# Federated Hermes Prudent Bear Fund

## Portfolio of Investments

December 31, 2023 (unaudited)

Shares, Principal Amount

| or Contracts  |  | Value         |
|---------------|--|---------------|
|               | U.S. TREASURY—59.9%  |               |
|               | U.S. Treasury Bills—59.9%  |               |
| \$120,000,000 | <sup>1,2</sup> United States Treasury Bill, 5.140%, 10/3/2024<br>(IDENTIFIED COST \$115,258,153) | \$115,673,388 |
|               | COMMON STOCKS—18.1%  |               |
|               | <sup>3</sup> Communication Services—1.0%   |               |
| 5,000         | Alphabet, Inc., Class A  | 698,450       |
| 15,000        | Match Group, Inc.  | 547,500       |
| 1,500         | Meta Platforms, Inc.   | 530,940       |
| 10,000        | TripAdvisor, Inc.  | 215,300       |
|               | TOTAL  | 1,992,190     |
|               | Consumer Discretionary—1.3%  |               |
| 3,000         | <sup>3</sup> Amazon.com, Inc.  | 455,820       |
| 4,000         | <sup>3</sup> Crocs, Inc.   | 373,640       |
| 240,000       | Dr. Martens PLC  | 270,587       |
| 5,000         | <sup>3</sup> Etsy, Inc.  | 405,250       |
| 4,000         | <sup>3</sup> Expedia Group, Inc.   | 607,160       |
| 20,000        | <sup>3</sup> Savers Value Village, Inc.  | 347,600       |
|               | TOTAL  | 2,460,057     |
|               | Consumer Staples—1.0%  |               |
| 12,000        | Altria Group, Inc.   | 484,080       |
| 2,000         | Constellation Brands, Inc., Class A  | 483,500       |
| 3,000         | Kimberly-Clark Corp.   | 364,530       |
| 6,000         | <sup>3</sup> Maplebear, Inc.   | 140,820       |
| 3,000         | WalMart, Inc.  | 472,950       |
|               | TOTAL  | 1,945,880     |
|               | Energy—0.5%  |               |
| 14,000        | Coterra Energy, Inc., Class A  | 357,280       |
| 8,000         | Devon Energy Corp.   | 362,400       |
| 12,000        | TXO Energy Partners, LP  | 218,160       |
|               | TOTAL  | 937,840       |
|               | Financials—3.9%  |               |
| 3,200         | American Express Co.   | 599,488       |
| 2,000         | Berkshire Hathaway, Inc., Class B  | 713,320       |
| 600,000       | 3Cab Payments Holdings Ltd.  | 632,542       |
| 20,000        | Corebridge Financial, Inc.   | 433,200       |
| 2,000         | Discover Financial Services  | 224,800       |
| 3,400         | ³Fiserv, Inc.  | 451,656       |
| 800           | Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.  | 308,616       |
| 5,000         | Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc.  | 401,900       |
| 5,000         | JPMorgan Chase & Co.   | <br>850,500   |
| 1,600         | LPL Financial Holdings, Inc.   | 364,192       |
| 12,000        | <sup>3,4</sup> Nuvei Corp.   |               |
| 5,000         | OneMain Holdings, Inc.   | 246,000       |
| 80,800        | <sup>3</sup> Oportun Financial Corp.   | 315,928       |
| 8,000         | <sup>3</sup> PayPal Holdings, Inc.   | 491,280       |
| 14,000        | Unum Group   | 633,080       |

