

**FEDERATED INVESTMENT COUNSELING / FEDERATED GLOBAL INVESTMENT
MANAGEMENT CORP**

Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (“SFDR”) Disclosures

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Hermes Fund Managers Ireland Limited (the “**Manager**”) is an alternative investment fund manager and UCITS manager regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland, and part of the Federated Hermes Group (“**Federated Hermes**”). The Manager, for a number of its sub-funds (each a “Fund” and collective the “Funds”), has delegated investment management duties to Federated Investment Counseling (“**FIC**”) and Federated Global Investment Management Corp. (“**FGIMC**”) (each an “**Adviser**” and together the “**Advisers**”).

Refer to Appendix for a list of sub-funds to which this statement applies as of the date hereof. For the avoidance of doubt, this statement does not apply to sub-funds of Federated Hermes Investment Funds Plc (“**FHIF**”) to which the Advisers have been appointed to carry out investment management duties.

Integration of sustainability risks

Federated Hermes is a signatory to the Principles for Responsible Investment (“**PRI**”). The PRI is an investor initiative in partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative and the United Nations Global Compact. Commitments made as a signatory to the PRI are not legally binding, but are voluntary and aspirational. They include efforts, where consistent with an Adviser’s fiduciary responsibilities, to incorporate environmental, social and corporate governance (“**ESG**”) issues into investment analysis and investment decision making.

Accordingly, as part of their security selection process, among other factors, the Advisers evaluate whether ESG factors could have a negative or positive impact on the cash flows or risk profiles of any issuers or guarantors in the universe of securities in which the relevant sub-funds may invest. Securities of issuers or guarantors that may be negatively impacted by such factors may be purchased and retained by the sub-funds while the sub-funds may divest or not invest in securities of issuers that may be positively impacted by such factors depending on the degree of impact and future expectations. This process does not automatically result in excluding or screening out sectors or specific issuers but is used by Federated Hermes to improve portfolio risk/reward characteristics and prospects for long-term out-performance.

The EU Sustainable Finance Disclosures Regulation (2019/2088) on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector (the “**SFDR**”) defines “sustainability risks” as environmental, social or governance events or conditions that, if they occur, could cause an actual or a potential material negative impact on the value of the investment. The Adviser of each sub-fund has integrated sustainability risks as part of its investment decision-making and risk monitoring process for the sub-funds under the management of the Manager. The Manager or the Adviser may conduct sustainability risk-related due diligence and/or take steps to mitigate sustainability risks and preserve the value of the investment. The portfolios of the sub-funds are comprised of different investments that may change over time as a result of specific investment decisions made and accordingly the identification and assessments of risks, including sustainability risks, will take place in accordance with the foregoing policy.

The relevant Adviser’s assessment is that integration of sustainability risks should help mitigate the potential material negative impact of such risks on the returns of the sub-fund, although there can be no assurance that all such risks will be reduced, in whole or in part, nor identified prior to the date of investment. The investments underlying the sub-funds do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Principal Adverse Sustainability Impacts

Taking due account of the nature and scale of its activities and the wide and varied range of financial products it makes available, the Manager and the Advisers, where applicable, in accordance with Article 4(1) of the SFDR, has elected for the time being not to consider the principal adverse impacts of investment decisions of the sub-funds on sustainability factors. The Manager and the Advisers do not currently do so because they could not gather and/or measure all of the data on which it would be obliged by the SFDR to report, or could not do so systematically, consistently, and at a reasonable cost to investors. In addition, the information required to assess the adverse impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors are not yet fully available and/or up to date. The position of the Manager and the Advisers on this matter will be reviewed at least annually by reference to market developments. In any event, the Manager and the Advisers are focused on creating long-term value for investors and they are actively investing in systems and procedures which will enable them over time to gather more and more granular data on adverse impacts of investment decisions particularly as that data becomes available in the market. The relevant pre-contractual documentation of these financial products would be updated as appropriate in such circumstances.

Appendix – list of sub-funds in scope

Federated Unit Trust

Inter-Renten

Euro-Kurzlaufler

Euro-Renten

ProBasis

ProFutur

Europa-Aktien

Inter-Aktien

Federated Hermes International Funds plc

Federated Hermes Short-Term U.S. Government Securities Fund

Federated Hermes Short-Term U.S. Prime Fund

Federated Hermes Short-Term Euro Prime Fund