinated securities, such as trust-preferred and capital-securities notes, also permit the issuer to defer payments under certain circumstances. For example, insurance companies issue securities known as surplus notes that permit the insurance company to defer any payment that would reduce its capital below regulatory requirements.

# Asset-Backed Securities (A Fixed-Income Security)

Asset-backed securities are payable from pools of obligations other than mortgages. Most asset-backed securities involve consumer or commercial debts with maturities of less than 10 years. However, almost any type of fixed-income assets (including other fixed-income securities) may be used to create an asset-backed security. Asset-backed securities may take the form of notes or pass-through certificates.

# Lower-Rated, Fixed-Income Securities

Lower-rated, fixed-income securities are securities rated below investment grade (i.e., BB or lower) by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization (NRSRO). There is no minimal acceptable rating for a security to be purchased or held by the Fund and the Fund may purchase or hold unrated securities and securities whose issuers are in default.

### **Foreign Securities**

Foreign securities are securities of issuers based outside the United States. To the extent a Fund invests in securities included in its applicable broad-based securities market index, the Fund may consider an issuer to be based outside the United States if the applicable index classifies the issuer as based outside the United States. Accordingly, the Fund may consider an issuer to be based outside the United States if the issuer satisfies at least one, but not necessarily all, of the following:

- it is organized under the laws of, or has its principal office located in, another country;
- the principal trading market for its securities is in another country;
- it (directly or through its consolidated subsidiaries) derived in its most current fiscal year at least 50% of its total assets, capitalization, gross revenue or profit from goods produced, services performed or sales made in another country; or
- it is classified by an applicable index as based outside the United States.

Foreign securities are primarily denominated in foreign currencies. Along with the risks normally associated with domestic securities of the same type, foreign securities are subject to currency risks and risks of foreign investing. Trading in certain foreign markets is also subject to liquidity risks.

### Foreign Government Securities (A Type of Foreign Fixed-Income Security)

Foreign government securities generally consist of fixed-income securities supported by national, state or provincial governments or similar political subdivisions. Foreign government securities also include debt obligations of supranational entities, such as international organizations designed or supported by governmental entities to promote economic reconstruction or development, international banking institutions and related government agencies. Examples of these include, but are not limited to, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the "World Bank"), the Asian Development Bank, the European Investment Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank.

Foreign government securities also include fixed-income securities of quasi-governmental agencies that are either issued by entities owned by a national, state or equivalent government or are obligations of a political unit that are not backed by the national government's full faith and credit. Further, foreign government securities include mortgage-related securities issued or guaranteed by national, state or provincial governmental instrumentalities, including quasi-governmental agencies.

#### Foreign Exchange Contracts

In order to convert U.S. dollars into the currency needed to buy a foreign security, or to convert foreign currency received from the sale of a foreign security into U.S. dollars, the Fund may enter into spot currency trades. In a spot trade, the Fund agrees to exchange one currency for another at the current exchange rate. The Fund may also enter into derivative contracts in which a foreign currency is an underlying asset. The exchange rate for currency derivative contracts may be higher or lower than the spot exchange rate. Use of these derivative contracts may increase or decrease the Fund's exposure to currency risks.

#### **Derivative Contracts**

Derivative contracts are financial instruments that derive their value from underlying securities, commodities, currencies, indices, or other assets or instruments, including other derivative contracts (each a "Reference Instrument" and collectively, "Reference Instruments"). The most common types of derivative contracts are swaps, futures and options, and major asset classes include interest rates, equities, commodities and foreign exchange. Each party to a derivative contract may sometimes be referred to as a "counterparty." Some derivative contracts require payments relating to an actual, future trade involving the Reference Instrument. These types of derivatives are frequently referred to as "physically settled" derivatives. Other derivative contracts require payments relating to the income or returns from, or changes in the market value of, a Reference Instrument. These types of derivatives are known as "cash-settled" derivatives since they require cash payments in lieu of delivery of the Reference Instrument.

Many derivative contracts are traded on exchanges. In these circumstances, the relevant exchange sets all the terms of the contract except for the price. Parties to an exchange-traded derivative contract make payments through the exchange. Most exchanges require traders to maintain margin accounts through their brokers to cover their potential obligations to the exchange. Parties to the contract make (or collect) daily payments to the margin accounts to reflect losses (or gains) in the value of their contracts. This protects traders against a potential default by their counterparty. Trading contracts on an exchange also allows traders to hedge or mitigate certain risks or carry out more complex trading strategies by entering into offsetting contracts.

The Fund may also trade derivative contracts over-the-counter (OTC), meaning off-exchange, in transactions negotiated directly between the Fund and an eligible counterparty, which may be a financial institution. OTC contracts do not necessarily have standard terms, so they may be less liquid and more difficult to close out than exchange-traded derivative contracts. In addition, OTC contracts with more specialized terms may be more difficult to value than exchange-traded contracts, especially in times of financial stress.

The market for swaps and other OTC derivatives was largely unregulated prior to the enactment of federal legislation known as the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the "Dodd-Frank Act"). Regulations enacted by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "CFTC") under the Dodd-Frank Act require the Fund to clear certain types of swap contracts (including certain interest rate and credit default swaps) through a central clearinghouse known as a derivatives clearing organization (DCO).

To clear a swap through a DCO, the Fund will submit the contract to, and post margin with, a futures commission merchant (FCM) that is a clearinghouse member. The Fund may enter into the swap with a counterparty other than the FCM and arrange for the contract to be transferred to the FCM for clearing or enter into the contract with the FCM itself. If the Fund must centrally clear a transaction, the CFTC's regulations also generally require that the swap be executed on a registered exchange (either a designated contract market (DCM) or swap execution facility (SEF)). Central clearing is presently required only for certain swaps; the CFTC is expected to impose a mandatory central clearing requirement for additional derivative instruments over time.

DCOs, DCMs, SEFs and FCMs are all subject to regulatory oversight by the CFTC. In addition, certain derivative market participants that act as market makers and engage in a significant amount of "dealing" activity are also required to register as swap dealers with the CFTC. Among other things, swap dealers are subject to minimum capital requirements and business conduct standards and must also post and collect initial and variation margin on uncleared swaps with certain of their counterparties. Because of this, if the Fund enters into uncleared swaps with any swap dealers, it may be subject to initial and variation margin requirements that could impact the Fund's ability to enter into swaps in the OTC market, including making transacting in uncleared swaps significantly more expensive.

At this point in time, most of the Dodd-Frank Act has been fully implemented, though a small number of remaining rulemakings are unfinished or are subject to phase-in periods. Any future regulatory or legislative activity would not necessarily have a direct, immediate effect upon the Fund, though it is within the realm of possibility that, upon implementation of these measures or any future measures, they could potentially limit or completely restrict the ability of the Fund to use these instruments as a part of its investment strategy, increase the costs of using these instruments or make them less effective.

Depending on how the Fund uses derivative contracts and the relationships between the market value of a derivative contract and the Reference Instrument, derivative contracts may increase or decrease the Fund's exposure to the risks of the Reference Instrument and may also expose the Fund to liquidity and leverage risks. OTC contracts also expose the Fund to credit risks in the event that a counterparty defaults on the contract, although this risk may be mitigated by submitting the contract for clearing through a DCO, or certain other factors, such as collecting margin from the counterparty.

As discussed above, a counterparty's exposure under a derivative contract may in some cases be required to be secured with initial and/or variation margin (a form of "collateral").

The Fund may invest in a derivative contract if it is permitted to own, invest in, or otherwise have economic exposure to the Reference Instrument. The Fund is not required to own a Reference Instrument in order to buy or sell a derivative contract relating to that Reference Instrument. The Fund may trade in the following specific types and/or combinations of derivative contracts:

# **Futures Contracts (A Type of Derivative)**

Futures contracts provide for the future sale by one party and purchase by another party of a specified amount of a Reference Instrument at a specified price, date and time. Entering into a contract to buy a Reference Instrument is commonly referred to as buying a contract or holding a long position in the asset. Entering into a contract to sell a Reference Instrument is commonly referred to as selling a contract or holding a short position in the Reference Instrument. Futures contracts are considered to be commodity contracts. The Adviser has claimed an exclusion from the definition of the term "commodity pool operator" under the Commodity Exchange Act with respect to the Fund and, therefore, is not subject to registration or regulation as a commodity pool operator under the Act with respect to the Fund. Futures contracts traded OTC are frequently referred to as forward contracts. The Fund can buy or sell financial futures (such as interest rate futures, index futures and security futures), as well as, currency futures and currency forward contracts.

#### **Option Contracts (A Type of Derivative)**

Option contracts (also called "options") are rights to buy or sell a Reference Instrument for a specified price (the "exercise price") during, or at the end of, a specified period. The seller (or "writer") of the option receives a payment, or premium, from the buyer, which the writer keeps regardless of whether the buyer uses (or "exercises") the option. A call option gives the holder (buyer) the right to buy the Reference Instrument from the seller (writer) of the option. A put option gives the holder the right to sell the Reference Instrument to the writer of the option. Options may be bought or sold on a wide variety of Reference Instruments. Options that are written on futures contracts will be subject to margin requirements similar to those applied to futures contracts.

### Swap Contracts (A Type of Derivative)

A swap contract (also known as a "swap") is a type of derivative contract in which two parties agree to pay each other (swap) the returns derived from Reference Instruments. Swaps do not always involve the delivery of the Reference Instruments by either party, and the parties might not own the Reference Instruments underlying the swap. The payments are usually made on a net basis so that, on any given day, the Fund would receive (or pay) only the amount by which its payment under the contract is less than (or exceeds) the amount of the other party's payment. Swap agreements are sophisticated instruments that can take many different forms and are known by a variety of names. Common types of swaps in which the Fund may invest include, interest rate swaps, caps and floors, total return swaps, credit default swaps and currency swaps.

#### Other Investments, Transactions, Techniques

#### **Hybrid Instruments**

Hybrid instruments combine elements of two different kinds of securities or financial instruments (such as a derivative contract). Frequently, the value of a hybrid instrument is determined by reference to changes in the value of a Reference Instrument (that is a designated security, commodity, currency, index or other asset or instrument including a derivative contract). The Fund may use hybrid instruments only in connection with permissible investment activities. Hybrid instruments can take on many forms including, but not limited to, the following forms. First, a common form of a hybrid instrument combines elements of a derivative contract with those of another security (typically a fixed-income security). In this case all or a portion of the interest or principal payable on a hybrid security is determined by reference to changes in the price of a Reference Instrument. Second, hybrid instruments may include convertible securities with conversion terms related to a Reference Instrument.

