

# A step up the yield curve

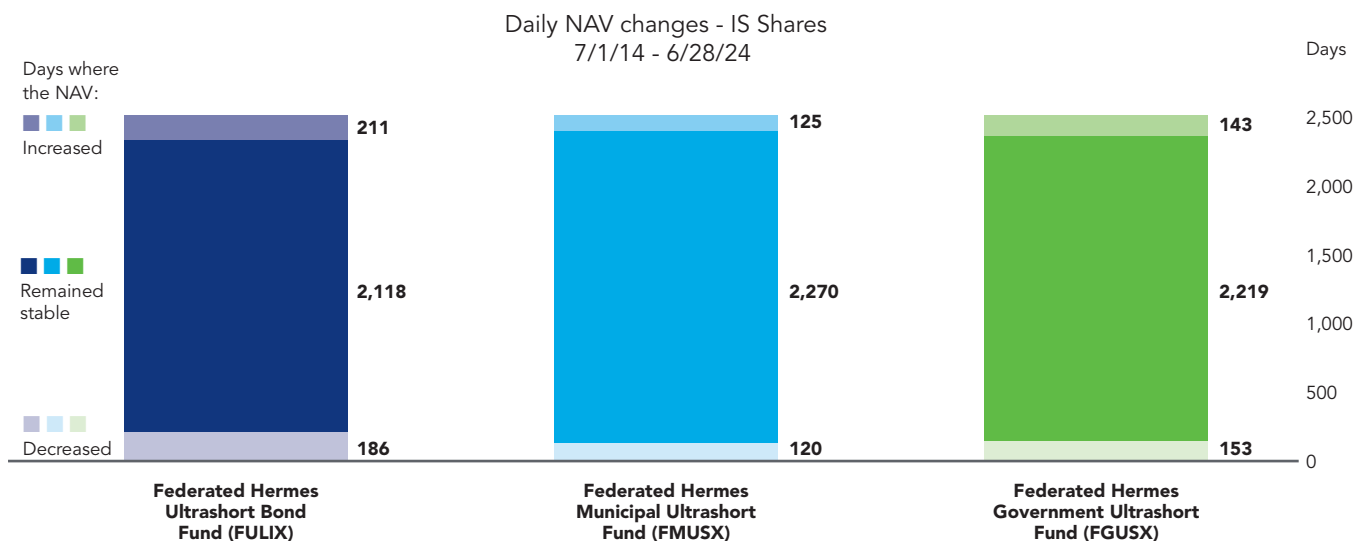


## Ultrashort bond funds

Clients can benefit from 50 years of fixed-income experience through investments in our multi-sector, government and municipal ultrashort funds. Each fund employs rigorous credit research while pursuing yield and managing risk.

## A history of minimal NAV volatility

While focused on pursuing low principal volatility, our portfolio managers seek to capitalize on opportunities for additional yield over stable NAV products. Investors who can take on some additional risk can use Federated Hermes' ultrashort funds to pursue that higher yield. The short duration of ultrashort funds can also help mitigate interest-rate risks of longer-term fixed-income exposure.



| 10 years ended 6/30/24                   | FULIX (IS) | %     | FMUSX (IS) | %     | FGUSX (IS) | %     |
|------------------------------------------|------------|-------|------------|-------|------------|-------|
| <b>NAV as of 6/28/24</b>                 | 9.22       | -     | 9.97       | -     | 9.81       | -     |
| <b>NAV as of 7/1/14</b>                  | 9.18       | -     | 10.04      | -     | 9.90       | -     |
| <b>Total business days over 10 years</b> | 2,516      | -     | 2,516      | -     | 2,516      | -     |
| <b>Days with NAV increases</b>           | 186        | 7.4%  | 120        | 4.8%  | 153        | 6.1%  |
| <b>Days with NAV stability</b>           | 2,118      | 84.2% | 2,270      | 90.2% | 2,219      | 88.2% |
| <b>Days with NAV decreases</b>           | 211        | 8.4%  | 125        | 5.0%  | 143        | 5.7%  |
| <b>52-week maximum NAV</b>               | 9.23       | -     | 10.06      | -     | 9.97       | -     |
| <b>52-week minimum NAV</b>               | 8.77       | -     | 9.81       | -     | 9.74       | -     |

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://www.federatedhermes.com/us).

## Why Federated Hermes ultrashort bond funds?

### Attractive yield

While maintaining weighted average duration under one year, our ultrashort funds can deliver yields above money market funds, making them an attractive complement for cash investors seeking yield.

### Minimal NAV volatility

Our funds' histories of minimal NAV volatility can be attributed to our investment teams' rigorous and repeatable credit review processes.

