

Annual Financial Statements and Additional Information



December 31, 2024

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Primary

Service

Federated Hermes Quality Bond Fund II

A Portfolio of Federated Hermes Insurance Series

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Portfolio of Investments

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Principal Amount or Shares		Value
	CORPORATE BONDS—98.4%	
	Basic Industry - Chemicals—0.4%	
\$ 500,000	RPM International, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.550%, 3/1/2029	\$ 491,967
	Basic Industry - Metals & Mining—1.0%	
350,000	Anglo American Capital PLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 2.250%, 3/17/2028	320,514
200,000	¹ Anglo American Capital PLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 2.875%, 3/17/2031	174,056
200,000	Anglo American Capital PLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.500%, 5/2/2033	199,228
350,000	Glencore Funding LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 1.625%, 4/27/2026	335,837
350,000	Glencore Funding LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.125%, 10/6/2028	361,074
	TOTAL	1,390,709
	Basic Industry - Paper—0.3%	
400,000	Smurfit Kappa Treasury Unlimited Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.200%, 1/15/2030	402,814
	Capital Goods - Aerospace & Defense—3.3%	
600,000	Airbus Group SE, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.150%, 4/10/2027	579,585
280,000	BAE Systems Holdings, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.850%, 12/15/2025	277,546
200,000	BAE Systems PLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.400%, 4/15/2030	184,570
600,000	Boeing Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.700%, 2/1/2027	572,337
500,000	Boeing Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.625%, 2/1/2031	454,168
200,000	Boeing Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.528%, 5/1/2034	209,626
700,000	GE Capital Funding LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.400%, 5/15/2030	668,042
410,000	Huntington Ingalls Industries, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.483%, 12/1/2027	393,850
600,000	Leidos, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series WI, 2.300%, 2/15/2031	504,155
800,000	RTX Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.125%, 11/16/2028	779,107
	TOTAL	4,622,986
	Capital Goods - Building Materials—0.9%	
415,000	Allegion PLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.500%, 10/1/2029	388,063
150,000	Allegion US Holdings Co., Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.600%, 5/29/2034	150,867
155,000	Carrier Global Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.900%, 3/15/2034	160,576
300,000	Masco Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.000%, 10/1/2030	252,842
300,000	Masco Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.500%, 11/15/2027	289,308
	TOTAL	1,241,656
	Capital Goods - Construction Machinery—1.7%	
500,000	Ashtead Capital, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 1.500%, 8/12/2026	473,425
205,000	Ashtead Capital, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.550%, 5/30/2033	202,199
600,000	CNH Industrial Capital America LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.450%, 7/15/2026	570,965
595,000	CNH Industrial NV, Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series MTN, 3.850%, 11/15/2027	581,462
510,000	Weir Group PLC/The, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 2.200%, 5/13/2026	490,708
	TOTAL	2,318,759
	Capital Goods - Diversified Manufacturing—1.9%	
600,000	Honeywell International, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.950%, 6/1/2030	518,229
555,000	Hubbell, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.300%, 3/15/2031	472,228
200,000	Ingersoll-Rand, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.176%, 6/15/2029	202,070
85,000	Ingersoll-Rand, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.450%, 6/15/2034	85,657
585,000	Lennox International, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.700%, 8/1/2027	539,802
500,000	Vontier Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series WI, 2.400%, 4/1/2028	451,635
235,000	Wabtec Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.200%, 6/15/2025	233,162
125,000	Wabtec Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.611%, 3/11/2034	126,721
	TOTAL	2,629,504

Principal Amount or Shares		Value
	CORPORATE BONDS—continued	
	Communications - Cable & Satellite—1.3%	
\$ 231,000	CCO Safari II LLC, 4.908%, 7/23/2025	\$ 230,806
85,000	Charter Communications Operating, LLC/Charter Communications Operating Capital Corp., Sec. Fac. Bond, 6.100%, 6/1/2029	86,676
150,000	Charter Communications Operating, LLC/Charter Communications Operating Capital Corp., Sec. Fac. Bond, 6.550%, 6/1/2034	153,505
400,000	Comcast Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.350%, 1/15/2027	382,470
750,000	Comcast Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.650%, 2/1/2030	672,075
300,000	Comcast Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.300%, 2/1/2027	292,076
	TOTAL	1,817,608
	Communications - Media & Entertainment—1.6%	
220,000	Meta Platforms, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.500%, 8/15/2027	215,096
250,000	Meta Platforms, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.850%, 8/15/2032	232,411
500,000	Netflix, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.375%, 11/15/2026	498,616
500,000	Netflix, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.875%, 6/15/2030	498,022
310,000	Paramount Global, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.200%, 5/19/2032	273,376
500,000	Warnermedia Holdings, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.054%, 3/15/2029	465,374
	TOTAL	2,182,895
	Communications - Telecom Wireless—1.9%	
500,000	American Tower Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.450%, 9/15/2026	473,084
430,000	Crown Castle, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.250%, 1/15/2031	361,849
250,000	Crown Castle Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.800%, 9/1/2028	247,295
250,000	Crown Castle, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.100%, 5/1/2033	243,967
900,000	T-Mobile USA, Inc., Series WI, 3.875%, 4/15/2030	847,332
500,000	T-Mobile USA, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.050%, 7/15/2033	489,779
	TOTAL	2,663,306
	Communications - Telecom Wirelines—2.2%	
300,000	AT&T, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.300%, 6/1/2027	283,233
877,000	AT&T, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.550%, 12/1/2033	706,747
200,000	NBN Co. Ltd., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.000%, 10/1/2027	196,227
200,000	Rogers Communications, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.000%, 2/15/2029	198,808
200,000	Rogers Communications, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.300%, 2/15/2034	195,016
250,000	Telefonica SA, Company Guarantee, 7.045%, 6/20/2036	274,992
800,000	Verizon Communications, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.750%, 1/20/2031	659,553
410,000	Verizon Communications, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.550%, 3/21/2031	353,251
175,000	Verizon Communications, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.150%, 3/22/2030	160,290
	TOTAL	3,028,117
	Consumer Cyclical - Automotive—3.5%	
900,000	American Honda Finance Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series GMTN, 4.400%, 9/5/2029	875,532
300,000	Daimler Trucks Financial NA, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.125%, 1/19/2028	301,255
600,000	¹ Daimler Trucks Financial NA, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.125%, 9/25/2029	602,567
250,000	Ford Motor Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.346%, 12/8/2026	246,228
250,000	Ford Motor Credit Co. LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.800%, 3/8/2029	250,209
290,000	Ford Motor Credit Co. LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.798%, 11/7/2028	300,621
200,000	Ford Motor Credit Co. LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 7.122%, 11/7/2033	208,838
500,000	General Motors Financial Co., Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.400%, 4/10/2028	459,856
210,000	General Motors Financial Co., Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.850%, 4/6/2030	214,577
675,000	Hyundai Capital America, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.300%, 1/8/2029	676,631
700,000	Nissan Motor Co., Ltd., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.345%, 9/17/2027	674,224
	TOTAL	4,810,538
	Consumer Cyclical - Retailers—2.7%	
1,000,000	¹ Advance Auto Parts, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series WI, 3.900%, 4/15/2030	892,163
470,000	Alimentation Couche-Tard, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 2.950%, 1/25/2030	423,924

Principal Amount or Shares		Value
	CORPORATE BONDS—continued	
	Consumer Cyclical - Retailers—continued	
\$ 265,000	AutoNation, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.750%, 6/1/2030	\$ 256,087
240,000	AutoZone, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.750%, 2/1/2033	230,376
250,000	AutoZone, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.400%, 7/15/2034	248,723
275,000	Costco Wholesale Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.375%, 6/20/2027	255,711
500,000	Home Depot, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.750%, 6/25/2029	501,289
320,000	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.750%, 3/15/2031	262,656
120,000	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.200%, 4/1/2030	115,466
580,000	Tractor Supply Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.750%, 11/1/2030	485,565
90,000	Tractor Supply Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.250%, 5/15/2033	90,041
	TOTAL	3,762,001
	Consumer Cyclical - Services—1.6%	
200,000	Alibaba Group Holding Ltd., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.125%, 2/9/2031	168,612
500,000	Alibaba Group Holding Ltd., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.400%, 12/6/2027	482,552
170,000	Amazon.com, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.150%, 8/22/2027	164,192
260,000	Amazon.com, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.300%, 4/13/2027	253,788
400,000	Booking Holdings, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.625%, 4/13/2030	396,519
750,000	Cintas Corp. No. 2, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.700%, 4/1/2027	735,386
54,000	Expedia Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series WI, 2.950%, 3/15/2031	47,572
	TOTAL	2,248,621
	Consumer Non-Cyclical - Food/Beverage—3.9%	
450,000	Anheuser-Busch InBev Worldwide, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.750%, 1/23/2029	450,111
1,015,000	Coca-Cola Femsa S.A.B. de C.V., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.750%, 1/22/2030	909,546
750,000	Constellation Brands, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.650%, 11/15/2028	742,242
380,000	Flowers Foods, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.500%, 10/1/2026	371,006
775,000	Keurig Dr Pepper, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.950%, 4/15/2029	743,639
417,000	Kraft Heinz Foods Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.000%, 6/1/2026	407,270
900,000	Kraft Heinz Foods Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series WI, 3.875%, 5/15/2027	882,115
300,000	Smithfield Foods, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 2.625%, 9/13/2031	247,597
510,000	Smithfield Foods, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.000%, 10/15/2030	441,641
60,000	Smithfield Foods, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.250%, 2/1/2027	58,717
150,000	Tyson Foods, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.400%, 3/15/2029	151,712
	TOTAL	5,405,596
	Consumer Non-Cyclical - Health Care—2.1%	
250,000	Becton Dickinson & Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.700%, 6/6/2027	244,185
1,290,000	CVS Health Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.300%, 3/25/2028	1,250,554
235,000	DH Europe Finance II S.a.r.l., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.600%, 11/15/2029	212,633
300,000	GE HealthCare Technologies, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.905%, 11/22/2032	311,830
85,000	HCA, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.125%, 3/15/2027	81,808
500,000	HCA, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.500%, 6/1/2033	494,870
300,000	Solventum Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.400%, 3/1/2029	300,871
	TOTAL	2,896,751
	Consumer Non-Cyclical - Pharmaceuticals—4.4%	
453,000	Abbott Laboratories, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.750%, 11/30/2026	447,791
1,005,000	AbbVie, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.200%, 11/21/2029	933,234
67,000	AbbVie, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.750%, 3/15/2045	59,824
1,000,000	Amgen, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.250%, 3/2/2030	1,009,551
140,000	Amgen, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.507%, 3/2/2026	140,008
235,000	AstraZeneca PLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 0.700%, 4/8/2026	224,361
600,000	AstraZeneca PLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.125%, 6/12/2027	581,325
200,000	Bayer US Finance II LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.250%, 12/15/2025	198,749