Depending on the type and terms of the hybrid instrument, its risks may reflect a combination of the risks of investing in the Reference Instrument with the risks of investing in other securities, currencies and derivative contracts. Thus, an investment in a hybrid instrument may entail significant risks in addition to those associated with traditional investments or the Reference Instrument. Hybrid instruments are also potentially more volatile than traditional securities or the Reference Instrument. Moreover, depending on the structure of the particular hybrid, it may expose the Fund to leverage risks or carry liquidity risks.

# **Derivatives Regulation and Asset Coverage**

The regulation of the U.S. and non-U.S. derivatives markets has undergone substantial change in recent years and such change may continue. In addition, effective August 19, 2022, Rule 18f-4 (the "Derivatives Rule") under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), replaced the asset segregation framework previously used by funds to comply with limitations on leverage imposed by the 1940 Act. The Derivatives Rule generally mandates that a fund either limit derivatives exposure to 10% or less of its net assets, or in the alternative implement: (i) limits on leverage calculated based value-at-risk (VAR); (ii) a written derivatives risk management program (DRMP) administered by a derivatives risk manager appointed by the Fund's Board, including a majority of the independent Board members, that is periodically reviewed by the Board; and (iii) new reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

#### **Investment Ratings for Investment-Grade Securities**

The Fund's Adviser will determine whether a security is investment grade based upon the credit ratings given by one or more nationally recognized statistical rating organizations (NRSROs). For example, Standard & Poor's, an NRSRO, assigns ratings to investment-grade securities (AAA, AA, A and BBB) based on their assessment of the likelihood of the issuer's inability to pay interest or principal (default) when due on each security. Lower credit ratings correspond to higher credit risk. If a security has not received a rating, the Fund must rely entirely upon the Fund's Adviser's credit assessment that the security is comparable to investment grade. If a security is downgraded below the minimum quality grade discussed above, the Fund's Adviser will reevaluate the security, but will not be required to sell it.

#### **Investment Ratings for NonInvestment-Grade Securities**

Noninvestment-grade securities are rated below BBB- by an NRSRO. These bonds have greater economic, credit and liquidity risks than investment-grade securities.

#### **Illiquid Securities**

Illiquid securities are securities that the fund reasonably expects cannot be sold or disposed of in current market conditions in seven calendar days or less without the sale or disposition significantly changing the market value of the investment. These may include private placements, repurchase agreements that the Fund cannot dispose of within seven days, and securities eligible for resale under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933.

#### **Investing in Securities of Other Investment Companies**

The Fund may invest its assets in securities of other investment companies, including the securities of affiliated money market funds, as an efficient means of implementing its investment strategies, managing its uninvested cash and/or other investment reasons consistent with the Fund's investment objective and investment strategies. These other investment companies, which may include shares of an affiliated fund, including a money market fund, are managed independently of the Fund and incur additional fees and/or expenses which would, therefore, be borne indirectly by the Fund in connection with any such investment. These investments also can create conflicts of interest for the Adviser to the Fund and the investment adviser to the acquired fund. For example, a conflict of interest can arise due to the possibility that the Adviser to the Fund could make a decision to redeem the Fund's investment in the acquired fund. In the case of an investment in an affiliated fund, a conflict of interest can arise if, because of the Fund's investment in the acquired fund, the acquired fund is able to garner more assets, thereby growing the acquired fund and increasing the management fees received by the investment adviser to the acquired fund, which would either be the Adviser or an affiliate of the Adviser. However, the Adviser believes that the benefits and efficiencies of making investments in other investment companies should outweigh the potential additional fees and/or expenses and resulting conflicts of interest. The Fund may invest in money market securities directly.

#### Additional Information Regarding the Security Selection Process

As part of analysis in its security selection process, among other factors, the Adviser also evaluates whether environmental, social and governance factors could have positive or negative impact on the risk profiles of many issuers or guarantors in the universe of securities in which the Fund may invest. The Adviser may also consider information derived from active engagements conducted by its in-house stewardship team with certain issuers or guarantors on environmental, social and governance topics. This qualitative analysis does not automatically result in including or excluding specific securities but may be used by Federated Hermes as an additional input in its primary analysis.

## Risk Factors

An investment in the Fund involves investment risks. Therefore, it is possible to lose some or all of your money by investing in the Fund. The following provides general information on the risks associated with the Fund's principal investments. Any additional risks associated with the Fund's non-principal investments are described in the Fund's SAI. The Fund's SAI also may provide additional information about the risks associated with the Fund's principal investments.

#### RISK OF INVESTING IN TRADE FINANCE RELATED SECURITIES

The Fund pursues its investment objective by investing primarily in trade finance, structured trade finance, export finance and project finance or related obligations of companies or other entities (including sovereign entities) located primarily in or having exposure to global emerging markets. As such, the Fund is subject to all of the risks typical to investments generally made in emerging markets, in addition to risks specific to the trade finance asset class.

**Emerging Markets.** The Fund will make investments in emerging markets. Investors should be aware that the risks associated with an investment in emerging markets are higher than those attached to similar investments in developed countries. Investment in emerging markets involves risk factors and special considerations which may not be typically associated with investing in more developed markets and are likely to include but not be restricted to the following:

Political and Economic Factors: Political and economic change and instability may be more likely to occur and have a greater effect on the economies and markets of emerging countries. Government policies, taxation, restrictions on foreign investment and on currency convertibility and repatriation, currency fluctuations and other developments in the laws and regulations of the relevant country could result in losses. In the event of nationalization, expropriation, or other confiscation, the Fund could lose its entire investment in a foreign security.

Status of Loan Markets: In comparison with more developed primary and secondary loan markets, the emerging market loan market is smaller, may experience reduced liquidity and as a result potentially more volatile securities prices. This may result in greater volatility in the net asset value of the Fund than would be the case if the investments were made in more developed markets. In addition, different transaction settlement and clearing procedures, safe custody and registration procedures may be underdeveloped enhancing the chance of an error, fraud or default, causing losses to the Fund. Such underdeveloped procedures may be unable to keep pace with the volume of securities transactions or otherwise make it difficult to engage in such transactions. In addition, custodial expenses for emerging market securities are generally higher than for developed market securities.

Legal Considerations: The legal infrastructure and accounting, auditing and reporting standards in emerging markets may not provide the same degree of investor information or protection as would generally apply in more developed markets. Certain investments in particular emerging markets may be subject to restrictions which may limit the availability of attractive investment opportunities to the Fund. Furthermore, emerging markets are generally not as efficient as those in more developed countries. In some cases, a market for the security may not exist locally and therefore transactions may need to be made on a neighboring exchange.

Costs: Emerging markets securities may incur brokerage or stock transfer taxes or other withholding taxes levied by foreign governments which may have the effect of increasing the cost of investment and which may reduce the realized gain or increase the loss on such securities at the time of sale.

*Regulation:* The issuers of emerging markets securities or borrowers in emerging market countries, such as companies, banks and other financial institutions, may be subject to less stringent regulation than would be the case for issuers in developed countries, and therefore potentially carry greater risk.

Accounting Reporting Standards: The issuers of emerging market securities or borrowers in emerging market countries, such as companies, banks and other financial institutions, may be subject to local accounting and audit practices. These may differ from international accounting practices leading to a greater risk of financial misreporting or misrepresentation.

Credit Ratings: Emerging market loans are often unrated but may also be below investment grade (or "junk" investments). The market values of corporate loans rated below investment grade and comparable unrated securities tend to be more sensitive to company-specific developments and changes in economic conditions than for higher rated securities. Issuers of these securities are often highly leveraged, so that their ability to service debt obligations during an economic downturn may be impaired. In addition, such issuers may not have more traditional methods of financing available to them, and may be unable to repay debt at maturity by refinancing. The risk of loss due to default in payment of interest or principal by such issuers is significantly greater than in the case of investment-grade securities. These securities may be subordinated to the prior payment of senior or secured indebtedness.

Taxation: Taxation of interest received by the Fund with respect to emerging market borrowers may be subject to foreign taxes that may or may not be reclaimable. Trade finance related securities may include methods to minimize such risks but no assurance can be given that such techniques will be successful. In addition, markets in which the Fund invests may have less well developed or defined tax laws and procedures than in more developed markets and this may adversely affect the level of tax suffered by investment in those markets. This may also include the imposition of retroactive taxation which had not reasonably been anticipated in the valuation of the assets of the Fund. This may result in uncertainty which could necessitate significant provisions being made for foreign taxes in the calculation of the NAV of the Fund. The Fund intends to elect to be treated and to qualify each year as a RIC under the Code. In order to qualify as a RIC, the Fund must meet certain requirements regarding the source of its income and the diversification of its assets. Interest received by the Fund in connection with its trade finance related investments will be qualifying income for purposes of such requirements, but income from engaging in lending or other business activities would not be qualifying income. The Fund must take into account the distinction between these types of income in structuring its participation in trade finance related investments.

Additional risks associated with investing in foreign securities, and emerging markets in particular, are discussed below under "Risks of Foreign Investing."

**Transportation and Warehousing Risk.** Because of the transaction structuring involved, certain of the Fund's investments will be backed by commodities or other trade finance goods in transit or held in warehouses or physical assets such as plant or land. Negligence and fraud are always significant risks in transactions involving the financing of such assets. The Fund may use methods to minimize such risks but no assurance can be given that such efforts will be successful.

**Legal Risk.** Laws in emerging markets may be less sophisticated than in developed countries. Accordingly the Fund may be subject to additional legal risks concerning its investments in the underlying trade finance related security and in particular the effectiveness of various legal contracts that form the trade finance related security such as loan documentation, local law security agreements and collateral management arrangements. These include, but are not limited to, inadequate investor protection, unclear or contradictory legislation or regulations and lack of enforcement thereof,

ignorance or breach of legislation or regulations on the part of other market participants, lack of legal redress and breaches of confidentiality. It may be difficult to obtain and enforce a judgment in certain emerging markets against borrowers or against local assets which provide collateral or security in support of a specific investment in a trade finance related security in which the Fund may be invested.

**Collateral Price Risk.** Many investment transactions may be supported or secured by underlying collateral, which may include primary commodities, and other secondary or tertiary goods or physical assets. The price of this commodity or asset collateral may be highly volatile in terms of value or subject to illiquidity at the time of a required sale.

**Liquidity.** Trade finance investments are not listed on any stock exchange or securities market, and the established or recognized market (if any) for the investments may be relatively small and/or poorly developed, therefore trades may only be executed on a matched bargain basis and prices may not be published or be readily available from an independent price source.

