

# Annual Shareholder Report

December 31, 2020



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Share Class                      Primary                      Service

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## Federated Hermes Government Money Fund II

*(formerly, Federated Government Money Fund II)*

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A Portfolio of Federated Hermes Insurance Series

*(formerly, Federated Insurance Series)*

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Dear Valued Shareholder,

I am pleased to present the Annual Shareholder Report for your fund covering the period from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

While Covid-19 continues to present challenges to our lives, families and businesses, I want you to know that Federated Hermes remains dedicated to helping you successfully navigate the markets ahead. You can count on us for the insights, investment management knowledge and client service that you have come to expect. Please refer to our website, [FederatedInvestors.com](https://www.federatedinvestors.com), for timely updates on this and other economic and market matters.

Thank you for investing with us. I 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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## Portfolio of Investments Summary Tables (unaudited)

At December 31, 2020, the Fund's portfolio composition<sup>1</sup> was as follows:

<b>Security Type</b>	<b>Percentage of Total Net Assets</b>
U.S. Treasuries	35.3%
Government Agencies	26.7%
Repurchase Agreements	37.5%
Other Assets and Liabilities—Net <sup>2</sup>	0.5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

1 See the Fund's prospectus and Statement of Additional Information for a description of the types of securities in which the Fund invests.

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

At December 31, 2020, the Fund's effective maturity schedule<sup>1</sup> was as follows:

<b>Securities With an Effective Maturity of:</b>	<b>Percentage of Total Net Assets</b>
1-7 Days	60.0%
8-30 Days	6.9%
31-90 Days	17.3%
91-180 Days	9.1%
181 Days or more	6.2%
Other Assets and Liabilities—Net	0.5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

1 Effective maturity is determined in accordance with the requirements of Rule 2a-7 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, which regulates money market mutual funds.

# Portfolio of Investments

December 31, 2020

Principal Amount		Value
	GOVERNMENT AGENCIES—26.7%	
\$ 400,000	<sup>1</sup> Federal Farm Credit System Floating Rate Notes, 0.145% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.055%), 1/1/2021	\$ 399,961
300,000	<sup>1</sup> Federal Farm Credit System Floating Rate Notes, 0.150% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.060%), 1/1/2021	300,000
400,000	<sup>1</sup> Federal Farm Credit System Floating Rate Notes, 0.165% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.075%), 1/1/2021	400,000
250,000	<sup>1</sup> Federal Farm Credit System Floating Rate Notes, 0.210% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.120%), 1/1/2021	250,000
200,000	<sup>1</sup> Federal Farm Credit System Floating Rate Notes, 0.215% (Effective Fed Funds +0.125%), 1/1/2021	199,998
300,000	<sup>1</sup> Federal Farm Credit System Floating Rate Notes, 0.215% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.125%), 1/1/2021	300,000
300,000	<sup>1</sup> Federal Farm Credit System Floating Rate Notes, 0.270% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.180%), 1/1/2021	300,000
300,000	<sup>1</sup> Federal Farm Credit System Floating Rate Notes, 0.300% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.210%), 1/1/2021	300,000
500,000	<sup>1</sup> Federal Farm Credit System Floating Rate Notes, 0.390% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.300%), 1/1/2021	500,000
600,000	Federal Farm Credit System, 0.080% - 0.090%, 12/3/2021 - 12/21/2021	599,813
2,250,000	<sup>2</sup> Federal Home Loan Bank System Discount Notes, 0.098% - 0.450%, 1/29/2021 - 5/19/2021	2,249,092
500,000	<sup>1</sup> Federal Home Loan Bank System Floating Rate Notes, 0.098% (1-month USLIBOR -0.050%), 1/27/2021	500,000
1,000,000	<sup>1</sup> Federal Home Loan Bank System Floating Rate Notes, 0.110% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.020%), 1/1/2021	1,000,000
500,000	<sup>1</sup> Federal Home Loan Bank System Floating Rate Notes, 0.120% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.030%), 1/1/2021	500,000
300,000	<sup>1</sup> Federal Home Loan Bank System Floating Rate Notes, 0.123% (1-month USLIBOR -0.030%), 1/19/2021	300,000
500,000	<sup>1</sup> Federal Home Loan Bank System Floating Rate Notes, 0.125% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.035%), 1/1/2021	500,000
1,000,000	<sup>1</sup> Federal Home Loan Bank System Floating Rate Notes, 0.135% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.045%), 1/1/2021	1,000,000
1,000,000	<sup>1</sup> Federal Home Loan Bank System Floating Rate Notes, 0.140% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.050%), 1/1/2021	1,000,000
1,300,000	<sup>1</sup> Federal Home Loan Bank System Floating Rate Notes, 0.150% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.060%), 1/1/2021	1,300,000
550,000	<sup>1</sup> Federal Home Loan Bank System Floating Rate Notes, 0.155% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.065%), 1/1/2021	550,000
350,000	<sup>1</sup> Federal Home Loan Bank System Floating Rate Notes, 0.165% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.075%), 1/1/2021	350,000
300,000	<sup>1</sup> Federal Home Loan Bank System Floating Rate Notes, 0.175% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.085%), 1/1/2021	300,000
1,000,000	<sup>1</sup> Federal Home Loan Bank System Floating Rate Notes, 0.170% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.080%), 1/1/2021	1,000,000
500,000	<sup>1</sup> Federal Home Loan Bank System Floating Rate Notes, 0.171% (1-month USLIBOR +0.020%), 1/19/2021	500,000
400,000	<sup>1</sup> Federal Home Loan Bank System Floating Rate Notes, 0.180% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.090%), 1/1/2021	400,000
200,000	<sup>1</sup> Federal Home Loan Bank System Floating Rate Notes, 0.190% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.100%), 1/1/2021	200,000
200,000	<sup>1</sup> Federal Home Loan Bank System Floating Rate Notes, 0.192% (1-month USLIBOR +0.040%), 1/17/2021	200,000
300,000	<sup>1</sup> Federal Home Loan Bank System Floating Rate Notes, 0.205% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.115%), 1/1/2021	300,000
600,000	<sup>1</sup> Federal Home Loan Bank System Floating Rate Notes, 0.210% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.120%), 1/1/2021	600,000
200,000	<sup>1</sup> Federal Home Loan Bank System Floating Rate Notes, 0.225% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.135%), 1/1/2021	200,000
350,000	<sup>1</sup> Federal Home Loan Bank System Floating Rate Notes, 0.240% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.150%), 1/1/2021	350,000
300,000	<sup>1</sup> Federal Home Loan Bank System Floating Rate Notes, 0.260% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.170%), 1/1/2021	300,000
3,400,000	Federal Home Loan Bank System, 0.120% - 0.150%, 1/22/2021 - 10/6/2021	3,399,925
600,000	<sup>1</sup> Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. Floating Rate Notes, 0.155% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.065%), 1/1/2021	600,000
400,000	<sup>1</sup> Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. Floating Rate Notes, 0.180% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.090%), 1/1/2021	400,000
250,000	<sup>1</sup> Federal National Mortgage Association Floating Rate Notes, 0.260% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.170%), 1/1/2021	250,000
300,000	<sup>1</sup> Federal National Mortgage Association Floating Rate Notes, 0.280% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.190%), 1/1/2021	299,957
200,000	<sup>1</sup> Federal National Mortgage Association Floating Rate Notes, 0.290% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.200%), 1/1/2021	200,000
200,000	<sup>1</sup> Federal National Mortgage Association Floating Rate Notes, 0.310% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.220%), 1/1/2021	200,000
250,000	<sup>1</sup> Federal National Mortgage Association Floating Rate Notes, 0.320% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.230%), 1/1/2021	250,000
400,000	<sup>1</sup> Federal National Mortgage Association Floating Rate Notes, 0.360% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.270%), 1/1/2021	400,000
200,000	<sup>1</sup> Federal National Mortgage Association Floating Rate Notes, 0.400% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.310%), 1/1/2021	200,000
450,000	<sup>1</sup> Federal National Mortgage Association Floating Rate Notes, 0.410% (Secured Overnight Financing Rate +0.320%), 1/1/2021	450,000
450,000	Federal National Mortgage Association Notes, 1.400%, 8/25/2021	453,694
	<b>TOTAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES</b>	<b>24,252,440</b>
	U.S. TREASURIES—35.3%	
	<b>U.S. Treasury Bills—27.8%</b>	
250,000	<sup>2</sup> United States Treasury Bills, 0.090%, 1/28/2021	249,983
500,000	<sup>2</sup> United States Treasury Bills, 0.090%, 5/18/2021	499,829

