

Annual Shareholder Report

December 31, 2023



Share Class

Primary

Service

Federated Hermes Quality Bond Fund II

A Portfolio of Federated Hermes Insurance Series

Dear Valued Shareholder,

We are pleased to present the Annual Shareholder Report for your fund covering the period from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. This report includes Management's Discussion of Fund Performance, a complete listing of your fund's holdings, performance information and financial statements along with other important fund information.

As a global leader in active, responsible investment management, Federated Hermes is guided by our conviction that responsible investing is the best way to create wealth over the long term. The company provides capabilities across a wide range of asset classes to investors around the world.

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Thank you for investing with us. We hope you find this information useful and look forward to keeping you informed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John B. Fisher".

John B. Fisher, President

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Management's Discussion of Fund Performance

The total return of Federated Hermes Quality Bond Fund II (the "Fund"), based on net asset value for the 12-month reporting period ended December 31, 2023, was 6.14% for the Primary Shares and 5.85% for the Service Shares. The total return of the Fund's broad-based benchmark, the Bloomberg US Intermediate Credit Index (BICI),¹ was 6.94% during the same period. The 6.14% total return of the Fund's Primary Shares consisted of 2.78% of taxable dividends and 3.36% of appreciation in the net asset value of shares. The Fund's total return for the most recently completed fiscal year reflected actual cash flows, transaction costs and expenses which were not reflected in the total return of the BICI.

During the reporting period, the most significant factors affecting the Fund's performance relative to the BICI were: (a) overall interest rate sensitivity of the portfolio, as measured by the effective duration² of the Fund, (b) the selection of various industries and sectors of the corporate bond market,³ and (c) individual security selection.

The following discussion will focus on the performance of the Fund's Primary Shares relative to the BICI.

MARKET OVERVIEW

The reporting period was a continuation of sorts of the prior year. Through the end of December, the Federal Reserve (the "Fed") raised short-term interest rates a total of 75 basis points, adding to 425 basis points of increases in the comparable 2022 period. Policymakers had indicated early in the period they would continue to raise the federal funds target rate into restrictive territory and keep it there for some time until their job was done.

A very resilient U.S. economy afforded the Fed the ability to keep tightening to combat higher inflation, which moderated significantly over the period but remained above the Fed's 2% target. During the reporting period, the markets dealt with the early spring failures of Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank and the associated sharp declines in Treasury yields, although this disruption proved relatively short-lived.

Over the course of the 12-month period, the Fed raised rates only three times, with the final occurrence at the July 26 meeting. Also during the year, the Fed upgraded 2023 U.S. Economic Projections and decreased its inflation expectations (GDP from 0.4% to 2.6%, unemployment from 4.5% to 3.8% and core inflation from 3.9% to 3.2%). At the final meeting of the year in December, in its Summary of Economic Projections for 2024, the Fed called for three rate cuts, up from two at its September update, inflation and economic growth to slow and unemployment to rise slightly from 3.8% to 4.1%. Fed Chair Powell also surprised markets with his dovish view of Fed policy. He explained that since Fed policy works with a lag, the Fed would not wait to achieve its 2% inflation target before cutting the federal funds target rate since that would cause the Fed to overshoot. This was distinctly different from statements earlier in the period and furthered the growing consensus of a "soft landing" scenario.

As an indication of rate volatility, the 10-year Treasury yield started the reporting period at 3.88%, dropped to 3.31% following the bank failures, increased as high as 4.99% in October, and ended the fiscal year exactly where it started at 3.88%. Credit spreads as measured by the Bloomberg US Intermediate Credit Index Option Adjusted Spread started the reporting period at 103 basis points, widened to as high as 136 basis points after the bank failures, and subsequently closed the year near the period low of 80 basis points. A question hovering over the market as it entered a new year was whether, just as consensus expectations for a recession and rate cuts failed to materialize in 2023, expectations for a soft landing and minimal Fed rate cuts prove to be overly optimistic.

DURATION, YIELD CURVE AND DERIVATIVES MANAGEMENT

Duration was the largest driver of negative performance. As noted above, the aggressive rate moves throughout the fiscal year had a significant impact on interest rates across the yield curve.⁴ The Fund was slightly long duration relative to the BICI throughout the fiscal year. For the year, on average, the Fund was 102% of the interest rate-sensitivity of the BICI, which detracted from performance as interest rates rose.

Derivatives,⁵ which were U.S. Treasury futures that were used to adjust duration targets, had a negative effect on Fund performance during the reporting period.

SECTOR ALLOCATION

The decision to overweight or underweight positions to specific corporate sectors and/or ratings quality was a positive contributor to performance relative to the BICI. The Fund was underweight the more defensive non-corporate components, which underperformed the BICI during the year and added to performance. Within the corporate space, the Fund was overweight in the Communications, Energy, Finance and REITs sectors, all of which outperformed the BICI and thus were additive to performance. In contrast, an underweight position in the Banking sector, which outperformed, and the Fund's cash position detracted from relative performance.

SECURITY SELECTION

The Fund maintained a more defensive posture with regard to security selection through the period and given the stronger economy, security selection detracted from performance relative to the BICI. Security selection was positive in the Consumer Cyclical and Consumer Non-Cyclical sectors. However, this performance was more than offset by weaker selection in the Banking, Electric and Basic Industries sectors. Specific credit instruments that contributed the most to Fund performance included: Textron, Smithfield Foods and Welltower. Conversely, credit instruments that most negatively affected Fund performance included: HSBC, PNC and Truist.

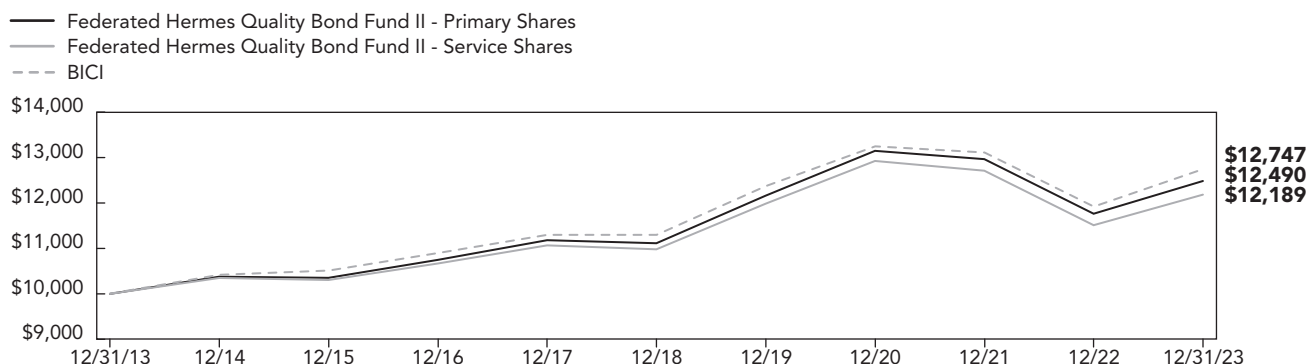
- 1 *Please see the footnotes to the line graph under "Fund Performance and Growth of a \$10,000 Investment" below for the definition of, and more information about, the BICI.*
- 2 *Duration is a measure of a security's price sensitivity to changes in interest rates. Securities with longer durations are more sensitive to changes in interest rates than securities of shorter durations.*
- 3 *Bond prices are sensitive to changes in interest rates, and a rise in interest rates can cause a decline in their prices.*
- 4 *The yield curve is a graph showing the comparative yields of securities in a particular class according to maturity. Securities on the long end of the yield curve have longer maturities.*
- 5 *The Fund's use of derivative instruments involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional instruments.*

FUND PERFORMANCE AND GROWTH OF A \$10,000 INVESTMENT

The graph below illustrates the hypothetical investment of \$10,000¹ in the Federated Hermes Quality Bond Fund II (the “Fund”) from December 31, 2013 to December 31, 2023, compared to the Bloomberg US Intermediate Credit Index (BICI).² The Average Annual Total Returns table below shows returns for each class averaged over the stated periods.

GROWTH OF A \$10,000 INVESTMENT

Growth of \$10,000 as of December 31, 2023



The Fund offers multiple share classes whose performance may be greater than or less than its other share class(es) due to differences in sales charges and expenses.

Average Annual Total Returns for the Period Ended 12/31/2023

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years
Primary Shares	6.14%	2.36%	2.25%
Service Shares	5.85%	2.10%	2.00%
BICI	6.94%	2.44%	2.46%

Performance data quoted represents past performance which is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Performance of a variable investment option changes over time and current performance may be lower or higher than what is stated. For current to the most recent month-end performance, contact your insurance company. The performance information presented does not include the charges and expenses imposed by the insurance company under the variable insurance product contract. The inclusion of such charges would lower performance. Please refer to the variable insurance product prospectus for a complete listing of these expenses. Fund shares are available exclusively as a funding vehicle for life insurance companies writing variable life insurance policies and variable annuity contracts. Variable investment options are not obligations of or guaranteed by any bank and are not federally insured.

1 The Fund's performance assumes the reinvestment of all dividends and distributions. The BICI has been adjusted to reflect reinvestment of dividends on securities in the index.

2 The BICI measures the investment-grade, U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed-rate, taxable corporate and government-related bond markets. The index only includes securities with maturity between one and ten years. It is composed of the Bloomberg US Corporate Index and a non-corporate component that includes foreign agencies, sovereigns, supranationals and local authorities. The index is not adjusted to reflect sales loads, expenses or other fees that the Securities and Exchange Commission requires to be reflected in the Fund's performance. The index is unmanaged and, unlike the Fund, is not affected by cash flows. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

Portfolio of Investments Summary Table (unaudited)

At December 31, 2023, the Fund's portfolio composition¹ was as follows:

Security Type	Percentage of Total Net Assets
Corporate Bonds	97.2%
Mortgage-Backed Securities ^{2,3}	0.0%
Securities Lending Collateral ⁴	0.8%
Cash Equivalents ⁵	1.7%
Derivative Contracts ⁶	0.1%
Other Assets and Liabilities—Net ⁷	0.2%
TOTAL	100%

1 See the Fund's Prospectus and Statement of Additional Information for a description of these security types.

2 For purposes of this table, mortgage-backed securities include mortgage-backed securities guaranteed by Government Sponsored Entities.

