

Supplement

# **Federated Hermes Biodiversity Equity Fund**

a sub-fund of Federated Hermes Investment Funds public limited company, an umbrella fund with segregated liability between sub-funds

Investment Manager – Hermes Investment Management Limited

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**This Supplement contains information relating to the Fund. This Supplement forms part of and should be read in conjunction with the prospectus of the Company dated 14 June 2022 as may be amended or updated from time to time (the “Prospectus”).**

Funds of the Company in existence as at the date of this Supplement are set out in the Global Supplement.

Unless the context requires otherwise, capitalised terms used in this Supplement shall have the meaning attributed to them in the Prospectus.

If you are in any doubt about the contents of this Supplement, you should consult your stockbroker, or other financial adviser.

The Directors of the Company, whose names appear under the heading “Management and Administration” in the Prospectus, accept responsibility for the information contained in the Prospectus and in this Supplement. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Supplement is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of the information.

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## Profile of a Typical Investor

The Fund may be suitable for investors seeking capital growth over at least a three to five year time horizon who understand and accept the associated level of risk attached to the Fund. For more information please refer to the section entitled "Risk Factors".

**An investment in the Fund should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investment portfolio and may not be appropriate for all investors.**

## Investment Objective and Policies

### Investment Objective

The investment objectives of the Fund are: (i) to achieve capital growth over a rolling five year period; and (ii) to invest in companies that are helping to protect and restore biodiversity or are reducing the threat to biodiversity through their measurable contribution to reducing one or more of land pollution, marine pollution and exploitation, unsustainable living, climate change, unsustainable farming, or deforestation.

### Investment Policy

The Fund is an Article 9 fund for the purpose of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 of the European Parliament and the Council on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector (SFDR). In the absence of finalised regulatory technical standards and appropriate verifiable data, the Manager is not currently in a position to determine whether the Fund invests in companies that contribute to the environmental objective of the protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems, as defined under the Taxonomy Regulation (EU) 2020/852. As such, the investments underlying this Fund do not take currently into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities, as defined under the Taxonomy Regulation.

The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objectives by investing at least 80% in a diversified portfolio of equity and equity-related securities (as referenced in the “Categories of Investments” section below) listed or traded on a Regulated Market worldwide. The Fund may invest up to 30% of its net assets in emerging markets.

In aiming to achieve superior long-term returns (i.e. returns that are superior in the sense that they provide positive benefit to the environment and society as well as long-term returns), the Investment Manager will also exclude investment in the following companies (based on information available to the Investment Manager on these companies):

- Companies that generate over 5% of their revenues from the extraction or exploration of fossil fuels or from the use of fossil fuels for electricity generation;
- Electricity utility companies with a carbon intensity that is not aligned with a below 1.5 degrees scenario;
- Companies that generate revenue from the manufacture of Controversial Weapons or by providing either an essential and/or tailor-made product or service to the manufacturers of Controversial Weapons and companies that generate over 5% of their revenues from production of conventional weapons;
- Companies that generate over 5% of their revenues from nuclear power;
- Companies that generate revenues from the production of tobacco products and companies that receive over 5% of their revenues from tobacco distribution;
- Companies that generate over 2% of their revenues from gambling products;
- Companies that generate over 2% of their revenues from adult entertainment products

- Companies that generate over 2% of their revenues from the production of alcohol and companies that receive over 5% of their revenues from alcohol distribution; and
- Companies that generate over 5% of their revenue from GMO crop production.

In addition, the Investment Manager excludes companies that are in contravention of the principles of the UN Global Compact.

## Investment Strategy

The Investment Manager intends to create an actively managed portfolio using a disciplined bottom up stock selection process. The sustainable investment opportunity that the strategy addresses is the superior growth that can compound over time from identifying companies adopting innovative approaches to protecting and restoring biodiversity.

The Investment Manager's process begins with a thematic framework whereby it has identified six themes that have a direct impact on biodiversity: land pollution, marine pollution and exploitation, unsustainable living, climate change, unsustainable farming, and deforestation. Each theme consists of a number of sub-themes which correspond to at least one of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals<sup>1</sup>. The industries within each sub-theme represent the initial investible universe for the Fund. For example, the land pollution theme consists of the following investible industries: waste management, plastic recycling and plastic alternatives, and hazardous chemical management.

