# **Federated Hermes Municipal Ultrashort Fund**

Nasdaq symbol — R6: FMULX | IS: FMUSX | A: FMUUX

## 3/31/25

## **Product highlights**

- Pursues current income exempt from federal regular income tax.
- Maintains a portfolio dollar-weighted average effective duration of one year or less.
- Allocates portfolio to the sectors that may offer the best risk/return balance.

## Morningstar category

Municipal National Short

### Benchmark

50% Bloomberg 1-Year US Municipal Bond Index/50% iMoneyNet Tax-Free National Retail Index

#### Key investment team

Jeff Kozemchak, CFA Mary Jo Ochson, CFA Kyle Stewart, CFA Ann Ferentino, CFA

## **Fund statistics**

Portfolio assets	\$1.2 b
Number of securities	238
Dividends	Paid monthly
Weighted average effective maturity	0.95 years
Weighted average effective duration	0.75 years
Weighted average bond price	\$100.36
AMT	24.0%

#### Interest rate basis (%)

Fixed rate	62.0
Floating rate	38.0

## Top holdings (%)

Invesco Municipal Opportunity Trust, PUTTERs 3a-7 (VMTP 5029), Due 4/1/25, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. Liquidity	3.2
Westchester County, NY IDA, (Ardsley Housing Associates LLC), SPEAR's 3a7 (Series DBE-8138), Due 4/7/25, Deutsche Bank AG LCD, Deutsche Bank AG Liquidity	2.4
Black Belt Energy Gas District, AL, Gas Revenue Bonds Project No.7 (Series 2021C-2), Due 12/1/26, Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. Guaranteed	2.1
Mobile, AL IDB, (Alabama Power Co.), Pollution Control Revenue Bonds (Series 2007B), 3.920%, Due 6/2/26	2.1
Belleville Township, NJ, 5.000%, Due 7/8/25	1.7
California Municipal Finance Authority, (Republic Services, Inc.), (Series 2021-B), Due 7/15/25	1.7
Ector County, TX Independent School District, UT GO School Building Bonds (Series 2024B), Due 8/15/27, Texas Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program Guaranteed	1.7

## Overall Morningstar Rating<sup>™</sup>



Other Sectors 18.3 General Obligation-Local **16.0** Industrial Development/Pollution Control **14.3** Electric & Gas 9.3

Hospital 6.4 Prepaid Gas Utility 5.2 Higher Education 3.1

Institutional Shares

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- Toll Road 2.6
- Water & Sewer 2.0

Rating is based on risk adjusted total return for A Shares and Institutional Shares out of 208 Funds in Municipal National Short Category as of 3/31/25. The overall rating is derived from a weighted average of the fund's three-, five-, and ten-year average annual returns, as applicable.

## Quality breakdown (%) \*\*



Totals may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

## **Duration (%)**



## Average annual total returns (%)

NAV	Performance inception	Cumulative 3-month	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year	Since inception	Before waivers	After waivers	
R6	10/24/00	0.97	3.87	3.05	1.98	1.49	1.91	0.41	0.34	
IS	10/24/00	0.87	3.75	2.99	1.96	1.48	1.90	0.45	0.36	
Α	10/24/00	0.83	3.69	2.83	1.80	1.18	1.51	0.60	0.51	
Bench	mark	0.86	3.47	2.70	1.69	1.38	-	-	-	

# Calendar year total returns (%)

	YTD	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
NAV	0.87	3.56	3.97	-0.34	0.12	1.11	2.15	1.46	1.16	0.73
Benchmark	0.86	3.08	3.37	0.02	0.21	1.21	1.99	1.60	0.90	0.36

Performance quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than what is stated. To view performance current to the most recent month-end, and for after-tax returns, contact us or visit FederatedHermes.com/us.

\* 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 12/1/25 or the date of the fund's next effective prospectus.

Expense ratio\*

Institutional Shares/NAV

# Federated Hermes

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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. Please carefully read the summary prospectus or the prospectus before investing.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

For information on taxable equivalent yields, visit FederatedHermes.com/us, "Products" section.

The fund's R6 Shares commenced operations on May 29, 2019. For the periods prior to the commencement of operations of the R6 Shares, the performance information shown is for the fund's Institutional Shares. The performance of the Institutional 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 Institutional 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.

Interest income from the fund's investments may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax (AMT) for individuals, and state and local taxes.

#### Definitions

The holdings percentages are based on net assets at the close of business on 3/31/25 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.

Weighted average effective maturity is the average time to maturity of debt securities held in the fund.

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.

Weighted average bond price - calculated 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.

Alternative Minimum Tax is a special income tax for high net worth individuals with tax-exempt investments.

Bloomberg 1-Year US Municipal Bond Index is the one-year (1-2) component of the Bloomberg US Municipal Bond Index. The Bloomberg US Municipal Index covers the USD-denominated long-term tax-exempt bond market. The index has four main sectors: state and local general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, insured bonds and prerefunded bonds.

**iMoneyNet Tax-Free National Retail Index** which is included in the iMoneyNet Tax-Free State-Specific Category includes all retail and institutional State-Specific money funds. Portfolio Holdings of tax-free funds include Rated and Unrated Demand Notes, Rated and Unrated General Market Notes, Commercial Paper, Put Bonds – 6 months & less, Put Bonds – over 6 months, AMT Paper, and Other Tax-Free holdings.

Indexes are unmanaged and cannot be invested in directly.

#### **Ratings and rating agencies**

Morningstar Category identifies funds based on their actual investment styles as measured by their underlying portfolio holdings over the past three years. If the fund is less than three years old, the category is based on the life of the fund. ©2025 Morningstar, Inc. All Rights Reserved. The information contained herein: (1) is proprietary to Morningstar; (2) may not be copied or distributed; and (3) is not warranted to be accurate, complete or timely. Neither Morningstar nor its content providers are responsible for any damages or losses arising from any use of this information. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

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\*\* The ratings agencies that provided the ratings are S&P Global Ratings, Moody's and Fitch. When ratings vary, the highest rating is used. Credit ratings of A or better are considered to be high credit quality; credit ratings of BBB are good credit quality and the lowest category of investment grade; credit ratings BB and below are lower-rated securities ("junk bonds"); and credit ratings of CCC or below have high default risk. Short-term debt obligations with ratings of A-1, P-1 or F-1 are considered to have the strongest repayment ability, those rated A-2, P-2 or F-2 have a satisfactory repayment ability, and those rated A-3, P-3 or F-3 have an adequate repayment ability. The credit quality breakdown does not give effect to the impact of any credit derivative investments made by the fund.

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