Principal Amount		Value
	U.S. TREASURIES—continued	
	<b>U.S. Treasury Bills—27.8%</b>	
\$ 500,000	<sup>2</sup> United States Treasury Bills, 0.090%, 6/24/2021	\$ 499,783
2,600,000	<sup>2</sup> United States Treasury Bills, 0.095% - 0.120%, 1/19/2021	2,599,856
500,000	<sup>2</sup> United States Treasury Bills, 0.095%, 2/4/2021	499,955
1,000,000	<sup>2</sup> United States Treasury Bills, 0.095%, 6/1/2021	999,602
750,000	<sup>2</sup> United States Treasury Bills, 0.100%, 2/11/2021	749,915
1,850,000	<sup>2</sup> United States Treasury Bills, 0.100% - 0.125%, 3/11/2021	1,849,597
750,000	<sup>2</sup> United States Treasury Bills, 0.100%, 3/2/2021	749,875
250,000	<sup>2</sup> United States Treasury Bills, 0.100%, 5/20/2021	249,903
1,500,000	<sup>2</sup> United States Treasury Bills, 0.100%, 7/1/2021	1,499,246
500,000	<sup>2</sup> United States Treasury Bills, 0.105%, 3/9/2021	499,902
400,000	<sup>2</sup> United States Treasury Bills, 0.105%, 4/13/2021	399,881
750,000	<sup>2</sup> United States Treasury Bills, 0.110%, 2/23/2021	749,879
250,000	<sup>2</sup> United States Treasury Bills, 0.110%, 5/6/2021	249,905
620,000	<sup>2</sup> United States Treasury Bills, 0.110%, 12/2/2021	619,365
1,000,000	<sup>2</sup> United States Treasury Bills, 0.115%, 1/26/2021	999,920
2,000,000	<sup>2</sup> United States Treasury Bills, 0.115%, 3/4/2021	1,999,604
1,950,000	<sup>2</sup> United States Treasury Bills, 0.115%, 4/15/2021	1,949,352
800,000	<sup>2</sup> United States Treasury Bills, 0.120%, 1/7/2021	799,984
1,000,000	<sup>2</sup> United States Treasury Bills, 0.120%, 2/9/2021	999,870
1,400,000	<sup>2</sup> United States Treasury Bills, 0.120%, 2/16/2021	1,399,785
800,000	<sup>2</sup> United States Treasury Bills, 0.120%, 2/18/2021	799,872
3,000,000	<sup>2</sup> United States Treasury Bills, 0.120%, 2/25/2021	2,999,450
250,000	<sup>2</sup> United States Treasury Bills, 0.120%, 3/18/2021	249,937
	TOTAL	25,164,250
	<b>U.S. Treasury Notes—7.5%</b>	
500,000	<sup>1</sup> United States Treasury Floating Rate Notes, 0.150% (91-day T-Bill +0.055%), 1/5/2021	500,000
2,700,000	<sup>1</sup> United States Treasury Floating Rate Notes, 0.210% (91-day T-Bill +0.115%), 1/5/2021	2,699,915
200,000	<sup>1</sup> United States Treasury Floating Rate Notes, 0.249% (91-day T-Bill +0.154%), 1/5/2021	200,000
150,000	<sup>1</sup> United States Treasury Floating Rate Notes, 0.395% (91-day T-Bill +0.300%), 1/5/2021	150,074
250,000	United States Treasury Notes, 1.375%, 1/31/2021	250,187
410,000	United States Treasury Notes, 1.500%, 10/31/2021	414,651
150,000	United States Treasury Notes, 2.000%, 1/15/2021	150,093
500,000	United States Treasury Notes, 2.000%, 8/31/2021	506,302
450,000	United States Treasury Notes, 2.125%, 5/31/2021	453,732
200,000	United States Treasury Notes, 2.250%, 2/15/2021	200,213
250,000	United States Treasury Notes, 2.250%, 4/30/2021	251,732
300,000	United States Treasury Notes, 2.375%, 4/15/2021	301,722
200,000	United States Treasury Notes, 2.500%, 2/28/2021	200,358
500,000	United States Treasury Notes, 2.875%, 11/15/2021	512,001
	TOTAL	6,790,980
	TOTAL U.S. TREASURIES	31,955,230
	REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS—37.5%	
10,000,000	Interest in \$2,150,000,000 joint repurchase agreement 0.08%, dated 12/31/2020 under which Mitsubishi UFJ Securities (USA), Inc. will repurchase securities provided as collateral for \$2,150,019,111 on 1/4/2021. 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 7/15/2061 and the market value of those underlying securities was \$2,201,661,516.	10,000,000
18,000,000	Interest in \$300,000,000 joint repurchase agreement 0.08%, dated 12/31/2020 under which Pershing LLC will repurchase securities provided as collateral for \$300,002,667 on 1/4/2021. The securities provided as collateral at the end of the period held with BNY Mellon as tri-party agent, were U.S. Government Agency and U.S. Treasury securities with various maturities to 8/16/2052 and the market value of those underlying securities was \$306,021,156.	18,000,000