3 Represents less than 0.1%.

4 Represents cash collateral received for portfolio securities on loan that may be invested in affiliated money market funds, other money market instruments and/or repurchase agreements.

5 Cash Equivalents include any investments in money market mutual funds and/or overnight repurchase agreements other than those representing cash collateral for securities lending.

6 Based upon net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) or value of the derivative contracts as applicable. Derivative contracts may consist of futures, forwards, options and swaps. The impact of a derivative contract on the Fund's performance may be larger than its unrealized appreciation (depreciation) or value may indicate. In many cases, the notional value or amount of a derivative contract may provide a better indication of the contract's significance to the portfolio. More complete information regarding the Fund's direct investments in derivative contracts, including unrealized appreciation (depreciation), value and notional values or amounts of such contracts, can be found in the table at the end of the Portfolio of Investments included in this Report.

7 Assets, other than investments in securities and derivative contracts, less liabilities. See Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Portfolio of Investments

December 31, 2023

Principal Amount		Value
	CORPORATE BONDS—97.2%	
	Basic Industry - Chemicals—0.3%	
\$ 500,000	RPM International, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.550%, 3/1/2029	\$ 493,260
	Basic Industry - Metals & Mining—0.9%	
350,000	Anglo American Capital PLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 2.250%, 3/17/2028	312,281
200,000	Anglo American Capital PLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 2.875%, 3/17/2031	170,208
200,000	Anglo American Capital PLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.500%, 5/2/2033	202,172
350,000	Glencore Funding LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 1.625%, 4/27/2026	324,601
350,000	Glencore Funding LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 6.125%, 10/6/2028	366,964
	TOTAL	1,376,226
	Capital Goods - Aerospace & Defense—3.1%	
600,000	Airbus Group SE, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.150%, 4/10/2027	574,008
280,000	BAE Systems Holdings, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.850%, 12/15/2025	274,033
200,000	BAE Systems PLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.400%, 4/15/2030	184,633
600,000	Boeing Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.700%, 2/1/2027	566,057
500,000	Boeing Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.625%, 2/1/2031	464,637
410,000	Huntington Ingalls Industries, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.483%, 12/1/2027	387,903
600,000	Leidos, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series WI, 2.300%, 2/15/2031	502,510
335,000	Leidos, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series WI, 3.625%, 5/15/2025	326,630
800,000	RTX Corp, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.125%, 11/16/2028	782,225
460,000	¹ Textron Financial Corp., Jr. Sub. Note, 144A, 7.376% (CME Term SOFR 3 Month +1.996%), 2/15/2042	362,551
	TOTAL	4,425,187
	Capital Goods - Building Materials—1.3%	
415,000	Allegion PLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.500%, 10/1/2029	383,837
800,000	Allegion US Holdings Co., Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.200%, 10/1/2024	784,313
155,000	Carrier Global Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.900%, 3/15/2034	167,711
300,000	Masco Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.000%, 10/1/2030	247,535
300,000	Masco Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.500%, 11/15/2027	284,979
	TOTAL	1,868,375
	Capital Goods - Construction Machinery—1.6%	
500,000	Ashtead Capital, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 1.500%, 8/12/2026	453,597
205,000	Ashtead Capital, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.550%, 5/30/2033	203,032
600,000	CNH Industrial Capital America LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.450%, 7/15/2026	550,558
595,000	CNH Industrial NV, Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series MTN, 3.850%, 11/15/2027	573,624
510,000	Weir Group PLC/The, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 2.200%, 5/13/2026	474,402
	TOTAL	2,255,213
	Capital Goods - Diversified Manufacturing—2.8%	
700,000	GE Capital Funding LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.400%, 5/15/2030	663,091
205,000	Honeywell International, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.350%, 6/1/2025	195,889
400,000	Honeywell International, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.950%, 6/1/2030	346,679
555,000	Hubbell, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.300%, 3/15/2031	467,720
585,000	Lennox International, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.700%, 8/1/2027	526,275
430,000	Roper Technologies, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.000%, 6/30/2030	365,192
875,000	Roper Technologies, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.800%, 12/15/2026	856,115
500,000	Vontier Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series WI, 2.400%, 4/1/2028	439,825
235,000	Wabtec Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.200%, 6/15/2025	227,411
	TOTAL	4,088,197
	Capital Goods - Packaging—0.3%	
500,000	WestRock Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series WI, 3.750%, 3/15/2025	490,951

Principal Amount		Value
	CORPORATE BONDS—continued	
	Communications - Cable & Satellite—1.7%	
\$1,000,000	CCO Safari II LLC, 4.908%, 7/23/2025	\$ 991,061
400,000	Comcast Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.350%, 1/15/2027	375,657
300,000	Comcast Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.300%, 2/1/2027	289,595
750,000	Comcast Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.950%, 10/15/2025	740,107
	TOTAL	2,396,420
	Communications - Media & Entertainment—2.2%	
300,000	British Sky Broadcasting Group PLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.750%, 9/16/2024	296,209
220,000	Meta Platforms, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.500%, 8/15/2027	214,338
250,000	Meta Platforms, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.850%, 8/15/2032	237,885
500,000	Netflix, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.375%, 11/15/2026	497,946
500,000	Netflix, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.875%, 6/15/2030	506,788
310,000	Paramount Global, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.200%, 5/19/2032	276,933
805,000	S&P Global, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.900%, 3/1/2032	718,891
500,000	Warnermedia Holdings, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.054%, 3/15/2029	474,646
	TOTAL	3,223,636
	Communications - Telecom Wireless—2.1%	
500,000	American Tower Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.450%, 9/15/2026	455,836
430,000	Crown Castle Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.250%, 1/15/2031	356,357
250,000	Crown Castle Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.800%, 9/1/2028	246,933
250,000	Crown Castle Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.100%, 5/1/2033	247,673
450,000	T-Mobile USA, Inc., Series WI, 3.750%, 4/15/2027	436,603
450,000	T-Mobile USA, Inc., Series WI, 3.875%, 4/15/2030	426,853
500,000	T-Mobile USA, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.050%, 7/15/2033	504,073
395,000	Vodafone Group PLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.125%, 5/30/2025	389,993
	TOTAL	3,064,321
	Communications - Telecom Wirelines—1.7%	
300,000	AT&T, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.300%, 6/1/2027	278,583
877,000	AT&T, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.550%, 12/1/2033	715,234
250,000	Telefonica SA, Company Guarantee, 7.045%, 6/20/2036	283,072
300,000	Verizon Communications, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 0.850%, 11/20/2025	278,919
800,000	Verizon Communications, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.750%, 1/20/2031	658,366
110,000	Verizon Communications, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.550%, 3/21/2031	94,878
175,000	Verizon Communications, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.150%, 3/22/2030	160,011
	TOTAL	2,469,063
	Consumer Cyclical - Automotive—3.7%	
605,000	Daimler Trucks Financial NA, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 2.000%, 12/14/2026	556,844
300,000	Daimler Trucks Financial NA, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.125%, 1/19/2028	301,976
250,000	Ford Motor Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.346%, 12/8/2026	243,756
290,000	Ford Motor Credit Co. LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.798%, 11/7/2028	303,627
200,000	Ford Motor Credit Co. LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 7.122%, 11/7/2033	215,596
250,000	² General Motors Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.200%, 10/1/2027	244,270
250,000	General Motors Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.125%, 10/1/2025	253,433
500,000	General Motors Financial Co., Inc., 1.250%, 1/8/2026	462,799
500,000	General Motors Financial Co., Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.400%, 4/10/2028	448,951
300,000	General Motors Financial Co., Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.000%, 10/6/2026	292,048
210,000	General Motors Financial Co., Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.850%, 4/6/2030	216,732
680,000	Nissan Motor Acceptance Company LLC., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 1.125%, 9/16/2024	656,210
200,000	Stellantis Finance US, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 1.711%, 1/29/2027	181,723
500,000	Toyota Motor Credit Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.950%, 6/30/2025	494,257
500,000	Volkswagen Group of America Finance LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 1.250%, 11/24/2025	464,576
	TOTAL	5,336,798

Principal Amount		Value
	CORPORATE BONDS—continued	
	Consumer Cyclical - Retailers—2.4%	
\$1,000,000	² Advance Auto Parts, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series WI, 3.900%, 4/15/2030	\$ 897,608
470,000	Alimentation Couche-Tard, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 2.950%, 1/25/2030	421,068
265,000	AutoNation, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.750%, 6/1/2030	256,100
240,000	AutoZone, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.750%, 2/1/2033	236,367
275,000	Costco Wholesale Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.375%, 6/20/2027	249,717
500,000	Dollar Tree, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.000%, 5/15/2025	491,283
320,000	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.750%, 3/15/2031	259,746
120,000	O'Reilly Automotive, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.200%, 4/1/2030	115,709
580,000	Tractor Supply Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.750%, 11/1/2030	475,317
90,000	Tractor Supply Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.250%, 5/15/2033	92,371
	TOTAL	3,495,286
	Consumer Cyclical - Services—1.7%	
200,000	Alibaba Group Holding Ltd., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.125%, 2/9/2031	165,852
500,000	Alibaba Group Holding Ltd., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.400%, 12/6/2027	474,419
300,000	Amazon.com, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.000%, 4/13/2025	293,798
170,000	Amazon.com, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.150%, 8/22/2027	163,310
260,000	Amazon.com, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.300%, 4/13/2027	252,547
400,000	Booking Holdings, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.625%, 4/13/2030	403,258
750,000	Cintas Corp. No. 2, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.700%, 4/1/2027	734,799
54,000	Expedia Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series WI, 2.950%, 3/15/2031	47,549
	TOTAL	2,535,532
	Consumer Non-Cyclical - Food/Beverage—5.5%	
750,000	Anheuser-Busch InBev Worldwide, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.750%, 1/23/2029	762,395
1,015,000	Coca-Cola Femsa S.A.B. de C.V., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.750%, 1/22/2030	909,953
750,000	Constellation Brands, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.650%, 11/15/2028	751,929
380,000	Flowers Foods, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.500%, 10/1/2026	364,663
500,000	Grupo Bimbo S.A.B. de CV, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.875%, 6/27/2024	498,750
915,000	International Flavors & Fragrances, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 1.230%, 10/1/2025	847,535
450,000	Keurig Dr Pepper, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.417%, 5/25/2025	445,577
417,000	² Kraft Heinz Foods Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.000%, 6/1/2026	400,788
900,000	Kraft Heinz Foods Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series WI, 3.875%, 5/15/2027	883,309
300,000	PepsiCo, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.625%, 7/29/2029	276,632
300,000	Smithfield Foods, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 2.625%, 9/13/2031	232,294
510,000	Smithfield Foods, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.000%, 10/15/2030	419,081
60,000	Smithfield Foods, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.250%, 2/1/2027	57,507
450,000	Sysco Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.250%, 7/15/2027	430,492
700,000	Sysco Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.300%, 7/15/2026	676,071
	TOTAL	7,956,976
	Consumer Non-Cyclical - Health Care—2.8%	
250,000	Becton Dickinson & Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.700%, 6/6/2027	242,413
203,000	Becton Dickinson & Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.734%, 12/15/2024	199,911
1,290,000	CVS Health Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.300%, 3/25/2028	1,268,931
235,000	DH Europe Finance II S.a.r.l., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.600%, 11/15/2029	212,807
470,000	DH Europe Finance II S.a.r.l., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series 5YR, 2.200%, 11/15/2024	457,944
300,000	GE Healthcare Holding LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.857%, 3/15/2030	315,318
300,000	GE Healthcare Holding LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.905%, 11/22/2032	320,146
85,000	HCA, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.125%, 3/15/2027	80,610
500,000	HCA, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.500%, 6/1/2033	508,062
450,000	PerkinElmer, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.300%, 9/15/2029	408,878
	TOTAL	4,015,020