Principal Amount or Shares		Value
	CORPORATE BONDS—continued	
	Consumer Non-Cyclical - Pharmaceuticals—continued	
\$ 235,000	Biogen, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.250%, 5/1/2030	\$ 203,241
415,000	Bristol-Myers Squibb Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.900%, 2/22/2029	417,149
152,000	Bristol-Myers Squibb Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series WI, 5.000%, 8/15/2045	140,792
220,000	Gilead Sciences, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.650%, 3/1/2026	217,480
670,000	Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.750%, 9/15/2030	557,890
450,000	Revvity, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.300%, 9/15/2029	415,434
240,000	Royalty Pharma PLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series WI, 1.200%, 9/2/2025	234,133
300,000	Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Netherlands III B.V., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.150%, 10/1/2026	288,528
	TOTAL	6,069,490
	Consumer Non-Cyclical - Products—0.3%	
200,000	Kenvue, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.000%, 3/22/2030	201,552
200,000	Kenvue, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.350%, 3/22/2026	201,958
	TOTAL	403,510
	Consumer Non-Cyclical - Supermarkets—0.5%	
610,000	Kroger Co., Bond, 6.900%, 4/15/2038	671,525
	Consumer Non-Cyclical - Tobacco—1.9%	
350,000	Altria Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.400%, 2/14/2026	348,465
300,000	BAT Capital Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.834%, 2/20/2031	306,806
300,000	BAT Capital Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 7.750%, 10/19/2032	340,525
300,000	Philip Morris International, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.750%, 11/1/2031	293,534
300,000	Philip Morris International, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.875%, 2/13/2029	299,735
500,000	Philip Morris International, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.125%, 2/15/2030	502,794
140,000	Philip Morris International, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.625%, 11/17/2029	144,255
360,000	Reynolds American, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 7.000%, 8/4/2041	378,455
	TOTAL	2,614,569
	Energy - Independent—1.9%	
215,000	Cimarex Energy Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.375%, 3/15/2029	197,974
200,000	Diamondback Energy, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.150%, 1/30/2030	200,496
300,000	Diamondback Energy, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.400%, 4/18/2034	295,153
160,000	Diamondback Energy, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.250%, 3/15/2033	166,396
700,000	Hess Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.300%, 4/1/2027	693,050
200,000	Ovintiv, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.650%, 5/15/2028	202,868
580,000	Ovintiv, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.250%, 7/15/2033	594,384
325,000	Pioneer Natural Resources, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.125%, 1/15/2026	313,862
	TOTAL	2,664,183
	Energy - Integrated—1.3%	
500,000	BP Capital Markets America, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.699%, 4/10/2029	497,353
300,000	Cenovus Energy, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.650%, 1/15/2032	250,218
500,000	Cenovus Energy, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.250%, 4/15/2027	493,236
530,000	CNPC Hong Kong Overseas Capital Ltd., Company Guarantee, 144A, 5.950%, 4/28/2041	567,447
	TOTAL	1,808,254
	Energy - Midstream—3.6%	
265,000	Boardwalk Pipeline Partners LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.400%, 2/15/2031	237,298
300,000	Energy Transfer LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.750%, 5/15/2030	280,052
100,000	Energy Transfer LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.550%, 5/15/2034	99,553
290,000	MPLX LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.750%, 3/1/2026	280,130
395,000	MPLX LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.125%, 3/1/2027	389,244
630,000	National Fuel Gas Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.950%, 3/1/2031	543,666
395,000	National Fuel Gas Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.500%, 1/15/2026	396,761
345,000	ONEOK, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.000%, 7/13/2027	338,961

Principal Amount or Shares		Value
	CORPORATE BONDS—continued	
	Energy - Midstream—continued	
\$ 350,000	ONEOK, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.000%, 6/15/2035	\$ 359,460
120,000	ONEOK, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.100%, 11/15/2032	124,247
500,000	Plains All American Pipeline LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.550%, 12/15/2029	465,286
140,000	Targa Resources, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.200%, 2/1/2033	127,209
400,000	Targa Resources, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.125%, 3/15/2033	412,599
275,000	Targa Resources, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.150%, 3/1/2029	285,539
600,000	TC Pipelines, LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.900%, 5/25/2027	586,910
	TOTAL	4,926,915
	Energy - Refining—0.6%	
185,000	Phillips 66, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.300%, 2/15/2026	178,338
335,000	Valero Energy Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.625%, 6/15/2037	352,079
215,000	Valero Energy Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 7.500%, 4/15/2032	241,526
	TOTAL	771,943
	Financial Institution - Banking—23.8%	
60,000	Associated Banc-Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.455%, 8/29/2030	61,221
1,085,000	Associated Banc-Corp., Sub. Note, 4.250%, 1/15/2025	1,084,570
300,000	Bank of America Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.734%, 7/22/2027	286,089
1,900,000	Bank of America Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.592%, 4/29/2031	1,674,531
1,250,000	Bank of America Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.705%, 4/24/2028	1,217,747
500,000	Bank of America Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series MTN, 3.248%, 10/21/2027	482,009
500,000	Bank of America Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series MTN, 4.271%, 7/23/2029	487,382
250,000	Bank of New York Mellon Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.050%, 1/26/2027	238,110
400,000	Capital One Financial Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.817%, 2/1/2034	401,904
500,000	Citigroup, Inc., 4.125%, 7/25/2028	486,467
250,000	Citigroup, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.122%, 1/28/2027	240,141
1,400,000	Citigroup, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.572%, 6/3/2031	1,220,698
480,000	Citigroup, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.400%, 5/1/2026	471,988
500,000	Citigroup, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.700%, 1/12/2026	495,240
250,000	Citigroup, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.887%, 1/10/2028	245,120
500,000	Citigroup, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.075%, 4/23/2029	485,326
90,000	Citizens Financial Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.500%, 2/6/2030	78,902
150,000	Citizens Financial Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.841%, 1/23/2030	152,258
260,000	Citizens Financial Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.645%, 4/25/2035	274,245
300,000	Comerica, Inc., 3.800%, 7/22/2026	294,441
155,000	Comerica, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.982%, 1/30/2030	156,790
140,000	Fifth Third Bancorp, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.895%, 9/6/2030	138,136
450,000	Fifth Third Bancorp, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.631%, 1/29/2032	455,170
250,000	Fifth Third Bank, Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series BKNT, 2.250%, 2/1/2027	237,684
260,000	FNB Corp. (PA), 5.722%, 12/11/2030	256,799
300,000	FNB Corp. (PA), Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.150%, 8/25/2025	299,460
200,000	Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.431%, 3/9/2027	192,055
750,000	Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.992%, 1/27/2032	619,234
250,000	Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.640%, 2/24/2028	238,474
1,250,000	Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.500%, 11/16/2026	1,223,179
500,000	Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.223%, 5/1/2029	486,770
250,000	Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.851%, 4/25/2035	254,831
240,000	Huntington Bancshares, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.550%, 2/4/2030	211,439
220,000	Huntington Bancshares, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.208%, 8/21/2029	227,226
1,000,000	JPMorgan Chase & Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.545%, 11/8/2032	843,775
1,000,000	JPMorgan Chase & Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.580%, 4/22/2032	858,228

Principal Amount or Shares		Value
	CORPORATE BONDS—continued	
	Financial Institution - Banking—continued	
\$ 500,000	JPMorgan Chase & Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.323%, 4/26/2028	\$ 494,105
500,000	JPMorgan Chase & Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.452%, 12/5/2029	490,165
250,000	JPMorgan Chase & Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.294%, 7/22/2035	247,458
165,000	JPMorgan Chase & Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.336%, 1/23/2035	164,025
400,000	KeyCorp, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.401%, 3/6/2035	416,539
410,000	M&T Bank Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.553%, 8/16/2028	405,719
250,000	M&T Bank Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.053%, 1/27/2034	239,513
320,000	M&T Bank Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 7.413%, 10/30/2029	343,121
550,000	Morgan Stanley, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 0.985%, 12/10/2026	530,493
1,000,000	Morgan Stanley, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.625%, 1/20/2027	981,979
210,000	Morgan Stanley, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.123%, 2/1/2029	210,618
500,000	Morgan Stanley, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.250%, 4/21/2034	492,537
195,000	Morgan Stanley, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.466%, 1/18/2035	194,005
500,000	Morgan Stanley, Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series GMTN, 2.239%, 7/21/2032	414,202
165,000	Morgan Stanley, Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series GMTN, 2.699%, 1/22/2031	146,661
500,000	PNC Financial Services Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.150%, 5/19/2027	482,495
500,000	PNC Financial Services Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.068%, 1/24/2034	487,289
200,000	PNC Financial Services Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.582%, 6/12/2029	203,532
185,000	PNC Financial Services Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.676%, 1/22/2035	187,219
350,000	Regions Financial Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.502%, 9/6/2035	342,001
65,000	State Street Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.421%, 5/13/2033	61,939
1,200,000	Synovus Bank GA, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.625%, 2/15/2028	1,202,514
300,000	Synovus Financial Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.200%, 8/11/2025	299,883
160,000	Synovus Financial Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.168%, 11/1/2030	161,269
500,000	Truist Financial Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series MTN, 1.125%, 8/3/2027	455,551
500,000	Truist Financial Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series MTN, 4.123%, 6/6/2028	491,014
400,000	Truist Financial Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series MTN, 5.122%, 1/26/2034	388,946
200,000	Truist Financial Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series MTN, 7.161%, 10/30/2029	213,929
300,000	US Bancorp, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.384%, 1/23/2030	302,566
250,000	US Bancorp, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.836%, 6/12/2034	254,947
1,250,000	US Bancorp, Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series MTN, 2.215%, 1/27/2028	1,185,286
1,320,000	Wells Fargo & Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.000%, 10/23/2026	1,280,895
235,000	Wells Fargo & Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.389%, 4/24/2034	232,487
250,000	Wells Fargo & Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.574%, 7/25/2029	253,890
750,000	Wells Fargo & Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series MTN, 2.393%, 6/2/2028	706,545
1,000,000	Wells Fargo & Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series MTN, 2.572%, 2/11/2031	882,229
	TOTAL	32,925,205
	Financial Institution - Broker/Asset Mgr/Exchange—1.2%	
220,000	Invesco Finance PLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.750%, 1/15/2026	217,808
500,000	Jefferies Group LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.625%, 10/15/2031	422,096
200,000	Jefferies Group LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.500%, 1/20/2043	213,378
245,000	Nuveen LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.000%, 11/1/2028	237,904
595,000	Raymond James Financial, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.650%, 4/1/2030	587,910
	TOTAL	1,679,096
	Financial Institution - Finance Companies—2.1%	
205,000	AerCap Ireland Capital Ltd. / AerCap Global Aviation Trust, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.000%, 10/29/2028	189,913
500,000	AerCap Ireland Capital Ltd. / AerCap Global Aviation Trust, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.300%, 1/30/2032	435,839
550,000	AerCap Ireland Capital Ltd. / AerCap Global Aviation Trust, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.625%, 10/15/2027	546,658
700,000	Air Lease Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.875%, 8/15/2026	667,696
550,000	Air Lease Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.625%, 12/1/2027	531,777