Principal Amount		Value
	REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS—continued	
\$ 5,964,000	Interest in \$2,000,000,000 joint repurchase agreement 0.08%, dated 12/31/2020 under which Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp will repurchase securities provided as collateral for \$2,000,017,778 on 1/4/2021. 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 5/1/2050 and the market value of those underlying securities was \$2,040,018,134.	\$ 5,964,000
	TOTAL REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS	33,964,000
	TOTAL INVESTMENT IN SECURITIES—99.5% (AT AMORTIZED COST) <sup>3</sup>	90,171,670
	OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES - NET—0.5% <sup>4</sup>	419,779
	TOTAL NET ASSETS—100%	\$90,591,449

1 Floating/variable note with current rate and current maturity or next reset date shown.

2 Discount rate(s) at time of purchase.

3 Also represents cost 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, 2020.

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.

In valuing the Fund's assets as of December 31, 2020, all investments of the Fund are valued at amortized cost, which is a methodology utilizing Level 2 inputs.

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

LIBOR—London Interbank Offered 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,				Period Ended
	2020 <sup>1</sup>	2019 <sup>1</sup>	2018	2017	12/31/2016 <sup>2</sup>
<b>Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>Income From Investment Operations:</b>					
Net investment income (loss)	0.003	0.019	0.015	0.002	0.000 <sup>3</sup>
Net realized gain (loss)	0.000 <sup>3</sup>	0.000 <sup>3</sup>	0.000 <sup>3</sup>	0.004	—
TOTAL FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS	0.003	0.019	0.015	0.006	0.000 <sup>3</sup>
<b>Less Distributions:</b>					
Distributions from net investment income	(0.003)	(0.019)	(0.015)	(0.006)	(0.000) <sup>3</sup>
<b>Net Asset Value, End of Period</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>Total Return<sup>4</sup></b>	0.31%	1.89%	1.50%	0.56%	0.06%
<b>Ratios to Average Net Assets:</b>					
Net expenses <sup>5</sup>	0.26%	0.29%	0.38%	0.38%	—%
Net investment income	0.23%	2.06%	0.84%	0.17%	0.02% <sup>6</sup>
Expense waiver/reimbursement <sup>7</sup>	0.21%	0.09%	—%	—%	—%
<b>Supplemental Data:</b>					
Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)	\$0 <sup>8</sup>	\$0 <sup>8</sup>	\$0 <sup>8</sup>	\$0 <sup>8</sup>	\$0 <sup>8</sup>

1 Certain ratios included in Ratios to Average Net Assets and per share amounts may be inflated or deflated as compared to the fee structure for each respective share class as a result of daily systematic allocations being rounded to the nearest penny for fund level income, expense and realized gain/loss amounts. Such differences are immaterial.

2 Reflects operations for the period from April 29, 2016 (date of initial investment) to December 31, 2016.

3 Represents less than \$0.001.

4 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. Total returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized.

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

6 Computed on an annualized basis.

7 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.

8 Represents less than \$1,000.

See Notes which are an integral part of the Financial Statements

## Financial Highlights – Service Shares

(For a Share Outstanding Throughout Each Period)

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
<b>Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>Income From Investment Operations:</b>					
Net investment income (loss)	0.002	0.016	0.012	0.003	0.000 <sup>1</sup>
Net realized gain (loss)	0.000 <sup>1</sup>	0.000 <sup>1</sup>	(0.000) <sup>1</sup>	0.000 <sup>1</sup>	(0.000) <sup>1</sup>
TOTAL FROM INVESTMENT OPERATIONS	0.002	0.016	0.012	0.003	(0.000) <sup>1</sup>
<b>Less Distributions:</b>					
Distributions from net investment income	(0.002)	(0.016)	(0.012)	(0.003)	(0.000) <sup>1</sup>
<b>Net Asset Value, End of Period</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>Total Return<sup>2</sup></b>	0.20%	1.64%	1.25%	0.31%	0.00%
<b>Ratios to Average Net Assets:</b>					
Net expenses <sup>3</sup>	0.31%	0.63%	0.63%	0.63%	0.49%
Net investment income	0.18%	1.66%	1.26%	0.30%	0.00% <sup>4</sup>
Expense waiver/reimbursement <sup>5</sup>	0.40%	0.09%	0.11%	0.07%	0.19%
<b>Supplemental Data:</b>					
Net assets, end of period (000 omitted)	\$90,591	\$80,054	\$130,261	\$93,719	\$112,214

1 Represents less than \$0.001.

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

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

4 Represents less than 0.01%.

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.

