

## Report of Organizational Actions Affecting Basis of Securities

▶ See separate instructions.

**Part I Reporting Issuer**

1 Issuer's name <b>FEDERATED ABSOLUTE RETURN FUND</b>		2 Issuer's employer identification number (EIN) 25-1876012	
3 Name of contact for additional information <b>Client Service Repr</b>	4 Telephone No. of contact 800-341-7400	5 Email address of contact investors@federatedinv.com	
6 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) of contact <b>4000 ERICSSON DRIVE</b>		7 City, town, or post office, state, and ZIP code of contact WARRENDALE, PA 15086-7561	
8 Date of action <b>August 16, 2019</b>		9 Classification and description <b>Tax Free Reorganization pursuant to IRC Section 368(a)</b>	
10 CUSIP number <b>SEE ATTACHMENT</b>	11 Serial number(s)	12 Ticker symbol <b>SEE ATTACHMENT</b>	13 Account number(s)

**Part II Organizational Action** Attach additional statements if needed. See back of form for additional questions.

14 Describe the organizational action and, if applicable, the date of the action or the date against which shareholders' ownership is measured for the action ▶ **On August 16, 2019, pursuant to a plan of reorganization within the meaning of IRC Section 368(a),**

- (1) **all or substantially all of the assets of Federated Absolute Return Fund (the Reorganizing Fund) were transferred in exchange solely for the shares of Federated Global Allocation Fund (the Surviving Fund),**
- (2) **Federated Global Allocation Fund's shares were distributed to holders of the outstanding shares of Federated Absolute Return Fund and**
- (3) **Federated Absolute Return Fund was liquidated and dissolved.**

15 Describe the quantitative effect of the organizational action on the basis of the security in the hands of a U.S. taxpayer as an adjustment per share or as a percentage of old basis ▶ **Due to the tax free status of this reorganization, Federated Absolute Return Fund shareholders' aggregate basis for the Federated Global Allocation Fund shares received remains the same as the aggregate basis of their Federated Absolute Return Fund shares exchanged. The per share basis, however, will change due to the differing number of shares received. This change will be calculated based on the relative fair market value of the two funds as of the date of the reorganization.**

16 Describe the calculation of the change in basis and the data that supports the calculation, such as the market values of securities and the valuation dates ▶ **For each tax lot held in Federated Absolute Return Fund, the change in tax basis will be calculated by multiplying its cost basis, as of the date of the reorganization, by an adjustment factor.**

**See attachment for the adjustment factor by share class.**

**The resulting amount represents the adjusted per share tax basis. The holding period of all shares received includes the period that the exchanged Federated Absolute Return Fund shares were held.**

**Part II** Organizational Action (continued)

17 List the applicable Internal Revenue Code section(s) and subsection(s) upon which the tax treatment is based ▶ The tax free status of the reorganization and its impact to affected shareholders are governed by IRC Sections 354, 358, 368, and 1223.

18 Can any resulting loss be recognized? ▶ No loss will be recognized solely as a result of this tax free reorganization. A loss may be recognized upon disposition of the shares received by the shareholder.

19 Provide any other information necessary to implement the adjustment, such as the reportable tax year ▶ Shareholders should consult their tax advisor if they have questions regarding their use of the information provided on this Form.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

**Sign Here**

Signature ▶ 151 SEAN A. SUCHKO Date ▶ 9/24/19

Print your name ▶ Sean A. Suchko Title ▶ Assistant Treasurer

<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name ▶				Firm's EIN ▶
	Firm's address ▶				Phone no.

FEDERATED ABSOLUTE RETURN FUND  
EIN: 25-1876012

TAX FREE REORGANIZATION  
AUGUST 16, 2019

SUPPLEMENTAL ATTACHMENT TO FORM 8937

	Item #10	Item #12	Item #16
<u>Share Class</u>	<u>CUSIP Number</u>	<u>Ticker Symbol</u>	<u>Adjustment Factor</u>
A	314172743	FMAAX	2.24412380
B	314172735	FMBBX	2.24745050
C	314172727	FMRCX	2.25332126
IS	314172453	FMIIX	2.22888684