# Federated Hermes Trust for U.S. Treasury Obligations

## **Institutional Shares**

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## Product highlights

- Complies with Rule 2a-7 definition of a government money market fund.
- Not subject to liquidity fees or redemption gates.
- Pursues stability of principal and current income consistent with stability of principal.
- Invests primarily in short-term U.S. Treasury securities and repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. Treasury securities for higher yield potential than a Treasuryexclusive portfolio.
- Holds AAAm and Aaa-mf ratings from Standard & Poor's and Moody's, respectively.
- On National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) List.\*

#### Key investment team

Susan Hill, CFA Deborah A. Cunningham, CFA

#### **Credit ratings**

AAAm Standard & Poor's

Aaa-mf Moody's

NAIC List\*

## Portfolio assets

\$8.9 billion

## **Share class statistics**

## Inception date

11/9/79

#### Federated Hermes fund number

reac

## **Cut-off times**

4:00 p.m. ET — purchases

4:00 p.m. ET — redemptions

#### **Dividends**

Declared daily/paid monthly

# Portfolio composition (%)



## Effective maturity schedule (%)

Federated Hermes



## 2a-7 liquidity

Daily 82.99% Weekly 99.87%

# Weighted average maturity

26 Days

## Weighted average life

57 Days

## Fund performance

Net yield (%)						Total return (%)							
7-day				5.23	1	1-year						5.00	
Annualized yields (%)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	
7-day	4.19	4.42	4.67	4.69	4.96	4.93	5.14	5.20	5.21	5.20	5.22	5.23	

Performance quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results. Investment return will vary. An investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than the original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than what is stated. To view performance current to the most recent month-end, contact us or visit FederatedHermes.com/us.

Under the investment advisory contract, the Adviser is required to reimburse/waive the amount, limited to the amount of the management fee, by which the Fund's aggregate annual operating expenses, including the management fee, but excluding interest, taxes, brokerage commissions, expenses of registering and qualifying the Fund and its shares under federal and state laws, expenses of withholding taxes and extraordinary expenses exceed (after voluntary waivers and reimbursements) 0.45% of the Fund's IS class average daily net assets. 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 so that the total annual fund operating expenses (excluding acquired fund fees and expenses, extraordinary expenses, interest expense and proxy related expenses, if any) paid by the Fund's IS class (after the voluntary waivers and/or reimbursements) will not exceed 0.20% (the "Fee Limit") up to but not including the later of (the "Termination Date"): (a) October 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 Trustees.

Otherwise, the 7-day yield would have been 5.19% and total return would have been lower.

**Total return** represents the change in value of an investment after reinvesting all income and capital gains. Yield quotations more closely reflect the current earnings of the fund than the total return quotation.

Rule 2a-7 requires that money market funds maintain at least 10% daily liquidity assets and at least 30% weekly liquidity assets. Both requirements are 'point of purchase' requirements. Thus, it is possible that money market funds may, at any given time, have liquidity percentages reflecting less than the 10% and 30% thresholds. In such circumstances, the portfolio manager will be required to purchase securities to meet the requisite liquidity thresholds prior to purchasing longer-dated securities. Additionally, the SEC requirements for what may be defined as 'daily' and 'weekly' differs from the standard maturities used in calculating the 'Effective Maturity Schedule.' Therefore, the percentages in the 2a-7 Liquidity table will generally not equal the amounts shown in the 'Effective Maturity Schedule.'

\*This fund is on the National Association of Insurance Commissioner's list as a NAIC U.S. Government Money Market Fund listing. This designation denotes that the fund meets certain quality and pricing guidelines such as: a rating of AAAm or Aaa-mf by a Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization (NRSRO), maintain a constant NAV \$1.00 at all times, allow a maximum 7 day redemption of proceeds, invest 100% in U.S. government securities. This is subject to an annual review.

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## Portfolio manager commentary

The fourth quarter was one for the ages for the liquidity market. On the back of the long Federal Reserve tightening campaign, total U.S. money market fund assets exceeded \$6.2 trillion for the first time, with other liquidity classes following suit. Although policymakers last raised the federal funds target range in July, their projection that another hike could come before the end of the year prompted a "higher-for-longer" environment that pushed yields to levels not seen in years and that were attractive compared to other cash options.