Principal Amount		Value
	CORPORATE BONDS—continued	
	Consumer Non-Cyclical - Pharmaceuticals—4.2%	
\$ 500,000	Abbott Laboratories, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.150%, 1/30/2028	\$ 445,998
453,000	Abbott Laboratories, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.750%, 11/30/2026	446,590
455,000	AbbVie, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.200%, 11/21/2029	425,541
300,000	AbbVie, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.600%, 5/14/2025	294,840
67,000	AbbVie, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.750%, 3/15/2045	64,497
1,000,000	Amgen, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.250%, 3/2/2030	1,028,462
140,000	Amgen, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.507%, 3/2/2026	140,067
235,000	AstraZeneca PLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 0.700%, 4/8/2026	216,396
600,000	AstraZeneca PLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.125%, 6/12/2027	576,633
200,000	Bayer US Finance II LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.250%, 12/15/2025	194,980
235,000	Biogen, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.250%, 5/1/2030	200,562
600,000	Biogen, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.050%, 9/15/2025	590,520
152,000	Bristol-Myers Squibb Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series WI, 5.000%, 8/15/2045	150,971
220,000	Gilead Sciences, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.650%, 3/1/2026	215,594
670,000	Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.750%, 9/15/2030	551,197
240,000	Royalty Pharma PLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series WI, 1.200%, 9/2/2025	224,046
300,000	Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Netherlands III B.V., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.150%, 10/1/2026	277,990
	TOTAL	6,044,884
	Consumer Non-Cyclical - Products—0.3%	
200,000	Kenvue, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.000%, 3/22/2030	206,600
200,000	Kenvue, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.350%, 3/22/2026	203,397
	TOTAL	409,997
	Consumer Non-Cyclical - Supermarkets—0.5%	
610,000	Kroger Co., Bond, 6.900%, 4/15/2038	690,674
	Consumer Non-Cyclical - Tobacco—2.0%	
350,000	Altria Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.400%, 2/14/2026	346,936
250,000	BAT Capital Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.259%, 3/25/2028	223,877
300,000	BAT Capital Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 7.750%, 10/19/2032	338,983
290,000	BAT International Finance PLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.950%, 6/15/2025	284,179
300,000	Philip Morris International, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.125%, 11/17/2027	305,547
500,000	Philip Morris International, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.125%, 2/15/2030	508,490
140,000	Philip Morris International, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.625%, 11/17/2029	146,902
300,000	Reynolds American, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.450%, 6/12/2025	296,801
360,000	Reynolds American, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 7.000%, 8/4/2041	373,491
	TOTAL	2,825,206
	Energy - Independent—2.3%	
215,000	Cimarex Energy Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.375%, 3/15/2029	181,703
160,000	Diamondback Energy, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.250%, 3/15/2033	171,049
700,000	Hess Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.300%, 4/1/2027	693,122
100,000	Occidental Petroleum Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.900%, 8/15/2024	98,393
1,000,000	Occidental Petroleum Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.450%, 7/15/2024	987,330
200,000	Ovintiv, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.650%, 5/15/2028	204,213
180,000	Ovintiv, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.250%, 7/15/2033	186,231
325,000	Pioneer Natural Resources, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.125%, 1/15/2026	301,827
550,000	Pioneer Natural Resources, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.150%, 1/15/2031	467,541
	TOTAL	3,291,409
	Energy - Integrated—1.4%	
300,000	Cenovus Energy, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.650%, 1/15/2032	248,780
500,000	Cenovus Energy, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.250%, 4/15/2027	489,062
500,000	Chevron Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.554%, 5/11/2025	479,851
530,000	CNPC Hong Kong Overseas Capital Ltd., Company Guarantee, 144A, 5.950%, 4/28/2041	583,180

Principal Amount		Value
	CORPORATE BONDS—continued	
	Energy - Integrated—continued	
\$ 175,000	Petroleos Mexicanos, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.875%, 1/18/2024	\$ 174,688
	TOTAL	1,975,561
	Energy - Midstream—2.7%	
265,000	Boardwalk Pipeline Partners LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.400%, 2/15/2031	236,966
500,000	Boardwalk Pipeline Partners LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.800%, 5/3/2029	490,062
205,000	Eastern Energy Gas Holdings, Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series A, 2.500%, 11/15/2024	199,736
300,000	Energy Transfer LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.750%, 5/15/2030	278,728
290,000	MPLX LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.750%, 3/1/2026	271,365
395,000	MPLX LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.125%, 3/1/2027	386,960
345,000	ONEOK, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.000%, 7/13/2027	335,400
120,000	ONEOK, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.100%, 11/15/2032	127,595
500,000	Plains All American Pipeline LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.550%, 12/15/2029	460,720
140,000	Targa Resources, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.200%, 2/1/2033	128,831
400,000	Targa Resources, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.125%, 3/15/2033	421,386
600,000	TC Pipelines, LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.900%, 5/25/2027	578,567
	TOTAL	3,916,316
	Energy - Oil Field Services—0.2%	
300,000	Schlumberger Holdings Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.000%, 12/21/2025	295,676
	Energy - Refining—1.0%	
600,000	Marathon Petroleum Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.700%, 5/1/2025	596,428
185,000	Phillips 66, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.300%, 2/15/2026	171,975
335,000	Valero Energy Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.625%, 6/15/2037	367,805
215,000	Valero Energy Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 7.500%, 4/15/2032	247,565
	TOTAL	1,383,773
	Financial Institution - Banking—22.8%	
1,085,000	Associated Banc-Corp., Sub. Note, 4.250%, 1/15/2025	1,066,693
700,000	Bank of America Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.734%, 7/22/2027	641,565
1,900,000	Bank of America Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.592%, 4/29/2031	1,638,462
1,250,000	Bank of America Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.705%, 4/24/2028	1,194,479
500,000	Bank of America Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series MTN, 3.248%, 10/21/2027	476,071
500,000	Bank of America Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series MTN, 4.271%, 7/23/2029	483,135
250,000	Bank of New York Mellon Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.050%, 1/26/2027	232,399
300,000	Bank of New York Mellon Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.350%, 4/25/2025	293,253
550,000	Bank of New York Mellon Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series MTN, 3.250%, 9/11/2024	540,534
400,000	Capital One Financial Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.817%, 2/1/2034	398,290
500,000	Citigroup, Inc., 4.125%, 7/25/2028	480,517
250,000	Citigroup, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.122%, 1/28/2027	229,791
1,400,000	Citigroup, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.572%, 6/3/2031	1,196,620
480,000	Citigroup, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.400%, 5/1/2026	463,402
500,000	Citigroup, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.700%, 1/12/2026	488,054
250,000	Citigroup, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.887%, 1/10/2028	241,887
500,000	Citigroup, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.075%, 4/23/2029	481,653
90,000	Citizens Financial Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.500%, 2/6/2030	75,460
300,000	Comerica, Inc., 3.800%, 7/22/2026	282,283
500,000	Compass Bank, Birmingham, Sub. Note, Series BKNT, 3.875%, 4/10/2025	489,941
140,000	Fifth Third Bancorp, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.375%, 1/28/2025	135,467
250,000	Fifth Third Bank, Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series BKNT, 2.250%, 2/1/2027	231,054
300,000	FNB Corp. (PA), Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.150%, 8/25/2025	297,939
200,000	Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.431%, 3/9/2027	184,471
750,000	Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.992%, 1/27/2032	606,296
250,000	Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.640%, 2/24/2028	231,855

