# Federated Hermes Short-Term Sterling Prime Fund

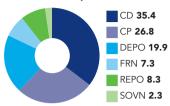
# Class 8 Shares - accumulation

Standard and Poor's AAAm rated | Fitch AAAmmf

# Federated Hermes

#### 31 October 2023

#### Portfolio composition (%)



#### Effective maturity schedule (%)



# Weighted average maturity 45.98 days

# Weighted average life

69.38 days

## Liquidity

Daily 29.51% Weekly 34.74%

## **Fund information**

Domicile	UK
Structure	OEIC UCITS
Launch date	09 January 2009
Dealing cut off	1.30pm London Time
Liquidity	T+1
Currency	GBP
Fund type	LVNAV
Fund volume	f7.3 billion

#### Key investment team



Gary Skedge Vice President Head of UK Cash Management Team Senior Portfolio Manager



Joanne Bartell Assistant Vice President Portfolio Manager for the Federated Hermes (UK) LLP products

# Investment objective and strategy

The fund aims to provide income whilst preserving principal through investment in Sterling denominated short-term debt and fixed-income securities. The fund will invest in high quality, liquid securities, aiming to achieve short-term money market returns with capital preservation or at the value of the investors' initial capital plus earnings. The fund is a short-term money market fund.

# Investment manager's report

With the unfolding conflict in the Middle East, geopolitical risks once again came to the forefront in October. Risk appetites changed, with safe-haven assets gaining and gold rising to a 3-month high. Oil prices surged, with natural gas prices increasing exponentially after pipe damage to the Balticconnector and due to Israel halting southern Chevron operations due to safety concerns. The Bank of England (BoE) Monetary Policy Committee voted 6-3 on November 2 to keep rates at their 15-year high of 5.25%. Service inflation, wage growth and unemployment remain key indicators. The U.K. economy appears to be reacting, as October data reflected the cooling of labour market. A report by S&P Global, KPMG and the Recruitment and Employment Confederation (REC) indicated a smaller rise in starting pay and improvement in candidate availability. Wage growth may have peaked, reflected in the August figures, though unemployment remains low. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) data for August remained weak but showed some resilience with the resolution of strike action. A rise of 0.2% in September would prevent growth falling in the third quarter. But the BoE revised growth lower, expecting it to be flat in 2024. The BoE projects inflation falling to 4.5% by year-end, but core inflation remained high at 6.1% in September. The International Monetary Fund expects inflation to be persistent the remainder of 2023, but drop to 3.7% in 2024. It also downgraded its prediction for 2024 U.K. GDP growth, though the forecast was higher than its forecast for some European countries. Moody's revised its U.K. outlook to stable from negative following last year's mini budget. The autumn statement due November 22 will include the Office of Budget Responsibility forecasts. Market sentiment is for an extended period of interest-rate stability around current levels, leaving any potential for a rise to 2024.

# Net average annual total returns (%)

(See important legal information)

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Cumulative 3-month	Year to date	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year	Since inception
1.40	3.75	4.24	1.66	1.22	0.82	0.84

## Share class details

Class	ISIN	SEDOL	Dividend	charges*
8 ACC	GB00B2R5TL51	B2R5TL5	Accumulating	10 bps

\*The ongoing charges figure is an estimate based on the annual management charge and the running costs of the Fund for the year ending 31 December 2022. An estimated figure is used because the Manager had previously imposed a voluntary limit on the total ongoing charges for the share class. It excludes portfolio transaction costs. The ongoing charges figure may vary from year to year

### Top portfolio issuers

Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Holdings, Inc.
Nationwide Building Society
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc.
United Kingdom, Government of
BNP Paribas SA

Toyota Motor Corp.

Mizuho Financial Group, Inc.

Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Inc.

ABN Amro Bank NV

Lloyds Banking Group PLC

These holdings may not be indicative of future portfolio composition. Because this is a managed portfolio, the investment mix will change.

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