

# Federated Hermes Ultrashort Bond Fund

Nasdaq symbol — R6: FULLX | IS: FULIX | SS: FULBX | A: FULAX

9/30/20

## Product highlights

- Pursues total return consistent with current income.
- Invests in asset- and mortgage-backed, corporate, Treasury and government agency securities.
- Maintains a portfolio dollar-weighted average effective duration of one year or less.
- Allocates portfolio to the sectors that offer the best risk/return balance.

## Morningstar category

Ultrashort Bond

## Benchmark

Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Short-Term Government/Corporate Index

## Key investment team

Randall Bauer, CFA®  
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## Yields

30-day yield - R6	1.05%
30-day yield - IS	1.04%
30-day yield - SS	0.95%
30-day yield - A	0.89%

## Fund statistics

Portfolio assets	\$4.7 b
Number of securities	604
Dividends	Paid monthly
Weighted average effective maturity	1.1 years
Weighted average effective duration	1.0 years
Weighted average spread duration	1.7 years
Weighted average bond price	\$100.80

## Interest rate basis (%)

Fixed rate	55.0
Floating rate	45.0

## Top holdings (%)

FHLMC 4920 FA, Floating Rate Note due 10/25/49 (Agency MBS)	0.9
FHLMC 4993 F, Floating Rate Note due 7/25/50 (Agency MBS)	0.9
Fontainebleau Miami Beach Trust, Class B, 3.447% due 12/10/36 (Commercial MBS)	0.8
Naviest Student Loan Trust 2020-GA, Class A, 1.170% due 9/16/69	0.7
Nextgear Floorplan Master Owner Trust 2019-1A, Class B, 3.460% due 2/15/24 (Auto Floorplan ABS)	0.7
Santander Drive Auto Receivables Trust 2020-3, Class C, 1.120% due 1/15/26	0.7
Vodafone Group PLC, Floating Rate Note due 1/16/24	0.7
Volvo Financial Equipment Master Series 2017- A, Class A, Floating Rate Note due 11/15/22	0.7
Westpac Banking Corp., Floating Rate Note due 1/11/23	0.7
National Australia Bank, Floating Rate Note due 12/13/22	0.6

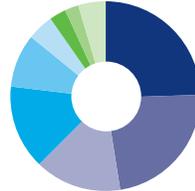
## Overall Morningstar Rating™

A Shares  
★★★★

Institutional Shares  
★★★★★

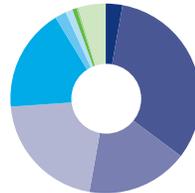
Rating is based on risk adjusted total return for A Shares and Institutional Shares out of 168 Funds in Ultrashort Bond Category. The overall rating is derived from a weighted average of the fund's three-, five-, and ten-year average annual returns, as applicable.

## Sector weightings (%)



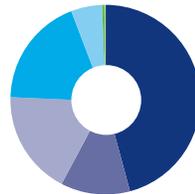
Corporate - Industrial/Other	24.5	MBS - Fixed Rate and ARMs	4.4
Auto ABS	23.0	Student Loan ABS	2.8
Corporate - Financial	15.0	MBS Commercial	2.3
Other ABS	14.4	Cash/Cash Equivalents	4.6
Credit Card ABS	9.0		

## Quality breakdown (%) \*\*



Government	2.8	BB	1.9
AAA	32.4	B	1.2
AA	17.6	CCC & Below	0.7
A	21.1	Not Rated	0.3
BBB	17.4	Cash/Cash Equivalents	4.6

## Duration (%)



0-3 Months	45.8	3-4 Years	5.2
3 Months - 1 Year	12.0	4-5 Years	0.4
1-2 Years	17.9	5+ Years	0.2
2-3 Years	18.5		

## Average annual total returns (%)

Performance shown is before tax.

