

# Federated Hermes Short-Intermediate Total Return Bond Fund

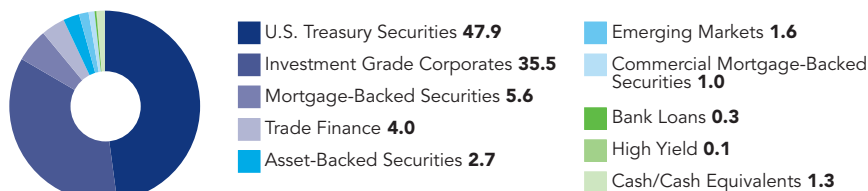
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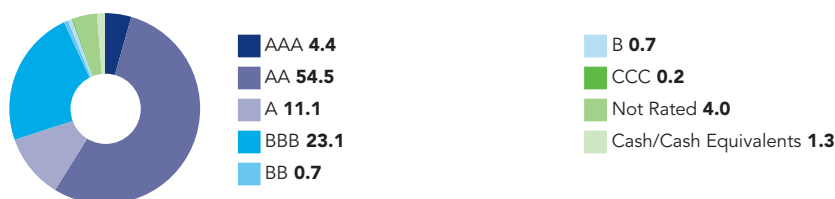
## Product highlights

- Pursues total return.
- Invests in a broad, strategic mix of bond sectors: primarily U.S. government, investment-grade corporate, also high-yield and emerging markets (including trade finance); high-yield allocation limited to 35%, typically under 15%. The maximum amount that the fund may invest in emerging market securities, including trade finance, is 10% of the fund's total assets.
- Focuses on sectors management believes will benefit from anticipated changes in economic and market conditions.
- Maintains a portfolio dollar-weighted average effective duration between 1.5 and 3.5 years.
- Serves as a short-intermediate core multi-sector bond holding.

## Sector weightings (%)



## Quality breakdown (%) \*\*



Quality breakdown does not apply to Equity or Cash/Cash Equivalents.

## Morningstar category

Short-Term Bond

## Benchmark

Bloomberg 1-5 Year US Government/Credit Index

## Key investment team

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## Fund statistics

Portfolio assets	\$953.8 m
Number of securities	234
Dividends	Paid monthly
Weighted average effective maturity	3.1 years
Weighted average effective duration	2.5 years
Weighted average bond price	\$97.40

## Top holdings (%)

U.S. Treasury Note, 5.000% due 8/31/25	13.8
Mortgage Core Fund	5.8
Project and Trade Finance Core Fund	4.2
U.S. Treasury Note, 3.125% due 8/31/27	3.8
U.S. Treasury Note, 4.125% due 9/30/27	3.4
U.S. Treasury Note, 2.750% due 4/30/27	3.1
U.S. Treasury Note, 3.500% due 1/31/28	3.1
U.S. Treasury Note, 0.625% due 7/31/26	2.9
U.S. Treasury Note, 4.250% due 9/30/24	2.6
U.S. Treasury Note, 4.375% due 8/31/28	2.1

## 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	1/31/14	3.51	5.18	-0.28	1.82	-	1.50	0.44	0.37	
IS	9/2/05	3.51	5.17	-0.29	1.81	1.76	3.15	0.48	0.38	
SS	9/2/05	3.45	4.80	-0.57	1.55	1.50	2.89	0.73	0.63	
A	1/31/14	3.45	4.80	-0.57	1.55	-	1.44	0.71	0.63	
Benchmark		3.44	4.89	-0.62	1.54	1.43	-	-	-	
Maximum offering price										
A	1/31/14	2.40	3.74	-0.91	1.35	-	1.33	0.71	0.63	

## Calendar year total returns (%)

Institutional Shares/NAV

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
NAV	5.17	-5.47	-0.28	4.89	5.19	0.81	1.70	3.31	0.34	2.47
Benchmark	4.89	-5.50	-0.97	4.71	5.01	1.38	1.27	1.56	0.97	1.42

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](https://FederatedHermes.com/us). Maximum offering price figures reflect the maximum sales charge of 1% for A Shares. See the prospectus for other fees and expenses that apply to a continued investment in the fund.

\* 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 11/1/24 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 9/30/05 (month end of the fund's performance inception) and reinvested all distributions, here's how your account would have grown by 12/31/23.



Prior to September 1, 2016, R6 Shares were known as R Shares and included 12b-1 fees and certain other expenses. As of September 1, 2016, the R6 Shares does not include such 12b-1 fees and certain other expenses, and the performance shown for the R6 Shares prior to September 1, 2016, reflects the higher R Shares expenses.

### 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.

International investing involves special risks including currency risk, increased volatility, political risks, and differences in auditing and other financial standards. Prices of emerging-market and frontier-market securities can be significantly more volatile than the prices of securities in developed countries, and currency risk and political risks are accentuated in emerging markets.

High-yield, lower-rated securities generally entail greater market, credit/default and liquidity risks, and may be more volatile than investment-grade securities.

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.

The fund's use of derivative instruments involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional instruments.

### 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 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** - 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.

*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](http://FederatedHermes.com/us). Please carefully read the summary prospectus or the prospectus before investing.*

*Past performance is no guarantee of future results.*

### Bloomberg 1-5 Year US Government/Credit Index

is a broad-based benchmark that measures the non-securitized component of the Bloomberg US aggregate index. It includes investment grade, U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed-rate treasuries, government-related and corporate securities that have a remaining maturity of greater than or equal to one year and less than five years.

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.

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\*\* The ratings referred to in the quality breakdown are provided by Standard and Poor's, Moody's, and Fitch. The allocation of ratings presented aligns with the methodology of the Bloomberg index. Bloomberg employs the middle rating from Standard and Poor's, Moody's, and Fitch to determine a security's credit classification, essentially following a "two-out-of-three" rule. In cases where only two agencies rate a security, the more conservative (lower) rating is utilized. If only one agency rates a security, that single rating is used. Additionally, certain securities may not have a credit rating from any of the agencies, and they are categorized as "not rated." For clarity, credit ratings of A or better are indicative of high credit quality, while BBB represents good credit quality and the lowest tier of investment grade. Ratings of BB and below are assigned to lower-rated securities, often referred to as "junk bonds," and credit ratings of CCC or below indicate a high level of default risk. This breakdown doesn't consider the impact of credit derivatives in the fund.