Principal Amount or Shares		Value
	CORPORATE BONDS—continued	
	Financial Institution - Finance Companies—continued	
\$ 140,000	Air Lease Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.850%, 12/15/2027	\$ 143,552
180,000	Ally Financial, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.992%, 6/13/2029	187,589
250,000	Discover Financial Services, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.100%, 2/9/2027	245,546
	TOTAL	2,948,570
	Financial Institution - Insurance - Health—0.8%	
645,000	Centene Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.450%, 7/15/2028	580,963
200,000	The Cigna Group, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.375%, 10/15/2028	196,145
400,000	The Cigna Group, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.685%, 3/15/2026	400,130
	TOTAL	1,177,238
	Financial Institution - Insurance - Life—1.8%	
350,000	AIA Group Ltd., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.600%, 4/9/2029	333,584
500,000	CoreBridge Global Funding, Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 5.200%, 1/12/2029	503,078
350,000	CoreBridge Global Funding, Sr. Secd. Note, 144A, 5.900%, 9/19/2028	360,331
800,000	¹ Lincoln National Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.050%, 1/15/2030	720,764
172,000	Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co., Sub. Note, 144A, 8.875%, 6/1/2039	208,502
300,000	Nationwide Mutual Insurance Co., Sub. Note, 144A, 9.375%, 8/15/2039	383,867
	TOTAL	2,510,126
	Financial Institution - Insurance - P&C—0.5%	
300,000	Aon North America, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.300%, 3/1/2031	301,436
250,000	CNA Financial Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.450%, 8/15/2027	242,034
95,000	CNA Financial Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.900%, 5/1/2029	91,027
	TOTAL	634,497
	Financial Institution - REIT - Apartment—0.9%	
395,000	Avalonbay Communities, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series MTN, 3.350%, 5/15/2027	383,283
115,000	Camden Property Trust, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.800%, 5/15/2030	103,251
320,000	Mid-America Apartment Communities LP, Sr. Unsub., 1.700%, 2/15/2031	264,120
500,000	UDR, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series MTN, 2.950%, 9/1/2026	485,181
	TOTAL	1,235,835
	Financial Institution - REIT - Healthcare—1.3%	
445,000	Healthcare Trust of America, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.000%, 3/15/2031	364,321
710,000	Physicians Realty Trust, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.300%, 3/15/2027	702,604
375,000	Welltower, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.750%, 1/15/2031	328,095
500,000	Welltower, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.100%, 1/15/2030	455,511
	TOTAL	1,850,531
	Financial Institution - REIT - Office—0.8%	
250,000	Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.900%, 12/15/2030	246,489
480,000	Boston Properties LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.200%, 1/15/2025	479,621
80,000	Boston Properties LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.250%, 1/30/2031	70,389
120,000	Piedmont Operating Partnership, LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.750%, 4/1/2032	95,465
250,000	Piedmont Operating Partnership, LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 9.250%, 7/20/2028	274,490
	TOTAL	1,166,454
	Financial Institution - REIT - Other—0.9%	
390,000	Host Hotels & Resorts LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.700%, 7/1/2034	389,595
320,000	ProLogis LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.375%, 2/1/2029	314,743
275,000	WP Carey, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.400%, 2/1/2031	233,994
250,000	WP Carey, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.375%, 6/30/2034	248,229
	TOTAL	1,186,561
	Financial Institution - REIT - Retail—1.1%	
725,000	Kimco Realty Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.900%, 3/1/2028	662,590
250,000	Kimco Realty Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.700%, 10/1/2030	222,036

Principal Amount or Shares		Value
	CORPORATE BONDS—continued	
	Financial Institution - REIT - Retail—continued	
\$ 400,000	Regency Centers LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.700%, 6/15/2030	\$ 373,833
300,000	Regency Centers LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.250%, 1/15/2034	295,798
	TOTAL	1,554,257
	Sovereign—0.4%	
510,000	Inter-American Development Bank, Series MTN, 6.750%, 7/15/2027	533,126
	Technology—9.1%	
300,000	Accenture Capital, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.050%, 10/4/2029	291,250
125,000	Apple, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.450%, 5/6/2044	114,575
350,000	AppLovin Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.375%, 12/1/2031	350,256
240,000	AppLovin Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.500%, 12/1/2034	238,364
340,000	Automatic Data Processing, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.375%, 9/15/2025	337,362
666,000	Broadcom, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.110%, 9/15/2028	650,837
400,000	Broadcom, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.150%, 11/15/2031	402,703
135,000	Broadcom, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.419%, 4/15/2033	118,237
250,000	Broadcom, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.000%, 4/15/2029	240,610
250,000	CDW LLC/CDW Finance, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.670%, 12/1/2026	239,959
215,000	Concentrix Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.650%, 8/2/2026	218,840
250,000	Fiserv, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.650%, 6/1/2030	221,076
500,000	Fiserv, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.200%, 10/1/2028	486,542
225,000	Fiserv, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.450%, 3/2/2028	228,606
255,000	Fortinet, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.000%, 3/15/2026	243,989
320,000	Global Payments, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.200%, 3/1/2026	306,928
300,000	Global Payments, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.150%, 1/15/2027	284,517
90,000	Global Payments, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.900%, 5/15/2030	80,164
300,000	Global Payments, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.900%, 11/15/2031	256,702
260,000	Global Payments, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.450%, 6/1/2028	254,521
200,000	Hewlett Packard Enterprise Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.850%, 10/15/2031	195,142
200,000	Hewlett Packard Enterprise Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.000%, 10/15/2034	192,340
400,000	Intel Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.000%, 2/21/2031	392,783
100,000	Keysight Technologies, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.000%, 10/30/2029	91,230
240,000	Keysight Technologies, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.950%, 10/15/2034	230,991
310,000	Lam Research Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.000%, 3/15/2029	301,545
195,000	Microchip Technology, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.050%, 3/15/2029	194,681
90,000	Microchip Technology, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.050%, 2/15/2030	89,401
750,000	Microsoft Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.400%, 8/8/2026	728,028
575,000	Oracle Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.300%, 3/25/2028	531,743
230,000	Oracle Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.150%, 11/9/2029	241,316
430,000	Roper Technologies, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.000%, 6/30/2030	366,749
875,000	Roper Technologies, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.800%, 12/15/2026	861,820
805,000	S&P Global, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.900%, 3/1/2032	702,604
400,000	Trimble, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.100%, 3/15/2033	415,505
245,000	Uber Technologies, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.300%, 1/15/2030	237,247
545,000	Verisign, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.700%, 6/15/2031	467,566
600,000	Verisk Analytics, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.125%, 3/15/2029	581,592
265,000	VMware, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.400%, 8/15/2026	251,213
	TOTAL	12,639,534
	Transportation - Railroads—0.7%	
500,000	Canadian Pacific Railway Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.450%, 12/2/2031	426,463
500,000	Union Pacific Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.150%, 2/5/2027	476,868
	TOTAL	903,331

Principal Amount or Shares		Value
	CORPORATE BONDS—continued	
	Transportation - Services—2.0%	
\$ 400,000	Enterprise Rent-A-Car USA Finance Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.000%, 2/15/2029	\$ 401,586
735,000	GXO Logistics, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series WI, 1.650%, 7/15/2026	698,562
315,000	GXO Logistics, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series WI, 2.650%, 7/15/2031	264,495
250,000	Penske Truck Leasing Co. LP & PTL Finance Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 1.700%, 6/15/2026	238,827
550,000	Penske Truck Leasing Co. LP & PTL Finance Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.250%, 7/1/2029	552,455
300,000	Penske Truck Leasing Co. LP & PTL Finance Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.700%, 2/1/2028	305,255
350,000	Ryder System, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series MTN, 1.750%, 9/1/2026	333,118
	TOTAL	2,794,298
	Utility - Electric—5.7%	
250,000	AEP Texas, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.950%, 6/1/2028	241,882
185,000	Ameren Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.950%, 3/15/2027	173,926
425,000	American Electric Power Co., Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.300%, 3/1/2030	370,038
130,000	Berkshire Hathaway Energy Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series WI, 4.050%, 4/15/2025	129,794
400,000	Duke Energy Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.450%, 6/1/2030	350,812
400,000	EDP Finance B.V., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 1.710%, 1/24/2028	363,463
200,000	Electricite de France S.A., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.700%, 5/23/2028	203,315
200,000	Emera US Finance LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.550%, 6/15/2026	196,023
330,000	Enel Finance International NV, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 1.625%, 7/12/2026	314,813
400,000	EverSource Energy, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.950%, 2/1/2029	412,270
635,000	Exelon Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.050%, 4/15/2030	605,556
250,000	Exelon Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.150%, 3/15/2028	251,669
500,000	Exelon Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series WI, 2.750%, 3/15/2027	478,875
240,000	Fortis, Inc./Canada, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.055%, 10/4/2026	232,620
500,000	National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.150%, 6/15/2029	506,130
260,000	NextEra Energy Capital Holdings, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.625%, 7/15/2027	259,714
600,000	NextEra Energy Capital Holdings, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.000%, 2/28/2030	601,338
500,000	NiSource Finance Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.490%, 5/15/2027	486,835
45,000	NiSource, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.250%, 3/30/2028	45,402
245,000	Puget Energy, Inc., Sec. Fac. Bond, 2.379%, 6/15/2028	223,876
250,000	Southern Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.250%, 7/1/2026	245,010
300,000	Virginia Electric & Power Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series B, 3.750%, 5/15/2027	293,854
800,000	WEC Energy Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.800%, 10/15/2030	669,186
155,000	WEC Energy Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.200%, 12/15/2028	139,997
108,000	Wisconsin Energy Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.550%, 6/15/2025	107,269
	TOTAL	7,903,667
	Utility - Natural Gas—0.3%	
500,000	Sempra Energy, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.250%, 6/15/2027	481,582
	Utility - Natural Gas Distributor—0.2%	
250,000	Southern California Gas Co., Term Loan - 1st Lien, 5.050%, 9/1/2034	246,522
	TOTAL CORPORATE BONDS (IDENTIFIED COST \$141,252,261)	136,214,647
	MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES—0.0%	
	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation—0.0%	
212	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., Pool C01051, 8.000%, 9/1/2030	219
	Government National Mortgage Association—0.0%	
468	Government National Mortgage Association, Pool 2630, 6.500%, 8/20/2028	476
737	Government National Mortgage Association, Pool 2631, 7.000%, 8/20/2028	756
974	Government National Mortgage Association, Pool 2658, 6.500%, 10/20/2028	991
1,556	Government National Mortgage Association, Pool 2701, 6.500%, 1/20/2029	1,583
1,328	Government National Mortgage Association, Pool 2796, 7.000%, 8/20/2029	1,361

Principal Amount or Shares		Value
	MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES—continued	
	Government National Mortgage Association—continued	
\$ 291	Government National Mortgage Association, Pool 3039, 6.500%, 2/20/2031	\$ 298
1,056	Government National Mortgage Association, Pool 3040, 7.000%, 2/20/2031	1,087
3,987	Government National Mortgage Association, Pool 3188, 6.500%, 1/20/2032	4,086
3,016	Government National Mortgage Association, Pool 3239, 6.500%, 5/20/2032	3,094
6,688	Government National Mortgage Association, Pool 3261, 6.500%, 7/20/2032	6,869
	TOTAL	20,601
	TOTAL MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES (IDENTIFIED COST \$20,318)	20,820
	REPURCHASE AGREEMENT—1.4%	
1,952,000	Interest in \$923,000,000 joint repurchase agreement 4.46%, dated 12/31/2024 under which Bank of America, N.A. will repurchase securities provided as collateral for \$923,228,699 on 1/2/2025. The securities provided as collateral at the end of the period held with BNY Mellon as tri-party agent, were U.S. Government Agency securities with various maturities to 10/1/2047 and the market value of those underlying securities was \$941,693,273. (IDENTIFIED COST \$1,952,000)	1,952,000
	INVESTMENT COMPANY—1.4%	
1,944,103	Federated Hermes Government Obligations Fund, Premier Shares 4.40% ² (IDENTIFIED COST \$1,944,103)	1,944,103
	TOTAL INVESTMENT IN SECURITIES—101.2% (IDENTIFIED COST \$145,168,682) ³	140,131,570
	OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - NET—(1.2)% ⁴	(1,596,513)
	TOTAL NET ASSETS—100%	\$138,535,057

At December 31, 2024, the Fund had the following outstanding futures contracts:

Description	Number of Contracts	Notional Value	Expiration Date	Value and Unrealized (Depreciation)
Long Futures:				
United States Treasury Notes 10-Year Long Futures	16	\$1,740,000	March 2025	\$(16,537)
United States Treasury Notes 10-Year Ultra Long Futures	25	\$2,782,813	March 2025	\$(57,915)
NET UNREALIZED DEPRECIATION ON FUTURES CONTRACTS				\$(74,452)

Net Unrealized Depreciation on Futures Contracts is included in "Other Assets and Liabilities—Net."