NAV	Performance inception	Cumulative 3-month	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year	Since inception	Expense ratio*	
								Before waivers	After waivers
R6	2/22/00	1.22	2.37	2.52	2.15	1.70	2.63	0.42	0.36
IS	2/22/00	1.11	2.36	2.51	2.14	1.70	2.63	0.45	0.37
SS	5/31/97	1.09	2.20	2.15	1.75	1.28	2.65	0.56	0.47
A	5/31/97	1.07	2.03	2.07	1.65	1.18	2.46	0.61	0.52
Benchmark		0.10	1.81	2.06	1.54	0.92	-	-	-

## Calendar year total returns (%)

A Shares/NAV

	YTD	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
NAV	1.64	3.22	1.14	1.27	1.18	-0.34	0.33	0.08	2.36	0.76
Benchmark	1.26	2.69	1.99	0.98	0.80	0.26	0.18	0.25	0.36	0.37

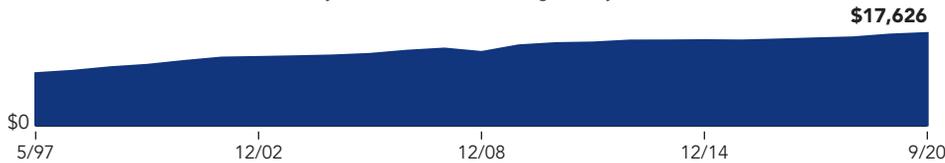
Performance quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than what is stated. To view performance current to the most recent month-end, and for after-tax returns, contact us or visit [FederatedInvestors.com](http://FederatedInvestors.com).

\* The fund's expense ratio is from the most recent prospectus. The expense ratio may reflect voluntary fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements determined by the fund's Advisor and its affiliates. The voluntary waivers and/or reimbursements, if applicable, are in effect up to but not including the later of 12/1/20 or the date of the fund's next effective prospectus.

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## Growth over time

If you had invested \$10,000 in A Shares on 5/31/97 (month end of the fund's performance inception) and reinvested all distributions, here's how your account would have grown by 9/30/20.



Prior to October 27, 1998, the fund was named Federated Limited Duration Government Fund with an investment concentration in government securities. The fund was reconfigured to maintain an ultrashort duration (one year or less) with a revised investment policy of purchasing both higher and lower quality fixed income securities.

The fund's A Shares commenced operations on October 8, 2002. For the period prior to the commencement of operations of the A Shares, the performance information shown is for the fund's Service Shares, adjusted to reflect the sales charges (for maximum offering price performance) that were applicable to the fund's A Shares until December 1, 2019 and expenses of the A Shares.

The fund's R6 Shares commenced operations on May 29, 2019. For the periods prior to the commencement of operations of the R6 Shares, the performance information shown is for the fund's Institutional Shares. The performance of the Institutional Shares has not been adjusted to reflect the expenses applicable to the R6 Shares since the R6 Shares have a lower expense ratio than the expense ratio of the Institutional Shares.

The fund may invest in Federated Hermes Portfolios that are not available to the public and provide for more effective diversification than is available through the purchase of individual securities. Where applicable, the fund holdings reflect exposure to underlying securities held by the portfolios.

As of June 29, 2020, the fund was renamed Federated Hermes Ultrashort Bond Fund.

### A word about risk

Mutual funds are subject to risks and fluctuate in value.

Bond prices are sensitive to changes in interest rates, and a rise in interest rates can cause a decline in their prices.

The fund is not a "money market" mutual fund. Some money market mutual funds attempt to maintain a stable net asset value through compliance with relevant Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) rules. The fund is not governed by those rules, and its shares will fluctuate in value.

The value of some mortgage-backed securities may be particularly sensitive to changes in prevailing interest rates, and although the securities are generally supported by some form of government or private insurance, there is no assurance that private guarantors or insurers will meet their obligations.

### Definitions

**The holdings percentages** are based on net assets at the close of business on 9/30/20 and may not necessarily reflect adjustments that are routinely made when presenting net assets for formal financial statement purposes. Because this is a managed portfolio, the investment mix will change.