| Amount r Contracts |  | Value  | e              |
|--------------------|--|--------|----------------|
|                    | COMMON STOCKS—continued                        |        |                |
|                    | Financials—continued                           |        |                |
| 2,400              | Visa, Inc., Class A                            | \$ 624 | 4,840          |
| ,                  | TOTAL  | 7,606  |                |
|                    | Health Care—4.3%                               | •      |                |
| 100,000            | <sup>3</sup> AbCellera Biologics, Inc.         | 571    | 1,000          |
| 30,000             | Adaptive Biotechnologies Corp.                 |        | ,<br>7,000     |
| 104,905            | <sup>3</sup> Arcutis Biotherapeutics, Inc.     |        | 3,843          |
| 8,000              | 3Centene Corp.                                 |        | 3,680          |
| 4,000              | 3Dexcom, Inc.                                  |        | 5,360          |
| 1,000              | Elevance Health, Inc.                          |        | 1,560          |
| 20,000             | <sup>3</sup> Fusion Pharmaceuticals, Inc.      |        | 2,200          |
| 3,000              | Gilead Sciences, Inc.                          |        | 3,030          |
| 8,000              | <sup>3</sup> Hologic, Inc.                     |        | 1,600          |
| 5,000              | Inari Medical, Inc.                            |        | 4,600          |
| 8,000              | Incyte Genomics, Inc.                          |        | 2,320          |
| 10,000             | <sup>3</sup> Inmode Ltd.                       |        | 2,400          |
| 20,000             | <sup>3</sup> Mineralys Therapeutics, Inc.      |        | 2,000          |
| 5,000              | <sup>3</sup> Mirum Pharmaceuticals, Inc.       |        | 7,600          |
| 10,000             | <sup>3</sup> Privia Health Group, Inc.         |        | ),300          |
| 10,000             | <sup>3</sup> Progyny, Inc.                     |        | 1,800          |
| 500                | <sup>3</sup> Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.   |        | 9,145          |
| 12,000             | Royalty Pharma PLC                             |        | 7,080          |
| 77,276             | <sup>3</sup> Sagimet Biosciences, Inc.         |        | 3,83 <i>6</i>  |
| 4,000              | <sup>3</sup> Schrodinger, Inc.                 |        | 3,200          |
| 120,000            | <sup>3</sup> Sonendo, Inc.                     |        | 5,200          |
| 120,000            | <sup>3</sup> SOPHIA GENETICS S.A.              |        | 5,200          |
| 10,000             | <sup>3</sup> Structure Therapeutics, Inc., ADR |        | 7,600          |
| 800                | <sup>3</sup> Vertex Pharmaceuticals, Inc.      | _      | 5,512          |
|                    | TOTAL  | 8,258  |                |
|                    | Industrials—1.3%                               | -,     | -,             |
| 20,000             | Aris Water Solutions, Inc.                     | 167    | 7,800          |
| 30,000             | <sup>3</sup> Byrna Technologies, Inc.          |        | 1,700          |
| 12,000             | <sup>3</sup> Core & Main, Inc.                 |        | 1,920          |
| 10,000             | Delta Air Lines, Inc.                          |        | 2,300          |
| 65,000             | <sup>3</sup> Eurogroup Laminations S.p.A.      |        | 9,145          |
| 8,000              | KBR, Inc.                                      | _      | 3,280          |
| 1,600              | <sup>3</sup> Paylocity Corp.                   |        | 3,760          |
| 40,000             | <sup>3</sup> Skymark Airlines, Inc.            |        | 5,996<br>5,996 |
| 10,000             | TOTAL  | 2,519  |                |
|                    | Information Technology—2.7%                    | 2,017  | ,,,,           |
| 500                | <sup>3</sup> Adobe, Inc.                       | 298    | 3,300          |
| 60,000             | <sup>3</sup> Arteris, Inc.                     |        | 3,400          |
| 1,400              | <sup>3</sup> Autodesk, Inc.                    |        | ),872          |
| 30,000             | <sup>3</sup> Cambium Networks Corp.            |        | 0,000<br>0,000 |
| 320,000            | <sup>3</sup> Cint Group AB                     |        | 3,334<br>3,334 |
| 100,000            | <sup>3</sup> Copperleaf Technologies, Inc.     |        | 5,832          |
| 12,000             | <sup>3</sup> DocuSign, Inc.                    |        | 3,400          |
| 4,000              | <sup>3</sup> GoDaddy, Inc.                     |        | 1,640<br>1,640 |
| 8,000              | 3IONOS SE                                      |        | +,040<br>4,158 |
| 0,000              | NVIDIA Corp.                                   |        | 4,136<br>4,264 |