Transactions with affiliated investment companies, which are funds managed by the Adviser or an affiliate of the Adviser, during the period ended December 31, 2024, were as follows:

	Federated Hermes Government Obligations Fund, Premier Shares*
Value as of 12/31/2023	\$ —
Purchases at Cost	\$ 4,370,838
Proceeds from Sales	\$(2,426,735)
Change in Unrealized Appreciation/Depreciation	\$ —
Net Realized Gain/(Loss)	\$ —
Value as of 12/31/2024	\$ 1,944,103
Shares Held as of 12/31/2024	1,944,103
Dividend Income	\$ —

* All or a portion of the balance/activity for the fund relates to cash collateral received on securities lending transactions.

1 All or a portion of these securities are temporarily on loan to unaffiliated broker/dealers.

2 7-day net yield.

3 The cost of investments for federal tax purposes amounts to \$145,168,682.

4 Assets, other than investments in securities, less liabilities. See Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Note: The categories of investments are shown as a percentage of total net assets at December 31, 2024.

Various inputs are used in determining the value of the Fund's investments. These inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

Level 1—quoted prices in active markets for identical securities.

Level 2—other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.). Also includes securities valued at amortized cost.

Level 3—significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments).

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

The following is a summary of the inputs used, as of December 31, 2024, in valuing the Fund's assets carried at fair value:

Valuation Inputs

	Level 1— Quoted Prices	Level 2— Other Significant Observable Inputs	Level 3— Significant Unobservable Inputs	Total
Debt Securities:				
Corporate Bonds	\$ —	\$136,214,647	\$—	\$136,214,647
Mortgage-Backed Securities	—	20,820	—	20,820
Investment Company	1,944,103	—	—	1,944,103
Repurchase Agreement	—	1,952,000	—	1,952,000
TOTAL SECURITIES	\$1,944,103	\$138,187,467	\$—	\$140,131,570
Other Financial Instruments:¹				
Liabilities	\$ (74,452)	\$ —	\$—	\$ (74,452)

¹ Other financial instruments are futures contracts.

The following acronym(s) are used throughout this portfolio:

BKNT —Bank Notes

GMTN—Global Medium Term Note

MTN —Medium Term Note

REIT —Real Estate Investment Trust

See Notes which are an integral part of the Financial Statements

Financial Highlights – Primary Shares

(For a Share Outstanding Throughout Each Period)

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	\$10.14	\$9.81	\$11.26	\$11.82	\$11.31
Income From Investment Operations:					
Net investment income (loss) ¹	0.32	0.29	0.25	0.25	0.28
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	0.06	0.30	(1.27)	(0.42)	0.58
TOTAL FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS	0.38	0.59	(1.02)	(0.17)	0.86
Less Distributions:					
Distributions from net investment income	(0.30)	(0.26)	(0.27)	(0.29)	(0.32)
Distributions from net realized gain	—	—	(0.16)	(0.10)	(0.03)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS	(0.30)	(0.26)	(0.43)	(0.39)	(0.35)
Net Asset Value, End of Period	\$10.22	\$10.14	\$9.81	\$11.26	\$11.82
Total Return²	3.89%	6.14%	(9.28)%	(1.40)%	8.12%
Ratios to Average Net Assets:					
Net expenses ³	0.77%	0.74%	0.74%	0.74%	0.74%
Net investment income	3.19%	2.94%	2.44%	2.17%	2.50%
Expense waiver/reimbursement ⁴	0.08%	0.08%	0.07%	0.06%	0.07%
Supplemental Data:					
Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)	\$126,866	\$132,027	\$134,757	\$162,034	\$170,912
Portfolio turnover ⁵	21%	15%	15%	27%	24%

1 Per share numbers have been calculated using the average shares method.

2 Based on net asset value. Total returns do not reflect any additional fees or expenses that may be imposed by separate accounts of insurance companies or in connection with any variable annuity or variable life insurance contract.

3 Amount does not reflect net expenses incurred by investment companies in which the Fund may invest.

4 This expense decrease is reflected in both the net expense and the net investment income ratios shown above. Amount does not reflect expense waiver/reimbursement recorded by investment companies in which the Fund may invest.

5 Securities that mature are considered sales for purposes of this calculation.

See Notes which are an integral part of the Financial Statements

Financial Highlights – Service Shares

(For a Share Outstanding Throughout Each Period)

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	\$10.12	\$9.79	\$11.23	\$11.79	\$11.28
Income From Investment Operations:					
Net investment income (loss) ¹	0.30	0.26	0.22	0.22	0.26
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	0.06	0.30	(1.26)	(0.42)	0.57
TOTAL FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS	0.36	0.56	(1.04)	(0.20)	0.83
Less Distributions:					
Distributions from net investment income	(0.28)	(0.23)	(0.24)	(0.26)	(0.29)
Distributions from net realized gain	—	—	(0.16)	(0.10)	(0.03)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS	(0.28)	(0.23)	(0.40)	(0.36)	(0.32)
Net Asset Value, End of Period	\$10.20	\$10.12	\$9.79	\$11.23	\$11.79
Total Return²	3.62%	5.85%	(9.46)%	(1.66)%	7.86%

Ratios to Average Net Assets:

Net expenses ³	1.02%	0.99%	0.99%	0.99%	0.99%
Net investment income	2.94%	2.69%	2.19%	1.92%	2.25%
Expense waiver/reimbursement ⁴	0.08%	0.08%	0.07%	0.06%	0.07%

Supplemental Data:

Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)	\$11,669	\$12,468	\$12,873	\$16,287	\$18,302
Portfolio turnover ⁵	21%	15%	15%	27%	24%

1 Per share numbers have been calculated using the average shares method.

2 Based on net asset value. Total returns do not reflect any additional fees or expenses that may be imposed by separate accounts of insurance companies or in connection with any variable annuity or variable life insurance contract.

3 Amount does not reflect net expenses incurred by investment companies in which the Fund may invest.

4 This expense decrease is reflected in both the net expense and the net investment income ratios shown above. Amount does not reflect expense waiver/reimbursement recorded by investment companies in which the Fund may invest.

5 Securities that mature are considered sales for purposes of this calculation.

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

December 31, 2024

Assets:

Investment in securities, at value including \$1,884,455 of securities loaned and \$1,944,103 of investments in affiliated holdings* (identified cost \$145,168,682, including \$1,944,103 of identified cost in affiliated holdings)	\$140,131,570
Cash	170
Due from broker (Note 2)	102,000
Income receivable	1,455,261
Receivable for shares sold	94,328
TOTAL ASSETS	141,783,329

Liabilities:

Payable for shares redeemed	1,208,646
Payable for variation margin on futures contracts	9,703
Payable for collateral due to broker for securities lending (Note 2)	1,944,103
Payable for investment adviser fee (Note 5)	1,952
Payable for administrative fee (Note 5)	296
Payable for distribution services fee (Note 5)	2,477
Accrued expenses (Note 5)	81,095
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,248,272

Net assets for 13,560,510 shares outstanding	\$138,535,057
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Net Assets Consist of:

Paid-in capital	\$142,031,955
Total distributable earnings (loss)	(3,496,898)
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$138,535,057

Net Asset Value, Offering Price and Redemption Proceeds Per Share:

Primary Shares:

\$126,865,714 ÷ 12,416,112 shares outstanding, no par value, unlimited shares authorized	\$10.22
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Service Shares:

\$11,669,343 ÷ 1,144,398 shares outstanding, no par value, unlimited shares authorized	\$10.20
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* See information listed after the Fund's Portfolio of Investments.

See Notes which are an integral part of the Financial Statements

Statement of Operations

Year Ended December 31, 2024

Investment Income:	
Interest	\$5,639,009
Net income on securities loaned (Note 2)	8,690
TOTAL INCOME	5,647,699
Expenses:	
Investment adviser fee (Note 5)	856,048
Administrative fee (Note 5)	116,989
Custodian fees	9,183
Transfer agent fees	14,220
Directors'/Trustees' fees (Note 5)	1,614
Auditing fees	31,013
Legal fees	10,843
Portfolio accounting fees	87,484
Distribution services fee (Note 5)	29,708
Printing and postage	25,721
Miscellaneous (Note 5)	53,922
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,236,745
Waiver of investment adviser fee (Note 5)	(113,639)
Net expenses	1,123,106
Net investment income	4,524,593
Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments and Futures Contracts:	
Net realized loss on investments	(755,532)
Net realized gain on futures contracts	118,137
Net change in unrealized depreciation of investments	1,712,891
Net change in unrealized appreciation of futures contracts	(289,487)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments and futures contracts	786,009
Change in net assets resulting from operations	\$5,310,602

See Notes which are an integral part of the Financial Statements

Statement of Changes in Net Assets

Year Ended December 31	2024	2023
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets		
Operations:		
Net investment income	\$ 4,524,593	\$ 4,241,009
Net realized gain (loss)	(637,395)	(1,609,889)
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation	1,423,404	5,957,910
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	5,310,602	8,589,030
Distributions to Shareholders:		
Primary Shares	(3,912,193)	(3,525,781)
Service Shares	(328,726)	(302,937)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS	(4,240,919)	(3,828,718)
Share Transactions:		
Proceeds from sale of shares	8,976,954	6,077,305
Net asset value of shares issued to shareholders in payment of distributions declared	4,240,916	3,828,715
Cost of shares redeemed	(20,247,294)	(17,801,451)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM SHARE TRANSACTIONS	(7,029,424)	(7,895,431)
Change in net assets	(5,959,741)	(3,135,119)
Net Assets:		
Beginning of period	144,494,798	147,629,917
End of period	\$138,535,057	\$144,494,798

See Notes which are an integral part of the Financial Statements

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2024

1. ORGANIZATION

Federated Hermes Insurance Series (the "Trust") is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Act"), as an open-end management investment company. The Trust consists of six portfolios. The financial statements included herein are only those of Federated Hermes Quality Bond Fund II (the "Fund"), a diversified portfolio. The financial statements of the other portfolios are presented separately. The assets of each portfolio are segregated and a shareholder's interest is limited to the portfolio in which shares are held. Each portfolio pays its own expenses. The Fund offers two classes of shares: Primary Shares and Service Shares. All shares of the Fund have equal rights with respect to voting, except on class-specific matters. Fund shares are available exclusively as a funding vehicle for life insurance companies writing variable life insurance policies and variable annuity contracts. The investment objective of the Fund is to provide current income.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Fund in the preparation of its financial statements. These policies are in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

Investment Valuation

In calculating its net asset value (NAV), the Fund generally values investments as follows:

- Fixed-income securities are fair valued using price evaluations provided by a pricing service approved by Federated Investment Management Company (the "Adviser").
- Derivative contracts listed on exchanges are valued at their reported settlement or closing price, except that options are valued at the mean of closing bid and ask quotations.
- Over-the-counter (OTC) derivative contracts are fair valued using price evaluations provided by a pricing service approved by the Adviser.
- Shares of other mutual funds or non-exchange-traded investment companies are valued based upon their reported NAVs, or NAV per share practical expedient, as applicable.
- For securities that are fair valued in accordance with procedures established by and under the general supervision of the Adviser, certain factors may be considered such as: the last traded or purchase price of the security, information obtained by contacting the issuer or dealers, analysis of the issuer's financial statements or other available documents, fundamental analytical data, the nature and duration of restrictions on disposition, the movement of the market in which the security is normally traded, public trading in similar securities or derivative contracts of the issuer or comparable issuers, movement of a relevant index, or other factors including but not limited to industry changes and relevant government actions.