**Market Risk.** The profitability of the investment strategy of the Fund may depend on correct assessments of the future course of credit spreads of trade finance loans and other investments by the Fund's Adviser. There can be no assurance that the Fund's Adviser will be able to accurately predict such price movements.

**Specificity of Certain Investments.** Certain securities in particular jurisdictions may only be held by entities (often banks) resident in those jurisdictions, and not directly by the Fund. Depending on the existence or otherwise and local interpretation of trust or fiduciary laws in the relevant jurisdiction, the Fund may have the risk of such entity holding or registering such security. In the event of the insolvency of such an entity, the Fund may only rank as an unsecured creditor and the whole or part of such security may be lost.

The Fund may also acquire participations, sub-participations or other interests in emerging market debt, where the additional performance risk of the grantor of such interest will be taken, as well as the risk of the underlying emerging market debt. In the event of the insolvency of the grantor, the relevant Fund would only rank as an unsecured creditor and the whole or part of the relevant investments may be lost.

#### **INTEREST RATE RISK**

Prices of fixed-income securities rise and fall in response to changes in interest rates. Generally, when interest rates rise, prices of fixed-income securities fall. However, market factors, such as the demand for particular fixed-income securities, may cause the price of certain fixed-income securities to fall while the prices of other securities rise or remain unchanged.

The longer the duration of a fixed-income security, the more susceptible it is to interest rate risk. The duration of a fixed-income security may be equal to or shorter than the stated maturity of a fixed-income security. Recent and potential future changes in monetary policy made by central banks and/or their governments are likely to affect the level of interest rates. Duration measures the price sensitivity of a fixed-income security given a change in interest rates. For example, if a fixed-income security has an effective duration of three years, a 1% increase in general interest rates would be expected to cause the security's value to decline about 3% while a 1% decrease in general interest rates would be expected to cause the security's value to increase about 3%.

#### **ISSUER CREDIT RISK**

It is possible that interest or principal on securities will not be paid when due. Noninvestment-grade securities generally have a higher default risk than investment-grade securities. Such non-payment or default may reduce the value of the Fund's portfolio holdings, its share price and its performance.

Many fixed-income securities receive credit ratings from nationally recognized statistical rating organizations (NRSROs) such as Fitch Rating Service, Moody's Investor Services, Inc. and Standard & Poor's that assign ratings to securities by assessing the likelihood of an issuer and/or guarantor default. Higher credit ratings correspond to lower perceived credit risk and lower credit ratings correspond to higher perceived credit risk. Credit ratings may be upgraded or downgraded from time to time as an NRSRO's assessment of the financial condition of a party obligated to make payments with respect to such securities and credit risk changes. The impact of any credit rating downgrade can be uncertain. Credit rating downgrades may lead to increased interest rates and volatility in financial markets, which in turn could negatively affect the value of the Fund's portfolio holdings, its share price and its investment performance. Credit ratings are not a guarantee of quality. Credit ratings may lag behind the current financial conditions of the issuer and/or guarantor and do not provide assurance against default or other loss of money. Credit ratings do not protect against a decline in the value of a security. If a security has not received a rating, the Fund must rely entirely upon the Adviser's credit assessment.

Fixed-income securities generally compensate for greater credit risk by paying interest at a higher rate. The difference between the yield of a security and the yield of a U.S. Treasury security or other appropriate benchmark with a comparable maturity (the "spread") measures the additional interest paid for risk. Spreads may increase generally in response to adverse economic or market conditions. A security's spread may also increase if the security's rating is lowered, or the security is perceived to have an increased credit risk. An increase in the spread will cause the price of the security to decline if interest rates remain unchanged.

#### **COUNTERPARTY CREDIT RISK**

Credit risk includes the possibility that a party to a transaction involving the Fund will fail to meet its obligations. This could cause the Fund to lose money or to lose the benefit of the transaction or prevent the Fund from selling or buying other securities to implement its investment strategy.

#### PREPAYMENT AND EXTENSION RISK

During periods of declining interest rates or for other purposes, borrowers may exercise their option to prepay principal earlier than scheduled which may force the Fund to reinvest in lower-yielding debt instruments. Also, when interest rates fall, the price of mortgage-backed securities may not rise to as great an extent as that of other fixed-income securities. When interest rates rise, borrowers are less likely to prepay principal. A decreased rate of prepayments lengthens the expected maturity of a mortgage-backed security, and the price of mortgage-backed securities may decrease more than the price of other fixed-income securities when interest rates rise.

#### **CALL RISK**

Call risk is the possibility that an issuer may redeem a fixed-income security before maturity (a "call") at a price below its current market price. An increase in the likelihood of a call may reduce the security's price.

If a fixed-income security is called, the Fund may have to reinvest the proceeds in other fixed-income securities with lower interest rates, higher credit risks or other less favorable characteristics.

#### LIQUIDITY RISK

Trading opportunities are more limited for fixed-income securities that have not received any credit ratings, have received any credit ratings below investment grade or are not widely held. These features may make it more difficult to sell or buy a security at a favorable price or time. Consequently, the Fund may have to accept a lower price to sell a security, sell other securities to raise cash or give up an investment opportunity, any of which could have a negative effect on the Fund's performance. Infrequent trading of securities may also lead to an increase in their price volatility. Noninvestment-grade securities generally have less liquidity than investment-grade securities.

Liquidity risk also refers to the possibility that the Fund may not be able to sell a security or close out a derivative contract when it wants to. If this happens, the Fund will be required to continue to hold the security or keep the position open, and the Fund could incur losses.

OTC derivative contracts generally carry greater liquidity risk than exchange-traded contracts. This risk may be increased in times of financial stress, if the trading market for OTC derivative contracts becomes restricted.

Loan instruments may not be readily marketable and may be subject to restrictions on resale. In some cases, negotiations involved in disposing of loans may require weeks to complete. Thus, transactions in loan instruments may take longer than seven days to settle. This could pose a liquidity risk to the Fund and, if the Fund's exposure to such investments is substantial, could impair the Fund's ability to meet shareholder redemptions in a timely manner. Additionally, collateral on loan instruments may consist of assets that may not be readily liquidated, and there is no assurance that the liquidation of such assets will satisfy a borrower's obligations under the instrument. Loans and other forms of indebtedness may be structured such that they are not securities under securities laws. As such, it is unclear whether loans and other forms of direct indebtedness offer securities law protections, such as those against fraud and misrepresentation. In the absence of definitive regulatory guidance, while there can be no assurance that fraud or misrepresentation will not occur with respect to the loans and other investments in which the Fund invests, the Fund relies on the Adviser's research in an attempt to seek to avoid situations where fraud or misrepresentation could adversely affect the Fund.

#### RISK ASSOCIATED WITH NONINVESTMENT-GRADE SECURITIES

Securities rated below investment grade, also known as junk bonds, generally entail greater economic, credit and liquidity risks than investment-grade securities. For example, their prices are more volatile, economic downturns and financial setbacks may affect their prices more negatively, and their trading market may be more limited. These securities are considered speculative with respect to the issuer's ability to pay interest and repay principal.

#### **SECTOR RISK**

Companies with similar characteristics may be grouped together in broad categories called sectors. Sector risk is the possibility that a certain sector may underperform other sectors or the market as a whole. As the Adviser allocates more of the Fund's portfolio holdings to a particular sector, the Fund's performance will be more susceptible to any economic, business or other developments which generally affect that sector.

#### **RISK RELATED TO THE ECONOMY**

The value of the Fund's portfolio may decline in tandem with a drop in the overall value of the markets in which the Fund invests and/or other markets based on negative developments in the U.S. and global economies. Economic, political and financial conditions, or industry or economic trends and developments, may, from time to time, and for varying periods of time, cause volatility, illiquidity or other potentially adverse effects in the financial markets, including the fixed-income market. The commencement, continuation or ending of government policies and economic stimulus programs, changes in monetary policy, increases or decreases in interest rates, or other factors or events that affect the financial markets, including the fixed-income markets, may contribute to the development of or increase in volatility, illiquidity, shareholder redemptions and other adverse effects, which could negatively impact the Fund's performance. For example, the value of certain portfolio securities may rise or fall in response to changes in interest rates, which could result from a change in government policies, and has the potential to cause investors to move out of certain portfolio securities, including fixed-income securities, on a large scale. This may increase redemptions from funds that hold large amounts of certain securities and may result in decreased liquidity and increased volatility in the financial markets. Market factors, such as the demand for particular portfolio securities, may cause the price of certain portfolio securities to fall while the prices of other securities rise or remain unchanged. Among other investments, lower-grade bonds and loans may be particularly sensitive to changes in the economy.

### **Epidemic and Pandemic Risk**

An outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus was first detected in China in late 2019 and subsequently spread globally. This coronavirus has resulted in, and may continue to result in, closed borders, enhanced health screenings, disruptions to healthcare service preparation and delivery, quarantines, cancellations, and disruptions to supply chains, workflow operations and consumer activity, as well as general concern and uncertainty. The impact of this coronavirus has resulted in substantial economic volatility. Health crises caused by outbreaks, such as the coronavirus outbreak, may exacerbate other pre-existing political, social and economic risks. The impact of this outbreak, and other epidemics and pandemics that may arise in the future, could continue to negatively affect the worldwide economy, as well as the economies of individual countries, individual companies, including certain Fund service providers and issuers of the Fund's investments, and the markets in general in significant and unforeseen ways. In addition, governments, their regulatory agencies, or self-regulatory organizations may take actions in response to the pandemic, including significant fiscal and monetary policy changes, that may affect the instruments in which the Fund invests or the issuers of such instruments. Any such impact could adversely affect the Fund's performance.

#### **Geopolitical Risk**

Global economic, political and financial conditions, war or other military action or political or economic sanctions, may, from time to time, and for varying periods of time, cause volatility, illiquidity, shareholder repurchase requests, loss of value, or other potentially adverse effects in the financial markets, including the fixed-income market. In particular, as a result of continued political tensions and armed conflicts, including the Russian invasion of Ukraine commencing in February of 2022, the extent and ultimate result of which are unknown at this time, the United States and the European Union, along with the regulatory bodies of a number of countries, have imposed economic sanctions on certain Russian corporate entities and individuals, and certain sectors of Russia's economy, which may result in, among other things, the continued devaluation of Russian currency, a downgrade in the country's credit rating, and/or a decline in the value and liquidity of Russian securities, property or interests. These sanctions could also result in the immediate freeze of Russian securities and/or funds invested in prohibited assets, impairing the ability of a fund to buy, sell, receive or deliver those securities and/or assets. These sanctions or the threat of additional sanctions could also result in Russia taking counter measures or retaliatory actions, which may further impair the value and liquidity of Russian securities. The United States and other nations or international organizations may also impose additional economic sanctions or take other actions that may adversely affect Russia-exposed issuers and companies in various sectors of the Russian economy. Any or all of these potential results could lead Russia's economy into a recession.