Principal Amount		Value
	CORPORATE BONDS—continued	
	Financial Institution - Banking—continued	
\$1,250,000	Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.500%, 11/16/2026	\$ 1,204,119
500,000	Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.223%, 5/1/2029	484,000
500,000	Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., Sub. Note, 4.250%, 10/21/2025	491,073
240,000	Huntington Bancshares, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.550%, 2/4/2030	205,420
220,000	Huntington Bancshares, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.208%, 8/21/2029	226,981
1,000,000	JPMorgan Chase & Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.045%, 11/19/2026	926,618
1,000,000	JPMorgan Chase & Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.545%, 11/8/2032	834,690
500,000	JPMorgan Chase & Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.580%, 4/22/2032	423,156
500,000	JPMorgan Chase & Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.845%, 6/14/2025	496,097
500,000	JPMorgan Chase & Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.323%, 4/26/2028	492,796
500,000	JPMorgan Chase & Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.452%, 12/5/2029	490,360
410,000	M&T Bank Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.553%, 8/16/2028	396,001
250,000	M&T Bank Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.053%, 1/27/2034	236,983
320,000	M&T Bank Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 7.413%, 10/30/2029	344,468
550,000	Morgan Stanley, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 0.985%, 12/10/2026	506,329
1,000,000	Morgan Stanley, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.625%, 1/20/2027	970,046
210,000	Morgan Stanley, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.123%, 2/1/2029	211,073
500,000	Morgan Stanley, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.342%, 10/18/2033	539,386
500,000	Morgan Stanley, Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series GMTN, 2.239%, 7/21/2032	408,311
165,000	Morgan Stanley, Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series GMTN, 2.699%, 1/22/2031	144,343
500,000	PNC Financial Services Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.150%, 5/19/2027	474,620
500,000	PNC Financial Services Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.068%, 1/24/2034	489,485
200,000	PNC Financial Services Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.582%, 6/12/2029	204,405
330,000	Regions Financial Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.250%, 5/18/2025	314,788
700,000	State Street Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.300%, 12/16/2024	689,153
65,000	State Street Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.421%, 5/13/2033	63,231
1,200,000	Synovus Bank GA, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.625%, 2/15/2028	1,153,889
300,000	Synovus Financial Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.200%, 8/11/2025	295,266
200,000	Truist Bank, Sub. Note, Series BKNT, 3.300%, 5/15/2026	190,974
500,000	Truist Financial Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series MTN, 1.125%, 8/3/2027	437,961
500,000	Truist Financial Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series MTN, 4.123%, 6/6/2028	482,079
400,000	Truist Financial Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series MTN, 5.122%, 1/26/2034	387,620
250,000	US Bancorp, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.836%, 6/12/2034	257,992
1,250,000	US Bancorp, Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series MTN, 2.215%, 1/27/2028	1,149,293
1,320,000	Wells Fargo & Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.000%, 10/23/2026	1,253,781
235,000	Wells Fargo & Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.389%, 4/24/2034	236,158
750,000	Wells Fargo & Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series MTN, 2.393%, 6/2/2028	687,271
250,000	Wells Fargo & Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series MTN, 2.406%, 10/30/2025	243,254
1,000,000	Wells Fargo & Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series MTN, 2.572%, 2/11/2031	864,596
	TOTAL	32,989,637
	Financial Institution - Broker/Asset Mgr/Exchange—1.8%	
500,000	Charles Schwab Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.625%, 4/1/2025	491,166
220,000	Invesco Finance PLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.750%, 1/15/2026	214,319
500,000	Jefferies Group LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.625%, 10/15/2031	414,490
200,000	Jefferies Group LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.500%, 1/20/2043	210,166
245,000	Nuveen LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.000%, 11/1/2028	239,532
595,000	Raymond James Financial, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.650%, 4/1/2030	600,071
390,000	Stifel Financial Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.250%, 7/18/2024	386,245
	TOTAL	2,555,989
	Financial Institution - Finance Companies—2.0%	
205,000	AerCap Ireland Capital Ltd. / AerCap Global Aviation Trust, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.000%, 10/29/2028	187,263

Principal Amount		Value
	CORPORATE BONDS—continued	
	Financial Institution - Finance Companies—continued	
\$ 500,000	AerCap Ireland Capital Ltd. / AerCap Global Aviation Trust, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.300%, 1/30/2032	\$ 435,339
550,000	AerCap Ireland Capital Ltd. / AerCap Global Aviation Trust, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.625%, 10/15/2027	539,011
700,000	Air Lease Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.875%, 8/15/2026	644,254
550,000	Air Lease Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.625%, 12/1/2027	520,641
140,000	Air Lease Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.850%, 12/15/2027	143,737
180,000	Ally Financial, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.992%, 6/13/2029	186,048
250,000	Discover Financial Services, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.100%, 2/9/2027	240,090
	TOTAL	2,896,383
	Financial Institution - Insurance - Health—1.1%	
645,000	Centene Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.450%, 7/15/2028	574,924
200,000	The Cigna Group, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.375%, 10/15/2028	198,478
400,000	The Cigna Group, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.685%, 3/15/2026	400,326
405,000	UnitedHealth Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.750%, 7/15/2025	399,310
	TOTAL	1,573,038
	Financial Institution - Insurance - Life—1.2%	
350,000	AIA Group Ltd., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.600%, 4/9/2029	331,283
350,000	CoreBridge Global Funding, Sr. Secd. Note, 144A, 5.900%, 9/19/2028	361,132
550,000	Lincoln National Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.050%, 1/15/2030	486,511
172,000	Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co., Sub. Note, 144A, 8.875%, 6/1/2039	220,471
290,000	² Met Life Global Funding I, Sec. Fac. Bond, 144A, 0.550%, 6/7/2024	283,947
	TOTAL	1,683,344
	Financial Institution - Insurance - P&C—0.5%	
250,000	CNA Financial Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.450%, 8/15/2027	239,519
95,000	CNA Financial Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.900%, 5/1/2029	90,989
300,000	Nationwide Mutual Insurance Co., Sub. Note, 144A, 9.375%, 8/15/2039	397,079
	TOTAL	727,587
	Financial Institution - REIT - Apartment—0.8%	
395,000	Avalonbay Communities, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series MTN, 3.350%, 5/15/2027	377,657
115,000	² Camden Property Trust, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.800%, 5/15/2030	102,907
320,000	Mid-America Apartment Communities LP, Sr. Unsub. Note, 1.700%, 2/15/2031	259,639
500,000	UDR, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series MTN, 2.950%, 9/1/2026	474,990
	TOTAL	1,215,193
	Financial Institution - REIT - Healthcare—1.3%	
445,000	Healthcare Trust of America, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.000%, 3/15/2031	356,461
710,000	Physicians Realty Trust, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.300%, 3/15/2027	691,284
375,000	Welltower, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.750%, 1/15/2031	326,847
500,000	Welltower, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.100%, 1/15/2030	451,496
	TOTAL	1,826,088
	Financial Institution - REIT - Office—0.8%	
250,000	Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.900%, 12/15/2030	250,511
480,000	Boston Properties LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.200%, 1/15/2025	466,920
80,000	Boston Properties LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.250%, 1/30/2031	68,708
120,000	Piedmont Operating Partnership, LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.750%, 4/1/2032	83,502
250,000	Piedmont Operating Partnership, LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 9.250%, 7/20/2028	264,260
	TOTAL	1,133,901
	Financial Institution - REIT - Other—0.7%	
320,000	ProLogis LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.375%, 2/1/2029	315,047
275,000	WP Carey, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.400%, 2/1/2031	232,608
450,000	WP Carey, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.600%, 4/1/2024	448,136
	TOTAL	995,791

Principal Amount		Value
	CORPORATE BONDS—continued	
	Financial Institution - REIT - Retail—0.6%	
\$ 725,000	Kimco Realty Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.900%, 3/1/2028	\$ 639,843
250,000	Kimco Realty Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.700%, 10/1/2030	216,394
	TOTAL	856,237
	Sovereign—0.4%	
510,000	Inter-American Development Bank, Series MTN, 6.750%, 7/15/2027	548,233
	Technology—5.2%	
125,000	Apple, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.450%, 5/6/2044	121,551
340,000	Automatic Data Processing, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.375%, 9/15/2025	333,397
666,000	Broadcom, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.110%, 9/15/2028	650,751
135,000	Broadcom, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.419%, 4/15/2033	118,633
250,000	Broadcom, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.000%, 4/15/2029	241,489
250,000	CDW LLC / CDW Finance, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.670%, 12/1/2026	234,135
215,000	Concentrix Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.650%, 8/2/2026	220,498
250,000	Dell International LLC / EMC Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.300%, 10/1/2029	257,640
150,000	Dell International LLC / EMC Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.850%, 7/15/2025	151,532
250,000	Fiserv, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.650%, 6/1/2030	219,955
500,000	Fiserv, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.200%, 10/1/2028	489,252
225,000	Fiserv, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.450%, 3/2/2028	231,886
175,000	Intel Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.400%, 3/25/2025	172,138
100,000	Keysight Technologies, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.000%, 10/30/2029	90,972
310,000	Lam Research Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.000%, 3/15/2029	306,132
750,000	Microsoft Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.400%, 8/8/2026	715,024
500,000	Oracle Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.650%, 3/25/2026	466,556
825,000	Oracle Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.300%, 3/25/2028	752,227
230,000	Oracle Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.150%, 11/9/2029	247,597
260,000	Total System Services, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.450%, 6/1/2028	253,360
400,000	Trimble, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 6.100%, 3/15/2033	428,303
600,000	Verisk Analytics, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.125%, 3/15/2029	585,837
265,000	VMware, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.400%, 8/15/2026	242,471
	TOTAL	7,531,336
	Technology Services—0.7%	
255,000	Fortinet, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.000%, 3/15/2026	233,950
320,000	Global Payments, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.200%, 3/1/2026	294,121
300,000	Global Payments, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.150%, 1/15/2027	276,349
90,000	Global Payments, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.900%, 5/15/2030	79,220
145,000	Verisign, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.700%, 6/15/2031	124,355
	TOTAL	1,007,995
	Transportation - Airlines—0.1%	
215,000	Southwest Airlines Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.250%, 5/4/2025	215,104
	Transportation - Railroads—0.6%	
500,000	Canadian Pacific Railway Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.450%, 12/2/2031	463,948
500,000	Union Pacific Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.150%, 2/5/2027	466,904
	TOTAL	930,852
	Transportation - Services—1.9%	
735,000	GXO Logistics, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series WI, 1.650%, 7/15/2026	662,897
315,000	GXO Logistics, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series WI, 2.650%, 7/15/2031	258,724
215,000	Penske Truck Leasing Co. LP & PTL Finance Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 1.200%, 11/15/2025	199,459
250,000	Penske Truck Leasing Co. LP & PTL Finance Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 1.700%, 6/15/2026	229,930
250,000	Penske Truck Leasing Co. LP & PTL Finance Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 4.450%, 1/29/2026	244,473
300,000	Penske Truck Leasing Co. LP & PTL Finance Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.700%, 2/1/2028	306,734
350,000	Ryder System, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series MTN, 1.750%, 9/1/2026	322,663

