

Federated Hermes U.S. Strategic Dividend SMA

Schedule of Rates of Return and Statistics

Composite **Federated Hermes U.S. Strategic Dividend SMA**
 Index **S&P 500**
 Periods Ending **12/31/2025**

Returns (%)			
	Composite Pure Gross Return [^]	Benchmark	Composite Net Return (Assuming Maximum Fee)
Q4 25	0.33	2.66	(0.42)
1 Year	11.30	17.88	8.04
3 Years (Annlzd)	8.04	23.01	4.86
Jan 23 - Dec 25 (Annlzd) ^{^^}	8.04	23.01	4.86

[^]Pure gross returns are shown as supplemental and do not reflect the deduction of transaction costs.

^{^^}Represents composite inception period. See page 2 for additional notes to the schedule of rates of return and statistics

This composite is comprised of all domestic portfolios investing in U.S. stocks that management believes will provide high yield, reasonable dividend growth and lower volatility in falling equity market environments yet will provide potential participation in rising markets. Eligible portfolios are managed with wide latitude to choose the sectors and securities to fulfill the mandate. Within eligible portfolios, securities are selected based on a fundamental assessment of their financial strength, dividend yields, dividend growth rates, and performance during periods of market weakness. There are no guarantees that dividend-paying stocks will continue to pay dividends. The composite's official benchmark is the S&P 500. The S&P 500 is an unmanaged capitalization-weighted index of 500 stocks designed to measure performance of the broad domestic economy through changes in the aggregate market value of 500 stocks representing all major industries. Because the strategy's objectives of dividend yield and dividend growth are absolute in nature, and the strategy's investment universe/guidelines do not align well to many dividend index proxies, the S&P 500 was chosen as the most applicable broad market comparison for the strategy's overall risk/return performance profile. The strategy generally adopts a benchmark-agnostic investment approach, and while the strategy expects lower volatility than the S&P 500 (or broad equity market), it does not actively seek to outperform the S&P 500 as one of its investment goals. Indexes are unmanaged and cannot be invested in directly. The composite is calculated in U.S. dollars. Separate accounts eligible for this composite generally have a minimum of \$100,000 at the time of opening and are a part of an asset-based pricing program. This composite was created in March 2025. Federated Hermes has managed portfolios in this investment style since March 2005. Prior to March 2025, this composite consisted of the Federated Hermes U.S. Strategic Dividend Institutional Composite. Effective March 2025, wrap fee accounts make up 100% of this composite. Federated Hermes claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards ("GIPS®") and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS® standards. Federated Hermes has been independently verified for the period of January 1, 1992, through September 30, 2025. The verification report is available upon request. A firm that claims compliance with the GIPS® standards must establish policies and procedures for complying with all the applicable requirements of the GIPS® standards. Verification provides assurance on whether the firm's policies and procedures related to composite and pooled fund maintenance, as well as the calculation, presentation, and distribution of performance, have been designed in compliance with the GIPS® standards and have been implemented on a firm-wide basis. Verification does not provide assurance on the accuracy of any specific performance report. Performance results are presented both net and gross of total wrap fees and reflect the reinvestment of income. "Pure" gross returns are shown as supplemental and do not reflect the deduction of transaction costs. Net returns reflect the deduction of a maximum fee. A fee equal to the highest anticipated wrap fee that a client could pay (3.00% annually as charged by the program sponsor, inclusive of up to a maximum investment advisory fee of 0.75%) is used. This total wrap fee includes all charges for trading costs, portfolio management, custody, and other administrative fees. Actual fees may vary depending on, among other things, the applicable fee schedule and portfolio size.

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Year	Composite Pure Gross Return ^A	Composite Net Return	Benchmark Return	*Composite 3-Yr Std Dev	*Benchmark 3-Yr Std Dev	Number of Portfolios	**Dispersion	Composite Assets (mil)	Firm Assets (bil)
2023	-1.64	-4.56	26.29	N/A	N/A	<5	N/A	76.8	720.0
2024	15.19	11.82	25.02	N/A	N/A	<5	N/A	199.6	792.2
2025	11.30	8.04	17.88	12.03	11.79	<5	N/A	0.1	860.5

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*Represents the 3-year annualized standard deviation for both the gross composite and the index returns. Statistic is used to measure the volatility of composite returns.

**Standard deviation is calculated using gross returns. Standard deviation is not applicable (N/A) for any period if fewer than five accounts are in the composite for that period. (See footnote 5)

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3. All market values and performance information are valued in USD unless currency is denoted in composite description.
4. Annual composite dispersion is measured and presented using the asset weighted standard deviation of the gross returns of all of the portfolios included in the composite over the entire year. Prior to January 2023, annual dispersion for the CW Henderson composites was measured using the equal weighted standard deviation of the returns of all the portfolios included in the composite over the entire year. Effective January 2023 this was changed to asset weighted. Prior to March 2020 with regard to Federated Clover Investment Advisors composites, annual dispersion was measured using the equal weighted standard deviation of the returns of all the portfolios included in the composite over the entire year.
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