

## Federated Hermes SDG Engagement High Yield Credit Fund

Factsheet 30 April 2023

**Objective:** The investment objective of the Fund is to provide total return, through a combination of income and capital growth over a rolling period of any five years, whilst delivering positive societal impact.

**Investment Approach:** The investment manager seeks to achieve its objective by investing in high-yield bonds with attractive performance potential across global markets. The underlying companies are engaged with to ensure objectives are aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Through fundamental analysis, the manager aims to identify the bonds with the most appealing return prospects and prices. In addition to strong potential returns, each company's management team, products and services or supply chains should provide a foundation to create positive SDG-aligned change through engagement. The Lead Engager, supported by our stewardship team in EOS at Federated Hermes, delivers the engagement strategy.

### Fund information

Fund type	UCITS
Inception date	02 October 2019
Fund size (m)	£1,131.7 / €1,288.4 A\$2,152.4 / US\$1,422.4 S\$1,897.7
Co-Lead Portfolio Managers	Mitch Reznick Fraser Lundie
Co-Portfolio Manager	Nachu Chockalingam
Lead Engager	Aaron Hay
Benchmark	ICE BofA Global High Yield Constrained USD Hedged
IA sector	£ High Yield
No. of issuers	129
Concentration of top 10 holdings (%)	12.07
Base currency	US Dollar
Pricing	Daily
Valuation point	Close of business
Ongoing Charge (%)	0.67
Share class	F US Dollar Accm
Min. investment	£100,000 or currency equivalent
ISIN	IE00BK0X9R81
Valoren	49406714
WKN	A2PP23
Bloomberg ticker	HESHYFU
Morningstar Rating	★★★★
Citywire Rating	

### FE Crown Fund Rating



Share classes - whether Accm or Dist, hedged or unhedged - are available in other currencies. Ongoing Charge as at 31 December 2022 (estimated number). Morningstar as at 31 March 2023. Citywire UK as at 31 March 2023, ratings have been awarded to the Portfolio Managers based on their risk-adjusted performance track record. FE Crown Fund Rating as at 01 January 2023.

### Fund performance as at 30 April 2023 (%)



Performance over one year is annualised with relative data calculated arithmetically

### Performance as at 30 April 2023 (%)

	YTD	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Fund	2.70	-10.04	2.36	7.40	3.89	-
Benchmark	4.02	-11.38	3.04	6.48	3.22	-

### Rolling year performance (%)

	30/04/22 to 30/04/23	30/04/21 to 30/04/22	30/04/20 to 30/04/21	30/04/19 to 30/04/20	30/04/18 to 30/04/19
Fund	1.68	-7.77	18.24	-	-

Prior to 26th June 2020, Federated Hermes SDG Engagement High Yield Credit Fund was named Hermes SDG Engagement High Yield Credit Fund. Performance not available for all of the above period. Fund performance and the benchmark shown are valued at close of business. Performance shown is the F share class USD Accumulating net of all costs and management fees since seeding on 02 October 2019. Subscription and redemption fees are not included in the performance figures.

#### Credit Rating (%)

	Fund	Benchmark
AAA	25.59	0.00
AA	1.24	0.00
A	0.27	0.00
BBB	10.70	0.76
BB	51.76	56.92
B	5.29	32.97
CCC	0.73	8.17
CC	0.00	0.39
C	0.00	0.33
D	0.00	0.09
NR	4.43	0.00

#### Maturity breakdown (%)

	Fund	Benchmark
< 1 year	-3.92	1.27
1-3 years	29.93	26.06
3-5 years	10.49	32.17
5-7 years	37.34	25.62
7-10 years	13.22	10.85
10-15 years	0.95	1.28
15-20 years	0.57	0.64
20-25 years	0.54	1.00
25-30 years	0.70	0.53
> 30 years	10.16	0.57

#### Geographical split\*\*

Regions	Fund (%)
N America	82.60
W Europe	35.57
United Kingdom	5.41
Latin America	4.60
Asia Emerging Markets	1.72
E Europe	1.16
Middle East & Africa	0.79
Asia Developed Markets	0.00

#### Sector breakdown (%)

	Fund	Benchmark
Automotive	5.07	5.39
Banking	6.31	5.58
Basic Industry	7.93	7.99
Capital Goods	7.24	5.83
Consumer Goods	1.23	3.40
Energy	1.85	12.44
Financial Services	1.02	4.50
Healthcare	3.56	6.81
Index	17.30	0.00
Insurance	1.18	1.30
Leisure	0.00	6.47
Media	1.20	6.09
Real Estate	1.27	4.07
Retail	1.60	4.86
Services	0.92	5.50
Sovereign	26.82	0.00
Technology & Electronics	3.73	4.12
Telecommunications	7.36	7.29
Transportation	0.00	3.10
Utility	4.40	4.87