| or Contracts |   | Value        |
|--------------|---|--------------|
|              | COMMON STOCKS—continued   |              |
|              | Information Technology—continued  |              |
| 10,000       | <sup>3</sup> Palantir Technologies, Inc.  | \$ 171,700   |
| 2,000        | <sup>3</sup> Salesforce, Inc.   |              |
| 55,000       | <sup>3</sup> SimilarWeb Ltd.  |              |
| 20,000       | <sup>3</sup> SkyWater Technology, Inc.  | 192,40       |
| 10,000       | <sup>3</sup> UiPath, Inc.   | 248,40       |
|              | TOTAL   | 5,315,13     |
|              | Materials—1.0%  |              |
| 20,000       | <sup>3</sup> Cleveland-Cliffs, Inc.   | 408,400      |
| 40,000       | <sup>3</sup> Lithium Royalty Corp.  |              |
| 5,000        | LyondellBasell Industries N.V.  | —<br>475,400 |
| 12,000       | Mosaic Co./The  | 428,76       |
| 5,000        | Olin Corp.  |              |
|              | TOTAL   | 1,850,37     |
|              | Real Estate—0.3%  |              |
| 25,000       | Host Hotels & Resorts, Inc.   | 486,750      |
|              | Utilities—0.8%  |              |
| 20,000       | Brookfield Renewable Corp.  | 575,800      |
| 10,000       | National Fuel Gas Co.   |              |
| 20,000       | UGI Corp.   | 492,000      |
|              | TOTAL   | 1,569,50     |
|              | TOTAL COMMON STOCKS<br>(IDENTIFIED COST \$38,177,531)   | 34,942,15    |
|              | PURCHASED CALL OPTION—0.1%  |              |
| 500          | SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust (CALL-Option), Notional Amount \$238,491,500 Exercise Price \$485, Expiration Date 1/19/2024 (IDENTIFIED COST \$103,020) | 102,000      |
|              | PURCHASED PUT OPTION—0.1%   |              |
| 800          | SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust (PUT-Option), Notional Amount \$381,586,400 Exercise Price \$470, Expiration Date 1/19/2024 (IDENTIFIED COST \$166,231)  | 187,60       |
|              | INVESTMENT COMPANY—18.9%  |              |
| 36,599,309   | Federated Hermes Government Obligations Fund, Premier Shares, 5.28% <sup>5</sup> (IDENTIFIED COST \$36,599,309)                                 | \$ 36,599,30 |
|              | TOTAL INVESTMENT IN SECURITIES—97.1% (IDENTIFIED COST \$190,304,244)  | 187,504,44   |
|              | OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - NET—2.9% <sup>6</sup>  | 5,643,46     |
|              | TOTAL NET ASSETS—100%   | \$193,147,91 |

### SECURITIES SOLD SHORT—(59.0)%

| Shares  |   | Value      |
|---------|---|------------|
|         | Broad Equity Index—(46.4)%                  |            |
| 3,000   | ARK Fintech Innovation ETF                  | \$ 82,740  |
| 2,000   | ARK Innovation ETF                          | 104,740    |
| 39,000  | iShares FTSE/Xinhua China 25                | 937,170    |
| 43,000  | iShares MSCI Canada Index Fund              | 1,577,240  |
| 18,000  | iShares MSCI Hong Kong Index Fund           | 312,660    |
| 18,000  | iShares MSCI Japan ETF                      | 1,154,520  |
| 35,000  | iShares MSCI United Kingdom                 | 1,156,750  |
| 500     | iShares Russell 2000 ETF                    | 100,355    |
| 170,000 | S&P Depositary Receipts Trust               | 80,802,700 |
| 5,500   | SPDR Dow Jones Industrial Average ETF Trust | 2,072,785  |