Principal Amount		Value
	CORPORATE BONDS—continued	
	Transportation - Services—continued	
\$ 590,000	United Parcel Service, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.900%, 4/1/2025	\$ 583,681
	TOTAL	2,808,561
	Utility - Electric—5.2%	
310,000	AEP Texas, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.850%, 10/1/2025	301,321
185,000	Ameren Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 1.950%, 3/15/2027	169,546
125,000	American Electric Power Co., Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.300%, 3/1/2030	106,859
500,000	Berkshire Hathaway Energy Co., 3.500%, 2/1/2025	492,493
130,000	Berkshire Hathaway Energy Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series WI, 4.050%, 4/15/2025	128,646
250,000	Constellation Energy Generation LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.250%, 6/1/2025	243,055
560,000	Dominion Energy, Inc., Jr. Sub. Note, 3.071%, 8/15/2024	550,950
400,000	EDP Finance BV, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 1.710%, 1/24/2028	355,695
500,000	EDP Finance BV, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 3.625%, 7/15/2024	494,015
200,000	Electricite de France SA, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 5.700%, 5/23/2028	207,087
190,000	Emera US Finance LP, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 0.833%, 6/15/2024	185,242
500,000	Enel Finance America LLC, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 7.100%, 10/14/2027	533,904
330,000	Enel Finance International NV, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 144A, 1.375%, 7/12/2026	300,746
385,000	Exelon Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.050%, 4/15/2030	367,548
500,000	Exelon Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series WI, 2.750%, 3/15/2027	471,201
240,000	Fortis, Inc./Canada, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.055%, 10/4/2026	227,981
260,000	NextEra Energy Capital Holdings, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 4.625%, 7/15/2027	259,701
600,000	NextEra Energy Capital Holdings, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.000%, 2/28/2030	606,918
500,000	NiSource Finance Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.490%, 5/15/2027	481,778
45,000	NiSource, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.250%, 3/30/2028	45,906
245,000	Puget Energy, Inc., Sec. Fac. Bond, 2.379%, 6/15/2028	219,194
250,000	Southern Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.250%, 7/1/2026	241,316
300,000	Virginia Electric & Power Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, Series B, 3.750%, 5/15/2027	293,070
155,000	WEC Energy Group, Inc., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.200%, 12/15/2028	138,014
108,000	Wisconsin Energy Corp., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.550%, 6/15/2025	105,130
	TOTAL	7,527,316
	Utility - Natural Gas—0.8%	
280,000	National Fuel Gas Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 2.950%, 3/1/2031	234,811
395,000	National Fuel Gas Co., Sr. Unsecd. Note, 5.500%, 1/15/2026	395,774
500,000	Sempra Energy, Sr. Unsecd. Note, 3.250%, 6/15/2027	474,211
	TOTAL	1,104,796
	TOTAL CORPORATE BONDS (IDENTIFIED COST \$147,202,169)	140,451,338
	MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES—0.0%	
	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation—0.0%	
251	Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., Pool C01051, 8.000%, 9/1/2030	266
	Government National Mortgage Association—0.0%	
707	Government National Mortgage Association, Pool 2630, 6.500%, 8/20/2028	724
1,041	Government National Mortgage Association, Pool 2631, 7.000%, 8/20/2028	1,071
1,364	Government National Mortgage Association, Pool 2658, 6.500%, 10/20/2028	1,396
2,143	Government National Mortgage Association, Pool 2701, 6.500%, 1/20/2029	2,194
1,812	Government National Mortgage Association, Pool 2796, 7.000%, 8/20/2029	1,869
351	Government National Mortgage Association, Pool 3039, 6.500%, 2/20/2031	361
1,366	Government National Mortgage Association, Pool 3040, 7.000%, 2/20/2031	1,421
4,777	Government National Mortgage Association, Pool 3188, 6.500%, 1/20/2032	4,930
3,565	Government National Mortgage Association, Pool 3239, 6.500%, 5/20/2032	3,688

Principal Amount		Value
	MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES—continued	
	Government National Mortgage Association—continued	
\$ 8,225	Government National Mortgage Association, Pool 3261, 6.500%, 7/20/2032	\$ 8,521
	TOTAL	26,175
	TOTAL MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES (IDENTIFIED COST \$25,613)	26,441
	REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS—2.5%	
2,350,000	Interest in \$1,800,000,000 joint repurchase agreement 5.34%, dated 12/29/2023 under which Bank of Montreal will repurchase securities provided as collateral for \$1,801,068,000 on 1/2/2024. 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 2/20/2073 and the market value of those underlying securities was \$1,855,100,040.	2,350,000
1,172,315	Interest in \$1,800,000,000 joint repurchase agreement 5.34%, dated 12/29/2023 under which Bank of Montreal will repurchase securities provided as collateral for \$1,801,068,000 on 1/2/2024. 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 2/20/2073 and the market value of those underlying securities was \$1,855,100,040 (purchased with proceeds from securities lending collateral).	1,172,315
	TOTAL REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS (IDENTIFIED COST \$3,522,315)	3,522,315
	TOTAL INVESTMENT IN SECURITIES—99.7% (IDENTIFIED COST \$150,750,097) ³	144,000,094
	OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - NET—0.3% ⁴	494,704
	TOTAL NET ASSETS—100%	\$144,494,798

At December 31, 2023, the Fund had the following outstanding futures contracts:

Description	Number of Contracts	Notional Value	Expiration Date	Value and Unrealized Appreciation
Long Futures:				
United States Treasury Notes 10-Year Long Futures	10	\$1,128,906	March 2024	\$ 37,082
United States Treasury Notes 10-Year Ultra Long Futures	38	\$4,484,594	March 2024	\$177,953
NET UNREALIZED APPRECIATION ON FUTURES CONTRACTS				\$215,035

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

- ¹ Floating/variable note with current rate and current maturity or next reset date shown.
- ² All or a portion of these securities are temporarily on loan to unaffiliated broker/dealers.
- ³ Also represents cost of investments for federal tax purposes.
- 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, 2023.

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, 2023, 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	\$ —	\$140,451,338	\$—	\$140,451,338
Mortgage-Backed Securities	—	26,441	—	26,441
Repurchase Agreements	—	3,522,315	—	3,522,315
TOTAL SECURITIES	\$ —	\$144,000,094	\$—	\$144,000,094
Other Financial Instruments:¹				
Assets	\$215,035	\$ —	\$—	\$ 215,035

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

SOFR —Secured Overnight Financing Rate

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,				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	\$9.81	\$11.26	\$11.82	\$11.31	\$10.65
Income From Investment Operations:					
Net investment income (loss) ¹	0.29	0.25	0.25	0.28	0.31
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	0.30	(1.27)	(0.42)	0.58	0.68
TOTAL FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS	0.59	(1.02)	(0.17)	0.86	0.99
Less Distributions:					
Distributions from net investment income	(0.26)	(0.27)	(0.29)	(0.32)	(0.33)
Distributions from net realized gain	—	(0.16)	(0.10)	(0.03)	(0.00) ²
TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS	(0.26)	(0.43)	(0.39)	(0.35)	(0.33)
Net Asset Value, End of Period	\$10.14	\$9.81	\$11.26	\$11.82	\$11.31
Total Return³	6.14%	(9.28)%	(1.40)%	8.12%	9.44%

Ratios to Average Net Assets:

Net expenses ⁴	0.74%	0.74%	0.74%	0.74%	0.74%
Net investment income	2.94%	2.44%	2.17%	2.50%	2.79%
Expense waiver/reimbursement ⁵	0.08%	0.07%	0.06%	0.07%	0.08%

Supplemental Data:

Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)	\$132,027	\$134,757	\$162,034	\$170,912	\$167,625
Portfolio turnover ⁶	15%	15%	27%	24%	21%

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

2 Represents less than \$0.01.

3 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.

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

5 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.

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

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Financial Highlights – Service Shares

(For a Share Outstanding Throughout Each Period)

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	\$9.79	\$11.23	\$11.79	\$11.28	\$10.62
Income From Investment Operations:					
Net investment income (loss) ¹	0.26	0.22	0.22	0.26	0.28
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	0.30	(1.26)	(0.42)	0.57	0.68
TOTAL FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS	0.56	(1.04)	(0.20)	0.83	0.96
Less Distributions:					
Distributions from net investment income	(0.23)	(0.24)	(0.26)	(0.29)	(0.30)
Distributions from net realized gain	—	(0.16)	(0.10)	(0.03)	(0.00) ²
TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS	(0.23)	(0.40)	(0.36)	(0.32)	(0.30)
Net Asset Value, End of Period	\$10.12	\$9.79	\$11.23	\$11.79	\$11.28
Total Return³	5.85%	(9.46)%	(1.66)%	7.86%	9.17%

Ratios to Average Net Assets:

Net expenses ⁴	0.99%	0.99%	0.99%	0.99%	0.99%
Net investment income	2.69%	2.19%	1.92%	2.25%	2.54%
Expense waiver/reimbursement ⁵	0.08%	0.07%	0.06%	0.07%	0.08%

Supplemental Data:

Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)	\$12,468	\$12,873	\$16,287	\$18,302	\$18,776
Portfolio turnover ⁶	15%	15%	27%	24%	21%

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

December 31, 2023

Assets:

Investment in securities, at value including \$1,137,289 of securities loaned (identified cost \$150,750,097)	\$144,000,094
Cash	660
Due from broker (Note 2)	135,250
Income receivable	1,361,982
Receivable for shares sold	301,295
TOTAL ASSETS	145,799,281

Liabilities:

Payable for shares redeemed	49,460
Payable for variation margin on futures contracts	3,518
Payable for collateral due to broker for securities lending (Note 2)	1,172,315
Payable for investment adviser fee (Note 5)	6,029
Payable for administrative fee (Note 5)	921
Payable for auditing fees	23,664
Payable for distribution services fee (Note 5)	2,633
Accrued expenses (Note 5)	45,943
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,304,483

Net assets for 14,247,902 shares outstanding	\$144,494,798
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Net Assets Consist of:

Paid-in capital	\$149,061,379
Total distributable earnings (loss)	(4,566,581)
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$144,494,798

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

Primary Shares:

\$132,026,874 ÷ 13,016,079 shares outstanding, no par value, unlimited shares authorized	\$10.14
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Service Shares:

\$12,467,924 ÷ 1,231,823 shares outstanding, no par value, unlimited shares authorized	\$10.12
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Statement of Operations

Year Ended December 31, 2023

Investment Income:

Interest	\$ 5,342,339
Net income on securities loaned (Note 2)	13,609
TOTAL INCOME	5,355,948

Expenses:

Investment adviser fee (Note 5)	872,629
Administrative fee (Note 5)	120,046
Custodian fees	8,898
Transfer agent fees	14,844
Directors'/Trustees' fees (Note 5)	1,927
Auditing fees	29,581
Legal fees	10,675
Portfolio accounting fees	87,247
Distribution services fee (Note 5)	31,570
Printing and postage	22,043
Miscellaneous (Note 5)	28,179
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,227,639
Waiver of investment adviser fee (Note 5)	(112,700)
Net expenses	1,114,939
Net investment income	4,241,009

Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments and Futures Contracts:

Net realized loss on investments	(1,148,494)
Net realized loss on futures contracts	(461,395)
Net change in unrealized depreciation of investments	5,728,418
Net change in unrealized depreciation of futures contracts	229,492
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments and futures contracts	4,348,021
Change in net assets resulting from operations	\$ 8,589,030

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets

Year Ended December 31	2023	2022
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets		
Operations:		
Net investment income	\$ 4,241,009	\$ 3,828,050
Net realized gain (loss)	(1,609,889)	(677,538)
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation	5,957,910	(19,480,310)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	8,589,030	(16,329,798)
Distributions to Shareholders:		
Primary Shares	(3,525,781)	(5,969,547)
Service Shares	(302,937)	(565,684)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS	(3,828,718)	(6,535,231)
Share Transactions:		
Proceeds from sale of shares	6,077,305	6,380,104
Net asset value of shares issued to shareholders in payment of distributions declared	3,828,715	6,535,227
Cost of shares redeemed	(17,801,451)	(20,741,748)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM SHARE TRANSACTIONS	(7,895,431)	(7,826,417)
Change in net assets	(3,135,119)	(30,691,446)
Net Assets:		
Beginning of period	147,629,917	178,321,363
End of period	\$144,494,798	\$147,629,917

See Notes which are an integral part of the Financial Statements

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2023

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, if any, are declared and paid 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 \$112,700 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, 2023, 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, 2023, tax years 2020 through 2023 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 and sector/asset class risks. 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 and short futures contracts held by the Fund throughout the period was \$6,592,607 and \$525,459, respectively. 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. Investments in money market funds may include funds with a "floating" NAV that can impose redemption fees and liquidity gates, impose certain operational impediments to investing cash collateral, and, if the investee fund's NAV decreases, result in the Fund recognizing losses and being required to cover the decrease in the value of the cash collateral. 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, 2023, securities subject to this type of arrangement and related collateral were as follows:

Fair Value of Securities Loaned	Collateral Received
\$1,137,289	\$1,172,315

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	\$(215,035)*

* Includes cumulative net appreciation 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, 2023

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

	Futures Contracts
Interest rate contracts	\$(461,395)

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

	Futures Contracts
Interest rate contracts	\$229,492

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 12/31/2023		Year Ended 12/31/2022	
Primary Shares:	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
Shares sold	600,606	\$ 5,898,833	602,659	\$ 6,152,032
Shares issued to shareholders in payment of distributions declared	363,483	3,525,780	581,827	5,969,547
Shares redeemed	(1,684,684)	(16,501,494)	(1,835,220)	(18,635,582)
NET CHANGE RESULTING FROM PRIMARY SHARE TRANSACTIONS	(720,595)	\$ (7,076,881)	(650,734)	\$ (6,514,003)

	Year Ended 12/31/2023		Year Ended 12/31/2022	
Service Shares:	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
Shares sold	18,252	\$ 178,472	21,948	\$ 228,072
Shares issued to shareholders in payment of distributions declared	31,230	302,935	55,135	565,680
Shares redeemed	(133,109)	(1,299,957)	(211,485)	(2,106,166)
NET CHANGE RESULTING FROM SERVICE SHARE TRANSACTIONS	(83,627)	\$ (818,550)	(134,402)	\$ (1,312,414)
NET CHANGE RESULTING FROM TOTAL FUND SHARE TRANSACTIONS	(804,222)	\$ (7,895,431)	(785,136)	\$ (7,826,417)

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, 2023 and 2022, was as follows:

	2023	2022
Ordinary income ¹	\$3,828,718	\$4,304,512
Long-term capital gains	\$ —	\$2,230,719

¹ For tax purposes, short-term capital gain distributions are considered ordinary income distributions.

As of December 31, 2023, the components of distributable earnings on a tax-basis were as follows:

Undistributed ordinary income ²	\$ 4,240,239
Net unrealized depreciation	\$(6,750,003)
Capital loss carryforwards	\$(2,056,817)
TOTAL	\$(4,566,581)

² For tax purposes, short-term capital gains are considered ordinary income in determining distributable earnings.

At December 31, 2023, the cost of investments for federal tax purposes was \$150,750,097. The net unrealized depreciation of investments for federal tax purposes was \$6,750,003. This consists of unrealized appreciation from investments for those securities having an excess of value over cost of \$808,775 and unrealized depreciation from investments for those securities having an excess of cost over value of \$7,558,778. 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, 2023, the Fund had a capital loss carryforward of \$2,056,817 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
\$207,915	\$1,848,902	\$2,056,817

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, 2023, the Adviser voluntarily waived \$112,700 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, 2023, the annualized fee paid to FAS was 0.083% 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, 2023, distribution services fees for the Fund were as follows:

	Distribution Services Fees Incurred
Service Shares	\$31,570

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, 2023, 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, 2024; 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, 2023, were as follows:

Purchases	\$20,902,178
Sales	\$28,610,686

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 21, 2023. 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, 2023, the Fund had no outstanding loans. During the year ended December 31, 2023, 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, 2023, there were no outstanding loans. During the year ended December 31, 2023, the program was not utilized.

9. 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.

10. FEDERAL TAX INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

For the year ended December 31, 2023, 100% 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, 2023, 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, 2023, 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, 2023, by correspondence with the custodian 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 15, 2024

Shareholder Expense Example (unaudited)

As a shareholder of the Fund, you incur ongoing costs, including management fees and to the extent applicable, distribution (12b-1) fees and/or other service fees and other Fund expenses. This Example is intended to help you to understand your ongoing costs (in dollars) of investing in the Fund and to compare these costs with the ongoing costs of investing in other funds used as variable investment options. It is based on an investment of \$1,000 invested at the beginning of the period and held for the entire period from July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

ACTUAL EXPENSES

The first section of the table below provides information about actual account values and actual expenses. You may use the information in this section, together with the amount you invested, to *estimate* the expenses that you incurred over the period. Simply divide your account value by \$1,000 (for example, an \$8,600 account value divided by \$1,000 = 8.6), then multiply the result by the number in the first section under the heading entitled “Expenses Paid During Period” to estimate the expenses attributable to your investment during this period.

HYPOTHETICAL EXAMPLE FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES

The second section of the table below provides information about hypothetical account values and hypothetical expenses based on the Fund’s actual expense ratio and an *assumed* rate of return of 5% per year before expenses, which is not the Fund’s actual return. Thus, you should *not* use the hypothetical account values and expenses to estimate the actual ending account balance or your expenses for the period. Rather, these figures are required to be provided to enable you to compare the ongoing costs of investing in the Fund with other funds. To do so, compare this 5% hypothetical example with the 5% hypothetical examples that appear in the shareholder reports of the other funds.

Please note that the expenses shown in the table are meant to highlight your ongoing costs only. Therefore, the second section of the table is useful in comparing ongoing costs only, and will not help you determine the relative *total* costs of owning different funds.

	Beginning Account Value 7/1/2023	Ending Account Value 12/31/2023	Expenses Paid During Period
Actual:			
Primary Shares	\$1,000	\$1,042.10	\$3.81
Service Shares	\$1,000	\$1,040.10	\$5.09
Hypothetical (assuming a 5% return before expenses):			
Primary Shares	\$1,000	\$1,021.48	\$3.77
Service Shares	\$1,000	\$1,020.21	\$5.04

- 1 Expenses are equal to the Fund’s annualized net expense ratios, multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by 184/365 (to reflect the one-half-year period). The expenses shown in the table do not include the charges and expenses imposed by the insurance company under the variable insurance product contract. Please refer to the variable insurance product prospectus for a complete listing of these expenses. The annualized net expense ratios are as follows:

Primary Shares	0.74%
Service Shares	0.99%

Board of Trustees and Trust Officers

The Board of Trustees is responsible for managing the Trust's business affairs and for exercising all the Trust's powers except those reserved for the shareholders. The following tables give information about each Trustee and the senior officers of the Fund. Where required, the tables separately list Trustees who are "interested persons" of the Fund (i.e., "Interested" Trustees) and those who are not (i.e., "Independent" Trustees). Unless otherwise noted, the address of each person listed is 1001 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-3779. The address of all Independent Trustees listed is 4000 Ericsson Drive, Warrendale, PA 15086-7561; Attention: Mutual Fund Board. As of December 31, 2023, the Trust comprised six portfolio(s), and the Federated Hermes Fund Family consisted of 33 investment companies (comprising 101 portfolios). Unless otherwise noted, each Officer is elected annually. Unless otherwise noted, each Trustee oversees all portfolios in the Federated Hermes Fund Family and serves for an indefinite term. The Fund's Statement of Additional Information includes additional information about the Trust and the Trustees and is available, without charge and upon request, by calling 1-800-341-7400, Option #4.

INTERESTED TRUSTEES BACKGROUND

Name Birth Date Positions Held with Trust Date Service Began	Principal Occupation(s) for Past Five Years, Other Directorships Held and Previous Position(s)
J. Christopher Donahue* Birth Date: April 11, 1949 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: September 1993	Principal Occupations: Principal Executive Officer and President of certain of the Funds in the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Director or Trustee of the Funds in the Federated Hermes Fund Family; President, Chief Executive Officer and Director, Federated Hermes, Inc.; Chairman and Trustee, Federated Investment Management Company; Trustee, Federated Investment Counseling; Chairman and Director, Federated Global Investment Management Corp.; Chairman and Trustee, Federated Equity Management Company of Pennsylvania; Trustee, Federated Shareholder Services Company; Director, Federated Services Company. Previous Positions: President, Federated Investment Counseling; President and Chief Executive Officer, Federated Investment Management Company, Federated Global Investment Management Corp. and Passport Research, Ltd; Chairman, Passport Research, Ltd.
Thomas R. Donahue* Birth Date: October 20, 1958 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: May 2016	Principal Occupations: Director or Trustee of certain of the funds in the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer, Vice President and Assistant Secretary, Federated Hermes, Inc.; Chairman and Trustee, Federated Administrative Services; Chairman and Director, Federated Administrative Services, Inc.; Trustee and Treasurer, Federated Advisory Services Company; Director or Trustee and Treasurer, Federated Equity Management Company of Pennsylvania, Federated Global Investment Management Corp., Federated Investment Counseling, and Federated Investment Management Company; Director, MDTA LLC; Director, Executive Vice President and Assistant Secretary, Federated Securities Corp.; Director or Trustee and Chairman, Federated Services Company and Federated Shareholder Services Company; and Director and President, FII Holdings, Inc. Previous Positions: Director, Federated Hermes, Inc.; Assistant Secretary, Federated Investment Management Company, Federated Global Investment Management Company and Passport Research, LTD; Treasurer, Passport Research, LTD; Executive Vice President, Federated Securities Corp.; and Treasurer, FII Holdings, Inc.