The Investment Manager then aims to invest in best in class companies within one or more industries which help protect or restore biodiversity through their business operations, products or services. The Investment Manager seeks to achieve this by identifying companies for which biodiversity is the source of competitive advantage whilst also considering financial sustainability and long-term value creation. The Investment Manager believes companies which include biodiversity as a part of their risk mitigation and business strategies have better risk adjusted profiles given the huge systematic risk biodiversity poses to the world. At the same time, the Investment Manager seeks to identify those companies that have a clear understanding of their dependencies and impacts on biodiversity and sees this as a competitive advantage. The Investment Manager is looking for companies which are exposed to persistent and scalable sources of demand for the products/services that such companies provide alongside compelling valuation and financial sustainability, determined by reference to a company's financial statements and engagement with the companies themselves. These are determined by identifying companies which are providing innovative solutions to the various reasons for biodiversity loss. As estimated by the World Economic Forum, over 50% of the global GDP is highly or moderately dependent on nature and those companies that provide solutions to prevent loss of biodiversity, are by default exposed to persistent and scalable sources of demand for the products/services that such companies provide.<sup>2</sup>

In addition to the analysis of individual companies set out above, the Investment Manager will undertake assessment of the Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") qualities of each

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<sup>1</sup> Please refer to <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/?menu=1300> for further information on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

<sup>2</sup> Please refer to [WEF\\_New\\_Nature\\_Economy\\_Report\\_2020.pdf](https://www.weforum.org/reports/WEF-New-Nature-Economy-Report-2020) (weforum.org)

company. ESG includes environmental items (such as the impact on natural resources), social issues (such as human rights) and governance (being the way in which the company is run). The Investment Manager assesses the ESG characteristics of a company by considering ESG research and scores from a wide variety of sources such as proprietary analysis from EOS at Federated Hermes and third party providers such as ISS, CDP, MSCI, Sustainalytics and S&P Global Trucost amongst others. The Investment Manager's approach to ESG integration in its investment analysis draws upon both internal and external sources. The Investment Manager may invest in companies with poor ESG ratings where the company has shown to have good governance and meet the impact and sustainability characteristics outlined above. The ESG scores are also used to identify where active engagement with companies by the Investment Manager and EOS would be useful, with the aim of reducing underperformance from poor ESG behaviours while also encouraging companies to act responsibly and improve their sustainability characteristics. The percentage of companies in the Fund that are analysed for sustainability characteristics will always be between 90%-100%.

The Fund's market exposure (which is exposure to the categories of Investments outlined below, and excludes cash held by the Fund) may vary in time and will typically range between 95%-100% for long positions and 0% for short positions of the Net Asset Value of the Fund, depending on the Investment Manager's analysis of the prevailing market conditions and considered in light of the investment objective of the Fund. These ranges are not limits and the actual exposures may from time to time fall outside these estimated ranges.

The Fund is actively managed by the Investment Manager in accordance with the criteria set out in this Supplement and will seek to achieve its objective on an active basis, without reference to a benchmark.

The Company shall use the MSCI All Country World Investable Market Index for performance comparisons with the Fund on certain marketing materials (e.g. fund fact-sheets, investor reports, shareholder presentations etc), as deemed appropriate. The MSCI All Country World Investable Market Index is a free float adjusted market capitalisation weighted index that is designed to measure the performance of shares in large and mid-sized companies, denominated in various currencies, which are listed in both developed and emerging markets across the world.

The Investment Manager commits to donating 5% (minus any tax cost) of the annual management fee received (net of rebates and retrocessions) to charities that it believes are helping in the drive to protect and restore biodiversity.

## Categories of Investments

With the exception of permitted investments in unlisted securities, Eligible CIS, FDIs, cash and cash equivalents (for example, overnight deposits for efficient portfolio management purposes as detailed below), investments of the Fund will be listed or traded on a Regulated Market.

**Equity:** The Fund may invest in a diversified portfolio of equity (such as common and/or preferred stock and/or rights) and/or equity-related instruments (such as GDRs and ADRs) of, or relating to companies in, or that derive a large proportion of their revenue from, global developed and emerging markets. Investment in or exposure to such securities will be on a long-only basis. The Fund will continuously invest at least 66.67% of its net assets in equity assets as defined in sec. 2 para. 8 of the German Investment Tax Act (2018).

**Eligible CIS:** The Fund may acquire units/shares of appropriate Eligible CIS, including exchange-traded funds and other sub-funds of the Company, where such Eligible CIS satisfy the

requirements of the Central Bank. Investment in or exposure to such schemes will be on a long-only basis.