If any price, quotation, price evaluation or other pricing source is not readily available when the NAV is calculated, if the Fund cannot obtain price evaluations from a pricing service or from more than one dealer for an investment within a reasonable period of time as set forth in the Adviser's valuation policies and procedures for the Fund, or if information furnished by a pricing service, in the opinion of the Adviser's valuation committee ("Valuation Committee"), is deemed not representative of the fair value of such security, the Fund uses the fair value of the investment determined in accordance with the procedures described below. There can be no assurance that the Fund could obtain the fair value assigned to an investment if it sold the investment at approximately the time at which the Fund determines its NAV per share, and the actual value obtained could be materially different.

Fair Valuation and Significant Events Procedures

Pursuant to Rule 2a-5 under the Act, the Fund's Board of Trustees (the "Trustees") has designated the Adviser as the Fund's valuation designee to perform any fair value determinations for securities and other assets held by the Fund. The Adviser is subject to the Trustees' oversight and certain reporting and other requirements intended to provide the Trustees the information needed to oversee the Adviser's fair value determinations.

The Adviser, acting through its Valuation Committee, is responsible for determining the fair value of investments for which market quotations are not readily available. The Valuation Committee is comprised of officers of the Adviser and certain of the Adviser's affiliated companies and determines fair value and oversees the calculation of the NAV. The Valuation Committee is also authorized to use pricing services to provide fair value evaluations of the current value of certain investments for purposes of calculating the NAV. The Valuation Committee employs various methods for reviewing third-party pricing-service evaluations including periodic reviews of third-party pricing services' policies, procedures and valuation methods (including key inputs, methods, models and assumptions), transactional back-testing, comparisons of evaluations of different pricing services, and review of price challenges by the Adviser based on recent market activity. In the event that market quotations and price evaluations are not available for an investment, the Valuation Committee determines the fair value of the investment in accordance with procedures adopted by the Adviser. The Trustees periodically review the fair valuations made by the Valuation Committee. The Trustees have also approved the Adviser's fair valuation and significant events procedures as part of the Fund's compliance program and will review any changes made to the procedures.

Factors considered by pricing services in evaluating an investment include the yields or prices of investments of comparable quality, coupon, maturity, call rights and other potential prepayments, terms and type, reported transactions, indications as to values from dealers and general market conditions. Some pricing services provide a single price evaluation reflecting the bid-side of the market for an investment (a "bid" evaluation). Other pricing services offer both bid evaluations and price evaluations indicative of a price between the prices bid and ask for the investment (a "mid" evaluation). The Fund normally uses bid evaluations for any U.S. Treasury and Agency securities, mortgage-backed securities and municipal securities. The Fund normally uses mid evaluations for any other types of fixed-income securities and any OTC derivative contracts. In the event that market quotations and price evaluations are not available for an investment, the fair value of the investment is determined in accordance with procedures adopted by the Adviser.

The Adviser has also adopted procedures requiring an investment to be priced at its fair value whenever the Valuation Committee determines that a significant event affecting the value of the investment has occurred between the time as of which the price of the investment would otherwise be determined and the time as of which the NAV is computed. An event is considered significant if there is both an affirmative expectation that the investment's value will change in response to the event and a reasonable basis for quantifying the resulting change in value. Examples of significant events that may occur after the close of the principal market on which a security is traded, or after the time of a price evaluation provided by a pricing service or a dealer, include:

- With respect to securities traded principally in foreign markets, significant trends in U.S. equity markets or in the trading of foreign securities index futures contracts;
- Political or other developments affecting the economy or markets in which an issuer conducts its operations or its securities are traded;
- Announcements concerning matters such as acquisitions, recapitalizations, litigation developments, or a natural disaster affecting the issuer's operations or regulatory changes or market developments affecting the issuer's industry.

The Adviser has adopted procedures whereby the Valuation Committee uses a pricing service to provide factors to update the fair value of equity securities traded principally in foreign markets from the time of the close of their respective foreign stock exchanges to the pricing time of the Fund. For other significant events, the Fund may seek to obtain more current quotations or price evaluations from alternative pricing sources. If a reliable alternative pricing source is not available, the Valuation Committee will determine the fair value of the investment in accordance with the fair valuation procedures approved by the Adviser. The Trustees periodically review fair valuations made in response to significant events.

Repurchase Agreements

The Fund may invest in repurchase agreements for short-term liquidity purposes. It is the policy of the Fund to require the other party to a repurchase agreement to transfer to the Fund's custodian or sub-custodian eligible securities or cash with a market value (after transaction costs) at least equal to the repurchase price to be paid under the repurchase agreement. The eligible securities are transferred to accounts with the custodian or sub-custodian in which the Fund holds a "securities entitlement" and exercises "control" as those terms are defined in the Uniform Commercial Code. The Fund has established procedures for monitoring the market value of the transferred securities and requiring the transfer of additional eligible securities if necessary to equal at least the repurchase price. These procedures also allow the other party to require securities to be transferred from the account to the extent that their market value exceeds the repurchase price or in exchange for other eligible securities of equivalent market value.

The insolvency of the other party or other failure to repurchase the securities may delay the disposition of the underlying securities or cause the Fund to receive less than the full repurchase price. Under the terms of the repurchase agreement, any amounts received by the Fund in excess of the repurchase price and related transaction costs must be remitted to the other party.

The Fund may enter into repurchase agreements in which eligible securities are transferred into joint trading accounts maintained by the custodian or sub-custodian for investment companies and other clients advised by the Fund's Adviser and its affiliates. The Fund will participate on a pro rata basis with the other investment companies and clients in its share of the securities transferred under such repurchase agreements and in its share of proceeds from any repurchase or other disposition of such securities.

Repurchase agreements are subject to Master Netting Agreements (MNA) which are agreements between the Fund and its counterparties that provide for the net settlement of all transactions and collateral with the Fund, through a single payment, in the event of default or termination. Amounts presented on the Portfolio of Investments and Statement of Assets and Liabilities are not net settlement amounts but gross. As indicated above, the cash or securities to be repurchased, as shown on the Portfolio of Investments, exceeds the repurchase price to be paid under the agreement reducing the net settlement amount to zero.

Investment Income, Gains and Losses, Expenses and Distributions

Investment transactions are accounted for on a trade-date basis. Realized gains and losses from investment transactions are recorded on an identified-cost basis. Interest income and expenses are accrued daily. Dividend income and distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Foreign dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date or when the Fund is informed of the ex-dividend date. Distributions of net investment income and capital gains, if any, are declared and paid at least annually. Non-cash dividends included in dividend income, if any, are recorded at fair value. Amortization/accretion of premium and discount is included in investment income. Gains and losses realized on principal payment of mortgage-backed securities (paydown gains and losses) are classified as part of investment income. Investment income, realized and unrealized gains and losses, and certain fund-level expenses are allocated to each class based on relative average daily net assets, except that select classes will bear certain expenses unique to those classes. The detail of the total fund expense waiver of \$113,639 is disclosed in Note 5.

Dividends are declared separately for each class. No class has preferential dividend rights; differences in per share dividend rates are generally due to differences in separate class expenses.

Federal Taxes

It is the Fund's policy to comply with the Subchapter M provision of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code") and to distribute to shareholders each year substantially all of its income. Accordingly, no provision for federal income tax is necessary. As of and during the year ended December 31, 2024, the Fund did not have a liability for any uncertain tax positions. The Fund recognizes interest and penalties, if any, related to tax liabilities as income tax expense in the Statement of Operations. As of December 31, 2024, tax years 2021 through 2024 remain subject to examination by the Fund's major tax jurisdictions, which include the United States of America and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

When-Issued and Delayed-Delivery Transactions

The Fund may engage in when-issued or delayed-delivery transactions. The Fund records when-issued securities on the trade date and maintains security positions such that sufficient liquid assets will be available to make payment for the securities purchased. Securities purchased on a when-issued or delayed-delivery basis are marked to market daily and begin earning interest on the settlement date. Losses may occur on these transactions due to changes in market conditions or the failure of counterparties to perform under the contract.

Futures Contracts

The Fund purchases and sells financial futures contracts to manage duration risk. Upon entering into a financial futures contract with a broker, the Fund is required to deposit with a broker, either U.S. government securities or a specified amount of cash, which is shown as due from broker in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Futures contracts are valued daily and unrealized gains or losses are recorded in a "variation margin" account. The Fund receives from or pays to the broker a specified amount of cash based upon changes in the variation margin account. When a contract is closed, the Fund recognizes a realized gain or loss. Futures contracts have market risks, including the risk that the change in the value of the contract may not correlate with the changes in the value of the underlying securities. There is minimal counterparty risk to the Fund since futures contracts are exchange-traded and the exchange's clearinghouse, as counterparty to all exchange-traded futures contracts, guarantees the futures contracts against default.

Futures contracts outstanding at period end are listed after the Fund's Portfolio of Investments.

The average notional value of long futures contracts held by the Fund throughout the period was \$5,827,969. This is based on amounts held as of each month-end throughout the fiscal period.

Securities Lending

The Fund participates in a securities lending program providing for the lending of corporate bonds to qualified brokers. The term of the loans within the program is one year or less. The Fund normally receives cash collateral for securities loaned that may be invested in affiliated money market funds, other money market instruments and/or repurchase agreements. Collateral is maintained at a minimum level of 100% of the market value of investments loaned, plus interest, if applicable. In accordance with the Fund's securities lending agreement, the market value of securities on loan is determined each day at the close of business and any additional collateral required to cover the value of securities on loan is delivered to the Fund on the next business day. Earnings from collateral invested in affiliated holdings as presented parenthetically on the Statement of Operations do not reflect fees and rebates and are allocated between the borrower of the security, the securities lending agent, as a fee for its services under the program and the Fund, according to agreed-upon rates. The Fund will not have the right to vote on securities while they are on loan. However, the Fund will attempt to terminate a loan in an effort to reacquire the securities in time to vote on matters that are deemed to be material by the Adviser. There can be no assurance that the Fund will have sufficient notice of such matters to be able to terminate the loan in time to vote thereon.

Securities lending transactions are subject to MNA. Amounts presented on the Portfolio of Investments and Statement of Assets and Liabilities are not net settlement amounts but gross. As indicated below, the cash collateral received by the Fund exceeds the market value of the securities loaned reducing the net settlement amount to zero. The chart below identifies the amount of collateral received as well as the market value of securities on loan. Additionally, the securities lending agreement executed by the Fund includes an indemnification clause. This clause stipulates that the borrower will reimburse the Fund for any losses as a result of any failure of the borrower to return equivalent securities to the Fund.

As of December 31, 2024, securities subject to this type of arrangement and related collateral were as follows:

Fair Value of Securities Loaned	Collateral Received
\$1,884,455	\$1,944,103

Restricted Securities

The Fund may purchase securities which are considered restricted. Restricted securities are securities that either: (a) cannot be offered for public sale without first being registered, or being able to take advantage of an exemption from registration, under the Securities Act of 1933; or (b) are subject to contractual restrictions on public sales. In some cases, when a security cannot be offered for public sale without first being registered, the issuer of the restricted security has agreed to register such securities for resale, at the issuer's expense, either upon demand by the Fund or in connection with another registered offering of the securities. Many such restricted securities may be resold in the secondary market in transactions exempt from registration. Restricted securities may be determined to be liquid under criteria established by the Trustees. The Fund will not incur any registration costs upon such resales. The Fund's restricted securities, like other securities, are priced in accordance with procedures established by and under the general supervision of the Adviser.