See Notes which are an integral part of the Financial Statements

# Statement of Assets and Liabilities

December 31, 2020

## Assets:

Investment in repurchase agreements	\$33,964,000
Investment in securities	56,207,670
Total investment in securities, at amortized cost and fair value	90,171,670
Income receivable	23,928
Receivable for shares sold	434,279
TOTAL ASSETS	90,629,877

## Liabilities:

Payable for shares redeemed	3,007
Bank overdraft	832
Payable for investment adviser fee (Note 5)	1,457
Payable for administrative fee (Note 5)	192
Payable for portfolio accounting fees	32,274
Accrued expenses (Note 5)	666
TOTAL LIABILITIES	38,428

Net assets for 90,592,766 shares outstanding \$90,591,449

## Net Assets Consist of:

Paid-in capital	\$90,592,315
Total distributable earnings (loss)	(866)
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$90,591,449

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

### Primary Shares:

\$100 ÷ 100 shares outstanding, no par value, unlimited shares authorized \$1.00

### Service Shares:

\$90,591,349 ÷ 90,592,666 shares outstanding, no par value, unlimited shares authorized \$1.00

See Notes which are an integral part of the Financial Statements

# Statement of Operations

Year Ended December 31, 2020

**Investment Income:**

Interest	\$ 441,211
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**Expenses:**

Investment adviser fee (Note 5)	179,099
Administrative fee (Note 5)	70,936
Custodian fees	8,377
Transfer agent fees	5,146
Directors'/Trustees' fees (Note 5)	1,578
Auditing fees	21,343
Legal fees	8,589
Portfolio accounting fees	76,780
Other service fees (Notes 2 and 5)	221,739
Printing and postage	39,651
Miscellaneous (Note 5)	5,762
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>639,000</b>

**Waivers and Reimbursements:**

Waiver of investment adviser fee (Note 5)	(151,673)
Waivers/reimbursements of other operating expenses (Notes 2 and 5)	(209,922)
<b>TOTAL WAIVERS AND REIMBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>(361,595)</b>

Net expenses	277,405
Net investment income	163,806
Net realized gain on investments	275
Change in net assets resulting from operations	\$ 164,081

See Notes which are an integral part of the Financial Statements

# Statement of Changes in Net Assets

Year Ended December 31	2020	2019
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets</b>		
<b>Operations:</b>		
Net investment income (loss)	\$ 163,806	\$ 1,572,238
Net realized gain (loss)	275	133
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM OPERATIONS	164,081	1,572,371
<b>Distributions to Shareholders:</b>		
Primary Shares	(0) <sup>1</sup>	(2)
Service Shares	(163,816)	(1,572,255)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS	(163,816)	(1,572,257)
<b>Share Transactions:</b>		
Proceeds from sale of shares	61,398,870	38,630,012
Net asset value of shares issued to shareholders in payment of distributions declared	163,816	1,572,252
Cost of shares redeemed	(51,025,382)	(90,410,033)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS RESULTING FROM SHARE TRANSACTIONS	10,537,304	(50,207,769)
Change in net assets	10,537,569	(50,207,655)
<b>Net Assets:</b>		
Beginning of period	80,053,880	130,261,535
End of period	\$ 90,591,449	\$ 80,053,880

1 Represents less than \$1.

See Notes which are an integral part of the Financial Statements

# Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2020

## 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 Government Money 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 consistent with stability of principal and liquidity.

The Fund operates as a government money market fund. As a government money market fund, the Fund: (1) invests at least 99.5% of its total assets in: (i) cash; (ii) securities issued or guaranteed by the United States or certain U.S. government agencies or instrumentalities; and/or (iii) repurchase agreements that are collateralized fully; (2) generally continues to use amortized cost to value its portfolio securities and transact at a stable \$1.00 net asset value (NAV); and (3) has elected not to be subject to the liquidity fees and gates requirement at this time as permitted by Rule 2a-7 under the Act.

Prior to April 28, 2020, the names of the Trust and Fund were Federated Insurance Series and Federated Government Money Fund II, respectively.

## 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

Securities are valued at amortized cost. Under the amortized cost valuation method, an investment is valued initially at its cost as determined in accordance with GAAP. The Fund then adjusts the amount of interest income accrued each day over the term of the investment to account for any difference between the initial cost of the investment and the amount payable at its maturity. If amortized cost is determined not to approximate fair value, the value of the portfolio securities will be 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.

The Fund's Board of Trustees (the "Trustees") have ultimate responsibility for determining the fair value of investments. The Trustees have appointed a valuation committee ("Valuation Committee") comprised of officers of the Fund, Federated Investment Management Company (the "Adviser") and certain of the Adviser's affiliated companies to assist in determining fair value of securities and in overseeing the comparison of amortized cost to market-based value. The Trustees have also authorized the use of pricing services recommended by the Valuation Committee to provide fair value evaluations of the current value of certain investments for purposes of monitoring the relationship of market-based value and amortized cost. 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 and assumptions), 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 Trustees. The Trustees periodically review and approve the fair valuations made by the Valuation Committee and any changes made to the procedures.

### 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 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. Distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Distributions of net investment income, if any, are declared daily and paid monthly. Amortization/accretion of premium and discount is included in investment income. Investment income, realized 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 waivers and reimbursement of \$361,595 is disclosed in various locations in Note 2 and 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.

### Other Service Fees

The Fund may pay other service fees up to 0.25% of the average daily net assets of the Fund's Primary Shares and Service Shares to unaffiliated financial intermediaries for providing services to shareholders and maintaining shareholder accounts. Subject to the terms described in the Expense Limitation note, the Adviser may voluntarily reimburse the Fund for other service fees. In addition, unaffiliated third-party financial intermediaries may waive other service fees. This waiver can be modified or terminated at any time.

For the year ended December 31, 2020, other service fees for the Fund were as follows:

	Other Service Fees Incurred	Other Service Fees Reimbursed	Other Service Fees Waived by Unaffiliated Third Parties
Service Shares	\$221,739	\$(2,798)	\$(173,041)

For the year ended December 31, 2020, the Fund's Primary Shares did not incur other service fees.

### Federal Taxes

It is the Fund's policy to comply with the Subchapter M provision of the Internal Revenue Code (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, 2020, 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, 2020, tax years 2017 through 2020 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.