#### Top 10 issuers (%)

	Fund (%)
SIG Combibloc	1.48
Ford	1.45
Telecom Italia Capital	1.29
Virgin Media Finance	1.28
Cellnex Telecom	1.21
Telefonica Emisiones	1.17
Ball Corporation	1.06
Seagate Technology HDD Holdings	1.06
Iqvia	1.05
Ardagh Group	1.03

#### Instrument split

	Fund (%)
Bond	96.50
CDS Index	22.84
CDS (Long Risk)	12.50
Convertible	0.23
Cash	-10.25

#### Risk analysis\*

	Fund	Benchmark
Option Adjusted Spread (bps)	338	497
Duration Times Spread (%)	98.54	100.00
Average maturity (years)	13.60	5.18
Yield-to-Worst (%)	7.39	8.59
Spread Duration (years)	5.22	3.53
Duration (years)	3.75	3.76
Average-Weighted Coupon (%)	3.16	5.45

\*The yield that an investor receives may not be the same as the yield quoted above due to currency and fees.

\*\*Exposures shown are net and as such may not sum to 100%. Excludes cash and futures.

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#### Risk profile

- Past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance.
- The value of investments and income may go down as well as up and you may not get back the original amount invested.
- Bonds Risk: Where the Fund invests in debt instruments (such as bonds) there is a risk that the entity who issues the contract will not be able to repay the debt or to pay the interest on the debt. If this happens then the value of the Fund may vary sharply in value or result in loss. Also the value of the debt instrument may go up or down with changing interest rates.
- Emerging Markets Risk: The performance of the Fund may have some dependence on the economic environment of emerging markets which may negatively affect the value of the Fund.
- Loan Risk: The Fund may invest in secured or unsecured loans. Loans that are fully secured offer the Fund more protection than an unsecured loan, in the event of non-payment of scheduled interest or principal. However, there is no assurance that the sale of assets from a secured loan would satisfy the borrower's obligation. The loans in which the Fund intends to invest may not be rated by any internationally recognised rating service.
- Leverage Risk: The use of leverage may result in large fluctuations in the net asset value of the Fund, amplifying both gains and losses.
- Financial Derivative Instruments (FDIs) Risk: The Fund makes extensive use of FDIs, the value of which depends on the performance of an underlying asset. Small changes in the price of that asset may cause larger changes in the value of the FDIs, increasing either potential gain or loss. FDIs can be used to alter the exposure to underlying Investments. Depending on how they are used, FDIs may increase or decrease the overall volatility of the Fund and carry the risk of substantial loss in market conditions which are not expected by the Investment Manager at the time the FDIs are entered into.
- For more information on risks please refer to the Key Investor Information Document and Prospectus.