Economic sanctions and other actions against Russian institutions, companies, and individuals resulting from the ongoing conflict may also have a substantial negative impact on other economies and securities markets both regionally and globally, as well as on companies with operations in the conflict region, the extent to which is unknown at this time.

#### **RISK OF FOREIGN INVESTING**

Foreign securities pose additional risks because foreign economic or political conditions may be less favorable than those of the United States. Securities in foreign markets may also be subject to taxation policies that reduce returns for U.S. investors.

Foreign companies may not provide information (including financial statements) as frequently or to as great an extent as companies in the United States. Foreign companies may also receive less coverage than U.S. companies by market analysts and the financial press. In addition, foreign countries may lack uniform accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards or regulatory requirements comparable to those applicable to U.S. companies. These factors may prevent the Fund and its Adviser from obtaining information concerning foreign companies that is as frequent, extensive and reliable as the information available concerning companies in the United States.

Foreign countries may have restrictions on foreign ownership of securities or may impose exchange controls, capital flow restrictions or repatriation restrictions which could adversely affect the liquidity of the Fund's investments.

Since many loan instruments involve parties (for example, lenders, borrowers and agent banks) located in multiple jurisdictions outside of the United States, there is a risk that a security interest in any related collateral may be unenforceable and obligations under the related loan agreements may not be binding.

#### **CURRENCY RISK**

Exchange rates for currencies fluctuate daily. The combination of currency risk and market risks tends to make securities traded in foreign markets more volatile than securities traded exclusively in the United States. The Adviser and Sub-Adviser attempt to manage currency risk by limiting the amount the Fund invests in securities denominated in a particular currency. However, diversification will not protect the Fund against a general increase in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to other currencies.

Investing in currencies or securities denominated in a foreign currency, entails risk of being exposed to a currency that may not fully reflect the strengths and weaknesses of the economy of the country or region utilizing the currency. Currency risk includes both the risk that currencies in which the Fund's investments are traded, or currencies in which the Fund has taken an active investment position, will decline in value relative to the U.S. dollar and, in the case of hedging positions, that the U.S. dollar will decline in value relative to the currency being hedged. In addition, it is possible that a currency (such as, for example, the euro) could be abandoned in the future by countries that have already adopted its use, and the effects of such an abandonment on the applicable country and the rest of the countries utilizing the currency are uncertain but could negatively affect the Fund's investments denominated in the currency. If a currency used by a country or countries is replaced by another currency, the Fund's Adviser and Sub-Adviser would evaluate whether to continue to hold any investments denominated in such currency, or whether to purchase investments denominated in the currency that replaces such currency, at the time. Such investments may continue to be held, or purchased, to the extent consistent with the Fund's investment objective and permitted under applicable law.

Many countries rely heavily upon export-dependent businesses and any strength in the exchange rate between a currency and the U.S. dollar or other currencies can have either a positive or a negative effect upon corporate profits and the performance of investments in the country or region utilizing the currency. Adverse economic events within such country or region may increase the volatility of exchange rates against other currencies, subjecting the Fund's investments denominated in such country's or region's currency to additional risks. In addition, certain countries, particularly emerging market countries, may impose foreign currency exchange controls or other restrictions on the transferability, repatriation or convertibility of currency.

#### **LEVERAGE RISK**

Leverage risk is created when an investment, which includes, for example, an investment in a derivative contract, exposes the Fund to a level of risk that exceeds the amount invested. Changes in the value of such an investment magnify the Fund's risk of loss and potential for gain. Investments can have these same results if their returns are based on a multiple of a specified index, security or other benchmark.

#### RISK OF INVESTING IN DERIVATIVE CONTRACTS AND HYBRID INSTRUMENTS

The Fund may use currency forwards for hedging purposes. In addition, although not generally anticipated, the Fund reserves the flexibility to use other derivative contracts and/or hybrid instruments to implement elements of its investment strategy. The Fund's exposure to derivative contracts and hybrid instruments (either directly or through its investment in another investment company) involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional investments. First, changes in the value of the derivative contracts and hybrid instruments in which the Fund invests may not be correlated with changes in the value of the underlying Reference Instruments or, if they are correlated, may move in the opposite direction than originally anticipated. Second, while some strategies involving derivatives may reduce the risk of loss, they may also reduce potential gains or, in some cases, result in losses by offsetting favorable price movements in portfolio holdings. Third, there is a risk that derivative contracts and hybrid instruments may be erroneously priced or improperly valued and, as a result, the Fund may need to make increased cash payments to the counterparty. Fourth, exposure to derivative contracts and hybrid instruments may have tax consequences to the Fund and its Shareholders. For example, derivative contracts and hybrid instruments may cause the Fund to realize increased ordinary income or short-term capital gains (which are treated as ordinary income for Federal income tax purposes) and, as a result, may increase taxable distributions to Shareholders. In addition, under certain circumstances certain derivative contracts and hybrid instruments may cause the Fund to: (a) incur an excise tax on a portion of the income related to those contracts and instruments; and/or (b) reclassify, as a return of capital, some or all of the distributions previously made to Shareholders during the fiscal year as dividend income. Fifth, a common provision in OTC derivative contracts permits the counterparty to terminate any such contract between it and the Fund, if the value of the Fund's total net assets declines below a specified level over a given time period. Factors that may contribute to such a decline (which usually must be substantial) include significant Shareholder redemptions and/or a marked decrease in the market value of the Fund's investments. Any such termination of the Fund's OTC derivative contracts may adversely affect the Fund (for example, by increasing losses and/or costs, and/or preventing the Fund from fully implementing its investment strategies). Sixth, the Fund may use a derivative contract to benefit from a decline in the value of a Reference Instrument. If the value of the Reference Instrument declines during the term of the contract, the Fund makes a profit on the difference (less any payments the Fund is required to pay under the terms of the contract). Any such strategy involves risk. There is no assurance that the Reference Instrument will decline in value during the term of the contract and make a profit for the Fund. The Reference Instrument may instead appreciate in value creating a loss for the Fund. Seventh, a default or failure by a CCP or an FCM (also sometimes called a "futures broker"), or the failure of a contract to be transferred from an Executing Dealer to the FCM for clearing, may expose the Fund to losses, increase its costs, or prevent the Fund from entering or exiting derivative positions, accessing margin or fully implementing its investment strategies. The central clearing of a derivative and trading of a contract over a SEF could reduce the liquidity in, or increase costs of entering into or holding, any contracts. Finally, derivative contracts and hybrid instruments may also involve other risks described in this Prospectus, such as interest rate, credit, currency, liquidity and leverage risks.

#### **ILLIQUIDITY OF SHARES**

The Fund is a closed-end investment company designed primarily for long-term investors and is not intended to be a trading vehicle. The Fund does not currently intend to list Shares for trading on any national securities exchange. There is no secondary trading market for Shares, and it is not expected that a secondary market will develop. Shares therefore are not readily marketable. Because the Fund is a closed-end investment company, Shares in the Fund may not be tendered for repurchase on a daily basis, and they may not be exchanged for shares of any other fund.

Although the Fund, at the discretion of the Board, will consider whether to make periodic repurchase offers of its outstanding Shares at net asset value, Shares are significantly less liquid than shares of funds that trade on a stock exchange. There is no guarantee that you will be able to sell all of your Shares that you desire to sell in any particular repurchase offer. If a repurchase offer is oversubscribed by Shareholders holding Shares of the Fund, the Fund may repurchase only a pro rata portion of the Shares tendered by each Shareholder. The potential for pro-ration may cause some investors to tender more Shares for repurchase than they otherwise would wish to have repurchased. In addition, in extreme cases, the Fund may not be able to complete repurchases due to the Fund's holding of illiquid investments. In that event, you may be able to sell your Shares only if you are able to find an investor willing to purchase your Shares. Any such sale may have to be negotiated at unfavorable prices and must comply with applicable securities laws and must be approved by the Board. Due to the requirements regarding tenders offers and the frequency with which the Fund expects to offer to repurchase Shares, in the event the Fund makes repurchase offers it is unlikely that the Fund will be able to extend the expiration date of, or increase the amount of, any repurchase offer, which may result in an investor needing to subscribe to more than one repurchase offer to exit the Fund in the case of oversubscribed repurchase offers.

#### POTENTIAL CONSEQUENCES OF REGULAR REPURCHASE OFFERS

The Fund's repurchase offer policy may have the effect of decreasing the size of the Fund over time from what it otherwise would have been absent significant new investments in the Fund. It may also force the Fund to sell assets it would not otherwise sell and/or to maintain increased amounts of cash or liquid investments at times. It may also reduce the investment opportunities available to the Fund and cause its expense ratio to increase. In addition, because of the limited market for private securities held by the Fund, the Fund may be forced to sell its liquid securities in order to meet cash requirements for repurchases. This may have the effect of substantially increasing the Fund's ratio of relatively more illiquid securities to relatively more liquid securities for the remaining investors. It is not the intention of the Fund to do this; however, it may occur. In addition, the Fund may be required to maintain a portion of its portfolio in cash or cash equivalents. The amount may vary, but typically will be approximately the amount of the outstanding repurchase offers (currently expected to be 5-15% of the net asset value of the Fund). An allocation of cash or cash equivalents above the amount of the outstanding repurchase offers also may be maintained to operate the Fund and effect its investment program. When the Fund holds cash or cash equivalents, it is unable to invest those assets in other investments consistent with its investment objective and investment strategies, and the Fund may receive less returns on such cash and cash equivalents as compared to such other investments. Accordingly, the Fund's performance may be negatively impacted by holding cash or cash equivalents in such amounts.

