

## Federated Hermes Sustainable European Equity Fund

Factsheet 30 September 2022

**Objective:** The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve long-term capital growth over a period of five years, whilst also having a reduced environmental footprint compared to the Benchmark and this is measured using carbon, water and waste metrics.

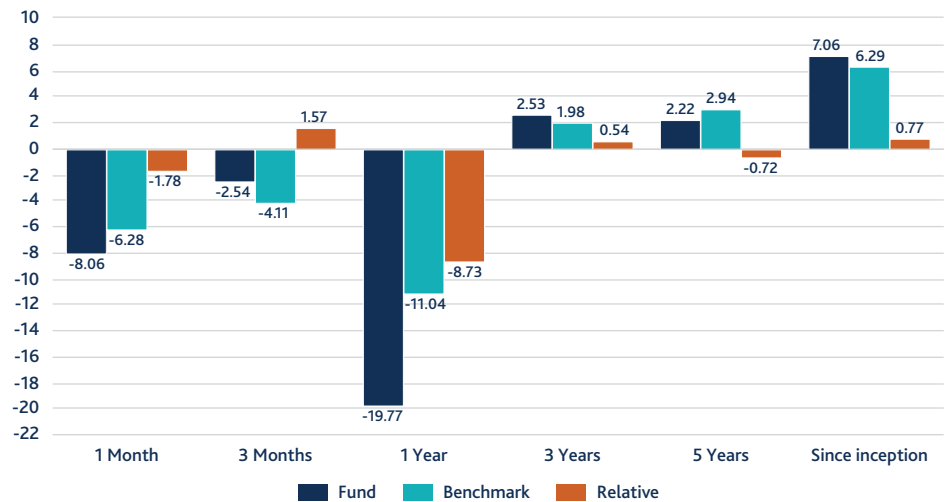
**Investment Approach:** The investment manager seeks to achieve its objective by investing in profitable companies that are undergoing or driving transformational change whose products, services and activities help to create a more sustainable future. This approach is strengthened by best-in-class integration of environmental, social and governance factors and outcomes-focused engagement that creates an unconstrained, concentrated portfolio of long-term sustainable investments.

### Fund information

Fund type	UCITS
Inception date	15 January 2010
Fund size (m)	£70.2 / €79.6 A\$120.0 / US\$77.7 S\$111.5
Lead Portfolio Manager	James Rutherford
Co-Portfolio Manager	Chi Chan
Investment Analysts	Richard Board Miras Mami
Benchmark	MSCI Europe Net
IA sector	Europe Including UK
No. of holdings	29
Concentration of top 10 holdings (%)	47.21
Base currency	Euro
Pricing	Daily
Valuation point	Midday
Ongoing Charge (%)	0.89
Share class	F Euro Accm
Min. investment	£100,000 or currency equivalent
ISIN	IE00B3T5ZC38
Valoren	12247338
WKN	A1JZ2U
Bloomberg ticker	HSEAFE
Morningstar Rating	★★
Citywire Rating	
FundCalibre Rating	
FE Crown Fund Rating	

Share classes - whether Accm or Dist, hedged or unhedged - are available in other currencies. Ongoing Charge as at 30 June 2022 (estimated number). Morningstar as at 31 August 2022. Citywire UK as at 31 August 2022, ratings have been awarded to the Portfolio Managers based on their risk-adjusted performance track record. FE Crown Fund Rating as at 01 July 2022. FundCalibre Rating as at 30 September 2022.

### Fund performance as at 30 September 2022 (%)



Performance over one year is annualised with relative data calculated arithmetically

### Performance as at 30 September 2022 (%)

	YTD	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Fund	-25.64	28.06	6.44	28.71	-13.89	8.35
Benchmark	-17.38	25.13	-3.32	27.52	-10.12	10.96

### Rolling year performance (%)

	30/09/21 to 30/09/22	30/09/20 to 30/09/21	30/09/19 to 30/09/20	30/09/18 to 30/09/19	30/09/17 to 30/09/18
Fund	-19.77	32.01	1.76	-1.08	4.69

	30/09/16 to 30/09/17	30/09/15 to 30/09/16	30/09/14 to 30/09/15	30/09/13 to 30/09/14	30/09/12 to 30/09/13
Fund	12.47	4.43	7.07	7.03	15.29

Prior to 29 October 2021 the Fund was called the Federated Hermes European Alpha Equity Fund with an objective of aiming to increase the value of your investment over a rolling period of any five years. After this date the fund converted to the Federated Hermes Sustainable European Equity Fund which included the addition of a secondary objective to have a reduced environmental footprint compared to the Benchmark. Prior to 26th June 2020, Federated Hermes European Alpha Equity Fund was named Hermes European Alpha Equity Fund. Performance not available for all of the above period. On 1 January 2020 the benchmark was changed from FTSE All World Europe Index to MSCI Europe Index. Fund performance shown is valued at midday, the benchmark is valued at close of business. Performance shown is the F share class Euro Accumulating net of all costs and management fees since seeding on 12 November 2012, prior track record is the Z share class Sterling Accumulating, fee and currency adjusted since inception net of all costs. Subscription and redemption fees are not included in the performance figures.

