# Federated Hermes Institutional Tax-Free Cash Trust

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## Institutional Shares

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# Product highlights

- Invests in high quality, tax-exempt securities maturing in 5 business days or less (i.e. weekly liquid assets). By investing in high quality securities with maturities of 5 business days or less, the fund seeks to minimize the volatility of its NAV.
- Pursues dividend income exe mpt from federal regular income tax, consistent with stability of principal.
- Fund income is not normally subject to the federal alternative minimum tax (AMT) for individuals.
- Holds AAAm and AAAmmf ratings from S&P Global Ratings and Fitch, respectively.
- Offers tax-sensitive investors the potential for attractive taxable-equivalent yields compared to taxable money market funds.
- Offers a single strike time with T+0 and T+1 settlement.

### Key investment team

Michael Sirianni Jr. Kyle Stewart, CFA

#### **Credit ratings**

AAAm S&P Global Ratings

**AAAmmf** Fitch

#### Portfolio assets

\$2.7 billion

## Credit/obligor exposure

Truist Bank

Assured Guaranty, Inc.

TD Bank, N.A.

Nuveen Enhanced AMT-Free Quality Municipal Income Fund

Florida Power & Light Co.

Nucor Corp.

Alabama Power Co.

Nuveen AMT-Free Municipal Credit Income Fund

Air Products & Chemicals, Inc.

Barclays Bank plc

Total % of Portfolio: 46.7%

#### Share class statistics

#### Inception date

2/26/16

Federated Hermes fund number

42

#### **Cut-off times**

1:00 pm ET — purchases 1:00 pm ET — redemptions

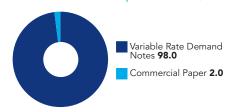
Strike times

1:00 pm ET

### Dividends

Declared daily/paid monthly

# Portfolio composition (%)



# Effective maturity schedule (%)



Weighted average maturity 5 Days

Weighted average life

5 Days

# Fund performance

Net yield (%)						Total return (%)							
7-day 2.92					1	1-year						3.01	
Annualized yields (%)	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	
7-day	3.50	3.28	3.92	3.54	2.98	3.18	3.37	2.81	3.63	2.22	2.03	2.92	

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.

The investment advisor is waiving all or a portion of its management fee, or reimbursing certain operating expenses to the fund, pursuant to its investment advisory agreement with the fund. Shareholders must approve any change to this waiver. Although not contractually obligated to do so, the advisor and/or certain fund service providers waived all or a portion of their fees. These voluntary waivers and reimbursements may be modified or terminated at any time; accordingly, the fund's expenses may vary (i.e., increase or decrease) during the fund's fiscal year. These waivers increase income to the fund and result in a higher return to investors.

Otherwise, the 7-day yield would have been 2.78% 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.

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## Portfolio manager commentary

The growth of liquidity products since the Federal Reserve first hiked rates in 2022 has been something to behold, and that trend continued in the first quarter. Total US money market assets under management (AUM) topped \$7 trillion for the first time in March and those of global money funds have also reached record highs, according to the Investment Company Institute. One popular reason for the increase is investors are placing cash in liquidity products to weather the stor m in the equity market and the uncertainty created by the Trump administration. But that theory is belied by the nature of the inflows, which we see as growing at a rate consistent with the migration to money funds seen over the last several quarters. We can't pinpoint from where those assets came. But the steady nature of the inflows supports the hypothesis that people are fed up with low interest rates of other products rather than hiding from the market correction.

Fed Chair Powell resurrected the term "transitory" at the March policysetting meeting. We thought that radioactive word was buried after he repeatedly used it to describe pandemic-related inflation in 2021. He feels the potential impacts of Trump's whipsaw approach to tariffs might be inflationary in the short term but not in the long term, if they increase productivity. We and some of his colleagues are not so sure. During the quarter, the Fed kept rates in a target range of 4.25-4.5% but projected that easing won't return until the second half of this year. It reduced the monthly pace of quantitative easing from \$25 billion to \$5 billion, while keeping the number of mortgage-backed securities rolling off the balance sheet at \$35 billion.

The SIFMA Municipal Swap Index ranged from a low of 1.83% on January 8 to a high of 3.62% on March 12 and averaged 2.66%. Many investors sensitive to taxes continue to be rewarded with a commitment to the sector. Generally, state and local government credit quality continues to benefit from strong management and ample financial reserves. At monthend, yields on 1-, 3-, 6- and 12-month US Treasuries were 4.30%, 4.30%, 4.23% and 4.03%, respectively.

You could lose money by investing in the fund. Because the share price of the fund will fluctuate, when you sell your shares, they may be worth more or less than what you originally paid for them. The fund may impose a fee upon sale of your shares. The fund generally must impose a fee when net sales of fund shares exceed certain levels. An investment in the fund is not a bank account and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation 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.

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

#### A word about risk

The fund's investment advisor normally will invest assets entirely in securities whose interest is not subject to (or not a specific preference item for purposes of) the AMT, such that, normally, distributions of annual interest income also are exempt from the AMT. However, in certain circumstances to pursue the fund's investment objective, the Advisor may invest the fund's assets in securities that may be subject to the AMT. In such circumstances, interest from the fund's investments may be subject to the AMT. Consult your tax professional for more information.

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 7days ended on the date of calculation. The 7-day net annualized yield is based on the average net income per share for the 7days 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. Holdings percentages are based on net assets at the close of business on the date above, 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. For government variable rate securities, if the interest rate is readjusted no less frequently than every 397 calendar days, the security shall be deemed to have a maturity equal to the period remaining until the next readjustment of the interest rate. For non-government variable rate securities, if the security has a scheduled maturity of 397days or less the security is treated as maturing on the earlier of the date the security is scheduled to be repaid through demand or the period remaining until the next readjustment of the interest rate. If the variable rate security has a scheduled maturity that is more than 397 days it is the later of those two dates. The mean is weighted based on the percentage of the market value 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.

Variable rate demand notes are tax-exempt securities that require the issuer or a third party, such as a dealer or bank, to repurchase the security for its face value upon demand. The securities also pay interest at a variable rate intended to cause the securities to trade at their face value.

## 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 S&P Global Ratings is granted after evaluating a number of factors, including credit quality, market price, exposure and management. Fitch's money market fund ratings are an assessment of a money market fund's capacity to preserve principal and provide liquidity through limiting credit, market and liquidity risk. For more information on credit ratings, visit spglobal.com and fitchratings.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.