### 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 12/31/2020		Year Ended 12/31/2019	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
<b>Primary Shares:</b>				
Shares sold	—	\$ —	—	\$ —
Shares issued to shareholders in payment of distributions declared	—	—	—	—
Shares redeemed	—	—	—	—
NET CHANGE RESULTING FROM PRIMARY SHARE TRANSACTIONS	—	\$ —	—	\$ —

	Year Ended 12/31/2020		Year Ended 12/31/2019	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
<b>Service Shares:</b>				
Shares sold	61,398,870	\$ 61,398,870	38,630,012	\$ 38,630,012
Shares issued to shareholders in payment of distributions declared	163,816	163,816	1,572,252	1,572,252
Shares redeemed	(51,025,382)	(51,025,382)	(90,410,033)	(90,410,033)
NET CHANGE RESULTING FROM SERVICE SHARE TRANSACTIONS	10,537,304	\$ 10,537,304	(50,207,769)	\$(50,207,769)
NET CHANGE RESULTING FROM TOTAL FUND SHARE TRANSACTIONS	10,537,304	\$ 10,537,304	(50,207,769)	\$(50,207,769)

### 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, 2020 and 2019, was as follows:

	2020	2019
Ordinary income	\$163,816	\$1,572,257

As of December 31, 2020, the components of distributable earnings on a tax-basis were as follows:

Capital loss carryforwards	\$(866)
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As of December 31, 2020, the Fund had a capital loss carryforward of \$866 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
\$368	\$498	\$866

The Fund used capital loss carryforwards of \$275 to offset capital gains realized during the year ended December 31, 2020.

### 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 0.20% 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 the year ended December 31, 2020, the Adviser voluntarily waived \$151,673 of its fee and voluntarily reimbursed \$34,083 of other operating expenses.

#### 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, 2020, the annualized fee paid to FAS was 0.079% 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 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:

	<b>Percentage of Average Daily Net Assets of Class</b>
Primary Shares	0.25%

Subject to the terms described in the Expense Limitation note, FSC may voluntarily choose to waive any portion of its fee.

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, 2020, 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**

Due to the possibility of changes in market conditions and other factors, there can be no assurance that the level of waivers/reimbursement/reduction of Fund expenses reflected in the financial highlights will be maintained in the future. However, the Adviser and certain of its affiliates (which may include FAS and FSC) 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 paid by the Fund, if any) paid by the Fund's Primary Shares and Service Shares (after the voluntary waivers and/or reimbursements) will not exceed 0.38% and 0.63% (the "Fee Limit"), respectively, up to but not including the later of (the "Termination Date"): (a) May 1, 2021; 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. 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, 2020, there were no outstanding loans. During the year ended December 31, 2020, the program was not utilized.

## **7. OTHER MATTERS**

An outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus was first detected in China in late 2019 and subsequently spread globally. As of the date of the issuance of these financial statements, this coronavirus has resulted in closing borders, enhanced health screenings, healthcare service preparation and delivery, quarantines, cancellations, and disruptions to supply chains, workflow operations and consumer activity, as well as general concern and uncertainty. The impact of this coronavirus may be short-term or may last for an extended period of time and has resulted in a substantial economic downturn. Health crises caused by outbreaks, such as the coronavirus outbreak, may exacerbate other pre-existing political, social and economic risks. The impact of this outbreak, and other epidemics and pandemics that may arise in the future, could continue to negatively affect the worldwide economy, as well as the economies of individual countries, individual companies (including certain Fund service providers and issuers of the Fund's investments) and the markets in general in significant and unforeseen ways. Any such impact could adversely affect the Fund's performance.

# Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

## TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FEDERATED HERMES INSURANCE SERIES AND SHAREHOLDERS OF FEDERATED HERMES GOVERNMENT MONEY FUND II:

### Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the portfolio of investments, of Federated Hermes Government Money Fund II (formerly, Federated Government Money Fund II) (the “Fund”), a portfolio of Federated Hermes Insurance Series (formerly, Federated Insurance Series), as of December 31, 2020, 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 or periods 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, 2020, 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 or periods 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, 2020, by correspondence with the custodian and brokers, or by other appropriate 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 of one or more of Federated Hermes’ investment companies since 2006.

Boston, Massachusetts  
February 16, 2021

## 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 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, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

### 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 7/1/2020	Ending Account Value 12/31/2020	Expenses Paid During Period <sup>1</sup>
<b>Actual:</b>			
Primary Shares	\$1,000	\$1,000.00	\$1.01 <sup>2</sup>
Service Shares	\$1,000	\$1,000.00	\$0.90 <sup>3</sup>
<b>Hypothetical (assuming a 5% return before expenses):</b>			
Primary Shares	\$1,000	\$1,024.13	\$1.02 <sup>2</sup>
Service Shares	\$1,000	\$1,024.23	\$0.92 <sup>3</sup>

1 Expenses are equal to the Fund’s annualized net expense ratios, multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by 184/366 (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	0.20%
Service Shares	0.18%

2 Actual and Hypothetical expenses paid during the period utilizing the Fund’s Primary Shares current Fee Limit of 0.38% (as reflected in the Notes to Financial Statements, Note 5 under Expense Limitation), multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by 184/366 (to reflect expenses paid as if they had been in effect throughout the most recent one-half-year period) would be \$1.91 and \$1.93, respectively.

3 Actual and Hypothetical expenses paid during the period utilizing the Fund’s Service Shares current Fee Limit of 0.63% (as reflected in the Notes to Financial Statements, Note 5 under Expense Limitation), multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by 184/366 (to reflect expenses paid as if they had been in effect throughout the most recent one-half-year period) would be \$3.17 and \$3.21, respectively.

## 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, 2020, the Trust comprised six portfolio(s), and the Federated Hermes Fund Family consisted of 41 investment companies (comprising 163 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 Trust Trustees and is available, without charge and upon request, by calling 1-800-341-7400.