| Shares |   | Value            |
|--------|---|------------------|
|        | Broad Equity Index—continued                          |                  |
| 20,000 | Vanguard European ETF                                 | \$ 1,289,60      |
|        | TOTAL   | 89,591,26        |
| 0.500  | Communication Services—(0.5)%                         | 222.24           |
| 3,500  | <sup>3</sup> Liberty Broadband Corp.                  | 282,06           |
| 4,000  | <sup>3</sup> Liberty Media Corp - Liberty Formula One | 252,52           |
| 214    | <sup>3</sup> Liberty Media Corp - Liberty Live        | 8,00             |
| 16,100 | Paramount Global, Class B                             | 238,11           |
| 2,400  | Walt Disney Co.                                       | 216,69           |
|        | TOTAL   | 997,40           |
| 0.000  | Consumer Discretionary—(1.7)%                         | 252.00           |
| 9,000  | Aramark 30 M H  | 252,90           |
| 3,000  | <sup>3</sup> CarMax, Inc.                             | 230,22           |
| 2,100  | Churchill Downs, Inc.                                 | 283,35           |
| 2,000  | <sup>3</sup> Floor & Decor Holdings, Inc.             | 223,12           |
| 20,000 | Ford Motor Co.  | 243,80           |
| 7,000  | General Motors Co.                                    | 251,44           |
| 1,600  | Genuine Parts Co.                                     | 221,60           |
| 4,000  | Hasbro, Inc.  | 204,24           |
| 1,000  | Lithia Motors, Inc.                                   | 329,28           |
| 3,000  | Service Corp. International                           | 205,35           |
| 1,000  | ³Tesla, Inc.  | 248,48           |
| 35,000 | <sup>3</sup> Under Armour, Inc., Class A              | 307,65           |
| 1,400  | Whirlpool Corp.                                       | 170,47           |
|        | TOTAL   | 3,171,91         |
|        | Consumer Staples—(0.9)%                               |                  |
| 7,000  | Conagra Brands, Inc.                                  | 200,62           |
| 2,000  | Dollar General Corp.                                  | 271,90           |
| 6,000  | Hormel Foods Corp.                                    | 192,66           |
| 6,000  | Keurig Dr Pepper, Inc.                                | 199,92           |
| 5,500  | Kraft Heinz Co./The                                   | 203,39           |
| 2,400  | Lamb Weston Holdings, Inc.                            | 259,41           |
| 8,000  | ³Pilgrim's Pride Corp.                                | 221,28           |
| 8,000  | Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc.                        | 208,88           |
|        | TOTAL   | 1,758,06         |
|        | Energy—(0.5)%   |                  |
| 4,000  | DT Midstream, Inc.                                    | 219,20           |
| 7,000  | New Fortress Energy, Inc.                             | 264,11           |
| 11,000 | NOV, Inc.   | 223,08           |
| 6,000  | Williams Cos., Inc.                                   | 208,98           |
|        | TOTAL   | 915,37           |
|        | Financials—(2.0)%                                     |                  |
| 24,000 | AGNC Investment Corp.                                 | 235,44           |
| 2,000  | Allstate Corp.  | 279,96           |
| 13,000 | Annaly Capital Management, Inc.                       | 251,81           |
| 2,000  | Blackstone, Inc.                                      | 261,84           |
| 5,000  | <sup>3</sup> Block, Inc.                              | 386,75           |
| 22,000 | Blue Owl Capital, Inc.                                | 327,80           |
| 1,500  | CME Group, Inc.                                       | 315,90           |
| 3,000  | Fidelity National Information Services, Inc.          | 180,21           |
| 800    | Gallagher (Arthur J.) & Co.                           | 179,90           |
| 1,200  | Hanover Insurance Group, Inc.                         | 145,70           |
|        |   |                  |
| 4,000  | Lazard Ltd., Class A                                  | 139,20<br>337,52 |