## Methods of Access and Efficient Portfolio Management

The Fund may gain exposure to the aforementioned equity and/or equity related securities and/or Eligible CIS through the use of FDIs and/or through investment in Convertible Debt Securities. A decision to use FDIs may be made for reasons such as efficiency (i.e. it may be cheaper to gain exposure to an underlying Investment than to purchase the Investment directly).

FDIs may also be used for efficient portfolio management purposes (for example, to assist in cash flow management, for cost effectiveness and for gaining exposure to certain markets and securities in a quicker and/or more efficient manner).

The FDIs which may be used by the Fund for such purposes include Futures and Options.

For efficient portfolio management purposes the Fund may invest in and/or gain exposure to financial indices, hold cash and/or invest in money market collective investment schemes (to, for example, equitise cash) subject to the conditions and limits of the Central Bank. Please see the section headed "Investment in FDIs and Efficient Portfolio Management" in the Prospectus for more information.

Any indices to which exposure is achieved will be in line with the investment strategy of the Fund. If utilised, details of the financial indices in which the Fund invests and/or gains exposure to will be found via **[www.hermes-investment.com/financial-indices](http://www.hermes-investment.com/financial-indices)**.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Fund does not enter into repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements and/or engage in stock lending.

## Cash Management

The Fund's use of FDIs may result in it holding a portion of its Net Asset Value in cash or collateral holdings and in such circumstances the Fund may seek to implement an effective cash management policy. In pursuit of this policy the Fund may invest in collective investment schemes and money market instruments (such as short-dated government-backed securities, floating-rate notes, commercial paper, certificates of deposit, call accounts, treasury bills and treasury notes) and FDIs (of the type noted above).

## Leverage and Global Exposure

The Fund may be leveraged up to 10% of its Net Asset Value. That is, the total exposure associated with the investments of the Fund, including investments in FDIs, may amount to 110% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund and will be calculated using the commitment approach.

## Currency Hedging Policy

The Fund may enter into transactions for the purposes of hedging the currency exposure in accordance with the sections entitled "Hedging at Portfolio Level", "Hedging at Share Class Level



against Base Currency” and “Hedging at Share Class Level against Portfolio Currencies” in the Prospectus.

## Risk Factors

Potential investors and Shareholders are referred to the section of the Prospectus entitled "Risk Factors". Regard should be had to the risks outlined under the heading "General Risk Factors" as each of these risk factors will be relevant in the context of an investment in the Fund.

In addition, investors should specifically refer to the following risks that appear under the heading "Fund Specific Risk Factors", as these relate to risks arising as a result of the Fund's Investments and/or portfolio management techniques:

Risk	Prospectus page reference
Sustainability Risk	25
Thematic Risk	27
Depositary Receipts Risk	31
Emerging Markets Risk	32
Equity Risk	34
Futures Risk	37
Small and Mid-Cap Companies Risk	42

## Dealing Information

<b>Dealing Deadline</b>	9.30 am (Irish time) on the relevant Dealing Day.
<b>Valuation</b>	The Valuation Point will be 12 noon (Irish time) on each Dealing Day. The value of instruments or securities which are quoted, listed or dealt in on a Regulated Market shall (save in certain specific cases) be the last traded price on such Regulated Market as at the Valuation Point, or the latest mid-market price as at the Valuation Point when no last traded price is available.
<b>Income Equalisation</b>	The Fund operates Income Equalisation.
<b>Timing of Payment for Subscriptions</b>	Payment must be received by the Administrator by close of business on the third Business Day following the applicable Dealing Day.
<b>Timing of Payment for Redemptions</b>	Redemption proceeds will be paid on the third Business Day following the relevant Dealing Day.
<b>Administrator's Fee</b>	Up to 0.04% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund accrued and calculated daily and payable monthly in arrears. The Fund will also pay other costs to the Administrator such as transfer agency charges and transaction fees. Details are set out in the Prospectus in the section entitled "Fees and Expenses".
<b>Depositary's Fee</b>	The Fund will bear transaction and custody charges which are calculated on the basis of the assets held. The Fund will also pay a depositary fee of up to 0.0110% of its Net Asset Value to the Depositary. The Fund will also pay other costs to the Depositary such as out-of-pocket expenses and sub-custodial fees and expenses. Details are set out in the Prospectus in the section entitled "Fees and Expenses".
<b>Other Fees and Expenses</b>	All fees and expenses, not exceeding GBP50,000, relating to the establishment of the Fund, including the fees of the advisers to the Company, such as legal advisers, will be borne by the Fund and will be amortised over the first five financial years of the lifetime of the Fund or such other period as the Directors may determine and advise to Shareholders, for example via the Company's financial statements. The Fund shall bear its attributable proportion of the organisational and operating expenses of the Company (including the establishment expenses of the Fund). Details of these and of other fees and expenses relating to the Company are set out in the Prospectus in the section entitled "Fees and Expenses".
<b>Compulsory Redemption Threshold</b>	All the Shares of the Fund may be compulsorily redeemed at the discretion of the Directors if, after the first anniversary of the first issue of Shares of the Fund, the Net Asset Value of the Fund falls below GBP100,000,000 for any period of time.