## Absolute portfolio exposures

### Top 10 holdings (%)

	Fund	Benchmark
Novo Nordisk	6.80	2.13
ASML	6.21	2.21
Merck	5.08	0.27
Wolters Kluwer	4.61	0.33
SAP	4.58	1.10
Deutsche Boerse	4.33	0.00
Lonza Group	4.09	0.47
Schneider Electric	3.94	0.80
Sika	3.84	0.38
Edenred	3.72	0.15

### Sector allocation (%)

	Fund	Benchmark
Industrials	24.98	14.10
Health Care	21.99	15.91
Information Technology	19.84	6.96
Financials	11.31	15.89
Consumer Discretionary	10.27	10.21
Materials	8.76	7.26
Consumer Staples	0.00	14.31
Energy	0.00	6.63
Utilities	0.00	4.23
Communication Services	0.00	3.60
Real Estate	0.00	0.90

### Top 10 country allocation (%)

	Fund	Benchmark
France	20.39	17.75
Germany	18.98	11.88
Netherlands	17.86	6.46
United Kingdom	15.56	24.37
Switzerland	10.40	16.86
Denmark	8.94	4.15
Sweden	2.52	5.35
Norway	2.48	1.23
Spain	0.00	3.71
Italy	0.00	3.55

Cash has been omitted from the sector & country allocations

### Federated Hermes

Federated Hermes is a global asset manager guided by the conviction that responsible investing is the best way to create long-term wealth.

The group offers access to capabilities that span equity, fixed income, private markets, multi-asset and liquidity management strategies, in addition to experienced stewardship.

Before making any investment (new or continuous) please consult a financial advisor as to its suitability.

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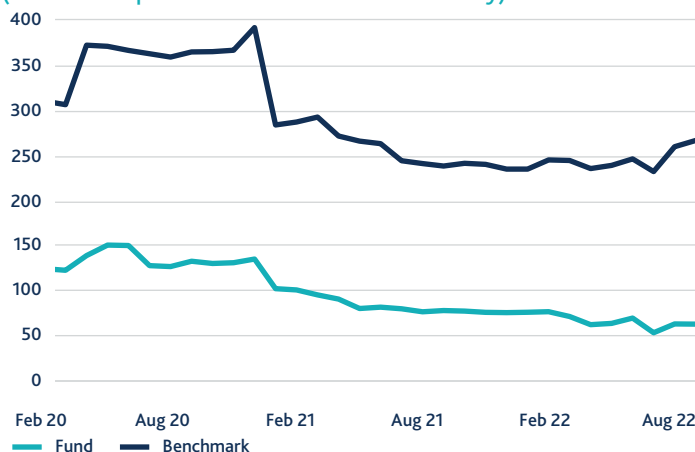
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## Environmental performance

(Base currency: Euro)

	Fund	Benchmark
 <b>Carbon Footprint</b> (Tonnes CO2 per million invested in base currency)	<b>62.42</b>	<b>266.39</b>
 <b>Water Footprint</b> (m <sup>3</sup> per million invested in base currency)	<b>8,425</b>	<b>28,173</b>
 <b>Waste Footprint</b> (Tonnes per million invested in base currency)	<b>2.55</b>	<b>13.10</b>

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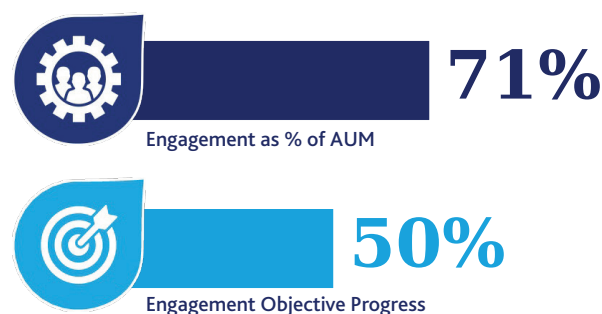


To measure the Fund's environmental performance the key performance indicators used are carbon, water and waste footprints. All three footprints measure the respective environmental impact of the companies within the Fund for every million units of currency invested. Carbon footprint accounts for both direct and indirect greenhouse gas emissions, which are covered in industry-standard definitions for Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions<sup>1</sup>. The water footprint accounts for both direct and indirect<sup>2</sup> water usage and the waste footprint accounts for waste that is incinerated, nuclear or sent to a landfill. The Fund's environmental performance is compared to that of the benchmark. For example, a smaller carbon footprint figure than the benchmark's is evidence that the Fund's emissions, adjusted for the market value held in the Fund, are lower than those of the benchmark. The measures shown in the table are accurate as of the end of the previous month. The chart shows the Fund's carbon footprint relative to the benchmark's over time.