Additional Disclosure Related to Derivative Instruments

Fair Value of Derivative Instruments

	Liabilities	
	Statement of Assets and Liabilities Location	Fair Value
Derivatives not accounted for as hedging instruments under ASC Topic 815		
Interest rate contracts	Payable for variation margin on futures contracts	\$74,452*

* Includes net cumulative depreciation of futures contracts as reported in the footnotes to the Portfolio of Investments. Only the current day's variation margin is reported within the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

The Effect of Derivative Instruments on the Statement of Operations for the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Amount of Realized Gain or (Loss) on Derivatives Recognized in Income

	Futures Contracts
Interest rate contracts	\$118,137

Change in Unrealized Appreciation or (Depreciation) on Derivatives Recognized in Income

	Futures Contracts
Interest rate contracts	\$(289,487)

Other

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts of assets, liabilities, expenses and revenues reported in the financial statements. Actual results could differ materially from those estimated. The Fund applies investment company accounting and reporting guidance.

3. SHARES OF BENEFICIAL INTEREST

The following tables summarize share activity:

	Year Ended 12/31/2024		Year Ended 12/31/2023	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
Primary Shares:				
Shares sold	813,993	\$ 8,245,201	600,606	\$ 5,898,833
Shares issued to shareholders in payment of distributions declared	397,580	3,912,193	363,483	3,525,780
Shares redeemed	(1,811,540)	(18,305,295)	(1,684,684)	(16,501,494)
NET CHANGE RESULTING FROM PRIMARY SHARE TRANSACTIONS	(599,967)	\$ (6,147,901)	(720,595)	\$ (7,076,881)

	Year Ended 12/31/2024		Year Ended 12/31/2023	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
Service Shares:				
Shares sold	72,346	\$ 731,753	18,252	\$ 178,472
Shares issued to shareholders in payment of distributions declared	33,407	328,723	31,230	302,935
Shares redeemed	(193,178)	(1,941,999)	(133,109)	(1,299,957)
NET CHANGE RESULTING FROM SERVICE SHARE TRANSACTIONS	(87,425)	\$ (881,523)	(83,627)	\$ (818,550)
NET CHANGE RESULTING FROM TOTAL FUND SHARE TRANSACTIONS	(687,392)	\$ (7,029,424)	(804,222)	\$ (7,895,431)

4. FEDERAL TAX INFORMATION

The tax character of distributions as reported on the Statement of Changes in Net Assets for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, was as follows:

	2024	2023
Ordinary income	\$4,240,919	\$3,828,718

As of December 31, 2024, the components of distributable earnings on a tax-basis were as follows:

Undistributed ordinary income	\$ 4,523,913
Net unrealized depreciation	\$(5,037,112)
Capital loss carryforwards	\$(2,983,699)
TOTAL	\$(3,496,898)

At December 31, 2024, the cost of investments for federal tax purposes was \$145,168,682. The net unrealized depreciation of investments for federal tax purposes was \$5,037,112. This consists of unrealized appreciation from investments for those securities having an excess of value over cost of \$656,204 and unrealized depreciation from investments for those securities having an excess of cost over value of \$5,693,316. The amounts presented are inclusive of derivative contracts. The difference between book-basis and tax-basis net unrealized depreciation is attributable to differing treatments for mark-to-market of futures contracts.

As of December 31, 2024, the Fund had a capital loss carryforward of \$2,983,699 which will reduce the Fund's taxable income arising from future net realized gains on investments, if any, to the extent permitted by the Code, thereby reducing the amount of distributions to shareholders which would otherwise be necessary to relieve the Fund of any liability for federal income tax. Pursuant to the Code, these net capital losses retain their character as either short-term or long-term and do not expire.

The following schedule summarizes the Fund's capital loss carryforwards:

Short-Term	Long-Term	Total
\$271,784	\$2,711,915	\$2,983,699

5. INVESTMENT ADVISER FEE AND OTHER TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

Investment Adviser Fee

The advisory agreement between the Fund and the Adviser provides for an annual fee equal to 0.60% of the Fund's average daily net assets. Subject to the terms described in the Expense Limitation note, the Adviser may voluntarily choose to waive any portion of its fee and/or reimburse certain operating expenses of the Fund for competitive reasons such as to maintain the Fund's expense ratio, or as and when appropriate, to maintain positive or zero net yields. For the year ended December 31, 2024, the Adviser voluntarily waived \$113,639 of its fee.

Administrative Fee

Federated Administrative Services (FAS), under the Administrative Services Agreement, provides the Fund with administrative personnel and services. For purposes of determining the appropriate rate breakpoint, "Investment Complex" is defined as all of the Federated Hermes Funds subject to a fee under the Administrative Services Agreement. The fee paid to FAS is based on the average daily net assets of the Investment Complex as specified below:

Administrative Fee	Average Daily Net Assets of the Investment Complex
0.100%	on assets up to \$50 billion
0.075%	on assets over \$50 billion

Subject to the terms described in the Expense Limitation note, FAS may voluntarily choose to waive any portion of its fee. For the year ended December 31, 2024, the annualized fee paid to FAS was 0.082% of average daily net assets of the Fund.

In addition, FAS may charge certain out-of-pocket expenses to the Fund.

Distribution Services Fee

The Fund has adopted a Distribution Plan (the "Plan") pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the Act. Under the terms of the Plan, the Fund will compensate Federated Securities Corp. (FSC), the principal distributor, from the daily net assets of the Fund's Primary Shares and Service Shares to finance activities intended to result in the sale of these shares. The Plan provides that the Fund may incur distribution expenses at the following percentages of average daily net assets annually, to compensate FSC:

	Percentage of Average Daily Net Assets of Class
Primary Shares	0.25%
Service Shares	0.25%

Subject to the terms described in the Expense Limitation note, FSC may voluntarily choose to waive any portion of its fee. For the year ended December 31, 2024, distribution services fees for the Fund were as follows:

	Distribution Services Fees Incurred
Service Shares	\$29,708

When FSC receives fees, it may pay some or all of them to financial intermediaries whose customers purchase shares. For the year ended December 31, 2024, the Fund's Primary Shares did not incur a distribution services fee; however, it may begin to incur this fee upon approval of the Trustees.

Expense Limitation

The Adviser and certain of its affiliates (which may include FSC and FAS) on their own initiative have agreed to waive certain amounts of their respective fees and/or reimburse expenses. Total annual fund operating expenses (as shown in the financial highlights, excluding interest expense, extraordinary expenses and proxy-related expenses, if any) paid by the Fund's Primary Shares and Service Shares (after the voluntary waivers and/or reimbursements) will not exceed 0.74% and 0.99% (the "Fee Limit"), respectively, up to but not including the later of (the "Termination Date"): (a) May 1, 2025; or (b) the date of the Fund's next effective Prospectus. While the Adviser and its applicable affiliates currently do not anticipate terminating or increasing these arrangements prior to the Termination Date, these arrangements may only be terminated or the Fee Limit increased prior to the Termination Date with the agreement of the Trustees.

Directors'/Trustees' and Miscellaneous Fees

Certain Officers and Trustees of the Fund are Officers and Directors or Trustees of certain of the above companies. To efficiently facilitate payment, Independent Directors'/Trustees' fees and certain expenses related to conducting meetings of the Directors/Trustees and other miscellaneous expenses are paid by an affiliate of the Adviser which in due course are reimbursed by the Fund. These expenses related to conducting meetings of the Directors/Trustees and other miscellaneous expenses may be included in Accrued and Miscellaneous Expenses on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities and Statement of Operations, respectively.

6. INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS

Purchases and sales of investments, excluding long-term U.S. government securities and short-term obligations, for the year ended December 31, 2024, were as follows:

Purchases	\$28,564,525
Sales	\$33,879,095

7. LINE OF CREDIT

The Fund participates with certain other Federated Hermes Funds, on a several basis, in an up to \$500,000,000 unsecured, 364-day, committed, revolving line of credit (LOC) agreement dated June 18, 2024. The LOC was made available to temporarily finance the repurchase or redemption of shares of the Fund, failed trades, payment of dividends, settlement of trades and for other short-term, temporary or emergency general business purposes. The Fund cannot borrow under the LOC if an inter-fund loan is outstanding. The Fund's ability to borrow under the LOC also is subject to the limitations of the Act and various conditions precedent that must be satisfied before the Fund can borrow. Loans under the LOC are charged interest at a fluctuating rate per annum equal to (a) the highest, on any day, of (i) the federal funds effective rate, (ii) the published secured overnight financing rate plus an assigned percentage, and (iii) 0.0%, plus (b) a margin. Any fund eligible to borrow under the LOC pays its pro rata share of a commitment fee based on the amount of the lenders' commitment that has not been utilized, quarterly in arrears and at maturity. As of December 31, 2024, the Fund had no outstanding loans. During the year ended December 31, 2024, the Fund did not utilize the LOC.

8. INTERFUND LENDING

Pursuant to an Exemptive Order issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Fund, along with other funds advised by subsidiaries of Federated Hermes, Inc., may participate in an interfund lending program. This program provides an alternative credit facility allowing the Fund to borrow from other participating affiliated funds. As of December 31, 2024, there were no outstanding loans. During the year ended December 31, 2024, the program was not utilized.

9. OPERATING SEGMENTS

In this reporting period, the Fund adopted FASB Accounting Standards Update 2023-07, Segment Reporting (Topic 280) - Improvements to Reportable Segment Disclosures. Adoption of the new standard impacted financial statement disclosures only and did not affect the Fund's financial position or the results of its operations. An operating segment is defined as a component of a public entity that engages in business activities from which it may recognize revenues and incur expenses, has operating results that are regularly reviewed by the public entity's chief operating decision maker (CODM) to make decisions about resources to be allocated to the segment and assess its performance, and has discrete financial information available. A management committee of the Adviser acts as the CODM. The Fund represents a single operating segment, as the CODM monitors the operating results of the Fund as a whole and the strategic asset allocation is determined based on the investment objective of the Fund and executed by the Fund's portfolio management team. The financial information in the form of the Fund's portfolio composition, total returns, expense ratios and changes in net assets (i.e., changes in net assets resulting from operations, subscriptions and redemptions) which is reviewed by the CODM to assess the Fund's performance in comparison to the Fund's benchmarks and to make resource allocation decisions for the Fund's single segment is consistent with the information presented in these financial statements. Segment assets are reflected on the accompanying Statement of Assets and Liabilities as "total assets" and significant segment expenses are listed on the accompanying Statement of Operations.

10. INDEMNIFICATIONS

Under the Fund's organizational documents, its Officers and Directors/Trustees are indemnified against certain liabilities arising out of the performance of their duties to the Fund (other than liabilities arising out of their willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of their duties to the Fund). In addition, in the normal course of business, the Fund provides certain indemnifications under arrangements with third parties. Typically, obligations to indemnify a third party arise in the context of an arrangement entered into by the Fund under which the Fund agrees to indemnify such third party for certain liabilities arising out of actions taken pursuant to the arrangement, provided the third party's actions are not deemed to have breached an agreed-upon standard of care (such as willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of their duties under the contract). The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Fund that have not yet arisen. The Fund does not anticipate any material claims or losses pursuant to these arrangements at this time, and accordingly expects the risk of loss to be remote.

11. FEDERAL TAX INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

For the year ended December 31, 2024, 99.9% of total ordinary income distributions qualified as business interest income for purposes of 163(j) and the regulations thereunder.