| Shares |   | Value    |
|--------|---|----------|
|        | Financials—continued  |          |
| 1,200  | Progressive Corp., OH                                       | \$ 191,1 |
| 5,000  | Prosperity Bancshares, Inc.                                 | 338,6    |
| 7,000  | U.S. Bancorp  | 302,9    |
|        | TOTAL   | 3,874,7  |
|        | Health Care—(1.6)%  |          |
| 1,000  | <sup>3</sup> Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. | 236,4    |
| 700    | Cooper Cos., Inc.   | 264,9    |
| 1,400  | Danaher Corp.   | 323,8    |
| 18,000 | <sup>3</sup> Elanco Animal Health, Inc.                     | 268,7    |
| 5,000  | <sup>3</sup> Enovis Corp.                                   | 280,     |
| 10,000 | <sup>3</sup> Envista Holdings Corp.                         | 240,     |
| 2,000  | <sup>3</sup> Masimo Corp.                                   | 234,4    |
| 1,400  | <sup>3</sup> Repligen Corp.                                 | 251,7    |
| 3,000  | Revvity, Inc.   | 327,5    |
| 2,000  | SPDR S&P Biotech ETF  |          |
| 900    | Teleflex, Inc.  | 224,4    |
| 1,000  | <sup>3</sup> Waters Corp.                                   | 329,2    |
|        | TOTAL   | 3,160,3  |
|        | Industrials—(2.1)%  |          |
| 3,000  | <sup>3</sup> AMERCO   | 215,4    |
| 1,600  | Booz Allen Hamilton Holding Corp.                           | 204,6    |
| 3,000  | BWX Technologies, Inc.                                      | 230,     |
| 20,000 | CNH Industrial NV   | 243,6    |
| 900    | Eaton Corp. PLC   | 216,7    |
| 1,000  | <sup>3</sup> FTI Consulting, Inc.                           |          |
| 1,500  | HEICO Corp.   | 268,3    |
| 1,000  | Honeywell International, Inc.                               | 209,7    |
| 1,200  | IDEX Corp.  | 260,     |
| 800    | Illinois Tool Works, Inc.                                   | 209,     |
| 13,000 | <sup>3</sup> Lyft, Inc.                                     | 194,8    |
| 10,000 | MDU Resources Group, Inc.                                   | 198,     |
| 1,400  | MSA Safety, Inc.  | 236,3    |
| 900    | Norfolk Southern Corp.                                      | 212,7    |
| 4,000  | RB Global, Inc.   | 267,     |
| 3,000  | Toro Co.  | 287,5    |
| 4,500  | <sup>3</sup> Vestis Corp.                                   | 95,      |
| 500    | Watsco, Inc.  | 214,2    |
|        | TOTAL   | 3,964,7  |
|        | Information Technology—(1.4)%                               |          |
| 1,600  | <sup>3</sup> Arrow Electronics, Inc.                        | 195,0    |
| 4,000  | Avnet, Inc.   | 201,6    |
| 5,600  | Bentley Systems, Inc.                                       | 292,;    |
| 20,000 | <sup>3</sup> CCC Intelligent Solutions Holdings, Inc.       | 227,     |
| 900    | CDW Corp.   | 204,     |
| 2,700  | Cognex Corp.  | 112,     |
| 3,800  | Crane NXT Co.   | 216,     |
| 400    | <sup>3</sup> Gartner, Inc., Class A                         | 180,     |
| 13,000 | Hewlett Packard Enterprise Co.                              | 220,     |
| 5,500  | Juniper Networks, Inc.                                      | 162,     |
| 1,800  | <sup>3</sup> ON Semiconductor Corp.                         | 150,     |
| 400    | <sup>3</sup> Teledyne Technologies, Inc.                    | 178,     |
| 700    | <sup>3</sup> Tyler Technologies, Inc.                       | 292,     |
|        | TOTAL   | 2,635,4  |

