

# Federated Hermes Government Ultrashort Fund

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Hermes

Nasdaq symbol — R6: FGULX | IS: FGUSX | SS: FEUSX | A: FGUAX

12/31/23

## Product highlights

- Pursues current income.
- Invests in U.S. government securities, including mortgage-backed securities.
- Maintains a portfolio dollar-weighted average effective duration of one year or less.
- Focuses on short-term government securities that can provide a potential yield advantage over government money market securities in exchange for potential minimal principal volatility.

## Morningstar category

Ultrashort Bond

## Benchmark

ICE BofA 6-Month Treasury Bill Index

## Key investment team

Susan Hill, CFA

Liam O'Connell, CFA

## Fund statistics

|                                                           |              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Portfolio assets                                          | \$911.8 m    |
| Dividends                                                 | Paid monthly |
| Weighted average effective duration (Aladdin calculation) | 0.37 years   |
| Weighted average bond price (Aladdin calculation)         | \$99.63      |

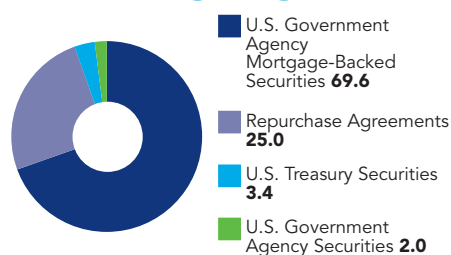
## Interest rate basis (%)

|               |      |
|---------------|------|
| Fixed rate    | 33.3 |
| Floating rate | 66.7 |

## Top holdings (%)

|                                  |      |
|----------------------------------|------|
| Bank of Montreal Repo            | 14.1 |
| HSBC Securities (USA), Inc. Repo | 11.0 |
| FHLMC KF157 AS 4/25/2033         | 5.8  |
| FHLMC KF1-51 AS, 12/25/2032      | 4.7  |
| FHLMC KF150 AS, 12/25/2032       | 4.3  |
| GNMA1 2023-H01 FB, 1/20/2073     | 3.9  |
| FHLMC 5323 FA FA, 7/25/2053      | 3.6  |
| FHLMC KF146 AS, 10/25/2032       | 3.2  |
| FHLMC KF147 AS, 11/25/2032       | 2.9  |
| GNMA1 2023-84 JF, 6/20/2053      | 2.7  |

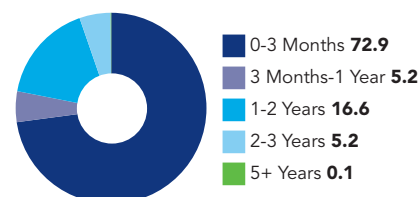
## Sector weightings (%)



## Quality breakdown (%) \*\*



## Duration (%)



## Average annual total returns (%)

Performance shown is before tax.

| NAV       | Performance inception | Cumulative 3-month |        |        |        |         |                 | Expense ratio* |               |  |
|-----------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|--|
|           |                       |                    | 1-year | 3-year | 5-year | 10-year | Since inception | Before waivers | After waivers |  |
| R6        | 7/10/97               | 1.85               | 5.13   | 1.85   | 1.82   | 1.21    | 1.88            | 0.39           | 0.24          |  |
| IS        | 7/10/97               | 1.85               | 5.10   | 1.80   | 1.80   | 1.27    | 2.29            | 0.43           | 0.26          |  |
| SS        | 9/30/99               | 1.82               | 5.11   | 1.73   | 1.71   | 1.18    | 1.93            | 0.69           | 0.36          |  |
| A         | 7/10/97               | 1.91               | 5.06   | 1.69   | 1.60   | 0.95    | 1.81            | 0.57           | 0.41          |  |
| Benchmark |                       | 1.49               | 5.14   | 2.17   | 2.02   | 1.40    | -               | -              | -             |  |

## Calendar year total returns (%)

Institutional Shares/NAV

|           | 2023 | 2022 | 2021  | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 |
|-----------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| NAV       | 5.10 | 0.43 | -0.06 | 1.48 | 2.14 | 1.88 | 1.06 | 0.40 | 0.07 | 0.26 |
| Benchmark | 5.14 | 1.34 | 0.09  | 1.05 | 2.57 | 1.92 | 0.95 | 0.67 | 0.22 | 0.12 |