## Share Class Information

### Fees

Class	Management Fee (Max)
A	1.50%
F	0.75%
I	0.75%
K	0.60%
L	0.60%
M	0.45%
P	0.75%
R	1.50%
T*	0.00%
X	0.25%
Z**	0.00%

\*Shareholders in the Class T Shares will be subject to a fee with regard to their investment in the Fund based on the Client Agreement between them and the Investment Manager or its affiliate. This fee will not exceed 1% per annum of the value of the Shareholder's holding in the Fund. The Investment Manager (or its affiliate, if relevant) reserves the right to repurchase the entire holding of Shares of any Shareholder (deducting any amount owed for unpaid investment management fees), if the relevant Client Agreement is terminated for any reason whatsoever.

\*\*Shareholders in the Class Z Shares will be subject to a fee with regard to their investment in the Fund based on the Client Agreement between them and the Investment Manager or its affiliate. This fee will not exceed 3% per annum of the value of the Shareholder's holding in the Fund. The Investment Manager (or its affiliate, if relevant) reserves the right to repurchase the entire holding of Shares of any Shareholder (deducting any amount owed for unpaid investment management fees), if the relevant Client Agreement is terminated for any reason whatsoever.

### Minimum Transactions

Class	Minimum Initial Subscription Amount	Minimum Subsequent Subscription Amount	Minimum Holding Amount	Minimum Redemption Amount
A	USD 1,000	No minimum	USD 1,000	No minimum
F	GBP 100,000	No minimum	GBP 100,000	No minimum
I	USD 1,000,000	No minimum	USD 1,000,000	No minimum
K	USD 100,000,000	No minimum	USD 100,000,000	No minimum
L	GBP 100,000,000	No minimum	GBP 100,000,000	No minimum
M	GBP 200,000,000	No minimum	GBP 200,000,000	No minimum
P	GBP 400,000	No minimum	GBP 400,000	No minimum
R	EUR 1,000	No minimum	EUR 1,000	No minimum
T	GBP 1,000	No minimum	GBP 1,000	No minimum
X	GBP 10,000,000	No minimum	GBP 10,000,000	No minimum
Z	Per Client Agreement	Per Client Agreement	Per Client Agreement	Per Client Agreement

The above amounts can be paid in the currency stated or its foreign currency equivalent.

## Capacity Management

The Directors may, at their absolute discretion, impose capacity management related constraints on the Fund. Please see the section headed "Capacity Management" in the Prospectus for more information. Details about whether the Fund is currently under capacity management constraints will be published on the Manager's website: **[www.hermes-investment.com/capacitymanagement](http://www.hermes-investment.com/capacitymanagement)**.

## Initial Offer of Shares

As more particularly described in the Prospectus, the Company offers 17 Classes of Shares with various distribution policies, distribution frequencies, hedging policies and currencies in each Class.

The table below sets out details of the Classes of Shares in the Fund approved by the Central Bank, and the Classes which are available for purchase as at the date of this Supplement. Unless otherwise indicated by (\*), the currency available in each Class of Shares set out below are available in hedged and unhedged versions.