#### LARGE SHAREHOLDER RISK

A significant percentage of the Fund's Shares may be owned or controlled by a large shareholder, such as other funds or accounts, including those of which the Adviser or an affiliate of the Adviser may have investment discretion. Accordingly, the Fund can be subject to the potential for large scale inflows and outflows as a result of purchases and redemptions made by significant shareholders. These inflows and outflows could be significant and, if frequently occurring, could negatively affect the Fund's net asset value and performance and could cause the Fund to buy or sell securities at inopportune times in order to meet purchase or redemption requests. Investments in the Fund by other investment companies also can create conflicts of interests for the Adviser to the Fund and the investment adviser to the acquiring fund. For example, a conflict of interest can arise due to the possibility that the investment adviser to the acquiring fund could make a decision to redeem the acquiring fund's investment in the Fund. In the case of an investment by an affiliated fund, a conflict of interest can arise if, because of the acquiring fund's investment in the Fund, the Fund is able to garner more assets from third-party investors, thereby growing the Fund and increasing the management fees received by the Adviser, which could also be the investment adviser to the acquiring fund.

#### **TECHNOLOGY RISK**

The Adviser uses various technologies in managing the Fund, consistent with its investment objective(s) and strategy described in this Prospectus. For example, proprietary and third-party data and systems are utilized to support decision-making for the Fund. Data imprecision, software or other technology malfunctions, programming inaccuracies and similar circumstances may impair the performance of these systems, which may negatively affect Fund performance.

# Management of the Fund

#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The management of the Fund, including general supervision of the duties performed by the Adviser under the Advisory Agreement (each of which are defined below) and the Sub-Adviser under the Sub-Advisory Agreement (each of which are defined below), is the responsibility of the Fund's board of trustees (the "Board") under the laws of the State of Delaware. The name and business addresses of the Trustees and officers of the Fund and their principal occupations and other affiliations are set forth under "Management of the Fund" in the Statement of Additional Information.

#### THE ADVISER

Federated Investment Management Company acts as the Fund's investment adviser (the "Adviser") under an investment advisory agreement (the "Advisory Agreement"). Federated Advisory Services Company (FASC), an affiliate of the Adviser, provides certain support services to the Adviser. The fee for these services is paid by the Adviser and not by the Fund. The address of the Adviser and FASC is 1001 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-3779. The Adviser is a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of Federated Hermes, Inc. ("Federated Hermes"), a publicly-held company. The Adviser and other advisory subsidiaries of Federated Hermes combined advise approximately 102 registered investment companies spanning equity, fixed-income and money market mutual funds and also manage a variety of other pooled investment vehicles, private investment companies and customized separately managed accounts (including non-U.S./offshore funds).

Federated Hermes' assets under management totaled approximately \$668.9 billion as of December 31, 2022. Federated Hermes was established in 1955 as Federated Investors, Inc. and is one of the largest investment managers in the United States with nearly 2,000 employees. Federated Hermes provides investment products to more than 11,000 investment professionals and institutions.

#### THE SUB-ADVISER

The Adviser has delegated daily management of some or all of the Fund assets to the Sub-Adviser, Federated Hermes (UK) LLP, a limited liability partnership incorporated in England and Wales, (the "Sub-Adviser") and an affiliate of the Adviser. For purposes of this Prospectus, the Adviser and Sub-Adviser, are sometimes referred to together, as applicable, as the "Fund's Adviser." The Sub-Adviser is paid by the Adviser and not by the Fund, based on the portion of securities the Sub-Adviser manages. The Sub-Adviser's address is 150 Cheapside, London EC2V 6ET, England.

Under the supervision of the Adviser and oversight by the Board and pursuant to a sub-advisory agreement between the Adviser and the Sub-Adviser (the "Sub-Advisory Agreement"), Federated Hermes (UK) LLP, will act as sub-investment adviser to the Fund. The Sub-Adviser will have day-to-day portfolio management responsibilities of the Fund.

Federated Hermes (UK) LLP, a limited liability partnership incorporated in England and Wales, is a wholly owned London based subsidiary of Federated Hermes, Inc., and is authorized and regulated by the U.K. Financial Conduct Authority to provide investment management services. The Sub-Adviser advises approximately 6 registered investment companies. The Sub-Adviser's assets under management totaled approximately \$7.5 billion as of December 31, 2022. The Sub-Adviser's assets under management are currently primarily comprised of assets from non-US domiciled funds, other pooled investment vehicles and separate accounts, such as UK registered money market funds and other accounts of institutional clients from the UK, Europe and certain other non-US jurisdictions.

The Fund's Shareholder reports will contain information regarding the basis for the Board's approval of the Fund's Advisory and Sub-Advisory Agreements. The Fund's semi-annual reports for the six month periods ending each September 30 and the annual reports for the fiscal years ending each March 31 discuss the Board's annual evaluation and approval of those agreements, which typically occurs annually in May.

#### PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Messrs. Ihab Salib, Christopher P. McGinley, Maarten Offeringa and Kazaur Rahman are the Fund's portfolio managers responsible for managing the Fund's overall investment program.

### Ihab L. Salib, Senior Portfolio Manager

Ihab L. Salib, Senior Portfolio Manager, has been the Fund's portfolio manager since its inception in December of 2016.

Mr. Salib is Head of the International Fixed Income Group and Head of the Currency Management Committee. He is responsible for day to day management of the Fund focusing on asset allocation, interest rate strategy and security selection. He has been with the Adviser or an affiliate since 1999; has worked in investment management since 1992; has managed investment portfolios since 2002. Education: B.A., State University of New York at Stony Brook.

# Christopher P. McGinley, Senior Portfolio Manager

Christopher P. McGinley, Senior Portfolio Manager, has been the Fund's portfolio manager since its inception in December of 2016.

Mr. McGinley is Head of the Trade Finance Team and is responsible for day to day management of the Fund focusing on asset allocation, interest rate strategy and security selection. He has been with the Adviser or an affiliate since 2004; has worked in investment management since 2005; has managed investment portfolios since 2009. Education: B.S., University of Pittsburgh; M.P.I.A., University of Pittsburgh.

# Maarten Offeringa, Portfolio Manager

Maarten Offeringa, Portfolio Manager, has been the Fund's portfolio manager since July of 2019.

Effective August 1, 2023, Mr. Offeringa is dual employed with the Sub-Adviser and Federated Hermes Limited ("FHL") and serves as Portfolio Manager of the Fund in his capacity as an employee of the Sub-Adviser.

Mr. Offeringa is responsible for providing research and advice on sector allocation and security selection. He has been with the Adviser or an affiliate since 2018; has worked in financial services since 2002; has worked in investment management since 2018; has managed investment portfolios since 2019. Previous associations: Director, Bank of America Merrill Lynch; Vice President, J.P. Morgan. Education: MA, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.

# Kazaur Rahman, Portfolio Manager

Kazaur Rahman, ACA, Portfolio Manager, has been the Fund's portfolio manager since July of 2023.

Effective August 1, 2023, Mr. Rahman is dual employed with the Sub-Adviser and FHL and serves as Portfolio Manager of the Fund in his capacity as an employee of the Sub-Adviser.

Mr. Rahman is responsible for providing research and advice on sector allocation and security selection. He has been with the Adviser or an affiliate since 2019; has worked in financial services since 2005; has worked in investment management since 2019; has managed investment portfolios since 2023. Previous associations include roles with: Deutsche Bank; VTB Capital; Bank of America; PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC). Education: BSc, University of London.

The Fund's SAI provides additional information about the Portfolio Managers' compensation, management of other accounts and ownership of securities in the Fund.

#### INVESTMENT ADVISORY AGREEMENT

Pursuant to an investment advisory agreement between the Adviser and the Fund, the Adviser will receive an annual fee in a maximum amount equal to 0.50% of the Fund's average daily net assets (the "Management Fee"). The Adviser may voluntarily waive a portion of its fee or reimburse the Fund for certain operating expenses. The Adviser and its affiliates have also agreed to certain "Fee Limits" as described in the footnote to the "Summary of Fund Expenses" table found in this Prospectus.

In addition to the Management Fee of the Adviser, the Fund pays all other costs and expenses of its operations, including compensation of its trustees (other than those affiliated with the Adviser), custodian, transfer and dividend disbursing agent expenses, legal fees, rating agency fees, listing fees and expenses, expenses of independent auditors, expenses of repurchasing shares, expenses of preparing, printing and distributing Shareholder reports, notices, proxy statements and reports to governmental agencies and taxes, if any.

#### **INVESTMENT SUB-ADVISORY AGREEMENT**

The Adviser (and not the Fund) will pay to the Sub-Adviser as compensation under the Sub-Advisory Agreement an annual fee equal to 0.39% of the average daily net assets of the Fund.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENT**

Federated Administrative Services ("the Administrator"), a subsidiary of Federated Hermes, provides administrative personnel and services (including certain legal, compliance and financial administrative services) necessary to operate the Fund. The Administrator's address is 1001 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-3779. The Administrator currently receives no compensation for providing administrative services to the Fund.

# **Distributions**

The Fund intends to make quarterly distributions of net investment income, after payment of interest on outstanding borrowings, if any. The Fund will distribute annually any net short-term capital gain and any net capital gain (which is the excess of net long-term capital gain over short-term capital loss). Distributions to Shareholders cannot be assured, and the amount of each quarterly distribution is likely to vary. It is possible, although not intended, that distributions could exceed net investment income and net short-term and long-term capital gain, resulting in a return of capital.

# Federal Income Tax Matters

The Fund intends to elect to be treated and to qualify each year as a RIC under the Code. Accordingly, the Fund must, among other things, meet the following requirements regarding the source of its income and the diversification of its assets:

- The Fund must derive in each taxable year at least 90% of its gross income from the following sources (i.e., qualifying income): (a) dividends, interest (including tax-exempt interest), payments with respect to certain securities loans, and gains from the sale or other disposition of stock, securities or foreign currencies, or other income (including but not limited to gain from options, futures and forward contracts) derived with respect to its business of investing in such stock, securities or foreign currencies; and (b) net income derived from interests in "qualified publicly traded partnerships" (as defined in the Code).
- The Fund must diversify its holdings so that, at the end of each quarter of each taxable year: (a) at least 50% of the market value of the Fund's total assets is represented by cash and cash items, U.S. government securities, the securities of other regulated investment companies and other securities, with such other securities limited, in respect of any one issuer, to an amount not greater than 5% of the value of the Fund's total assets and not more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of such issuer; and (b) not more than 25% of the market value of the Fund's total assets is invested in the securities (other than U.S. government securities and the securities of other regulated investment companies) of: (I) any one issuer; (II) any two or more issuers that the Fund controls and that are determined to be engaged in the same business or similar or related trades or businesses; or (III) any one or more "qualified publicly traded partnerships" (as defined in the Code).

