# Federated Hermes Institutional Prime Obligations Fund

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## Product highlights

- Pursues current income consistent with stability of principal.
- Invests primarily in short-term, high-quality, fixed-income securities issued by banks, corporations and the US government.
- Holds AAAm and AAAmmf ratings from S&P Global Ratings and Fitch, respectively.
- Offers intraday liquidity.

#### Key investment team

Paige Wilhelm Mark Weiss, CFA

## **Credit ratings**

AAAm S&P Global Ratings

**AAAmmf** Fitch

#### Portfolio assets

\$15.3 billion

#### Top holdings

Bank of America Corp.

Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.

ABN Amro Bank NV

Credit Agricole Group

Bank of Montreal

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce

JPMorgan Chase & Co.

Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc.

Toronto Dominion Bank

Societe Generale SA

Total % of Portfolio: 44.1%

## Share class statistics

#### Inception date

3/26/90

#### Federated Hermes fund number

10

### **Cut-off times**

3:00 pm ET — purchases 3:00 pm ET — redemptions

#### Strike times

3:00 pm ET

## Dividends

Declared daily/paid monthly

# Portfolio composition (%)



# Effective maturity schedule (%)

Federated Hermes



# 2a-7 liquidity

Daily 38.38% Weekly 54.47%

Weighted average maturity
41 Days

Weighted average life

61 Days

# Fund performance

Net yield (%)						Total return (%)							
7-day				4.35	1	1-year							
Annualized yields (%)	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	
7-day	5.34	5.34	5.34	5.33	5.31	4.90	4.83	4.61	4.47	4.42	4.36	4.35	

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.

Although not contractually obligated to do so, the advisor and/or certain fund service providers waived all or a portion of their fees or reimbursed the fund for certain operating expenses. 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 4.30% 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.

The daily and weekly liquid assets thresholds are 25% and 50%, respectively. 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 daily and weekly liquidity asset 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."

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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 stock market correction.

Fed Chair Powell resurrected the term "transitory" at the March policysetting meeting. We thought that radioactive word was long buried after he repeatedly used it to describe pandemic-related inflation in 2021. His point was that the potential impacts of Trump's whipsaw approach to tariffs might be inflationary in the short term but not in the long term, as they might lead to better 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 Fed balance sheet at \$35 billion. Powell was right about one point: policymakers' decisions were based on data that didn't reflect the tariff turmoil. That impact will be messy, and he emphasized they do not alter policy due to "what-ifs."

At the end of the month, 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 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

The value of some asset-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 guarantee and/or insurance, there is no assurance that private guarantors or insurers will meet their obligations.

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. 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.

**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.

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.

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