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FEDERATED HERMES INSURANCE SERIES AND THE SHAREHOLDERS OF FEDERATED HERMES QUALITY BOND FUND II:

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of Federated Hermes Quality Bond Fund II (the Fund), a portfolio of Federated Hermes Insurance Series, including the portfolio of investments, as of December 31, 2024, the related statement of operations for the year then ended, the statements of changes in net assets for each of the years in the two-year period then ended, and the related notes (collectively, the financial statements) and the financial highlights for each of the years in the five-year period then ended. In our opinion, the financial statements and financial highlights present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as of December 31, 2024, the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the years in the two-year period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the years in the five-year period then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial highlights based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Fund in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and financial highlights, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and financial highlights. Such procedures also included confirmation of securities owned as of December 31, 2024, by correspondence with the custodians, transfer agent and brokers; when replies were not received from brokers, we performed other auditing procedures. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements and financial highlights. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

KPMG LLP

We have served as the auditor for one or more of Federated Hermes' investment companies since 2006.

Boston, Massachusetts
February 14, 2025

Shareholder Meeting Results (unaudited)

At a Special Meeting held on October 25, 2024, shareholders of the Federated Hermes Insurance Series (the “Trust”) elected Trustees of the Trust. Shareholders of the Trust elected new individuals to serve as Trustees effective January 1, 2025, who will serve on the Board with current Trustees Messrs. J. Christopher Donahue, Thomas R. Donahue, John G. Carson, G. Thomas Hough, Thomas M. O’Neill, John S. Walsh and Ms. Madelyn A. Reilly. Under the Trust’s Director Service Policy, Trustees Judge Maureen Lally-Green and Mr. P. Jerome Richey retired from the Board on December 31, 2024. The number of votes cast for, against or withheld, as well as the number of abstentions and broker non-votes with respect to the election of each nominee for office, is included below.

Trustee:	Voting For	Withheld Authority	Abstained	Broker Non-Voting
J. Christopher Donahue	139,361,429.008	3,866,280.559	0	N/A
Thomas R. Donahue	139,344,114.425	3,883,595.142	0	N/A
John G. Carson	138,967,757.649	4,259,951.918	0	N/A
G. Thomas Hough	139,026,471.524	4,201,238.043	0	N/A
Karen L. Larrimer	139,433,137.343	3,794,572.224	0	N/A
Max F. Miller	139,235,231.029	3,992,478.538	0	N/A
Frank J. Nasta	139,362,952.280	3,864,757.287	0	N/A
Thomas M. O’Neill	139,014,405.845	4,213,303.722	0	N/A
Madelyn A. Reilly	139,382,797.166	3,844,912.401	0	N/A
John S. Walsh	139,312,383.263	3,915,326.304	0	N/A

Evaluation and Approval of Advisory Contract – May 2024

FEDERATED HERMES QUALITY BOND FUND II (THE “FUND”)

At its meetings in May 2024 (the “May Meetings”), the Fund’s Board of Trustees (the “Board”), including those Trustees who are not “interested persons” of the Fund, as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “Independent Trustees”), reviewed and unanimously approved the continuation of the investment advisory contract between the Fund and Federated Investment Management Company (the “Adviser”) (the “Contract”) for an additional one-year term. The Board’s determination to approve the continuation of the Contract reflects the exercise of its business judgment after considering all of the information and factors believed to be relevant and appropriate on whether to approve the continuation of the existing arrangement. The information, factors and conclusions that formed the basis for the Board’s approval are summarized below.

Information Received and Review Process

At the request of the Independent Trustees, the Fund’s Chief Compliance Officer (the “CCO”) furnished to the Board in advance of its May Meetings an independent written evaluation of the Fund’s management fee (the “CCO Fee Evaluation Report”). The Board considered the CCO Fee Evaluation Report, along with other information, in evaluating the reasonableness of the Fund’s management fee and in determining to approve the continuation of the Contract.

In addition to the extensive materials that comprise and accompany the CCO Fee Evaluation Report, the Board considered information specifically prepared in connection with the approval of the continuation of the Contract that was presented at the May Meetings. In this regard, in the months preceding the May Meetings, the Board requested and reviewed written responses and supporting materials prepared by the Adviser and its affiliates (collectively, “Federated Hermes”) in response to requests posed to Federated Hermes by independent legal counsel on behalf of the Independent Trustees encompassing a wide variety of topics, including those summarized below. The Board also considered such additional matters as the Independent Trustees deemed reasonably necessary to evaluate the Contract, which included detailed information about the Fund and Federated Hermes furnished to the Board at its meetings throughout the year and in between regularly scheduled meetings on particular matters as the need arose.

The Board’s consideration of the Contract included review of materials and information covering the following matters, among others: (1) copies of the Contracts; (2) the nature, quality and extent of the advisory and other services provided to the Fund by Federated Hermes; (3) Federated Hermes’ business and operations; (4) the Adviser’s investment philosophy, personnel and processes; (5) the Fund’s investment objectives and strategies; (6) the Fund’s short-term and long-term performance - in absolute terms (both on a gross basis and net of expenses) and relative to an appropriate group of peer funds and its benchmark; (7) the Fund’s fees and expenses, including the advisory fee and the overall expense structure of the Fund - in absolute terms and relative to an appropriate group of peer funds, with due regard for contractual or voluntary expense limitations (if any); (8) the financial condition of Federated Hermes; (9) the Adviser’s profitability with respect to managing the Fund; (10) distribution and sales activity for the Fund; and (11) the use and allocation of brokerage commissions derived from trading the Fund’s portfolio securities (if any).

The Board also considered judicial decisions concerning allegedly excessive investment advisory fees charged to other registered funds in evaluating the Contract. Using these judicial decisions as a guide, the Board considered several factors they deemed relevant to an adviser’s fiduciary duty with respect to its receipt of compensation from a fund, including: (1) the nature and quality of the services provided by the adviser to the fund and its shareholders, including the performance of the fund, its benchmark and comparable funds; (2) the adviser’s cost of providing the services and the profitability to the adviser of providing advisory services to the fund; (3) the extent to which the adviser may realize “economies of scale” as the fund grows larger and, if such economies of scale exist, whether they have been appropriately shared with the fund and its shareholders or the family of funds; (4) any “fall-out” benefits that accrue to the adviser because of its relationship with the fund, including research services received from brokers that execute fund trades and any fees paid to affiliates of the adviser for services rendered to the fund; (5) comparative fees and expenses, including a comparison of management fees paid to the adviser with those paid by similar funds managed by the same adviser or other advisers as well as management fees charged to institutional and other advisory clients of the same adviser for what might be viewed as like services; and (6) the extent of care, conscientiousness and independence with which the fund’s board members perform their duties and their expertise, including whether they are fully informed about all facts the board deems relevant to its consideration of the adviser’s services and fees. The Board considered that the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) disclosure requirements regarding the basis for a fund board’s approval of the fund’s investment advisory contract generally align with the factors listed above. The Board was guided by these factors in its evaluation of the Contract to the extent it considered them to be appropriate and relevant, as discussed further below. The Board considered and weighed these factors in light of its substantial accumulated experience in governing the Fund and working with Federated Hermes on matters relating to the oversight of the other funds advised by Federated Hermes (each, a “Federated Hermes Fund” and, collectively, the “Federated Hermes Funds”).

In addition, the Board considered the preferences and expectations of Fund shareholders and the potential disruptions of the Fund's operations and various risks, uncertainties and other effects that could occur as a result of a decision to terminate or not renew the Contract. In particular, the Board recognized that many shareholders likely have invested in the Fund based on the strength of Federated Hermes' industry standing and reputation and with the expectation that Federated Hermes will have a continuing role in providing advisory services to the Fund. Thus, the Board observed that there are a range of investment options available to the Fund's shareholders in the marketplace, and such shareholders, having had the opportunity to consider other investment options, have effectively selected Federated Hermes by virtue of investing in the Fund.

In determining to approve the continuation of the Contract, the members of the Board reviewed and evaluated information and factors they believed to be relevant and appropriate through the exercise of their reasonable business judgment. While individual members of the Board may have weighed certain factors differently, the Board's determination to approve the continuation of the Contract was based on a comprehensive consideration of all information provided to the Board throughout the year and specifically with respect to the continuation of the Contract. The Board recognized that its evaluation process is evolutionary and that the factors considered and emphasis placed on relevant factors may change in recognition of changing circumstances in the registered fund marketplace. The Independent Trustees were assisted throughout the evaluation process by independent legal counsel. In connection with their deliberations at the May Meetings, the Independent Trustees met separately in executive session with their independent legal counsel and without management present to review the relevant materials and consider their responsibilities under applicable laws. In addition, senior management representatives of Federated Hermes also met with the Independent Trustees and their independent legal counsel to discuss the materials and presentations furnished to the Board at the May Meetings. The Board considered the approval of the Contract for the Fund as part of its consideration of agreements for funds across the family of Federated Hermes Funds, but its approvals were made on a fund-by-fund basis.

Nature, Extent and Quality of Services

The Board considered the nature, extent and quality of the services provided to the Fund by the Adviser and the resources of Federated Hermes dedicated to the Fund. In this regard, the Board evaluated, among other things, the terms of the Contract and the full range of services provided to the Fund by Federated Hermes. The Board considered the Adviser's personnel, investment philosophy and process, investment research capabilities and resources, trade operations capabilities, experience and performance track record. The Board reviewed the qualifications, backgrounds and responsibilities of the portfolio management team primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund and evaluated Federated Hermes' ability and experience in attracting and retaining qualified personnel to service the Fund. The Board considered the trading operations by the Advisers, including the execution of portfolio transactions and the selection of brokers for those transactions. The Board also considered the Adviser's ability to deliver competitive investment performance for the Fund when compared to the Fund's Performance Peer Group (as defined below), which was deemed by the Board to be a useful indicator of how the Adviser is executing the Fund's investment program.

In addition, the Board considered the financial resources and overall reputation of Federated Hermes and its willingness to consider and make investments in personnel, infrastructure, technology, cybersecurity, business continuity planning and operational enhancements that are designed to benefit the Federated Hermes Funds. The Board noted the benefits of the previous significant acquisition of Hermes Fund Managers Limited by Federated Hermes, which has deepened Federated Hermes' investment management expertise and capabilities and expanded its access to analytical resources related to environmental, social and governance ("ESG") factors and issuer engagement on ESG matters where appropriate. The Board considered Federated Hermes' oversight of the securities lending program for the Federated Hermes Funds that engage in securities lending and noted the income earned by the Federated Hermes Funds that participate in such program. In addition, the Board considered the quality of Federated Hermes' communications with the Board and responsiveness to Board inquiries and requests made from time to time with respect to the Federated Hermes Funds. The Board also considered that Federated Hermes is responsible for providing the Federated Hermes Funds' officers.

The Board received and evaluated information regarding Federated Hermes' regulatory and compliance environment. The Board considered Federated Hermes' compliance program and compliance history and reports from the CCO about Federated Hermes' compliance with applicable laws and regulations, including responses to regulatory developments and any compliance or other issues raised by regulatory agencies. The Board also noted Federated Hermes' support of the Federated Hermes Funds' compliance control structure and the compliance-related resources devoted by Federated Hermes in support of the Fund's obligations pursuant to Rule 38a-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, including Federated Hermes' commitment to respond to rulemaking and other regulatory initiatives of the SEC. The Board considered Federated Hermes' approach to internal audits and risk management with respect to the Federated Hermes Funds and its day-to-day oversight of the Federated Hermes Funds' compliance with their investment objectives and policies as well as with applicable laws and regulations, noting that regulatory and other developments had over time led, and continue to lead, to an increase in the scope of Federated Hermes' oversight in this regard.

In addition, the Board noted Federated Hermes' commitment to maintaining high quality systems and expending substantial resources to prepare for and respond to ongoing changes due to the market, regulatory and control environments in which the Fund and its service providers operate.