As a RIC, the Fund generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on income and gains that the Fund distributes to its Shareholders provided that it distributes each taxable year at least the sum of: (i) 90% of the Fund's investment company taxable income (which includes, among other items, dividends, interest and the excess of any net short-term capital gain over net long-term capital loss and other taxable income, other than any net capital gain, reduced by deductible expenses) determined without regard to the deduction for dividends paid; and (ii) 90% of the Fund's net tax-exempt interest (the excess of its gross tax-exempt interest over certain disallowed deductions). The Fund intends to distribute substantially all of such income each year. The Fund will be subject to income tax at regular corporate rates on any taxable income or gains that it does not distribute to its Shareholders.

In order to avoid incurring a 4% non-deductible federal excise tax obligation, the Code requires that the Fund distribute (or be deemed to have distributed) by December 31 of each calendar year an amount at least equal to the sum of: (i) 98% of its ordinary income (and not taking into account any capital gain or loss) for such year; (ii) 98.2% of its capital gain net income (which is the excess of its realized net long term capital gain over its realized net short-term capital loss), generally computed on the basis of the one-year period ending on October 31 of such year, after reduction by any available capital loss carryforwards; and (iii) 100% of any ordinary income and capital gain net income from the prior year (as previously computed) that were not paid out during such year and on which the Fund paid no federal income tax. While the Fund intends to distribute any ordinary income and capital gain in the manner necessary to minimize imposition of the 4% excise tax, there can be no assurance that sufficient amounts of the Fund's ordinary income and capital gain will be distributed to avoid entirely the imposition of the tax. In that event, the Fund will be liable for the tax only on the amount by which it does not meet the foregoing distribution requirement.

Distributions of any taxable net investment income and net short-term capital gain will generally be taxable as ordinary income. Distributions of the Fund's net capital gain designated as capital gain dividends, if any, will be taxable to Shareholders as long-term capital gains, regardless of the length of time they held their Shares. Distributions, if any, in excess of the Fund's earnings and profits will first reduce the adjusted tax basis of a holder's Shares and, after that basis has been reduced to zero, will constitute capital gains to the Shareholder (assuming the Shares are held as a capital asset). The Fund's distributions generally will not qualify either for the dividends received deduction generally available to corporate taxpayers or as qualified dividend income subject to favorable tax treatment for individual taxpayers. "Qualified dividend income" means dividends received by the Fund from U.S. corporations and qualifying foreign corporations, provided that the Fund satisfies certain holding period and other requirements in respect of the stock of such corporations and, when distributed by the Fund to individual Shareholders, such Shareholders satisfy certain holding period and other requirements in respect of their Fund Shares.

Dividends and other distributions declared by the Fund in October, November or December of any year and payable to Shareholders of record on a date in any of those months will be deemed to have been paid by the Fund and received by the Shareholders on December 31 of that year if the distributions are paid by the Fund during the following January. Accordingly, those distributions will be taxed to Shareholders for the year in which that December 31 falls. The Fund will inform Shareholders of the source and tax status of all distributions promptly after the close of each calendar year.

Dividends and interest received, and gains realized, by the Fund on foreign securities may be subject to income, withholding or other taxes imposed by foreign countries and U.S. possessions (collectively "foreign taxes") that would reduce the return on its securities. Tax conventions between certain countries and the United States, however, may reduce or eliminate foreign taxes, and many foreign countries do not impose taxes on capital gains in respect of investments by foreign investors.

The Fund believes that substantially all of its investments will generate qualifying income for purposes of the previously-mentioned 90% gross income requirement for treatment as a RIC under current federal income tax law. Interest received by the Fund in connection with its trade finance investments will, by definition, be qualifying income for purposes of such requirements, but income from loan origination or other business activities would not be qualifying income. The Fund must take into account the distinction between these types of income to ensure when structuring its participation in trade finance investments that amounts received are for the use of money, not payment for services. Also, the Code expressly provides the U.S. Treasury with authority to issue regulations that would exclude foreign currency gains from qualifying income if such gains are not directly related to a fund's business of investing in stock or securities. While to date the U.S. Treasury has not exercised this regulatory authority, there can be no assurance that it will not issue regulations in the future (possibly with retroactive application) that would treat some or all of the Fund's foreign currency gains as non-qualifying income for RIC purposes, which may affect the Fund's status as a RIC for all years to which such regulations are applicable.

The repurchase or transfer of Shares may result in a taxable gain or loss to the tendering Shareholder. Different tax consequences may apply for tendering and non-tendering Shareholders in connection with a repurchase offer. For example, if a Shareholder does not tender all of his or her Shares, such repurchase may not be treated as an exchange for U.S. federal income tax purposes and may result in deemed distributions to non-tendering Shareholders. On the other

hand, Shareholders who tender all of their Shares (including Shares deemed owned by Shareholders under constructive ownership rules) will be treated as having sold their Shares and generally will realize a capital gain or loss. Such gain or loss is measured by the difference between the Shareholder's amount received and his or her adjusted tax basis of the Shares. For non-corporate Shareholders, gain or loss from the transfer or repurchase of Shares generally will be taxable at a U.S. federal income tax rate dependent upon the length of time the Shares were held. Shares held for a period of one year or less at the time of such repurchase or transfer will, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, generally result in short-term capital gains or losses, and those held for more than one year will generally result in long-term capital gains or losses.

The foregoing briefly summarizes some of the material federal income tax consequences to Shareholders of investing in Shares, reflects the federal tax law as of the date of this prospectus, and does not address special tax rules applicable to certain types of investors, such as corporate and foreign investors. Unless otherwise noted, this discussion assumes that an investor is a U.S. person and holds the Shares as a capital asset. This discussion is based upon current provisions of the Code, the regulations promulgated thereunder, and judicial and administrative ruling authorities, all of which are subject to change or differing interpretations by the courts or the IRS retroactively or prospectively. Investors should consult their tax advisors regarding other federal, state or local tax considerations that may be applicable in their particular circumstances, as well as any pending or proposed tax law changes.

## Dividend Reinvestment Plan

Pursuant to the Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRP) established by the Fund, each Shareholder will automatically be a participant under the DRP and have all income distributions, whether dividend distributions or capital gains distributions, automatically reinvested in additional Shares. Election not to participate in the DRP and to receive all income distributions, whether dividend distributions or capital gains distributions, in cash may be made by notice to a Shareholder's intermediary (who should be directed to inform the Fund). A Shareholder is free to change this election at any time. If, however, a Shareholder elects to change its election within 95 days prior to a distribution, the request will be effective only with respect to distributions after the 95-day period. A Shareholder whose Shares are registered in the name of a nominee (such as an intermediary) must contact the nominee regarding its status under the DRP, including whether such nominee will participate on such Shareholder's behalf as such nominee will be required to make any such election.

Generally, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, Shareholders receiving Shares under the DRP will be treated as having received a distribution equal to amount payable to them in cash as a distribution had the Shareholder not participated in the DRP.

Shares will be issued pursuant to the DRP at their NAV determined on the next valuation date following the ex-dividend date (the last date of a dividend period on which an investor can purchase Shares and still be entitled to receive the dividend). There is no sales load or other charge for reinvestment. A request for change of participation/non-participation status in the DRP must be received by the Fund within the above timeframe to be effective for that dividend or capital gain distribution. A Fund may terminate the DRP at any time upon written notice to the participants in the DRP. The Fund may amend the DRP at any time upon 30 days' written notice to the participants. Any expenses of the DRP will be borne by the Fund.

## Description of Capital Structure

#### SUMMARY OF THE DECLARATION OF TRUST

An investor in the Fund will be a Shareholder of the Fund and his or her rights in the Fund will be established and governed by the Fund's Declaration of Trust. The following is a summary description of additional items and of select provisions of the Declaration of Trust that may not be described elsewhere in this Prospectus or the SAI. The description of such items and provisions is not definitive and reference should be made to the complete text of the Declaration of Trust.

#### LIABILITY; INDEMNIFICATION

Under Delaware law and the Declaration of Trust, each Shareholder will be liable for the debts and obligations of the Fund only to the extent of the value of such Shareholder's Shares. The Declaration of Trust provides that the Trustees and the Adviser (including certain of its affiliates, among others) shall not be liable to the Fund or any of the Shareholders for any loss or damage occasioned by any act or omission in the performance of their services as such in the absence of willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence, or reckless disregard of the duties involved in the conduct of their office or as otherwise required by applicable law.

The Declaration of Trust also contains provisions for the indemnification, to the extent permitted by law, of the members and former members of the Board and the Adviser (including certain of its affiliates, among others) by the Fund (but not by the Shareholders individually) against any liability and expense to which any of them may be liable that arise in connection with the performance of their activities on behalf of the Fund. None of these persons shall be personally liable to any Shareholder by reason of any change in the federal or state income tax laws applicable to the Fund or its Shareholders. The rights of indemnification and exculpation provided under the Declaration of Trust shall not be construed so as to limit liability or provide for indemnification of the members and former members of the Board and the Adviser (including certain of its affiliates, among others) for any liability (including liability under applicable federal or state securities laws which, under certain circumstances, impose liability even on persons that act in good faith), to the extent (but only to the extent) that such indemnification or limitation on liability would be in violation of applicable law, but shall be construed so as to effectuate the applicable provisions of the Declaration of Trust to the fullest extent permitted by law.

#### **AMENDMENT**

The Declaration of Trust may generally be amended, in whole or in part, with the approval of a majority of the Trustees (including a majority of the Independent Trustees, if required by the 1940 Act). Shareholders have the right to vote on any amendment: (i) affecting their right to vote granted under the Declaration of Trust; (ii) to the Declaration of Trust's amendment provision; (iii) for which such vote is required by law; and (iv) submitted to them by the Trustees.

#### TERM, DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION

The Fund may be dissolved upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the Trustees without Shareholder approval, unless such approval is required by the 1940 Act. In doing so, the Trustees may: (i) sell the Fund's assets to another entity in exchange for interests in the acquiring entity; or (ii) sell all of the Fund's assets for cash. Following such liquidation, and after payments to creditors and payment of any Fund expenses, the Fund's Shareholders are entitled to receive the proceeds of such sale, distributed in proportion to the number of Shares held by each Shareholder. Upon termination of the Fund, the Fund will file a certificate terminating its existence as a Delaware statutory trust.

#### **SHARES**

**General.** All Shares are sold at the most recently calculated net asset value per Share as of the date on which the purchase is accepted. The net asset value of a Share is determined by dividing the Fund's aggregate net asset value by the number of Shares outstanding at the applicable date.