### 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)
<b>J. Christopher Donahue*</b> Birth Date: April 11, 1949 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: September 1993	<b>Principal Occupations:</b> 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.  <b>Previous Positions:</b> 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.
<b>Thomas R. Donahue*</b> Birth Date: October 20, 1958 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: May 2016	<b>Principal Occupations:</b> 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.  <b>Previous Positions:</b> 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
<b>John T. Collins</b> Birth Date: January 24, 1947 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: October 2013	<b>Principal Occupations:</b> Director or Trustee, and Chair of the Board of Directors or Trustees, of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; formerly, Chairman and CEO, The Collins Group, Inc. (a private equity firm) (Retired).  <b>Other Directorships Held:</b> Chairman of the Board of Directors, Director, KLX Energy Services Holdings, Inc. (oilfield services); former Director of KLX Corp. (aerospace).  <b>Qualifications:</b> Mr. Collins has served in several business and financial management roles and directorship positions throughout his career. Mr. Collins previously served as Chairman and CEO of The Collins Group, Inc. (a private equity firm) and as a Director of KLX Corp. Mr. Collins serves as Chairman Emeriti, Bentley University. Mr. Collins previously served as Director and Audit Committee Member, Bank of America Corp.; Director, FleetBoston Financial Corp.; and Director, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (Harvard University Affiliate Hospital).

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
<b>G. Thomas Hough</b> Birth Date: February 28, 1955 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: August 2015	<p><b>Principal Occupations:</b> Director or Trustee, Chair of the Audit Committee of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; formerly, Vice Chair, Ernst &amp; Young LLP (public accounting firm) (Retired).</p> <p><b>Other Directorships Held:</b> Director, Chair of the Audit Committee, Equifax, Inc.; Director, Member of the Audit Committee, Haverly Furniture Companies, Inc.; formerly, Director, Member of Governance and Compensation Committees, Publix Super Markets, Inc.</p> <p><b>Qualifications:</b> 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 &amp; 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.</p>
<b>Maureen Lally-Green</b> Birth Date: July 5, 1949 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: August 2009	<p><b>Principal Occupations:</b> Director or Trustee of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Adjunct Professor Emerita of Law, 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><b>Other Directorships Held:</b> Director, CNX Resources Corporation (formerly known as CONSOL Energy Inc.).</p> <p><b>Qualifications:</b> 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 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 to serve on the Supreme Court's Board of Continuing Judicial Education and the Supreme Court's Appellate Court Procedural Rules Committee. 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 (formerly known as CONSOL Energy Inc.). 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, St. Vincent College; Director and Chair, North Catholic High School, Inc.; and Director and Vice Chair, Our Campaign for the Church Alive!, Inc.</p>
<b>Thomas M. O'Neill</b> Birth Date: June 14, 1951 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: August 2006	<p><b>Principal Occupations:</b> Director or Trustee of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Sole Proprietor, Navigator Management Company (investment and strategic consulting).</p> <p><b>Other Directorships Held:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Qualifications:</b> 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 and Director, The Golisano Children's Museum of Naples, Florida. 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); and Director, Midway Pacific (lumber).</p>
<b>Madelyn A. Reilly</b> Birth Date: February 2, 1956 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: November 2020	<p><b>Principal Occupations:</b> Director or Trustee of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Senior Vice President for Legal Affairs, General Counsel and Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Duquesne University.</p> <p><b>Other Directorships Held:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Qualifications:</b> Ms. Reilly has served in various business and legal management roles throughout her career. Ms. Reilly previously served as 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.</p>
<b>P. Jerome Richey</b> Birth Date: February 23, 1949 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: October 2013	<p><b>Principal Occupations:</b> Director or Trustee of the Federated Hermes Fund Family; Management Consultant; 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><b>Other Directorships Held:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Qualifications:</b> 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 &amp; Rooney PC (a law firm).</p>

Name	Principal Occupation(s) for Past Five Years, Other Directorships Held, Previous Position(s) and Qualifications
<b>John S. Walsh</b> Birth Date: November 28, 1957 TRUSTEE Indefinite Term Began serving: January 1999	<b>Principal Occupations:</b> 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.  <b>Other Directorships Held:</b> None.  <b>Qualifications:</b> 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).

## OFFICERS

Name	Principal Occupation(s) for Past Five Years and Previous Position(s)
<b>Lori A. Hensler</b> Birth Date: January 6, 1967 TREASURER Officer since: April 2013	<b>Principal Occupations:</b> 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.  <b>Previous Positions:</b> 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.
<b>Peter J. Germain</b> Birth Date: September 3, 1959 CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER, SECRETARY AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT Officer since: January 2005	<b>Principal Occupations:</b> 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.  <b>Previous Positions:</b> 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.
<b>John B. Fisher</b> Birth Date: May 16, 1956 PRESIDENT Officer since: November 2004	<b>Principal Occupations:</b> 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; 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; President and CEO of Passport Research, Ltd.; President of some of the Funds in the Federated Fund Complex and Director, Federated Investors Trust Company.  <b>Previous Positions:</b> President and Director of the Institutional Sales Division of Federated Securities Corp.; President and Director of Federated Investment Counseling; Director, Edgewood Securities Corp.; Director, Federated Services Company; Director, Federated Hermes, Inc.; Chairman and Director, Southpointe Distribution Services, Inc. and President, Technology, Federated Services Company.
<b>Stephen Van Meter</b> Birth Date: June 5, 1975 CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER AND SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT Officer since: July 2015	<b>Principal Occupations:</b> 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.  <b>Previous Positions:</b> 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.
<b>Stephen F. Auth</b> Birth Date: September 13, 1956 101 Park Avenue 41 <sup>st</sup> Floor New York, NY 10178 CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER Officer since: November 2002	<b>Principal Occupations:</b> 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.  <b>Previous Positions:</b> 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.

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<b>Name</b> <b>Birth Date</b> <b>Address</b> <b>Positions Held with Trust</b> <b>Date Service Began</b>	<b>Principal Occupation(s) for Past Five Years</b> <b>and Previous Position(s)</b>
<b>Robert J. Ostrowski</b> Birth Date: April 26, 1963 CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER Officer since: May 2004	<b>Principal Occupations:</b> 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.
<b>Deborah A. Cunningham</b> Birth Date: September 15, 1959 CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER Officer since: June 2012	<b>Principal Occupations:</b> 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.