The Board considered Federated Hermes' efforts to provide shareholders in the Federated Hermes Funds with a comprehensive array of funds with different investment objectives, policies and strategies. The Board considered the expenses that Federated Hermes had incurred, as well as the entrepreneurial and other risks assumed by Federated Hermes, in sponsoring and providing on-going services to new funds to expand these opportunities for shareholders. The Board noted the benefits to shareholders of being part of the family of Federated Hermes Funds, which include the general right to exchange investments between the same class of shares without the incurrence of additional sales charges.

Based on these considerations, the Board concluded that it was satisfied with the nature, extent and quality of the services provided by the Adviser to the Fund.

Fund Investment Performance

The Board considered the investment performance of the Fund. In evaluating the Fund's investment performance, the Board considered performance results in light of the Fund's investment objective, strategies and risks. The Board considered detailed investment reports on, and the Adviser's analysis of, the Fund's performance over different time periods that were provided to the Board throughout the year and in connection with the May Meetings. These reports included, among other items, information on the Fund's gross and net returns, the Fund's investment performance compared to one or more relevant categories or groups of peer funds and the Fund's benchmark index, performance attribution information and commentary on the effect of market conditions. The Board considered that, in its evaluation of investment performance at meetings throughout the year, it focused particular attention on information indicating less favorable performance of certain Federated Hermes Funds for specific time periods and discussed with Federated Hermes the reasons for such performance as well as any specific actions Federated Hermes had taken, or had agreed to take, to seek to enhance Fund investment performance and the results of those actions.

The Board also reviewed comparative information regarding the performance of other registered funds in the category of peer funds selected by Morningstar, Inc. (the "Morningstar"), an independent fund ranking organization (the "Performance Peer Group"). The Board noted the CCO's view that comparisons to fund peer groups may be helpful, though not conclusive, in evaluating the performance of the Adviser in managing the Fund. The Board considered the CCO's view that, in evaluating such comparisons, in some cases there may be differences in the funds' objectives or investment management techniques, or the costs to implement the funds, even within the same Performance Peer Group.

The Board also considered comparative performance data from Lipper, Inc. that was included in reports provided to the Board throughout the year. The Board noted that differences may exist between the Performance Peer Group and Lipper peers and that the results of these performance comparisons may vary.

For the periods ended December 31, 2023, the Fund's performance fell below the Performance Peer Group median for the three-year period, and was above the Performance Peer Group median for the one-year and five-year periods. The Board discussed the Fund's performance with the Adviser and recognized the efforts being taken by the Adviser in the context of other factors considered relevant by the Board.

Based on these considerations, the Board concluded that it had continued confidence in the Adviser's overall capabilities to manage the Fund.

Fund Expenses

The Board considered the advisory fee and overall expense structure of the Fund and the comparative fee and expense information that had been provided in connection with the May Meetings. In this regard, the Board was presented with, and considered, information regarding the contractual advisory fee rates, total expense ratios and each element of the Fund's total expense ratio (i.e., gross and net advisory fees, administrative fees, custody fees, portfolio accounting fees and transfer agency fees) relative to an appropriate group of peer funds compiled by Federated Hermes from the overall category of peer funds selected by Morningstar (the "Expense Peer Group"). The Board received a description of the methodology used to select the Expense Peer Group from the overall Morningstar category. The Board also reviewed comparative information regarding the fees and expenses of the broader group of funds in the overall Morningstar category.

While mindful that courts have cautioned against giving too much weight to comparative information concerning fees charged to funds by other advisers, the use of comparisons between the Fund and its Expense Peer Group assisted the Board in its evaluation of the Fund's fees and expenses. The Board focused on comparisons with other registered funds more heavily than non-registered fund products or services because such comparisons are believed to be more relevant.

The Board considered that other registered funds are the products most like the Fund, in that they are readily available to Fund shareholders as alternative investment vehicles, and they are the type of investment vehicle, in fact, chosen and maintained by the Fund's shareholders. The Board noted that the range of such other registered funds' fees and expenses, therefore, appears to be a relevant indicator of what investors have found to be reasonable in the marketplace in which the Fund competes.

The Board reviewed the contractual advisory fee rate, net advisory fee rate and other expenses of the Fund and noted the position of the Fund's contractual advisory fee rate and other expenses relative to its Expense Peer Group. In this regard, the Board noted that the contractual advisory fee rate was above the median of the Expense Peer Group, but the Board noted the applicable waivers and reimbursements, and that the overall expense structure of the Fund remained competitive in the context of other factors considered by the Board.

The Board also received and considered information about the nature and extent of services offered and fees charged by Federated Hermes to other types of clients with investment strategies similar to those of the Federated Hermes Funds, including non-registered fund clients (such as institutional separate accounts) and third-party unaffiliated registered funds for which the Adviser or its affiliates serve as sub-adviser. The Board noted the CCO's conclusion that non-registered fund clients are inherently different products due to the following differences, among others: (i) different types of targeted investors; (ii) different applicable laws and regulations; (iii) different legal structures; (iv) different average account sizes and portfolio management techniques made necessary by different cash flows and different associated costs; (v) the time spent by portfolio managers and their teams (among other personnel across various departments, including legal, compliance and risk management) in reviewing securities pricing; (vi) different SEC mandated risk management programs with respect to fund liquidity and use of derivatives; (vii) different administrative responsibilities; (viii) different degrees of risk associated with management; and (ix) a variety of different costs. The Board also considered information regarding the differences in the nature of the services required for Federated Hermes to manage its proprietary registered fund business versus managing a discrete pool of assets as a sub-adviser to another institution's registered fund, noting the CCO's view that Federated Hermes generally performs significant additional services and assumes substantially greater risks in managing the Fund and other Federated Hermes Funds than in its role as sub-adviser to an unaffiliated third-party registered fund. The Board noted that the CCO did not consider the fees for providing advisory services to other types of clients to be determinative in judging the appropriateness of the Federated Hermes Funds' advisory fees.

In the case of the Fund, the Board noted that Federated Hermes does not manage any other types of clients that are comparable to the Fund.

Based on these considerations, the Board concluded that the fees and total operating expenses of the Fund, in conjunction with other matters considered, are reasonable in light of the services provided.

Profitability

The Board received and considered profitability information furnished by Federated Hermes. Such profitability information included revenues reported on a fund-by-fund basis and estimates of the allocation of expenses made on a fund-by-fund basis, using allocation methodologies specified by the CCO and described to the Board. The Board considered the CCO's view that, while these cost allocation reports apply consistent allocation processes, the inherent difficulties in allocating costs on a fund-by-fund basis continues to cause the CCO to question the precision of the process and to conclude that such reports may be unreliable because a single change in an allocation estimate may dramatically alter the resulting estimate of cost and/or profitability of a Federated Hermes Fund and may produce unintended consequences. In addition, the Board considered the CCO's view that the allocation methodologies used by Federated Hermes in estimating profitability for purposes of reporting to the Board in connection with the continuation of the Contract are consistent with the methodologies previously reviewed by an independent consultant. The Board noted that the independent consultant had previously conducted a review of the allocation methodologies and reported to the Board that, although there is no single best method to allocate expenses, the methodologies used by Federated Hermes are reasonable. The Board considered the CCO's view that the estimated profitability to the Adviser from its relationship with the Fund was not unreasonable in relation to the services provided.

The Board also reviewed information compiled by Federated Hermes comparing its profitability information to other publicly-held fund management companies, including information regarding profitability trends over time. The Board recognized that profitability comparisons among fund management companies are difficult because of the variation in the type of comparative information that is publicly available, and the profitability of any fund management company is affected by numerous factors. The Board considered the CCO's conclusion that, based on such profitability information, Federated Hermes' profit margins did not appear to be excessive. The Board also considered the CCO's view that Federated Hermes appeared financially sound, with the resources necessary to fulfill its obligations under its contracts with the Federated Hermes Funds.

Economies of Scale

The Board received and considered information about the notion of possible realization of “economies of scale” as a fund grows larger, the difficulties of isolating and quantifying economies of scale at an individual fund level, and the extent to which potential scale benefits are shared with shareholders. In this regard, the Board considered that Federated Hermes has made significant and long-term investments in areas that support all of the Federated Hermes Funds, such as: portfolio management, investment research and trading operations; shareholder services; compliance; business continuity, cybersecurity and information security programs; internal audit and risk management functions; and technology, systems capabilities and use of data. The Board noted that Federated Hermes’ investments in these areas are extensive and are designed to provide enhanced or expanded services to the Federated Hermes Funds and their shareholders. The Board considered that the benefits of these investments are likely to be shared with the family of Federated Hermes Funds as a whole. In addition, the Board considered that fee waivers and expense reimbursements are another means for potential economies of scale to be shared with shareholders and can provide protection from an increase in expenses if a Federated Hermes Fund’s assets decline. The Board considered that, in order for the Federated Hermes Funds to remain competitive in the marketplace, Federated Hermes has frequently waived fees and/or reimbursed expenses for the Federated Hermes Funds and has disclosed to shareholders and/or reported to the Board its intention to do so (or continue to do so) in the future. The Board also considered that Federated Hermes has been active in managing expenses of the Federated Hermes Funds in recent years, which has resulted in benefits being realized by shareholders.

The Board also received and considered information on adviser-paid fees (commonly referred to as “revenue sharing” payments) that was provided to the Board throughout the year and in connection with the May Meetings. The Board considered that Federated Hermes and the CCO believe that this information is relevant to considering whether Federated Hermes had an incentive to either not apply breakpoints, or to apply breakpoints at higher levels, but should not be considered when evaluating the reasonableness of advisory fees. The Board also noted the absence of any applicable regulatory or industry guidelines on economies of scale, which is compounded by the lack of any uniform methodology or pattern with respect to structuring fund advisory fees with breakpoints that serve to reduce the fees as a fund attains a certain size.

Other Benefits

The Board considered information regarding the compensation and other ancillary (or “fall-out”) benefits that Federated Hermes derived from its relationships with the Federated Hermes Funds. The Board noted that, in addition to receiving advisory fees under the Federated Hermes Funds’ investment advisory contracts, Federated Hermes’ affiliates also receive fees for providing other services to the Federated Hermes Funds under separate service contracts including for serving as the Federated Hermes Funds’ administrator and distributor. In this regard, the Board considered that Federated Hermes’ affiliates provide distribution and shareholder services to the Federated Hermes Funds, for which they may be compensated through distribution and servicing fees paid pursuant to Rule 12b-1 plans or otherwise. The Board also received and considered information detailing the benefits, if any, that Federated Hermes may derive from its receipt of research services from brokers who execute portfolio trades for the Federated Hermes Funds.

Conclusions

The Board considered: (i) the CCO’s conclusion that his observations and the information accompanying the CCO Fee Evaluation Report show that the management fee for the Fund is reasonable; and (ii) the CCO’s recommendation that the Board approve the management fee. The Board noted that, under these circumstances, no changes were recommended to, and no objection was raised to the continuation of, the Contract by the CCO. The CCO also recognized that the Board’s evaluation of the Federated Hermes Funds’ advisory and sub-advisory arrangements is a continuing and ongoing process that is informed by the information that the Board requests and receives from management throughout the course of the year and, in this regard, the CCO noted certain items, and management has committed to reviewing certain items, for future reporting to the Board as the Board continues its ongoing oversight of the Federated Hermes Funds.

On the basis of the information and factors summarized above, among other information and factors deemed relevant by the Board, and the evaluation thereof, the Board, including the Independent Trustees, unanimously voted to approve the continuation of the Contract. The Board based its determination to approve the Contract on the totality of the circumstances and relevant factors and with a view of past and future long-term considerations. Not all of the factors and considerations identified above were necessarily deemed to be relevant to the Fund, nor did the Board consider any one of them to be determinative.

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