**Reserves.** Appropriate reserves may be created, accrued, and charged against net assets for contingent liabilities as of the date the contingent liabilities become known to the Fund. Reserves will be in such amounts (subject to increase or reduction) that the Fund may deem necessary or appropriate. The amount of any reserve (or any increase or decrease therein) will be proportionately charged or credited, as appropriate, against net assets.

**Voting.** Each Shareholder has the right to cast a number of votes equal to the number of Shares held by such Shareholder at a meeting of Shareholders called by the Board. Shareholders are entitled to vote on any matter as set forth in the Declaration of Trust and the 1940 Act. Notwithstanding their ability to exercise their voting privileges, Shareholders in their capacity as such are not entitled to participate in the management or control of the Fund's business, and may not act for or bind the Fund.

#### **Purchase Terms**

The Fund currently intends to accept purchases of Shares as of the last business day of each calendar month, typically following 30 calendar days' advance notice, or at such other times as may be determined by the Board. The 30 calendar day advance notice may be waived at the discretion of the Fund. The Board may discontinue accepting purchases on a monthly basis at any time. Any amounts received in connection with the offer of Shares and closings will promptly be placed in an escrow account prior to their investment in the Fund. All purchases are subject to the receipt of cleared funds prior to the applicable purchase date in the full amount of the purchase. Although the Fund may accept, in its sole discretion, a purchase prior to receipt of cleared funds, an investor may not become a Shareholder until cleared funds have been received. The investor must also submit a completed application before the applicable purchase date. The Fund reserves the right to reject any purchase of Shares and the Adviser may, in its sole discretion, suspend the offer of Shares at any time.

All Shares are sold at the most recently calculated net asset value per Share as of the date on which the purchase is accepted. The minimum initial investment in the Fund by any account is \$100,000, and the minimum additional investment in the Fund is \$25,000. The Fund may accept investments for a lesser amount under certain circumstances, as determined by the Adviser. Investors that are employees of the Adviser or its affiliates are eligible to invest in Shares and

may be subject to lower minimum investments than other investors. Certain selling brokers, dealers or banks and financial advisors may impose higher or lower minimum investment levels or other requirements than those imposed by the Fund. The investment minimum with respect to Shares purchased through an omnibus account, including an omnibus account of a bank, broker-dealer, trust company and plan recordkeeper, is calculated at the omnibus account level.

Except as otherwise permitted by the Fund, initial and any additional purchases of Shares of the Fund by any Shareholder must be paid by wire, and all contributions must be transmitted by the time and in the manner that is specified in the application. Initial and any additional contributions to the capital of the Fund must be made in a single payment. Although the Fund may, in its discretion, accept contributions of securities, the Fund does not currently intend to accept contributions of securities. If the Fund chooses to accept a contribution of securities, the securities would be valued in the same manner that the Fund values its other assets. Because of anti-money laundering concerns, the Fund will not accept investments made in cash. For this purpose, cash includes currency (i.e., coin or paper money), cashier's checks, bank drafts, travelers' checks, and money orders.

Financial intermediaries may also impose fees (subject to compliance with applicable FINRA rules), terms and conditions on investor accounts and investments in the Fund that are in addition to the fees, terms and conditions set forth in the Prospectus. Such terms and conditions are not imposed by the Fund, the Distributor or any other service provider of the Fund. Any terms and conditions imposed by a financial intermediary, or operational limitations applicable to such parties, may affect or limit a shareholder's ability to subscribe for Shares, or otherwise transact business with the Fund. Investors should direct any questions regarding terms and conditions applicable to their accounts or relevant operational limitations to the financial intermediary.

#### Determination of Net Asset Value

#### PRICING OF FUND SHARES

The net asset value of the Fund is determined as of the end of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) (normally, 4:00 p.m., Eastern time) each day the NYSE is open. The Fund calculates the NAV by valuing its assets, subtracting its liabilities and dividing the balance by the number of Shares outstanding. The Fund's current NAV and/or public offering price may be found at <a href="FederatedHermes.com/us/Products/Closed-End-Funds/Project And Trade Finance">FederatedHermes.com/us/Products/Closed-End-Funds/Project And Trade Finance</a> Tender, via online news sources and in certain newspapers.

Pursuant to Rule 2a-5 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Board has designated the Adviser as the Fund's valuation designee to perform any fair value determinations for securities and other assets held by the Fund. The Adviser, 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 subject to Board oversight and certain reporting and other requirements intended to provide the Board the information it needs to oversee the Adviser's fair value determinations.

The Valuation Committee is also authorized to use pricing specialists to provide fair value evaluations of the current value of certain investments for purposes of calculating the NAV, including most trade finance related securities and other debt securities. The Fund's SAI discusses the methods used by pricing services and the Valuation Committee in valuing investments.

When the Fund holds securities that trade principally in foreign markets on days the NYSE is closed, the value of the Fund's assets may change on days you cannot purchase or redeem Shares. This may also occur when the U.S. markets for fixed-income securities are open on a day the NYSE is closed.

In calculating its NAV, the Fund generally values investments as follows:

- Equity securities listed on an exchange or traded through a regulated market system are valued at their last reported sale price or official closing price in their principal exchange or market.
- Fixed-income securities are fair valued using price evaluations provided by a pricing service approved by the Adviser.
- Derivative contracts listed on exchanges are valued at their reported settlement or closing price, except that options are valued at the mean of closing bid and ask quotations.
- Over-the-counter (OTC) derivative contracts are fair valued using price evaluations provided by a pricing service approved by the Adviser.

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, or if information furnished by a pricing service, in the opinion of the 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 generally 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.

Shares of other mutual funds are valued based upon their reported NAVs. The prospectuses for these mutual funds explain the circumstances under which they will use fair value pricing and the effects of using fair value pricing.

#### FAIR VALUATION AND SIGNIFICANT EVENTS PROCEDURES

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 price evaluations of the current fair value of certain investments for purposes of calculating the NAV. 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 as the valuation designee. The Board periodically reviews the fair valuations made by the Valuation Committee. The Board has 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. The Fund's SAI discusses the methods used by pricing services and the Valuation Committee in valuing investments.

Using fair value to price investments may result in a value that is different from an investment's most recent closing price and from the prices used by other registered funds to calculate their NAVs. The application of the fair value procedures to an investment represents a good faith determination of such investment's fair value. 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 could be materially different.

The Adviser also has 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; and
- Announcements concerning matters such as acquisitions, recapitalizations or litigation developments or a natural disaster affecting the issuer's operations or regulatory changes or market developments affecting the issuer's industry.

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 Fund's investments in trade finance agreements are primarily determined by applying discounted cash flow methodologies utilizing various inputs such as available or implied credit ratings, loan characteristics, seniority, collateral, comparable debt instruments, yield curves or indices, broader loan data, bond data and bond sector curves. When appropriate, other considerations may include asset liquidation analyses, internal credit assessments and general market conditions. The Fund utilizes third-party pricing specialists in determining its valuations. Typically, there are no other sources of evaluations for these investments and the inputs utilized are less observable. Additionally, trade finance agreements are typically held to maturity by investors and therefore do not trade on a consistent basis. Accordingly, executed trade prices are usually unavailable and thus, generally cannot be relied upon to support valuations of these investments. Therefore, inputs unobservable in active markets must be relied upon more heavily. The prices realized for these investments upon sale may be different than prices used by the Fund to value them and the differences could be material.

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. The Board periodically reviews fair valuations made in response to significant events.

The fair valuation of securities following a significant event can serve to reduce arbitrage opportunities for short-term traders to profit at the expense of long-term investors in the Fund. For example, such arbitrage opportunities may exist when the market on which portfolio securities are traded closes before the Fund calculates its NAV, which is typically the case with Asian and European markets. However, there is no assurance that these significant event procedures will prevent dilution of the NAV by short-term traders.

## Repurchases and Transfers of Shares

#### NO RIGHT OF REDEMPTION

No Shareholder or other person holding Shares acquired from a shareholder will have the right to require the Fund to repurchase those Shares. There is no public market for Shares, and none is expected to develop. With limited exceptions, Shares are not transferable and liquidity normally will be provided only through repurchase offers that will be made from time to time by the Fund, as described below. Any transfer of Shares in violation of the Declaration of Trust, which requires Board approval of any transfer, will not be permitted and will be void. Consequently, Shareholders may not be able to liquidate their investment other than as a result of repurchases of Shares by the Fund, as described below. For information on the Fund's policies regarding transfers of Shares, see "Repurchases, Mandatory Repurchases and Transfers of Shares" in the SAI.

#### **REPURCHASES OF SHARES**

At the discretion of the Board and provided that it is in the best interests of the Fund and Shareholders to do so, the Fund intends to provide a limited degree of liquidity to the Shareholders by conducting repurchase offers generally quarterly (or more or less frequently as determined by the Board in its discretion). In each repurchase offer, the Fund may offer to repurchase its Shares at their NAV on the relevant valuation date (each, a "Valuation Date"), which will occur on or before the expiration date of the repurchase offer (the "Expiration Date").

Each repurchase offer ordinarily will be limited to the repurchase of approximately 5-15% of the net asset value of the Fund, although the Board can determine to authorize the Fund to repurchase in excess of 15% of the net asset value of the Fund in its discretion. If the value of Shares tendered for repurchase exceeds the value the Fund intended to repurchase, the Fund, in its sole discretion, may (a) accept the additional Shares permitted to be accepted pursuant to Rule 13e-4(f) under the Exchange Act; or (b) determine to repurchase less than the full number of Shares tendered. In the event less than the full number of Shares tendered will be repurchased, Shareholders will have their Shares repurchased on a *pro rata* basis, and tendering Shareholders will not have all of their tendered Shares repurchased by the Fund. Shareholders tendering Shares for repurchase will be asked to give written notice of their intent to do so as soon as practicable and in any event by no later than the date specified in the notice describing the terms of the applicable repurchase offer (*i.e.*, the Expiration Date). The tender offer period will commence at least twenty (20) business days prior to the Expiration Date.

In determining whether the Fund should repurchase Shares from Shareholders pursuant to written tenders, the Board will consider a variety of factors. The Board expects that the Fund will ordinarily offer to repurchase Shares from Shareholders quarterly. The Expiration Date will be a date set by the Board occurring no sooner than twenty (20) business days after the commencement date of the repurchase offer and at least ten (10) business days from the date that notice of an increase or decrease in the percentage of the securities being sought or consideration offered is first published, sent or given to Shareholders. The Expiration Date may be extended by the Board in its sole discretion. The Fund will not accept any repurchase request received by it or its designated agent after the Expiration Date. The Board will consider the following factors, among others, in making its determination:

- whether any Shareholders have requested to tender Shares to the Fund;
- the liquidity of the Fund's assets;
- the investment plans and working capital requirements of the Fund;
- the relative economies of scale with respect to the size of the Fund;
- the history of the Fund in repurchasing Shares; and
- the economic condition of the securities markets.