Sources: Trucost. <sup>1</sup>Scope 1 relates to emissions from sources owned or controlled by the company. Scope 2 addresses indirect emissions associated with the generation of imported or purchased electricity, heat and/or steam. Scope 3 captures other indirect emissions that are a consequence of the company's activities but are generated by sources owned or controlled by another entity, such as employee business travel. <sup>2</sup>Direct water relates to water used for cooling and processing, plus purchased water from a utility company. Indirect water relates to water used for cooling and processing by the supply chain.

## Stewardship

Engagement coverage and progress



The stewardship data show engagement coverage, progress and voting activity for the past 12 months as at the end of the previous month.

**Engagement coverage:** shows the proportion of Fund AUM engaged by our stewardship team, EOS at Federated Hermes (EOS). A higher value confirms that more assets are currently being engaged on material ESG and strategic considerations to develop more sustainable business practices and effect positive change.

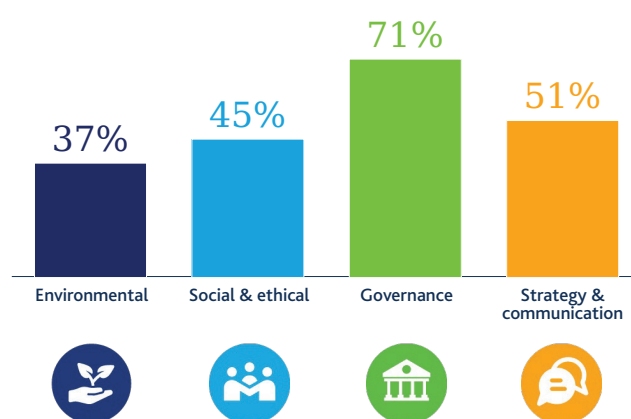
**Engagement progress:** expresses the success of engagements with Fund assets. The percentage value confirms the proportion of engagements that have progressed one milestone under EOS's proprietary tracking system.

**AUM engaged by theme:** conveys the ESG and strategic topics that assets have been engaged on over the past 12 months.

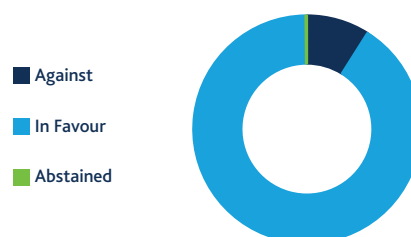
**Voting activity:** estimates voting activity at shareholder meetings based on Fund holdings at the end of the period. Votes are categorised as where the Fund either voted against management's recommendations on at least one resolution, entirely in favour of management's proposals, or abstained. EOS provides recommendations to the Fund on voting.

Source: EOS at Federated Hermes. Data is averaged over a 12-month rolling period.

Percentage of AUM engaged by theme



Voting activity (%)



### 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.
- 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.
- Sustainability Risk: The Fund has environmental and/or social characteristics and so may perform differently to other Funds, as its exposures reflect its sustainability criteria.
- For more information on risks please refer to the Key Investor Information Document and Prospectus.

### Glossary of terms

Accm or Accumulating	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.
Active ESG	Responsible, active investing for long-term performance. In seeking traditional financial objectives, these Funds employ responsible-investment approaches.
Benchmark	A standard against which the performance of a fund can be measured. Generally, broad market stock and bond indexes are used for this purpose.
Bloomberg Ticker	A string of characters or numbers to identify a listed company or entity on financial services news services.
Citywire Rating	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 +.
COB	Close of business.
Dist or Distributing	Income derived from the funds shares being paid to investors as dividends.
Engagement	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.
EOS at Federated Hermes (EOS)	A pioneer of effective stewardship and provider. Founded in 2004 on a legacy dating back to 1983, EOS provides investors worldwide with the following services: engagement, voting, public policy advocacy, responsible-investment policy advice and portfolio screening.
FE Crown Fund Rating	Ratings are compiled using three key measurements of a fund's performance. A five FE Crown Fund Rating reflects the highest tier.
Future	A financial contract obligating the buyer to purchase an asset (or the seller to sell an asset) at a pre-determined future date & price.
IA Sector	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.
Impact	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.
ISIN	International Securities Identification Numbers (ISIN) uniquely identify a financial security for trading and settlement purposes.
Morningstar Rating	A ranking ranging from one to five stars, with five being the best, given to publicly traded funds by the investment research firm Morningstar.
Ongoing Charge	Estimated charges taken from the Fund over one year.
Overweight / Underweight	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.
Portfolio Exposures	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.
Sustainable	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.
Valuation Point	The time at which the assets of a fund are priced.

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