

# Federated Hermes Clover Small Value Fund

Nasdaq symbol — R6: VSFSX | IS: VSFIX | A: VSFAX | C: VSFCX | R: VSFRX

12/31/24

## Product highlights

- Pursues capital appreciation by investing primarily in stocks of high-quality, small-cap companies trading at attractive values.
- Selects stocks through a disciplined and repeatable fundamental research process seeking to identify catalysts for positive change.
- Invests in all types of value stocks, including deep, relative and cyclical.
- Provides style pure alternative for investors seeking small cap value exposure.

## Morningstar category

Small Value

## Benchmark

Russell 2000<sup>®</sup> Value Index

## Key investment team

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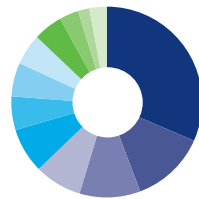
## Fund statistics

|                             |               |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Portfolio assets            | \$172.9 m     |
| Number of securities        | 88            |
| Dividends                   | Paid annually |
| Weighted average price/book | 2.4           |
| Weighted average P/E (NTM)  | 16.0x         |
| Weighted average P/E (LTM)  | 24.0x         |
| Weighted median market cap  | \$4.1 b       |
| Weighted average P/CF       | 13.4x         |

## Top holdings (%)

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| UMB Financial Corp.             | 2.9 |
| Idacorp, Inc.                   | 2.5 |
| Old National Bancorp.           | 2.5 |
| Kite Realty Group Trust         | 2.2 |
| FNB Corp.                       | 2.1 |
| Northern Oil and Gas, Inc.      | 2.1 |
| EPR Properties                  | 1.9 |
| Northwestern Energy Group, Inc. | 1.9 |
| Wintrust Financial Corporation  | 1.9 |
| Prosperity Bancshares, Inc.     | 1.8 |

## Sector weightings (%)



|                        |      |                        |     |
|------------------------|------|------------------------|-----|
| Financials             | 31.4 | Materials              | 5.7 |
| Industrials            | 12.8 | Utilities              | 5.2 |
| Real Estate            | 10.5 | Energy                 | 4.9 |
| Information Technology | 8.1  | Consumer Staples       | 3.2 |
| Consumer Discretionary | 7.7  | Communication Services | 1.9 |
| Health Care            | 5.7  | Cash/Cash Equivalents  | 2.9 |

## 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                     | 2/28/96               | -1.12              | 10.00  | 3.68   | 9.77   | 7.22    | 9.95            | 1.14           | 0.82          |
| IS                     | 2/28/96               | -1.14              | 9.94   | 3.61   | 9.70   | 7.20    | 10.00           | 1.24           | 0.89          |
| A                      | 2/28/96               | -1.19              | 9.65   | 3.36   | 9.43   | 6.93    | 9.86            | 1.48           | 1.14          |
| C                      | 2/28/96               | -1.38              | 8.85   | 2.56   | 8.58   | 6.28    | 9.63            | 2.23           | 1.96          |
| R                      | 2/28/96               | -1.21              | 9.55   | 3.26   | 9.35   | 6.87    | 9.64            | 1.72           | 1.23          |
| Benchmark              |                       | -1.06              | 8.05   | 1.94   | 7.29   | 7.14    | -               | -              | -             |
| Maximum offering price |                       |                    |        |        |        |         |                 |                |               |
| A                      | 2/28/96               | -6.63              | 3.62   | 1.43   | 8.20   | 6.33    | 9.64            | 1.48           | 1.14          |
| C                      | 2/28/96               | -2.27              | 7.87   | 2.56   | 8.58   | 6.28    | 9.63            | 2.23           | 1.96          |

## Calendar year total returns (%)

Institutional Shares/NAV

|           | 2024 | 2023  | 2022   | 2021  | 2020 | 2019  | 2018   | 2017  | 2016  | 2015  |
|-----------|------|-------|--------|-------|------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| NAV       | 9.94 | 10.64 | -8.56  | 30.60 | 9.36 | 19.95 | -18.14 | 12.39 | 21.98 | -6.29 |
| Benchmark | 8.05 | 14.65 | -14.48 | 28.27 | 4.63 | 22.39 | -12.86 | 7.84  | 31.74 | -7.47 |