**Total return** represents the change in value of an investment after reinvesting all income and capital gains. Total return would have been lower in the absence of temporary expense waivers or reimbursements.

**30-day yield** (also known as "SEC yield") is a compounded and annualized figure calculated according to a formula set by the SEC. The formula requires use of a specific methodology for calculating dividends and interest earned, and expenses accrued, during the period, and reflects the maximum offering price per fund share. The standardized computation is designed to facilitate yield comparisons among different funds. For an indefinite period of time, the investment advisor is waiving all or part of its fee and, in addition, may reimburse the fund for some of its expenses. Otherwise, the yield would have been 0.97% for R6 Shares, 0.95% for Institutional Shares, 0.87% for Service Shares, and 0.79% for A Shares.

**Growth over time** performance is for the fund's A Shares. The fund offers additional share classes whose performance will vary due to differences in charges and expenses.

**Weighted average effective maturity** is the average time to maturity of debt securities held in the fund.

**Weighted average effective duration** (sometimes called "Option-Adjusted Duration") is a measure of a security's price sensitivity to changes in interest rates calculated using a model that recognizes that the probability of a bond being called or remaining outstanding until maturity may vary if market interest rates change, and that makes adjustments based on a bond's embedded options (e.g., call rights, or in the case of a mortgage-backed security, the probability that homeowners will prepay their mortgages), if any, based on the probability that the options will be exercised. A fund's weighted average effective duration will equal the market value weighted average of each bond's effective duration in the fund's portfolio. As with any model, several assumptions are made so the weighted average effective duration of a fund in the Federated Hermes family of funds may not be comparable to other funds outside of the Federated Hermes family of funds. Securities with longer durations are more sensitive to changes in interest rates than securities of shorter durations.

**Weighted average bond price** - Morningstar generates this figure from the portfolio by weighting the price of each bond by its relative size in the portfolio. This number reveals if the manager favors bonds selling at prices above or below face value (discount or premium securities, respectively). A higher number indicates a bias toward premiums. This statistic is expressed as a percentage of par (face) value.

**Weighted average spread duration** is the average of the spread durations of the underlying securities.

**Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Short-Term Government/Corporate Index** represents securities that have fallen out of the U.S. Government/Corporate index because of the standard minimum one year maturity constraint. Sectors include treasuries, agencies, industrials, utilities and financial institutions.

Indexes are unmanaged and cannot be invested in directly.

*Investors should carefully consider the fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses before investing. To obtain a summary prospectus or prospectus containing this and other information, contact us or visit [FederatedInvestors.com](http://FederatedInvestors.com). Please carefully read the summary prospectus or the prospectus before investing.*

*Past performance is no guarantee of future results.*

### Ratings and rating agencies

Morningstar Category identifies funds based on their actual investment styles as measured by their underlying portfolio holdings over the past three years. If the fund is less than three years old, the category is based on the life of the fund. ©2020 Morningstar, Inc. All Rights Reserved. The information contained herein: (1) is proprietary to Morningstar; (2) may not be copied or distributed; and (3) is not warranted to be accurate, complete or timely. Neither Morningstar nor its content providers are responsible for any damages or losses arising from any use of this information. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

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Federated Hermes Ultrashort Bond Fund was rated against the following numbers of U.S.-domiciled Ultrashort Bond funds over the following time periods. Ratings are for A and Institutional Shares; other classes may have different performance characteristics. For the 3-, 5- and 10-year periods ended 9/30/20, the fund's A Shares received 3, 3 and 3 stars and the fund's Institutional Shares received 4, 4 and 5 stars, respectively. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

\*\* The ratings agencies that provided the ratings are Standard and Poor's, Moody's and Fitch. When ratings vary, the highest rating is used. Credit ratings of A or better are considered to be high credit quality; credit ratings of BBB are good credit quality and the lowest category of investment grade; credit ratings BB and below are lower-rated securities ("junk bonds"); and credit ratings of CCC or below have high default risk. The credit quality breakdown does not give effect to the impact of any credit derivative investments made by the fund.