| Shares |  | Value         |
|--------|--|---------------|
|        | Materials—(0.6)%                                       |               |
| 1,000  | Air Products & Chemicals, Inc.                         | \$ 273,800    |
| 1,900  | Ashland, Inc.  | 160,189       |
| 6,000  | Corteva, Inc.  | 287,520       |
| 2,200  | DuPont de Nemours, Inc.                                | 169,246       |
| 4,000  | International Flavors & Fragrances, Inc.               | 323,880       |
|        | TOTAL  | 1,214,635     |
|        | Real Estate—(0.8)%                                     |               |
| 2,000  | Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc.                  | 253,540       |
| 1,800  | Digital Realty Trust, Inc.                             | 242,244       |
| 4,500  | Realty Income Corp.                                    | 258,390       |
| 6,000  | Rexford Industrial Realty, Inc.                        | 336,600       |
| 2,000  | Sun Communities, Inc.                                  | 267,300       |
| 2,500  | Welltower, Inc.  | 225,425       |
|        | TOTAL  | 1,583,499     |
|        | Utilities—(0.5)%                                       |               |
| 4,000  | Alliant Energy Corp.                                   | 205,200       |
| 2,400  | American Electric Power Co., Inc.                      | 194,928       |
| 5,500  | FirstEnergy Corp.                                      | 201,630       |
| 2,000  | Idacorp, Inc.  | 196,640       |
| 2,700  | Sempra Energy  | 201,771       |
|        | TOTAL  | 1,000,169     |
|        | TOTAL SECURITIES SOLD SHORT<br>(PROCEEDS \$83,607,334) | \$113,867,645 |

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

| Description                  | Number of<br>Contracts | Notional<br>Value | Expiration<br>Date | Unrealized<br>(Depreciation) |
|------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Short Futures:               |                        |                   |                    | _                            |
| S&P 500 E-Mini Short Futures | 340                    | \$81,940,000      | March 2024         | \$(2,042,232)                |

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The average notional value of short futures contracts held by the Fund throughout the period was \$132,600,828. This is based on the contracts held as of each month-end throughout the three-month fiscal period.

The average market value of purchased put and call options held by the Fund throughout the period was \$1,065,143 and \$25,500, respectively. This is based on amounts held as of each month-end throughout the three-month fiscal period.

Net Unrealized Depreciation on Futures Contracts and on the Value of Securities Sold Short is included in "Other Assets and Liabilities—Net."

An affiliated company is a company in which the Fund, alone or in combination with other Federated Hermes funds, has ownership of at least 5% of the voting shares. Transactions with affiliated companies during the period ended December 31, 2023, were as follows:

| Affiliated  | Value as of<br>9/30/2023 | Purchases<br>at Cost | Proceeds<br>from Sales | Change in<br>Unrealized<br>Appreciation/<br>(Depreciation) |           | Value as of 12/31/2023 | Shares<br>Held as of<br>12/31/2023 | Dividend<br>Income |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|--|-----------|------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Health Care:  |                          |                      |                        |  |           |                        |                                    |                    |
| Fusion Pharmaceuticals, Inc.                                | \$260,000                | \$—                  | \$ (590,730)           | \$ 120,112   | \$402,818 | \$192,200              | 20,000                             | \$—                |
| Affiliated Issuers no longer in the portfolio at period end | \$590,800                | \$—                  | \$ (552,705)           | \$(169,774)  | \$131,679 | \$ —                   | _                                  | \$—                |
| TOTAL OF AFFILIATED COMPANIES TRANSACTIONS                  | \$850,800                | \$—                  | \$(1,143,435)          | \$ (49,662)  | \$534,497 | \$192,200              | 20,000                             | \$—                |

Affiliated fund holdings are investment companies which are managed by the Adviser or an affiliate of the Adviser. Transactions with affiliated fund holdings during the period ended December 31, 2023, were as follows:

|  | Federated<br>Hermes<br>Government<br>Obligations Fund,<br>Premier Shares |
|--|--|
| Value as of 9/30/2023                          | \$ 53,427,461  |
| Purchases at Cost                              | \$ 188,115,521   |
| Proceeds from Sales                            | \$(204,943,673)  |
| Change in Unrealized Appreciation/Depreciation | \$ —   |
| Net Realized Gain/(Loss)                       | \$ —   |
| Value as of 12/31/2023                         | \$ 36,599,309  |
| Shares Held as of 12/31/2023                   | 36,599,309   |
| Dividend Income                                | \$ 204,772   |
|  |  |

- 1 All or a portion of this security is pledged as collateral to ensure the Fund is able to satisfy the obligations of its outstanding short futures and securities sold short contracts.
- 2 Discount rate(s) at time of purchase.
- 3 Non-income-producing security.
- 4 Denotes a restricted security that either: (a) cannot be offered for public sale without first being registered, or availing of an exemption from registration, under the Securities Act of 1933; or (b) is subject to a contractual restriction on public sales. At December 31, 2023, these restricted securities amounted to \$315,120, which represented 0.2% of total net assets.
- 5 7-day net yield.
- 6 Assets, other than investments in securities, less liabilities.