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## Evaluation and Approval of Advisory Contract – May 2020

### **FEDERATED HERMES GOVERNMENT MONEY FUND II (THE “FUND”)**

#### **(FORMERLY, FEDERATED GOVERNMENT MONEY FUND II)**

At its meetings in May 2020 (the “May Meetings”), the Fund’s Board of Trustees (the “Board”), including a majority of 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 continue the existing arrangements. 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 presenting on the topics discussed below. The Board considered the CCO’s independent written evaluation (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, 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 on behalf of the Independent Trustees encompassing a wide variety of topics. 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, as well as information specifically prepared in connection with the approval of the continuation of the Contract that was presented at the May Meetings.

The Board’s consideration of the Contract included review of materials and information covering the following matters, among others: the Adviser’s investment philosophy, revenue, profitability, personnel and processes; investment and operating 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) and comments on the reasons for the Fund’s performance; the Fund’s investment objectives; the Fund’s 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 use and allocation of brokerage commissions derived from trading the Fund’s portfolio securities (if any); and the nature, quality and extent of the advisory and other services provided to the Fund by the Adviser and its affiliates. The Board also considered the preferences and expectations of Fund shareholders; the entrepreneurial and other risks assumed by the Adviser in sponsoring and managing the Fund; the continuing state of competition in the mutual fund industry and market practices; the range of comparable fees for similar funds in the mutual fund industry; the Fund’s relationship to the other funds advised by Federated Hermes (each, a “Federated Hermes Fund”), which include a comprehensive array of funds with different investment objectives, policies and strategies which are generally available for exchange without the incurrence of additional sales charges; compliance and audit reports concerning the Federated Hermes Funds and the Federated Hermes’ affiliates that service them (including communications from regulatory agencies), as well as Federated Hermes’ responses to any issues raised therein; and relevant developments in the mutual fund industry and how the Federated Hermes Funds and/or Federated Hermes may be responding to them. In addition, the Board received and considered information furnished by Federated Hermes on the impacts of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak on Federated Hermes generally and the Fund in particular, including, among other information, the current and anticipated impacts on the management, operations and performance of the Fund. The Board noted that its evaluation process is evolutionary and that the criteria considered and the emphasis placed on relevant criteria may change in recognition of changing circumstances in the mutual fund marketplace.

The Board also considered judicial decisions concerning allegedly excessive investment advisory fees in determining to approve 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 an adviser to a fund and its shareholders (including the performance of the fund, its benchmark, and comparable funds); (2) an adviser's cost of providing the services (including the profitability to an adviser of providing advisory services to a fund); (3) the extent to which an adviser may realize "economies of scale" as a fund grows larger and, if such economies of scale exist, whether they have been shared with a fund and its shareholders or the family of funds; (4) any "fall-out" financial benefits that accrue to an adviser because of its relationship with a fund (including research services received from brokers that execute fund trades and any fees paid to affiliates of an adviser for services rendered to a fund); (5) comparative fee and expense structures (including a comparison of fees paid to an adviser with those paid by similar funds both internally and externally as well as management fees charged to institutional and other advisory clients of the 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 an 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 contracts generally align with the factors listed above. The Board was aware of these factors and was guided by them in its review 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 Federated Hermes Funds. While individual members of the Board may have weighed certain factors differently, the Board's determination to continue 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 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 Federated Hermes Funds family, 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 the Adviser and its affiliates dedicated to the Fund. In this regard, the Board evaluated, among other things, the Adviser's personnel, experience and track record, as well as the financial resources and overall reputation of Federated Hermes and its willingness to invest in personnel and infrastructure that benefit the Federated Hermes Funds. The Board noted the significant acquisition of Hermes Fund Managers Limited by Federated Hermes in 2018, which has deepened the organization's investment management expertise and capabilities and expanded the investment process for all of the Federated Hermes Funds to incorporate environmental, social and governance ("ESG") factors and issuer engagement on ESG matters.

In addition, 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 the Adviser's ability and experience in attracting and retaining qualified personnel to service the Fund. The Board noted the compliance program of the Adviser and the compliance-related resources devoted by the Adviser and its affiliates in support of the Fund's obligations pursuant to Rule 38a-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, including the Adviser's commitment to respond to rulemaking and other regulatory initiatives of the SEC such as the liquidity risk management program rules. In addition, the Board considered the response by the Adviser to recent market conditions and considered the overall performance of the Adviser in this context. The Fund's ability to deliver competitive performance when compared to its Performance Peer Group (as defined below) was also deemed to be relevant by the Board as a useful indicator of how the Adviser is executing the Fund's investment program. The Adviser's ability to execute this program was one of the Board's considerations in reaching a conclusion that the nature, extent and quality of the Adviser's investment management and related services warrant the continuation of the Contract.

### **Fund Investment Performance**

In evaluating the Fund's investment performance, the Board considered performance results in light of the Fund's investment objective, strategies and risks, as disclosed in the Fund's prospectus. The Board also considered the Fund's performance in light of the overall recent market conditions. The Board considered detailed investment reports on the Fund's performance over different time periods that were provided to the Board throughout the year and in connection

with the May Meetings and evaluated the Adviser's analysis of the Fund's performance for these time periods. The Board also reviewed comparative information regarding the performance of other mutual funds in the category of peer funds selected by iMoneyNet, an independent fund ranking organization (the "Performance Peer Group"), noting 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 evaluating such comparisons, that 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 one-year period ended December 31, 2019, the Fund's performance was above the median of the relevant Performance Peer Group. The Board also considered the relatively tight dispersion of performance data with respect to the Fund and its Performance Peer Group.

Following such evaluation, and full deliberations, the Board concluded that the performance of the Fund supported renewal of the Contract.