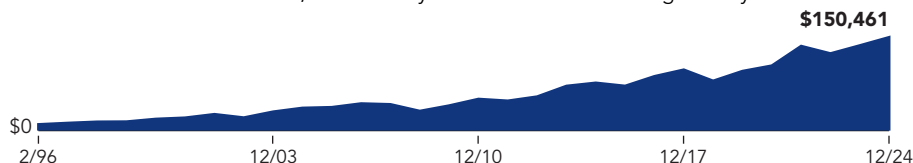
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\* The fund's expense ratio is from the most recent prospectus. The expense ratio may reflect voluntary fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements determined by the fund's Advisor and its affiliates. The voluntary waivers and/or reimbursements, if applicable, are in effect up to but not including the later of 12/1/25 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 2/29/96 (month end of the fund's performance inception) and reinvested all distributions, here's how your account would have grown by 12/31/24.



The performance information provided for the periods prior to August 28, 2009 is historical information of the Touchstone Diversified Small Cap Value Fund (the "Touchstone Small Fund"). The fund is the successor to the Touchstone Small Fund pursuant to a reorganization that took place on August 28, 2009.

The fund's R Shares commenced operations on December 1, 2010. For the period prior to the commencement of operations for the R Shares, the performance information shown is for the fund's A Shares adjusted to reflect the expenses of the R Shares. In addition, the performance information shown has been adjusted to reflect the absence of sales charges applicable to the A Shares.

The fund's R6 Shares commenced operations on March 29, 2016. For the period prior to the commencement of operations for the R6 Shares, the performance information shown is for the A Shares adjusted to reflect the expenses of the R6 class for each year for which the expenses of the R6 would have exceeded the actual expenses paid by the fund's A Shares. The performance information has also been adjusted to reflect the absence of sales charges applicable to the A Shares.

### A word about risk

Mutual funds are subject to risks and fluctuate in value.

Diversification does not assure a profit nor protect against loss.

Because the fund may allocate relatively more assets to certain industry sectors than others, the fund's performance may be more susceptible to any developments which affect those sectors emphasized by the fund.

The value of equity securities in the fund's portfolio will fluctuate and, as a result, the fund's share price may decline. Equity securities may decline in value because of an increase in interest rates or changes in the stock market.

Small-cap companies may have less liquid stock, a more volatile share price, unproven track records, a limited product or service base and limited access to capital. The above factors could make small-cap companies more likely to fail than larger companies and increase the volatility of the fund's portfolio, performance and price. Suitable securities of small-cap companies also can have limited availability and cause capacity constraints on investment strategies for funds that invest in them.

Value stocks tend to have higher dividends and thus have a higher income-related component in their total return than growth stocks. Value stocks also may lag growth stocks in performance, particularly in late stages of a market advance.

The fund's use of derivative instruments involves risks different from, or possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in securities and other traditional instruments.

### Definitions

**The holdings percentages** are based on net assets at the close of business on 12/31/24 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.

**Growth over time** performance is for the fund's A Shares. Figures do not reflect the 5.5% maximum sales charge. The fund offers additional share classes whose performance will vary due to differences in charges and expenses.

**Weighted average P/E (LTM - last twelve months)** is a ratio comparing current share price to trailing 12-month earnings per share.

**Weighted average P/E (NTM - next twelve months)** is an average comparing share price to earnings per share with values greater than 75 are capped at 75 and excludes negatives.

*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 [FederatedHermes.com/us](http://FederatedHermes.com/us). Please carefully read the summary prospectus or the prospectus before investing.*

*Past performance is no guarantee of future results.*

**Weighted median market capitalization** is the calculation represented by the median market capitalization of the stocks in the portfolio, weighted by the amount of each stock.

**Weighted average price/cash flow** is a ratio comparing current share price to trailing 12-month cash flow per share.

**Weighted average price/book** is a ratio comparing share price to book value, or total assets minus total liabilities.

**Russell 2000® Value Index** measures the performance of small-cap value segment of the US equity universe. It includes those Russell 2000® Index companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values. The Russell 2000 Value® Index is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased barometer for the small-cap value segment and is completely reconstituted annually to ensure larger stocks do not distort the performance and characteristics of the true small-cap opportunity set and that the represented companies continue to reflect value characteristics.

Indexes are unmanaged and cannot be invested in directly.

### Ratings and rating agencies

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