The Fund has the right to repurchase Shares from a Shareholder if the Board determines that the repurchase is in the best interests of the Fund or upon the occurrence of certain events specified in the Fund's Declaration of Trust.

The Fund will make repurchase offers, if any, to all of its Shareholders on the same terms. This practice may affect the size of the Fund's offers. Subject to the Fund's investment restriction with respect to borrowings, the Fund may borrow money or issue debt obligations to finance its repurchase obligations pursuant to any such repurchase offer.

Payment for repurchased Shares may require the Fund to liquidate a portion of its portfolio holdings earlier than the Adviser would otherwise liquidate these holdings, which may result in losses, and may increase the Fund's portfolio turnover.

When Shares are repurchased by the Fund, Shareholders will generally receive cash distributions equal to the value of the Shares repurchased. However, in the sole discretion of the Fund, the proceeds of repurchases of Shares may be paid by the in-kind distribution of securities held by the Fund, or partly in cash and partly in-kind. The Fund does not expect to distribute securities in-kind except in unusual circumstances, such as in the unlikely event that the Fund does not have sufficient cash to pay for Shares that are repurchased or if making a cash payment would result in a material adverse effect on the Fund or on Shareholders not tendering Shares for repurchase. See "Risk Factors—Illiquidity of Shares" and "Risk Factors—Potential Consequences of Regular Repurchase Offers" for more information. Repurchases will be effective after receipt of all eligible written tenders of Shares from Shareholders and acceptance by the Fund.

The Adviser will determine whether to attempt to liquidate investments that are illiquid or difficult to value (which may cause the Fund to incur certain expenses in connection with the valuation or liquidation of such investments), hold it in the Fund's portfolio or distribute it to investors in the Fund in connection with a repurchase by the Fund.

A repurchase in kind is less liquid than a cash redemption. If a repurchase is made in kind, securities received may be subject to market risk and the shareholder could incur taxable gains and brokerage or other charges in converting the securities to cash.

#### REPURCHASE PROCEDURES

Due to liquidity restraints associated with the Fund's investments it is expected that, under the procedures applicable to the repurchase of Shares, Shares will be valued as of the applicable Valuation Date, which will occur on or before the Expiration Date. As a result, the Fund intends to hold a significant amount of cash or cash equivalents (the amount may vary, but typically 5-15% of the Fund's net asset value) to satisfy any potential repurchase requests. An allocation of cash or cash equivalents above the amount of the outstanding repurchase offers also may be maintained to operate the Fund and effect its investment program. When the Fund holds cash or cash equivalents, it is unable to invest those assets in other investments consistent with its investment objective and investment strategies, and the Fund may receive less returns on such cash and cash equivalents as compared to such other investments. Accordingly, the Fund's performance may be negatively impacted by holding cash or cash equivalents in such amounts. The Fund will repurchase Shares and remit the repurchase price to Shareholders within five (5) business days after the Expiration Date.

As stated above, if a repurchase offer is oversubscribed by Shareholders who tender Shares for repurchase (and not increased), the Fund may repurchase only a *pro rata* portion of the Shares tendered by each Shareholder.

Repurchases of Shares by the Fund are subject to Rule 13e-4 under the Exchange Act and will be made only in accordance with such rule.

*Additional Liquidity Information*: If a Shareholder submits Shares for repurchase by the Fund in accordance with the tender offer procedures and the Fund has not repurchased all of those Shares within three years from the Valuation Date of the applicable repurchase offer period, then the Fund will, in accordance with the terms of its Declaration of Trust, be dissolved and liquidated.

#### MANDATORY REPURCHASE BY THE FUND

The Declaration of Trust provides that the Fund may repurchase Shares of a Shareholder or any person acquiring Shares from or through a shareholder under certain circumstances, including if: (i) ownership of the Shares by the Shareholder or other person will cause the Fund to be in violation of certain laws; (ii) continued ownership of the Shares may adversely affect the Fund; (iii) any of the representations and warranties made by a Shareholder in connection with the acquisition of the Shares was not true when made or has ceased to be true; or (iv) it would be in the best interests of the Fund to repurchase the Shares or a portion thereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, involuntary repurchases will be conducted in accordance with Rule 23c-2 under the 1940 Act. Shareholders whose Shares, or a portion thereof, are repurchased by the Fund will not be entitled to a return of any amount of sales load, if any, that may have been charged in connection with the Shareholder's purchase of the Shares.

## **Distribution Arrangements**

The Distributor acts as the distributor of Shares on a best effort basis, subject to various conditions, pursuant to the terms of a General Distributor's Agreement entered into with the Fund. Shares may be purchased through the Distributor or through advisers, brokers, dealers or banks that have entered into selling agreements with the Distributor. The Distributor maintains its principal office at 1001 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-3779.

Shares are offered and may be purchased on a monthly basis, or at such other times as may be determined by the Board. Neither the Distributor nor any other adviser, broker, dealer or bank is obligated to buy from the Fund any of the Shares. The Distributor does not intend to make a market in Shares. To the extent consistent with applicable law, the Fund has agreed to indemnify the Distributor and its affiliates and any brokers, advisers or banks and their affiliates that have entered into selling agreements with the Distributor against certain liabilities.

Shares are being offered only to investors that meet all requirements to invest in the Fund. The minimum initial investment in the Fund by an investor is \$100,000, and the minimum additional investment in the Fund is \$25,000. The minimum investment may be modified by the Fund from time to time. Investors that are employees of the Adviser or its affiliates are eligible to invest in Shares and may be subject to lower minimum investments than other investors.

The Fund is indirectly subject to a Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (FINRA) cap on compensation paid to FINRA member firms. The cap includes any sales load and distribution and servicing fee. The maximum compensation payable to all FINRA member firms (in the aggregate) participating in the Fund's distribution will comply with FINRA Rule 2341.

All investor funds for this closing of the sale of Shares and for closings of subsequent offerings will be deposited in an escrow account maintained by an escrow agent for the benefit of the investors. Funds held in the escrow account will not earn interest.

## Custodian and Transfer Agent

State Street Bank & Trust Company is the custodian of the Fund and will maintain custody of the securities and cash of the Fund. State Street Bank & Trust Company maintains the Fund's general ledger and computes net asset value per share daily.

SS&C GIDS, Inc. is the transfer agent and dividend disbursing agent of the Fund.

## Legal Opinions

Certain legal matters in connection with the Shares will be passed upon for the Fund by K&L Gates LLP, Boston, Massachusetts.

## Reports To Shareholders

The Fund will send to Shareholders unaudited semi-annual and audited annual reports, including a list of investments held.

## Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

KPMG LLP is the independent registered public accounting firm for the Fund and will audit the Fund's financial statements.

### Additional Information

The Prospectus and the Statement of Additional Information do not contain all of the information set forth in the Registration Statement that the Fund has filed with the Securities Exchange Commission. The complete Registration Statement may be obtained from the Securities Exchange Commission upon payment of the fee prescribed by its rules and regulations. The Statement of Additional Information can be obtained without charge by calling 1-855-328-0109.

Statements contained in this prospectus as to the contents of any contract or other documents referred to are not necessarily complete, and, in each instance, reference is made to the copy of such contract or other document filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement of which this prospectus forms a part, each such statement being qualified in all respects by such reference.

#### **AUTHORIZED SHARES**

As of the date of this Prospectus, there is only a single class of Shares authorized as follows:

(1) Title of Class	(2) Amount Authorized	(3) Amount held by the Fund or for its Account	(4) Amount Outstanding Exclusive of Amount Shown Under (3)
Common	Unlimited	N/A	89,549,689.460

#### SPECIAL PROVISION FOR ABANDONED OR UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

Certain states, including the State of Texas, have laws that allow shareholders to designate a representative to receive abandoned or unclaimed property ("escheatment") notifications by completing and submitting a designation form that generally can be found on the official state website. If a shareholder resides in an applicable state and elects to designate a representative to receive escheatment notifications, escheatment notices generally will be delivered as required by such state laws, including, as applicable, to both the shareholder and the designated representative. A completed designation form may be mailed to the Fund (if Shares are held directly with the Fund) or to the shareholder's financial intermediary (if Shares are not held directly with the Fund). Shareholders should refer to relevant state law for the shareholder's specific rights and responsibilities under his or her state's escheatment law(s), which can generally be found on a state's official website.

## Appendix A: Hypothetical Investment and Expense Information

The following chart provides additional hypothetical information about the effect of the Fund's expenses, including investment advisory fees and other Fund costs, on the Fund's assumed returns over a 10-year period. The chart shows the estimated expenses that would be incurred in respect of a hypothetical investment of \$1,000, assuming a 5% return each year, and no repurchase of Shares. The chart also assumes that the Fund's annual expense ratio stays the same throughout the 10-year period and that all dividends and distributions are reinvested. The annual expense ratio used in the chart is the same as stated in the "Summary of Fund Expenses" table of this Prospectus (and thus does not reflect any fee waiver or expense reimbursement currently in effect). Fund returns, as well as fees and expenses, may fluctuate over time, and your actual investment returns and total expenses may be higher or lower than those shown below.

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**MAXIMUM FRONT-END SALES CHARGE: NONE** 

Year	Hypothetical Beginning Investment	Hypothetical Performance Earnings	Investment After Returns	Hypothetical Expenses	Hypothetical Ending Investment
1	\$1,000.00	\$50.00	\$1,050.00	\$6.85	\$1,043.30
2	\$1,043.30	\$52.17	\$1,095.47	\$7.14	\$1,088.47
3	\$1,088.47	\$54.42	\$1,142.89	\$7.45	\$1,135.60
4	\$1,135.60	\$56.78	\$1,192.38	\$7.77	\$1,184.77
5	\$1,184.77	\$59.24	\$1,244.01	\$8.11	\$1,236.07
6	\$1,236.07	\$61.80	\$1,297.87	\$8.46	\$1,289.59
7	\$1,289.59	\$64.48	\$1,354.07	\$8.83	\$1,345.43
8	\$1,345.43	\$67.27	\$1,412.70	\$9.21	\$1,403.69
9	\$1,403.69	\$70.18	\$1,473.87	\$9.61	\$1,464.47
10	\$1,464.47	\$73.22	\$1,537.69	\$10.02	\$1,527.88
Cumulative	<u>-</u>	\$609.56		\$83.45	

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