The U.S. Treasury Department helped, with heavy bill issuance pulling yields on government securities upward. The health of the broad money markets also was seen in the continued reduction in use of the Fed's Reverse Repurchase Facility. Overnight levels, which had reached a record of around \$2.5 trillion in late 2022, fell below \$1 trillion in November. This was a sign that cash managers were finding traditional counterparties in need of funding—and willing to offer a better rate.

The financial arena did not have as harmonious of a relationship with the Fed. The markets continually disregarded the Fed's rate projections and speeches, consistently expecting easing in 2024. The amount and timing shifted, especially after the surge in bond yields in October, but traders never relinquished their forecast for cuts. For much of the quarter, Fed officials pushed back, citing high inflation, robust employment and a weakened, but not slumping economy. But in December, they seemed to capitulate, or at least acknowledged the market position, with a projection of 75 basis points worth of easing in 2024.

At the end of the quarter, yields on 1-, 3-, 6- and 12-month U.S. Treasuries were 5.40%, 5.35%, 5.27% and 4.78%, respectively; the 1-, 3-, 6- and 12-month Bloomberg Short-Term Bank Yield Index rates (BSBY) were 5.47%, 5.45%, 5.36% and 5.17%, respectively.

You could lose money by investing in the Fund. Although the Fund seeks to preserve the value of your investment at \$1.00 per share, it cannot guarantee it will do so. An investment in the Fund is not a bank account and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Company or any other government agency. The Fund's sponsor is not required to reimburse the Fund for losses, and you should not expect that the sponsor will provide financial support to the Fund at any time, including during periods of market stress.

Pursuant to rules adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in July 2023, government money market funds are not required to adopt a liquidity fee framework

Performance shown is for Institutional Shares. The fund offers additional share classes whose performance will vary due to differences in charges and expenses. Please consult your financial institution regarding your eligibility to purchase these classes.

#### A word about risk

Fund shares are not guaranteed by the U.S. government.

Current and future portfolio holdings are subject to risk

#### Definitions

**Net yields** are based on the average daily income dividend and average net asset value for the 7 days ended on the date of calculation. The 7-day net annualized yield is based on the average net income per share for the 7 days ended on the date of calculation and the offering price on that date.

The fund is a managed portfolio and its holdings are subject to change.

The holdings percentages are based on net assets at the close of business on 12/31/23 and may not necessarily reflect adjustments that are routinely made when presenting net assets for formal financial statement purposes.

Weighted average maturity is the mean average of the periods of time remaining until the securities held in the fund's portfolio (a) are scheduled to be repaid, (b) would be repaid upon a demand by the fund or (c) are scheduled to have their interest rate readjusted to reflect current market rates. Securities with adjustable rates payable upon demand are treated as maturing on the earlier of the two dates if their scheduled maturity is 397 days or less, and the later of the two dates if their scheduled maturity is more than 397 days. The mean is weighted based on the percentage of the amortized cost of the portfolio invested in each period.

Weighted average life is calculated in the same manner as the Weighted average maturity (WAM), but is based solely on the periods of time remaining until the securities held in the fund's portfolio (a) are scheduled to be repaid or (b) would be repaid upon a demand by the fund without reference to when interest rates of securities within the fund are scheduled to be readjusted.

**Repurchase agreements** consist of a financial institution selling securities to a fund and agreeing to repurchase them at a mutually agreed upon price and time.

### Ratings and rating agencies

Ratings are based on an evaluation of several factors, including credit quality, diversification and maturity of assets in the portfolio, as well as management strength and operational capabilities. A money market fund rated AAAm by Standard & Poor's is granted after evaluating a number of factors, including credit quality, market price, exposure and management. Money market funds rated Aaa-mf by Moody's are judged to be of an investment quality similar to Aaa-rated fixed income obligations, that is, they are judged to be of the best quality. For more information on credit ratings, visit standardandpoors.com and moodys.com.

Ratings are subject to change and do not remove market risk.

Credit ratings do not provide assurance against default or other loss of money and can change.