#### Glossary of terms

<b>Accm or Accumulating</b>	Instead of income derived from the fund's shares being paid to investors as dividends, this income is re-invested within the fund to buy further shares.
<b>Active ESG</b>	Responsible, active investing for long-term performance. In seeking traditional financial objectives, these Funds employ responsible-investment approaches.
<b>Average Weighted Coupon Benchmark</b>	Figure derived by weighting the coupon of each bond by its relative size in the portfolio. A standard against which the performance of a security, mutual fund or investment manager can be measured. Generally, broad market stock and bond indexes are used for this purpose.
<b>Bloomberg Ticker</b>	A string of characters or numbers used to identify a listed company or entity on financial services news services.
<b>Bond</b>	An asset that allows an investor to lend money to a borrower (such as a corporation or government) for a defined period in exchange for interest being paid to the lender throughout the term of the loan and the loan being paid at maturity.
<b>Citywire Rating</b>	Citywire provides a rating of individual fund manager performance, rather than rating funds. Fewer than 25% of managers tracked qualify for a Citywire Fund Manager Rating. The ratings range downwards from AAA to AA, A and +.
<b>COB</b>	Close of business.
<b>Coupon</b>	The rate of interest paid on a bond, which is expressed as a percentage of the nominal or face value. Coupons are typically paid semi-annually. The coupon on a fund level is the weighted average of all of the coupons on the underlying investments.
<b>Credit</b>	An asset class that focuses on investment in instruments that allow entities (such as corporations and governments) to borrow money in order to fund activities. Interest is paid by the borrower to the lender in instalments (known as 'coupon payments') throughout the term of the loan and the loan is expected to be repaid at a defined date in the future. Borrowers receive a 'credit rating' that indicates how risky the loan is likely to be and how likely it is that the borrower will fail to make repayments. More risky borrowers will be expected to pay a higher interest rate to compensate the borrower for the risk.
<b>Credit Default Swap (CDS)</b>	CDS is an insurance contracted by two parties on one underlying issuer facing a risk of default. CDS long risk represents an investment purchased to make a profit from the price of the underlying investment rising. CDS short risk represents an investment purchased to make a profit from the price of the underlying investment falling. CDS Index is an index containing multiple CDS's.
<b>Credit Exposure</b>	The total amount of credit extended to a borrower by a lender and the maximum value that will be lost if the counterparty defaults on the loan.
<b>Credit Spread</b>	The yield spread, or difference in yield between different securities, due to different credit quality.
<b>Duration</b>	A measure that helps approximate the degree of price sensitivity of a bond to changes in the interest rates. Although stated in years, duration is often explained as an estimate of the percentage price change of a bond in response to a one percent change in interest rates. Bonds with higher duration have a greater sensitivity to changes in interest rates and will generally experience a more significant drop in value as interest rates rise so carry a higher degree of risk.
<b>Duration Times Spread (DTS)</b>	DTS equals credit spread multiplied by duration. This is a volatility measure of spread duration.
<b>Engagement</b>	A purposeful, long-term and proactive dialogue between a company or asset and its investors, aiming to influence or change the way it is run in order to enhance its value and generate positive environmental and social outcomes. As a pioneer of effective stewardship, the international business of Federated Hermes believes that this practice lies at the heart of long-term investment. Our Responsibility Office oversees the integration of stewardship into all our investment activities.
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<b>FE Crown Fund Rating</b>	Ratings are compiled using three key measurements of a fund's performance. A five FE Crown Fund Rating reflects the highest tier.
<b>Future</b>	A financial contract obligating the buyer to purchase an asset (or the seller to sell an asset) at a predetermined future date and price.
<b>High-Yield Bond</b>	A Bond that has a lower credit rating than other Bonds, increasing the potential risk of loan default. In return for the increased risk, the Bond will pay a higher interest rate ('yield') than investment grade Bonds.
<b>Historic Yield</b>	This shows the income paid out to investors over the last 12 months, divided by the NAV of the fund.
<b>IA Sector</b>	The IA sectors divide funds available in the UK, including some offshore (EU) funds, into smaller groups, to allow you to make like-for-like comparisons between funds in a sector.
<b>Impact</b>	Mission-led investment strategies to deliver positive impact. Applying responsible-investment approaches, these Funds focus on companies generating positive impact or undergoing positive transformation benefiting people and the planet.
<b>ISIN</b>	International Securities Identification Numbers (ISIN) uniquely identify a financial security for trading and settlement purposes.
<b>Loan</b>	Money lent to an entity under a contractual arrangement agreed between the borrowers and lender, in exchange for interest throughout the life of the loan and expected repayment of the loan at maturity.

<b>Maturity</b>	The period of time for which a financial instrument remains outstanding. Maturity refers to a finite time period at the end of which the financial instrument will cease to exist and the principal is repaid with interest. The term is most commonly used in the context of fixed income investments, such as bonds.
<b>Morningstar Rating</b>	A ranking ranging from one to five stars, with five being the best, given to publicly traded mutual funds by the investment research firm Morningstar.
<b>Modified duration</b>	A measure of risk for fixed income securities as it predicts the sensitivity of the value of the fund's portfolio to a change in interest rates. The higher the value the greater the volatility of the fund's performance resulting from changes to interest rates. If the modified duration of a fund is 5 then the average price movement of the fund resulting from a +/- 1% change in interest rates is 5%.
<b>Ongoing Charge</b>	Estimated charges taken from the Fund over one year.
<b>Overweight / Underweight</b>	A situation where a portfolio holds an excess or lesser amount of a particular security when compared to the security's weight in the underlying benchmark portfolio.
<b>Portfolio Exposures</b>	A measurement of how much a fund is invested in a particular financial security and/or market sector and/or industry. The measurement is usually represented as a percentage of the overall fund or a percentage relative to its benchmark.
<b>Principal</b>	The original sum invested.
<b>Relative Curve Positioning by Duration Contribution</b>	The total duration of a bond portfolio is composed of various duration 'contributions' or exposure along the yield curve. The portfolio has exposure to various sectors of the yield curve (specifically 0-5yrs, 5-15yrs, 15-30yrs, +30yrs) and this exposure is then compared to the index to give the relative exposure, with a positive being an overweight exposure, and a negative an underweight compared to the benchmark.
<b>Spread Duration</b>	A measure of the percentage change in a bond price for a 1% change in credit spread.
<b>Sustainable</b>	Thematic and values-based approaches for sustainable outcomes. With financial and sustainability objectives, these Funds use responsible-investment approaches with greater exposure to ESG leaders and use of industry exclusions.
<b>Valuation Point</b>	The time at which the assets of a fund are priced.
<b>Yield</b>	A figure that shows the income return you receive from a bond. The yield displayed is the 'Effective Yield' of the fund; which takes into account reinvestment of all of the underlying bond coupon payments.
<b>Yield Curve</b>	A line that plots the interest rates at a set point in time having equal credit quality but differing maturity dates.
<b>Yield to Worst</b>	It is the lowest potential yield that can be received on a bond without the issuer actually defaulting. This figure is derived by weighting the Yield to Worst of each bond by its relative size in the portfolio.

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