* Family relationships and reasons for "interested" status: J. Christopher Donahue and Thomas R. Donahue are brothers. Both are "interested" due to their beneficial ownership of shares of Federated Hermes, Inc. and the positions they hold with Federated Hermes, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES BACKGROUND

Name Birth Date Positions Held with Trust Date Service Began	Principal Occupation(s) for Past Five Years, Other Directorships Held, Previous Position(s) and Qualifications
G. Thomas Hough Birth Date: February 28, 1955 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: August 2015	Principal Occupations: Director or Trustee and Chair of the Board of Directors or Trustees of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; formerly, Vice Chair, Ernst & Young LLP (public accounting firm) (Retired). Other Directorships Held: Director, Chair of the Audit Committee, Member of the Compensation Committee, Equifax, Inc.; Lead Director, Member of the Audit and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committees, Haverly Furniture Companies, Inc.; formerly, Director, Member of Governance and Compensation Committees, Publix Super Markets, Inc. Qualifications: Mr. Hough has served in accounting, business management and directorship positions throughout his career. Mr. Hough most recently held the position of Americas Vice Chair of Assurance with Ernst & Young LLP (public accounting firm). Mr. Hough serves on the President's Cabinet and Business School Board of Visitors for the University of Alabama. Mr. Hough previously served on the Business School Board of Visitors for Wake Forest University, and he previously served as an Executive Committee member of the United States Golf Association.

Name	Birth Date	Positions Held with Trust Date Service Began	Principal Occupation(s) for Past Five Years, Other Directorships Held, Previous Position(s) and Qualifications
Maureen Lally-Green	Birth Date: July 5, 1949	TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: August 2009	<p>Principal Occupations: Director or Trustee of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Adjunct Professor of Law, Emerita, Duquesne University School of Law; formerly, Dean of the Duquesne University School of Law and Professor of Law and Interim Dean of the Duquesne University School of Law; formerly, Associate General Secretary and Director, Office of Church Relations, Diocese of Pittsburgh.</p> <p>Other Directorships Held: Director, CNX Resources Corporation (natural gas).</p> <p>Qualifications: Judge Lally-Green has served in various legal and business roles and directorship positions throughout her career. Judge Lally-Green previously held the position of Dean of the School of Law of Duquesne University (as well as Interim Dean). Judge Lally-Green previously served as Director of the Office of Church Relations and later as Associate General Secretary for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, a member of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania and as a Professor of Law, Duquesne University School of Law. Judge Lally-Green was appointed by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and previously served on the Supreme Court's Board of Continuing Judicial Education and the Supreme Court's Appellate Court Procedural Rules Committee. Judge Lally-Green was then appointed by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and currently serves on the Judicial Ethics Advisory Board. Judge Lally-Green also currently holds the positions on not for profit or for profit boards of directors as follows: Director and Chair, UPMC Mercy Hospital; Regent, Saint Vincent Seminary; Member, Pennsylvania State Board of Education (public); Director, Catholic Charities, Pittsburgh; and Director, CNX Resources Corporation (natural gas). Judge Lally-Green has held the positions of: Director, Auberle; Director, Epilepsy Foundation of Western and Central Pennsylvania; Director, Ireland Institute of Pittsburgh; Director, Saint Thomas More Society; Director and Chair, Catholic High Schools of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Inc.; Director, Pennsylvania Bar Institute; Director, Saint Vincent College; Director and Chair, North Catholic High School, Inc.; Director and Vice Chair, Our Campaign for the Church Alive!, Inc.; and Director and Vice Chair, Saint Francis University.</p>
Thomas M. O'Neill	Birth Date: June 14, 1951	TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: August 2006	<p>Principal Occupations: Director or Trustee and Chair of the Audit Committee of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Sole Proprietor, Navigator Management Company (investment and strategic consulting).</p> <p>Other Directorships Held: None.</p> <p>Qualifications: Mr. O'Neill has served in several business, mutual fund and financial management roles and directorship positions throughout his career. Mr. O'Neill serves as Director, Medicines for Humanity. Mr. O'Neill previously served as Chief Executive Officer and President, Managing Director and Chief Investment Officer, Fleet Investment Advisors; President and Chief Executive Officer, Aeltus Investment Management, Inc.; General Partner, Hellman, Jordan Management Co., Boston, MA; Chief Investment Officer, The Putnam Companies, Boston, MA; Credit Analyst and Lending Officer, Fleet Bank; Director and Consultant, EZE Castle Software (investment order management software); Director, Midway Pacific (lumber); and Director, The Golisano Children's Museum of Naples, Florida.</p>
Madelyn A. Reilly	Birth Date: February 2, 1956	TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: November 2020	<p>Principal Occupations: Director or Trustee of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; formerly, Senior Vice President for Legal Affairs, General Counsel and Secretary of Board of Directors, Duquesne University (Retired).</p> <p>Other Directorships Held: None.</p> <p>Qualifications: Ms. Reilly has served in various business and legal management roles throughout her career. Ms. Reilly previously served as Senior Vice President for Legal Affairs, General Counsel and Secretary of Board of Directors and Director of Risk Management and Associate General Counsel, Duquesne University. Prior to her work at Duquesne University, Ms. Reilly served as Assistant General Counsel of Compliance and Enterprise Risk as well as Senior Counsel of Environment, Health and Safety, PPG Industries. Ms. Reilly currently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of UPMC Mercy Hospital, and as a member of the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities, Pittsburgh.</p>
P. Jerome Richey	Birth Date: February 23, 1949	TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: October 2013	<p>Principal Occupations: Director or Trustee of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Retired; formerly, Senior Vice Chancellor and Chief Legal Officer, University of Pittsburgh and Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer, CONSOL Energy Inc. (now split into two separate publicly traded companies known as CONSOL Energy Inc. and CNX Resources Corp.).</p> <p>Other Directorships Held: None.</p> <p>Qualifications: Mr. Richey has served in several business and legal management roles and directorship positions throughout his career. Mr. Richey most recently held the positions of Senior Vice Chancellor and Chief Legal Officer, University of Pittsburgh. Mr. Richey previously served as Chairman of the Board, Epilepsy Foundation of Western Pennsylvania and Chairman of the Board, World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh. Mr. Richey previously served as Chief Legal Officer and Executive Vice President, CONSOL Energy Inc. and CNX Gas Company; and Board Member, Ethics Counsel and Shareholder, Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC (a law firm).</p>
John S. Walsh	Birth Date:	November 28, 1957 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: January 1999	<p>Principal Occupations: Director or Trustee of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; President and Director, Heat Wagon, Inc. (manufacturer of construction temporary heaters); President and Director, Manufacturers Products, Inc. (distributor of portable construction heaters); President, Portable Heater Parts, a division of Manufacturers Products, Inc.</p> <p>Other Directorships Held: None.</p> <p>Qualifications: Mr. Walsh has served in several business management roles and directorship positions throughout his career. Mr. Walsh previously served as Vice President, Walsh & Kelly, Inc. (paving contractors).</p>

OFFICERS

Name Birth Date Address Positions Held with Trust Date Service Began	Principal Occupation(s) for Past Five Years and Previous Position(s)
Lori A. Hensler Birth Date: January 6, 1967 TREASURER Officer since: April 2013	<p>Principal Occupations: Principal Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Senior Vice President, Federated Administrative Services; Financial and Operations Principal for Federated Securities Corp.; and Assistant Treasurer, Federated Investors Trust Company. Ms. Hensler has received the Certified Public Accountant designation.</p> <p>Previous Positions: Controller of Federated Hermes, Inc.; Senior Vice President and Assistant Treasurer, Federated Investors Management Company; Treasurer, Federated Investors Trust Company; Assistant Treasurer, Federated Administrative Services, Federated Administrative Services, Inc., Federated Securities Corp., Edgewood Services, Inc., Federated Advisory Services Company, Federated Equity Management Company of Pennsylvania, Federated Global Investment Management Corp., Federated Investment Counseling, Federated Investment Management Company, Passport Research, Ltd., and Federated MDTA, LLC; Financial and Operations Principal for Federated Securities Corp., Edgewood Services, Inc. and Southpointe Distribution Services, Inc.</p>
Peter J. Germain Birth Date: September 3, 1959 CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER, SECRETARY AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT Officer since: January 2005	<p>Principal Occupations: Mr. Germain is Chief Legal Officer, Secretary and Executive Vice President of the Federated Hermes Fund Family. He is General Counsel, Chief Legal Officer, Secretary and Executive Vice President, Federated Hermes, Inc.; Trustee and Senior Vice President, Federated Investors Management Company; Trustee and President, Federated Administrative Services; Director and President, Federated Administrative Services, Inc.; Director and Vice President, Federated Securities Corp.; Director and Secretary, Federated Private Asset Management, Inc.; Secretary, Federated Shareholder Services Company; and Secretary, Retirement Plan Service Company of America. Mr. Germain joined Federated Hermes, Inc. in 1984 and is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association.</p> <p>Previous Positions: Deputy General Counsel, Special Counsel, Managing Director of Mutual Fund Services, Federated Hermes, Inc.; Senior Vice President, Federated Services Company; and Senior Corporate Counsel, Federated Hermes, Inc.</p>
John B. Fisher Birth Date: May 16, 1956 PRESIDENT Officer since: November 2004	<p>Principal Occupations: Principal Executive Officer and President of certain of the Funds in the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Director or Trustee of certain of the Funds in the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Director and Vice President, Federated Hermes, Inc.; President, Director/Trustee and CEO, Federated Advisory Services Company, Federated Equity Management Company of Pennsylvania, Federated Global Investment Management Corp., Federated Investment Counseling, Federated Investment Management Company, and Federated MDTA LLC; Director, Federated Investors Trust Company.</p> <p>Previous Positions: President and Director of the Institutional Sales Division of Federated Securities Corp.; President and CEO of Passport Research, Ltd.; Director and President, Technology, Federated Services Company.</p>
Stephen Van Meter Birth Date: June 5, 1975 CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER AND SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT Officer since: July 2015	<p>Principal Occupations: Senior Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer of Federated Hermes, Inc. and Chief Compliance Officer of certain of its subsidiaries. Mr. Van Meter joined Federated Hermes, Inc. in October 2011. He holds FINRA licenses under Series 3, 7, 24 and 66.</p> <p>Previous Positions: Mr. Van Meter previously held the position of Compliance Operating Officer, Federated Hermes, Inc. Prior to joining Federated Hermes, Inc., Mr. Van Meter served at the United States Securities and Exchange Commission in the positions of Senior Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel, Division of Investment Management and Senior Counsel, Division of Enforcement.</p>
Stephen F. Auth Birth Date: September 13, 1956 101 Park Avenue 41 st Floor New York, NY 10178 CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER Officer since: November 2002	<p>Principal Occupations: Stephen F. Auth is Chief Investment Officer of various Funds in the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Executive Vice President, Federated Investment Counseling, Federated Global Investment Management Corp. and Federated Equity Management Company of Pennsylvania.</p> <p>Previous Positions: Executive Vice President, Federated Investment Management Company and Passport Research, Ltd. (investment advisory subsidiary of Federated); Senior Vice President, Global Portfolio Management Services Division; Senior Vice President, Federated Investment Management Company and Passport Research, Ltd.; Senior Managing Director and Portfolio Manager, Prudential Investments.</p>
Robert J. Ostrowski Birth Date: April 26, 1963 CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER Officer since: May 2004	<p>Principal Occupations: Robert J. Ostrowski joined Federated Hermes, Inc. in 1987 as an Investment Analyst and became a Portfolio Manager in 1990. He was named Chief Investment Officer of Federated Hermes' taxable fixed-income products in 2004 and also serves as a Senior Portfolio Manager. Mr. Ostrowski became an Executive Vice President of the Fund's Adviser in 2009 and served as a Senior Vice President of the Fund's Adviser from 1997 to 2009. Mr. Ostrowski has received the Chartered Financial Analyst designation. He received his M.S. in Industrial Administration from Carnegie Mellon University.</p>
Deborah A. Cunningham Birth Date: September 15, 1959 CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER Officer since: June 2012	<p>Principal Occupations: Deborah A. Cunningham was named Chief Investment Officer of Federated Hermes' money market products in 2004. She joined Federated Hermes in 1981 and has been a Senior Portfolio Manager since 1997 and an Executive Vice President of the Fund's Adviser since 2009. Ms. Cunningham has received the Chartered Financial Analyst designation and holds an M.S.B.A. in Finance from Robert Morris College.</p>