### Experience

Our deep bench of experienced portfolio managers, analysts and traders have worked through multiple economic, market and rate cycles to seek out diversified sources of alpha while striving to limit volatility.

| Fund name                                                | Federated Hermes Ultrashort Bond Fund                                                         | Federated Hermes Municipal Ultrashort Fund                                                | Federated Hermes Government Ultrashort Fund                                            |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Ticker symbol (IS)</b>                                | FULIX                                                                                         | FMUSX                                                                                     | FGUSX                                                                                  |
| <b>Share classes available</b>                           | R6, IS, SS, A                                                                                 | R6, IS, A                                                                                 | R6, IS, SS, A                                                                          |
| <b>Investment objective</b>                              | Total return consistent with current income                                                   | Current income exempt from federal regular income tax                                     | Current income                                                                         |
| <b>Investment concentration</b>                          | US government and corporate securities, including asset-backed and mortgage-backed securities | Short-term, investment-grade tax-exempt securities                                        | US government securities including Treasuries, agencies and mortgage-backed securities |
| <b>Weighted average effective duration as of 6/30/24</b> | 1.0 years                                                                                     | 0.91 years                                                                                | 0.61 years                                                                             |
| <b>Benchmark</b>                                         | Bloomberg US Short-Term Government/Corporate Index                                            | 50% Bloomberg 1-Year US Municipal Bond Index/50% iMoneyNet Tax-Free National Retail Index | ICE BofA 6-Month Treasury Bill Index                                                   |

## Average annual total returns (%) as of 6/30/24

|                                                    | Share class | Ticker symbol | 1-year | 5-year | 10-year | Inception date | Expense ratio* (before/after waivers) |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------|--------|---------|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Federated Hermes Ultrashort Bond Fund</b>       | IS          | FULIX         | 6.41   | 2.35   | 1.97    | 2/22/00        | 0.43/0.37                             |
|                                                    | A           | FULAX         | 6.25   | 2.14   | 1.59    | 5/31/97        | 0.60/0.52                             |
| Benchmark                                          | –           | –             | 5.48   | 2.17   | 1.64    | –              | –                                     |
| <b>Federated Hermes Municipal Ultrashort Fund</b>  | IS          | FMUSX         | 3.89   | 1.47   | 1.23    | 10/24/00       | 0.44/0.36                             |
|                                                    | A           | FMUUX         | 3.73   | 1.29   | 0.92    | 10/24/00       | 0.59/0.51                             |
| Benchmark                                          | –           | –             | 3.38   | 1.38   | 1.14    | –              | –                                     |
| <b>Federated Hermes Government Ultrashort Fund</b> | IS          | FGUSX         | 5.56   | 2.15   | 1.54    | 7/10/97        | 0.43/0.26                             |
|                                                    | A           | FGUAX         | 5.51   | 1.98   | 1.23    | 7/10/97        | 0.57/0.41                             |
| Benchmark                                          | –           | –             | 5.46   | 2.26   | 1.65    | –              | –                                     |

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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 12/1/24 (8/1/24 for FHGUSF) or the date of the fund's next effective prospectus.

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.

Ultrashort funds are not "money market" mutual funds. Some money market funds attempt to maintain a stable net asset value through compliance with relevant Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) rules. Ultrashort funds are not governed by those rules, and shares will fluctuate in value. Ultrashort bond funds pursue strategies aimed at producing higher yields by investing in securities with higher risks. Money market funds are also subject to strict diversification and maturity standards that don't apply to ultrashort bond funds.

**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.

Diversification does not assure a profit nor protect against loss.

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.

Credit ratings do not protect against market risk.

Indexes are unmanaged and investments cannot be made in an index.

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

### Federated Hermes Ultrashort Bond Fund

The fund may invest in Federated Hermes portfolios that are not available to the public and provide for more effective diversification than is available through the purchase of individual securities. Where applicable, the fund holdings reflect exposure to underlying securities held by the portfolios.

The fund's A Shares commenced operations on October 8, 2002. For the period prior to the commencement of operations of the A Shares, the performance information shown is for the fund's Service Shares, adjusted to reflect the sales charges (for maximum offering price performance) that were applicable to the fund's A Shares until December 1, 2019, and expenses of the A Shares.

Bloomberg US Short-Term Government/Corporate Index represents securities that have fallen out of the U.S. Government/Corporate Index because of the standard minimum one-year maturity constraint.

Sectors include Treasuries, Agencies, Industrials, Utilities and Financial Institutions.

### Federated Hermes Municipal Ultrashort Fund

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

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 Bond 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.

### Federated Hermes Government Ultrashort Fund

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.

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