Note: The categories of investments are shown as a percentage of total net assets at December 31, 2023.

#### **Investment Valuation**

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

- Equity securities including shares of exchange-traded funds listed on an exchange or traded through a regulated market system are valued at their last reported sale price or official closing price in their principal exchange or market.
- Fixed-income securities are fair valued using price evaluations provided by a pricing service approved by Federated Equity Management Company of Pennsylvania (the "Adviser").
- Shares of other mutual funds or non-exchange-traded investment companies are valued based upon their reported NAVs, or NAV per share practical expedient, as applicable.
- Derivative contracts listed on exchanges are valued at their reported settlement or closing price, except that options are valued at the mean of closing bid and ask quotations.
- Over-the-counter (OTC) derivative contracts are fair valued using price evaluations provided by a pricing service approved by the Adviser.
- For securities that are fair valued in accordance with procedures established by and under the general supervision of the Adviser, certain factors may be considered, such as: the last traded or purchase price of the security, information obtained by contacting the issuer or dealers, analysis of the issuer's financial statements or other available documents, fundamental analytical data, the nature and duration of restrictions on disposition, the movement of the market in which the security is normally traded, public trading in similar securities or derivative contracts of the issuer or comparable issuers, movement of a relevant index, or other factors including but not limited to industry changes and relevant government actions.

If any price, quotation, price evaluation or other pricing source is not readily available when the NAV is calculated, if the Fund cannot obtain price evaluations from a pricing service or from more than one dealer for an investment within a reasonable period of time as set forth in the Adviser's valuation policies and procedures for the fund, or if information furnished by a pricing service, in the opinion of the valuation committee ("Valuation Committee"), is deemed not representative of the fair value of such security, the Fund uses the fair value of the investment determined in accordance with the procedures described below. There can be no assurance that the Fund could obtain the fair value assigned to an investment if it sold the investment at approximately the time at which the Fund determines its NAV per share, and the actual value obtained could be materially different.

#### Fair Valuation and Significant Events Procedures

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

The Adviser, acting through its Valuation Committee, is responsible for determining the fair value of investments for which market quotations are not readily available. The Valuation Committee is comprised of officers of the Adviser and certain of the Adviser's affiliated companies and determines fair value and oversees the calculation of the NAV. The Valuation Committee is also authorized to use pricing services to provide fair value evaluations of the current value of certain investments for purposes of calculating the NAV. The

Valuation Committee employs various methods for reviewing third-party pricing-service evaluations including periodic reviews of third-party pricing services' policies, procedures and valuation methods (including key inputs, methods, models and assumptions), transactional back-testing, comparisons of evaluations of different pricing services, and review of price challenges by the Adviser based on recent market activity. In the event that market quotations and price evaluations are not available for an investment, the Valuation Committee determines the fair value of the investment in accordance with procedures adopted by the Adviser. The Trustees periodically review the fair valuations made by the Valuation Committee. The Trustees have also approved the Adviser's fair valuation and significant events procedures as part of the Fund's compliance program and will review any changes made to the procedures.

Factors considered by pricing services in evaluating an investment include the yields or prices of investments of comparable quality, coupon, maturity, call rights and other potential prepayments, terms and type, reported transactions, indications as to values from dealers and general market conditions. Some pricing services provide a single price evaluation reflecting the bid-side of the market for an investment (a "bid" evaluation). Other pricing services offer both bid evaluations and price evaluations indicative of a price between the prices bid and ask for the investment (a "mid" evaluation). The Fund normally uses bid evaluations for any U.S. Treasury and Agency securities, mortgage-backed securities and municipal securities. The Fund normally uses mid evaluations for any other types of fixed-income securities and any OTC derivative contracts. In the event that market quotations and price evaluations are not available for an investment, the fair value of the investment is determined in accordance with procedures adopted by the Adviser.