Evaluation and Approval of Advisory Contract – May 2023

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

At its meetings in May 2023 (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. The CCO, in preparing the CCO Fee Evaluation Report, has the authority to retain consultants, experts or staff as reasonably necessary to assist in the performance of his duties, reports directly to the Board, and can be terminated only with the approval of a majority of the Independent Trustees. At the request of the Independent Trustees, the CCO Fee Evaluation Report followed the same general approach and covered the same topics as that of the report that had previously been delivered by the CCO in his capacity as “Senior Officer” prior to the elimination of the Senior Officer position in December 2017.

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: the nature, quality and extent of the advisory and other services provided to the Fund by Federated Hermes; Federated Hermes’ business and operations; the Adviser’s investment philosophy, personnel and processes; the Fund’s investment objectives and strategies; the Fund’s short-term and long-term performance (in absolute terms, both on a gross basis and net of expenses, and relative to the Fund’s particular investment program and a group of its peer funds and/or its benchmark, as appropriate); the Fund’s fees and expenses, including the advisory fee and the overall expense structure of the Fund (both in absolute terms and relative to a group of its peer funds), with due regard for contractual or voluntary expense limitations (if any); the financial condition of Federated Hermes; the Adviser’s profitability with respect to managing the Fund; distribution and sales activity for the Fund; and 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 observed that the following factors may be relevant to an adviser’s fiduciary duty with respect to its receipt of compensation from a fund: (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 fee and expense structures, 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 noted 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 and such shareholders in the marketplace, 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 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 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 that the significant acquisition of Hermes Fund Managers Limited by Federated Hermes has deepened Federated Hermes’ investment management expertise and capabilities and its access to analytical resources related to environmental, social and governance (“ESG”) factors and issuer engagement on ESG matters. 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, including in connection with the implementation of new rules on derivatives risk management and fair valuation.

The Board also considered the implementation of Federated Hermes' business continuity plans. 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 in 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.

For the periods ended December 31, 2022, the Fund's performance fell below the Performance Peer Group median for the one-year and three-year periods, and was above the Performance Peer Group median for the five-year period. 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 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 with comparable investment programs 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 and fund liquidity; (vi) different administrative responsibilities; (vii) different degrees of risk associated with management; and (viii) 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.

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, as requested by the CCO. 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 determining 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 and use of data. The Board noted that Federated Hermes’ investments in these areas are extensive and are designed to provide enhanced 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 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 certain of 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 for future reporting to the Board or further consideration by management 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.

Liquidity Risk Management Program – Annual Evaluation of Adequacy and Effectiveness

In accordance with Rule 22e-4 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “Liquidity Rule”), Federated Hermes Insurance Series (the “Trust”) has adopted and implemented a liquidity risk management program (the “Program”) for Federated Hermes Quality Bond Fund II (the “Fund” and, collectively with the other non-money market open-end funds advised by Federated Hermes, the “Federated Hermes Funds”). The Program seeks to assess and manage the Fund’s liquidity risk. “Liquidity risk” is defined under the Liquidity Rule as the risk that the Fund is unable to meet redemption requests without significantly diluting remaining investors’ interests in the Fund. The Board of Trustees of the Trust (the “Board”) has approved the designation of each Federated Hermes Fund’s investment adviser as the administrator for the Program (the “Administrator”) with respect to that Fund. The Administrator, in turn, has delegated day-to-day responsibility for the administration of the Program to multiple Liquidity Risk Management Committees, which are comprised of representatives from certain divisions within Federated Hermes.

The Program is comprised of various components designed to support the assessment and/or management of liquidity risk, including: (1) the periodic assessment (no less frequently than annually) of certain factors that influence the Fund’s liquidity risk; (2) the periodic classification (no less frequently than monthly) of the Fund’s investments into one of four liquidity categories that reflect an estimate of their liquidity under current market conditions; (3) a 15% limit on the acquisition of “illiquid investments” (as defined under the Liquidity Rule); (4) to the extent a Fund does not invest primarily in “highly liquid investments” (as defined under the Liquidity Rule), the determination of a minimum percentage of the Fund’s assets that generally will be invested in highly liquid investments (an “HLIM”); (5) if a Fund has established an HLIM, the periodic review (no less frequently than annually) of the HLIM and the adoption of policies and procedures for responding to a shortfall of the Fund’s highly liquid investments below its HLIM; and (6) periodic reporting to the Board.

At its meetings in May 2023, the Board received and reviewed a written report (the “Report”) from the Federated Hermes Funds’ Chief Compliance Officer and Chief Risk Officer, on behalf of the Administrator, concerning the operation of the Program for the period from April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023 (the “Period”). The Report addressed the operation of the Program and assessed the adequacy and effectiveness of its implementation, including, where applicable, the operation of any HLIM established for a Federated Hermes Fund. There were no material changes to the Program during the Period. The Report summarized the operation of the Program and the information and factors considered by the Administrator in assessing whether the Program has been adequately and effectively implemented with respect to the Federated Hermes Funds. Such information and factors included, among other things:

- confirmation that it was not necessary for the Fund to utilize, and the Fund did not utilize, any alternative funding sources that were available to the Federated Hermes Funds during the Period, such as the Federated Hermes Funds’ interfund lending facility, redemptions in-kind, reverse repurchase agreement transactions, redemptions delayed beyond the normal T+1 settlement but within seven days of the redemption request, and committed lines of credit;
- the periodic classifications of the Fund’s investments into one of four liquidity categories and the methodologies and inputs used to classify the investments, including the Fund’s reasonably anticipated trade size;
- the analysis received from a third-party liquidity assessment vendor that is taken into account in the process of determining the liquidity classifications of the Fund’s investments, and the results of the Administrator’s evaluation of the services performed by the vendor in support of this process, including the Administrator’s view that the methodologies utilized by the vendor continue to be appropriate;
- the fact that the Fund invested primarily in highly liquid investments during the Period and, therefore, was not required to establish, and has not established, an HLIM and the operation of the procedures for monitoring the status of the Fund as investing primarily in highly liquid investments;
- the fact that the Fund invested no more than 15% of its assets in illiquid investments during the Period, and the operation of the procedures for monitoring this limit;
- the fact that there were no liquidity events during the Period that materially affected the Fund’s liquidity risk;
- the impact on liquidity and management of liquidity risk, if any, caused by extended non-U.S. market closures and confirmation that there were no issues for any of the affected Federated Hermes Funds in meeting shareholder redemptions at any time during these temporary non-U.S. market closures.

Based on this review, the Administrator concluded that the Program is operating effectively to assess and manage the Fund’s liquidity risk, and that the Program has been and continues to be adequately and effectively implemented to monitor and, as applicable, respond to the Fund’s liquidity developments.

Voting Proxies on Fund Portfolio Securities

A description of the policies and procedures that the Fund uses to determine how to vote proxies, if any, relating to securities held in the Fund's portfolio is available, without charge and upon request, by calling 1-800-341-7400, Option #4. A report on "Form N-PX" of how the Fund voted any such proxies during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available via the Proxy Voting Record (Form N-PX) link associated with the Fund and share class name at FederatedHermes.com/us/FundInformation. Form N-PX filings are also available at the SEC's website at sec.gov.

Quarterly Portfolio Schedule

Each fiscal quarter, the Fund will file with the SEC a complete schedule of its monthly portfolio holdings on "Form N-PORT." The Fund's holdings as of the end of the third month of every fiscal quarter, as reported on Form N-PORT, will be publicly available on the SEC's website at sec.gov within 60 days of the end of the fiscal quarter upon filing. You may also access this information via the link to the Fund and share class name at FederatedHermes.com/us.

Notes

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