Currency	Accumulating	Distributing Annually	Distributing Semi Annually	Distributing Quarterly	Distributing Monthly	Distributing Quarterly**	Distributing Monthly**
GBP	<b>A</b>	<b>A1</b>	<b>A2</b>	<b>A3</b>	<b>A4</b>	<b>A5</b>	<b>A6</b>
EUR	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged
USD*							
CHF							
SEK							
NOK							
DKK							
HKD	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged
SGD							
AUD							
CNH							
CAD							
JPY							
GBP	<b>F</b>	<b>F1</b>	<b>F2</b>	<b>F3</b>	<b>F4</b>	<b>F5</b>	<b>F6</b>
EUR	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged
USD*							
CHF							
SEK							
NOK							
DKK							
HKD	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged
SGD							
AUD							
CNH							
CAD							
JPY							
GBP	<b>I</b>	<b>I1</b>	<b>I2</b>	<b>I3</b>	<b>I4</b>	<b>I5</b>	<b>I6</b>
EUR	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged
USD*							
CHF							
SEK							

NOK							
DKK							
HKD							
SGD							
AUD	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged
CNH							
CAD							
JPY							
GBP	<b>K</b>	<b>K1</b>	<b>K2</b>	<b>K3</b>	<b>K4</b>	<b>K5</b>	<b>K6</b>
EUR							
USD*							
CHF	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged
SEK							
NOK							
DKK							
HKD							
SGD							
AUD	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged
CNH							
CAD							
JPY							
GBP	<b>L</b>	<b>L1</b>	<b>L2</b>	<b>L3</b>	<b>L4</b>	<b>L5</b>	<b>L6</b>
EUR							
USD*							
CHF	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged
SEK							
NOK							
DKK							
HKD							
SGD							
AUD	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged
CNH							
CAD							
JPY							
GBP	<b>M</b>	<b>M1</b>	<b>M2</b>	<b>M3</b>	<b>M4</b>	<b>M5</b>	<b>M6</b>
EUR							
USD*							
CHF	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged
SEK							
NOK							
DKK							
HKD							
SGD	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged
AUD							

CNH							
CAD							
JPY							
GBP	<b>P</b>	<b>P1</b>	<b>P2</b>	<b>P3</b>	<b>P4</b>	<b>P5</b>	<b>P6</b>
EUR	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged
USD*							
CHF							
SEK	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged
NOK							
DKK							
HKD	Portfolio Hedged	Portfolio Hedged	Portfolio Hedged	Portfolio Hedged	Portfolio Hedged	Portfolio Hedged	Portfolio Hedged
SGD							
AUD							
CNH							
CAD							
JPY							
GBP	<b>R</b>	<b>R1</b>	<b>R2</b>	<b>R3</b>	<b>R4</b>	<b>R5</b>	<b>R6</b>
EUR	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged
USD*							
CHF							
SEK	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged
NOK							
DKK							
HKD	Portfolio Hedged	Portfolio Hedged	Portfolio Hedged	Portfolio Hedged	Portfolio Hedged	Portfolio Hedged	Portfolio Hedged
SGD							
AUD							
CNH							
CAD							
JPY							
GBP	<b>T</b>		<b>T2</b>				
EUR	Unhedged		Unhedged				
USD*	Hedged		Hedged				
GBP	<b>X</b>	<b>X1</b>	<b>X2</b>	<b>X3</b>	<b>X4</b>	<b>X5</b>	<b>X6</b>
EUR	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged
USD*							
CHF							
SEK	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged
NOK							
DKK							
HKD	Portfolio Hedged	Portfolio Hedged	Portfolio Hedged	Portfolio Hedged	Portfolio Hedged	Portfolio Hedged	Portfolio Hedged
SGD							
AUD							
CNH							
CAD							



JPY							
GBP	<b>Z</b>	<b>Z1</b>	<b>Z2</b>	<b>Z3</b>	<b>Z4</b>	<b>Z5</b>	<b>Z6</b>
EUR							
USD*							
CHF							
SEK	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged	Unhedged
NOK							
DKK							
HKD							
SGD							
AUD	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged	Hedged
CNH							
CAD							
JPY							

\*Hedged USD Shares are not available.

\*\* Certain Fees and Expenses are charged against Capital

Share Classes which have received subscriptions have a price available, which can be found via [www.hermes-investment.com/products](http://www.hermes-investment.com/products). Where no price is available for a Share Class in respect to Share Classes that have not received subscriptions, the Initial Offer Period will start at 9 a.m. on 15 June 2022 and close at 5 p.m. on 14 December 2022.

The Initial Offer Price per Share Class shall be determined by reference to the currency denomination of the Share Class and is as follows:

GBP	EUR	USD	CHF	SEK	NOK	DKK	HKD	SGD	AUD	CNH	CAD	JPY
1	2	2	2	20	20	10	20	3	3	10	2	200

The base currency of the Fund is US Dollars.