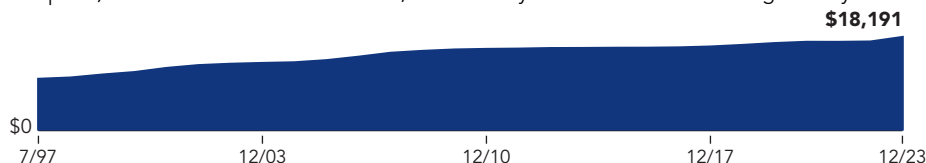
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\* The fund's expense ratio is from the most recent prospectus. The expense ratio may reflect voluntary fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements determined by the fund's Advisor and its affiliates. The voluntary waivers and/or reimbursements, if applicable, are in effect up to but not including the later of 8/1/24 or the date of the fund's next effective prospectus.

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## Growth over time

If you had invested \$10,000 in Institutional Shares on 7/31/97 (month end of the fund's performance inception) and reinvested all distributions, here's how your account would have grown by 12/31/23.



The fund's A Shares commenced operations on March 3, 2003. For the period prior to the commencement of operations of the A Shares, the performance information shown is for the fund's Institutional Shares, adjusted to reflect the sales charges (for maximum offering price performance) and expenses of the A Shares.

The fund's R6 Shares commenced operations on March 29, 2016. For the period prior to the commencement of operations for the R6 Shares, the performance information shown is for the IS Shares. The performance of the IS Shares has not been adjusted to reflect the expenses applicable to the R6 Shares since the R6 Shares have a lower expense ratio than the expense ratio of the IS Shares. The performance of the IS Shares has been adjusted to remove any voluntary waiver of fund expenses related to the IS Shares that may have occurred during the period prior to the commencement of operations of the R6 Shares.

### A word about risk

Mutual funds are subject to risks and fluctuate in value.

Bond prices are sensitive to changes in interest rates, and a rise in interest rates can cause a decline in their prices.

The fund is not a "money market" mutual fund. Some money market mutual funds attempt to maintain a stable net asset value through compliance with relevant Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) rules. The fund is not governed by those rules, and its shares will fluctuate in value.

The value of some mortgage-backed securities may be particularly sensitive to changes in prevailing interest rates, and although the securities are generally supported by some form of government or private insurance, there is no assurance that private guarantors or insurers will meet their obligations.

When homeowners prepay their mortgages in response to lower interest rates, the fund will be required to reinvest the proceeds at the lower interest rates available. 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.

### Definitions

**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. Because this is a managed portfolio, the investment mix will change.

**Total return** represents the change in value of an investment after reinvesting all income and capital gains. Total return would have been lower in the absence of temporary expense waivers or reimbursements.

**Growth over time** performance is for the fund's Institutional Shares. The fund offers additional share classes whose performance will vary due to differences in charges and expenses.

**Weighted average effective duration** (sometimes called "Option-Adjusted Duration") is a measure of a security's price sensitivity to changes in interest rates calculated using a model that recognizes that the probability of a bond being called or remaining outstanding until maturity may vary if market interest rates change, and that makes adjustments based on a bond's embedded options (e.g., call rights, or in the case of a mortgage-backed security, the probability that homeowners will prepay their mortgages), if any, based on the probability that the options will be exercised. A fund's weighted average effective duration will equal the market value weighted average of each bond's effective duration in the fund's portfolio. As with any model, several assumptions are made so the weighted average effective duration of a fund in the Federated Hermes family of funds may not be comparable to other funds outside of the Federated Hermes family of funds. Securities with longer durations are more sensitive to changes in interest rates than securities of shorter durations.

*Investors should carefully consider the fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses before investing. To obtain a summary prospectus or prospectus containing this and other information, contact us or visit [FederatedHermes.com/us](https://FederatedHermes.com/us). Please carefully read the summary prospectus or the prospectus before investing.*

*Past performance is no guarantee of future results.*

**Weighted average bond price** - Morningstar generates this figure from the portfolio by weighting the price of each bond by its relative size in the portfolio. This number reveals if the manager favors bonds selling at prices above or below face value (discount or premium securities, respectively). A higher number indicates a bias toward premiums. This statistic is expressed as a percentage of par (face) value.

**ICE BofA 6-Month Treasury Bill Index** is an unmanaged index tracking 6-month U.S. government securities. The index is produced by BofA Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc.

Indexes are unmanaged and cannot be invested in directly.

### Ratings and rating agencies

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