### **Fund Expenses**

While mindful that courts have cautioned against giving too much weight to comparative information concerning fees charged by other advisers for managing funds with comparable investment programs, the Board has found the use of such comparisons to be relevant to its deliberations. 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 iMoneyNet (the "Expense Peer Group"). The Board received a description of the methodology used to select the Expense Peer Group from the overall iMoneyNet category. The Board also reviewed comparative information regarding the fees and expenses of the broader group of funds in the overall iMoneyNet category. The Board focused on comparisons with other similar mutual funds more heavily than non-mutual fund products or services because such comparisons are believed to be more relevant. The Board considered that other mutual 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 investors. The Board noted that the range of their fees and expenses, therefore, appears to be a relevant indicator of what consumers have found to be reasonable in the marketplace in which the Fund competes.

It was noted in the materials for the May Meetings that, for the year ended December 31, 2019, the Fund's investment advisory fee was waived in its entirety. The Board reviewed the contractual advisory fee rate, net advisory fee rate and other expenses of the Fund with the Adviser 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 below the median of the relevant Expense Peer Group and the Board was satisfied that the overall expense structure of the Fund remained competitive.

For comparison, the Board received and considered information about the fees charged by Federated Hermes for providing advisory services to other types of clients with investment strategies similar to those of the Federated Hermes Funds, including non-mutual fund clients such as institutional separate accounts and third-party unaffiliated mutual funds for which the Adviser or its affiliates serve as sub-adviser. The Board noted the CCO's conclusion that non-mutual 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) and 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, addressing different administrative responsibilities, and addressing different degrees of risk associated with management; and (vi) 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 mutual fund business versus managing a discrete pool of assets as a sub-adviser to another institution's mutual fund, noting 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 mutual 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.

The Board considered the CCO's view that the services, administrative responsibilities and risks associated with such relationships are quite different than serving as a primary adviser to a fund.

Following such evaluation, and full deliberations, the Board concluded that the fees and expenses of the Fund are reasonable and supported renewal of the Contract.

### **Profitability and Other Benefits**

The Board also received financial information about Federated Hermes, including information regarding the compensation and ancillary (or “fall-out”) benefits Federated Hermes derived from its relationships with the Federated Hermes Funds. This information covered not only the fees under the Federated Hermes Funds’ investment advisory contracts, but also fees received by Federated Hermes’ affiliates for providing other services to the Federated Hermes Funds under separate contracts (e.g., 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 any indirect benefit Federated Hermes may derive from its receipt of research services from brokers who execute portfolio trades for the Federated Hermes Funds. In addition, the Board considered the fact that, in order for the Federated Hermes Funds to be competitive in the marketplace, the Adviser and its affiliates frequently waived fees and/or reimbursed expenses and have disclosed to Federated Hermes Fund shareholders and/or reported to the Board their intention to do so in the future. Moreover, the Board received and considered regular reports from Federated Hermes throughout the year as to the institution, adjustment or elimination of these voluntary waivers and/or reimbursements.

The Board received and considered information furnished by Federated Hermes, as requested by the CCO, that reported revenues on a fund-by-fund basis and made estimates of the allocation of expenses 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 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. The allocation information, including the CCO’s view that fund-by-fund estimations may be unreliable, was considered in the evaluation by the Board. In addition, the Board considered that, during the prior year, an independent consultant conducted a review of 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. The Board noted the consultant’s view that, although there is no single best method to allocate expenses, the methodologies used by Federated Hermes are reasonable.

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 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 calculating 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 the Adviser has made significant and long-term investments in areas that support all of the Federated Hermes Funds, such as personnel and processes for the portfolio management, trading operations, issuer engagement (including with respect to ESG matters), shareholder services, compliance, business continuity, internal audit and risk management functions, as well as systems technology (including technology relating to cybersecurity) 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 (as well as the benefits of any economies of scale, should they exist) are likely to be shared with the Federated Hermes Fund family as a whole. In addition, the Board considered that the Adviser and its affiliates have frequently waived fees and/or reimbursed expenses for the Federated Hermes Funds and that such waivers and 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. Federated Hermes, as it does throughout the year, and specifically in connection with the Board’s review of the Contract, furnished information relative to adviser-paid fees (commonly referred to as revenue sharing). The Board considered the beliefs of Federated Hermes and the CCO that this information should be viewed to determine if there was an incentive to either not apply breakpoints, or to apply breakpoints at higher levels, and should not be viewed to determine the appropriateness of advisory fees. The Board also noted the absence of any applicable regulatory or industry guidelines on this subject, which is compounded by the lack of any common industry practice or general pattern with respect to structuring fund advisory fees with “breakpoints” that serve to reduce the fee as a fund attains a certain size.

## **Conclusions**

The Board considered the CCO's conclusion that his observations and the information accompanying the CCO Fee Evaluation Report show that the management fee for the Fund was reasonable and 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 subadvisory arrangements is a continuing and on-going 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 on-going oversight of the Federated Hermes Funds.

In its determination to continue an existing investment advisory contract, the Board was mindful of 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 an investment advisory contract. In particular, the Board recognized that many shareholders have invested in the Fund on the strength of the Adviser's industry standing and reputation and with the expectation that the Adviser will have a continuing role in providing advisory services to the Fund. Thus, the Board's approval of the Contract reflected the fact that it is the shareholders who have effectively selected the Adviser by virtue of having invested in the Fund. The Board concluded that, in light of the factors summarized above, including the nature, quality and scope of the services provided to the Fund by the Adviser and its affiliates, continuation of the Contract was appropriate.

The Board based its determination to approve the Contract on the totality of the circumstances and relevant factors and with a view to 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. With respect to the factors that were deemed to be relevant, the Board's determination to approve the continuation of the Contract reflects its view that Federated Hermes' performance and actions provided a satisfactory basis to support the determination to continue the existing arrangement.

## 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. 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 [FederatedInvestors.com/FundInformation](https://FederatedInvestors.com/FundInformation). Form N-PX filings are also available at the SEC's website at [sec.gov](https://sec.gov).

## Portfolio Schedule

The Fund files with the SEC a complete schedule of its portfolio holdings as of the close of each month on "Form N-MFP." Form N-MFP is available on the SEC's website at [sec.gov](https://sec.gov). You may access Form N-MFP via the link to the Fund and share class name at [FederatedInvestors.com](https://FederatedInvestors.com).

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