

# Federated Hermes Short-Term U.S. Government Securities Fund

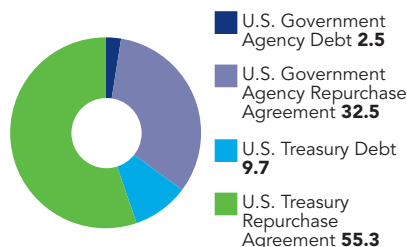
## Institutional Services-Dividend Series

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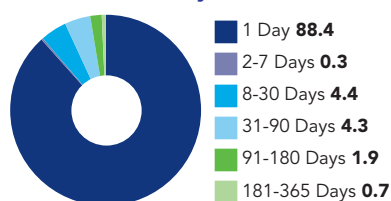
Standard & Poor's AAAM rated | Moody's Aaa-mf rated

30 November 2023

### Portfolio composition (%)



### Effective maturity schedule (%)



### Weighted average maturity

9 Days

### Weighted average life

13 Days

### Liquidity\*\*

Daily	87.72%
Weekly	98.28%

\*\*Calculated in accordance with Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on Money Market Funds.

### Fund information

Launch date	4 June 1991
Dealing cut off	Close of the NYSE normally 4:00 p.m. (US Eastern Time)
Fund currency	US dollar
Benchmark	IMMFA USD Government MMF's Stable NAV
Sales charge	None
Fund volume	US \$704.4 million

### Key investment team

Susan Hill, CFA  
John Wyda, CFA

### Investment objective and strategy

The investment objective of Federated Hermes Short-Term U.S. Government Securities Fund is to achieve current income while maintaining stability of principal and liquidity. The fund pursues its objective by investing in a portfolio of short-term high quality US Treasury securities and US government agency securities which comply with the criteria for money market instruments as set out in the UCITS regulations. These investments include repurchase agreements collateralized fully by US Treasury securities and US government agency securities. The maximum weighted average maturity of the securities in the fund's portfolio will not exceed 60 days. The weighted average life of the fund's portfolio will be limited to 120 days or less. The Central Bank of Ireland ("Central Bank") has authorized the fund to invest up to 100% of its assets in US government agency securities and US Treasury securities on the basis that such securities will be comprised of at least six different issues and any one issue will not account for more than 30% of the net assets of the fund. The fund is considered a Short-Term Money Market Fund in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank Notices on money market funds. The securities in which the fund invests are restricted to securities which have a residual maturity until the legal redemption date of less than or equal to 397 days.

### Investment manager's report

November saw a major change in market expectations for Federal Reserve monetary policy. A surge in long-term Treasury yields in October indicated the financial markets felt the Fed's push to vanquish inflation would send the U.S. economy into recession. But they seemed to view the November Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting, in which the policymakers again held the target range at 5.25-50%, as dovish. After further declines of the major measures of inflation, softening tone of some Fed speakers and deteriorating employment data, investors completed their sharp shift. Fed funds futures went from anticipating modest easing in 2024 to predicting four quarter-point cuts. We don't think the about-face is justified. Again and again, policymakers have pushed back on wishful thinking. At the Jackson Hole symposium, Powell even took the time to squash the notion that they secretly adjusted their inflation target from 2% to 3%. The markets are hoping for a Grand Teton-like peak in rates; we think it will resemble Mesa Verde. We don't expect a rate cut until late 2024. The strength of the economy-recently the Commerce Department revised third-quarter gross domestic product (GDP) growth up to a robust 5.2%-supports that stance. The November jobs report will be crucial. Not so much for the FOMC decision on Dec. 13, which will almost certainly result in no change, but for the updated Summary of Economic Projections, which forecasts rates, GDP, labor and inflation. Our positioning will be based on that critical release, regardless of whether or not the markets ignore it. At the end of the month, yields on 1-, 3-, 6- and 12-month U.S. Treasuries were 5.39%, 5.40%, 5.40% and 5.13%, respectively; the 1-, 3-, 6- and 12-month Bloomberg Short-Term Bank Yield Index rates (BSBY) were 5.37%, 5.57%, 5.65% and 5.70%, respectively.