The Adviser has also adopted procedures requiring an investment to be priced at its fair value whenever the Valuation Committee determines that a significant event affecting the value of the investment has occurred between the time as of which the price of the investment would otherwise be determined and the time as of which the NAV is computed. An event is considered significant if there is both an affirmative expectation that the investment's value will change in response to the event and a reasonable basis for quantifying the resulting change in value. Examples of significant events that may occur after the close of the principal market on which a security is traded, or after the time of a price evaluation provided by a pricing service or a dealer, include:

- With respect to securities traded principally in foreign markets, significant trends in U.S. equity markets or in the trading of foreign securities index futures contracts;
- Political or other developments affecting the economy or markets in which an issuer conducts its operations or its securities are traded;
- Announcements concerning matters such as acquisitions, recapitalizations, litigation developments, or a natural disaster affecting the issuer's operations or regulatory changes or market developments affecting the issuer's industry.

The Adviser has adopted procedures whereby the Valuation Committee uses a pricing service to provide factors to update the fair value of equity securities traded principally in foreign markets from the time of the close of their respective foreign stock exchanges to the pricing time of the Fund. For other significant events, the Fund may seek to obtain more current quotations or price evaluations from alternative pricing sources. If a reliable alternative pricing source is not available, the Valuation Committee will determine the fair value of the investment in accordance with the fair valuation procedures approved by the Adviser. The Trustees periodically review fair valuations made in response to significant events.

Various inputs are used in determining the value of the Fund's investments. These inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

Level 1—quoted prices in active markets for identical securities.

Level 2—other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.). Also includes securities valued at amortized cost.

Level 3—significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments).

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

The following is a summary of the inputs used, as of December 31, 2023, in valuing the Fund's assets carried at fair value:

#### **Valuation Inputs**

|                                   | Level 1—<br>Quoted<br>Prices | Level 2—<br>Other<br>Significant<br>Observable<br>Inputs | Level 3—<br>Significant<br>Unobservable<br>Inputs | Total           |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|--|---|-----------------|
| Debt Securities:                  |                              |  |   |                 |
| U.S. Treasury                     | \$ —                         | \$115,673,388  | \$—   | \$ 115,673,388  |
| Equity Securities:                |                              |  |   |                 |
| Common Stocks                     |                              |  |   |                 |
| Domestic                          | 31,516,500                   | _  | _   | 31,516,500      |
| International                     | 1,875,043                    | 1,550,608  | _   | 3,425,651       |
| Purchased Call Option             | 102,000                      | _  | _   | 102,000         |
| Purchased Put Option              | 187,600                      | _  | _   | 187,600         |
| Investment Company                | 36,599,309                   | _  | _   | 36,599,309      |
| TOTAL SECURITIES                  | \$ 70,280,452                | \$117,223,996  | \$—   | \$ 187,504,448  |
| Other Financial Instruments:      |                              |  |   |                 |
| Liabilities                       |                              |  |   |                 |
| Securities Sold Short             | \$(113,867,645)              | \$ —   | \$—   | \$(113,867,645) |
| Futures Contracts                 | (2,042,232)                  | _  | _   | (2,042,232)     |
| TOTAL OTHER FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS | \$(115,909,877)              | \$ —   | \$—   | \$(115,909,877) |

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

ADR —American Depositary Receipt

ETF —Exchange-Traded Fund

PLC —Public Limited Company

SPDR—Standard & Poor's Depositary Receipt

Portfolio holdings are shown as of the date indicated and are unaudited. Since market conditions fluctuate suddenly and frequently, the portfolio holdings may change and this list is not indicative of future portfolio composition. These portfolio holdings are not intended to be and do not constitute recommendations that others buy, sell, or hold any of the securities listed.

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