### Average annual total returns (%)

(See important legal information)

Cumulative 3-month	Year to date	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year	Since inception
1.18	4.07	4.38	1.72	1.41	0.84	2.19

Past performance is no guarantee of future performance and the value of investments and income (yield) from them may fall as well as rise and investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Although the fund attempts to maintain a stable net asset value of US \$1.00, there is no guarantee it will be able to do so. The fund's yield may vary.

### Calendar year end returns (%)

2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
1.14	0.00	0.18	1.57	1.18

Source: Federated Hermes, Inc.

### Rolling year performance (%)

30/11/2022 - 30/11/2023	30/11/2021 - 30/11/2022	30/11/2020 - 30/11/2021	30/11/2019 - 30/11/2020	30/11/2018 - 30/11/2019
4.38	0.85	0.00	0.26	1.64

### Share class details

	ISIN	WKN	Bloomberg	Dividend	Ongoing charges*
ISDS	IE0003339888	631573	FEDSISI	Declared daily and paid monthly	65 b.p.

\* As of 12 June 2023, the manager of the fund, Hermes Fund Management Ireland Limited, receives an annual management fee equal to the sum of 1.00% of the fund's average daily net assets which fee shall accrue daily and be paid monthly in arrears. The management agreement provides that the manager may voluntarily undertake to reduce or waive its management fee or to make other arrangements to reduce expenses of the fund to the extent that such expenses exceed such lower expense limitation as the manager may, by notice to the Company, voluntarily declare to be effective.

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### About Federated Hermes

A financial industry pioneer since 1955, Federated Hermes, Inc. ("Federated Hermes," formerly, "Federated Investors, Inc.") is one of the largest US investment managers. Known for our stability, diligence and diverse product line, Federated Hermes takes the long view, believing that doing business the right way over time will present opportunity for future growth. We apply the same approach to managing our international undertakings, which began in 1984 with the launch of one of the first international equity funds. Since then Federated Hermes has established a host of international funds and offices, including Hermes Fund Managers Ireland Limited in Dublin to manage Irish domiciled UCITS, Federated Hermes (UK) LLP (formerly Federated Investors (UK) LLP), to manage UK-domiciled UCITS, as well as the Federated Hermes Short-Term Daily U.S. Dollar Fund, Ltd., based in the Cayman Islands. Highly experienced investment professionals direct our operations, and we continually look to increase our robust global footprint through organic growth and strategic acquisitions.

### Definitions

**Maturity:** is the date on which the life of a transaction or financial instrument ends, after which it must either be renewed or it will cease to exist.

**Total return** represents the change in value of an investment after reinvesting all income and capital gains. Total return was not calculated according to the BVI method.

**Weighted average life:** is calculated in the same manner as the Weighted Average Maturity (WAM), but is based solely on the periods of time remaining until the securities held in the fund's portfolio (a) are scheduled to be repaid or (b) would be repaid upon a demand by the fund without reference to when interest rates of securities within the fund are scheduled to be readjusted.

**Weighted average maturity:** is the mean average of the periods of time remaining until the securities held in the fund's portfolio (a) are scheduled to be repaid, (b) would be repaid upon a demand by the fund or (c) are scheduled to have their interest rate readjusted to reflect current market rates. Securities with adjustable rates payable upon demand are treated as maturing on the earlier of the two dates if their scheduled maturity is 397 days or less, and the later of the two dates if their scheduled maturity is more than 397 days. The mean is weighted based on the percentage of the amortized cost of the portfolio invested in each period.

### Important legal information

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**Source: Federated Hermes, Inc. Past performance may not be a reliable guide to future performance. The value of an investment can go down as well as up and return on your investment will therefore be variable. Income (yield) may fluctuate in accordance with market conditions and taxation arrangements. Changes in exchange rates may have an adverse effect on the value price or income of the product, depending on an investor's home currency.**

An AAAM rating by Standard & Poor's is obtained after S&P evaluates a number of factors, including credit quality, market price exposure and management. S&P monitors the portfolio weekly for developments that could cause changes in the ratings. Money market funds rated Aaa-mf by Moody's are judged to be of an investment quality similar to Aaa-rated fixed income obligations, that is, they are judged to be of the best quality. Ratings are subject to change and do not remove market risks.

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