Federated Hermes Kaufmann Fund



Nasdaq symbol — IS: KAUIX | A: KAUAX | C: KAUCX | R: KAUFX

12/31/23

Product highlights

- Pursues capital appreciation.
- Invests primarily in reasonably priced stocks of mid- and small-cap companies that exhibit positive growth characteristics.
- Selects stocks through an intensive, bottom-up process that includes frequent conversations with key executives and employees, regular on-site visits, industry analysis and thorough fundamental research.
- Managed by an experienced growth team, comprised of portfolio managers, analysts and industry-dedicated specialists.
- Features a performance history of more than 35 years.

Morningstar category

Mid-Cap Growth

Benchmark

Russell Midcap® Growth Index

Key investment team

John Ettinger, CFA
Hans Utsch
Tom Brakel, M.D.
Mark Bauknight
Barbara Miller
Stephen DeNichilo, CFA
Steven Abrahamson
Aditi Singhania

Fund statistics

Portfolio assets	\$4.9 b
Number of securities	173
Dividends	Paid annually
Portfolio beta (Source: 3 Year monthly linked FactSet Calculated beta vs. fund benchmark)	0.85
Weighted median P/E (NTM)	31.1x
Weighted median P/E (LTM)	40.2x
Weighted median market cap	\$31.0 b
Weighted median price/book	7.3x

Top holdings (%)

Top Holdings (70)	
Argenx SE	4.9
Dexcom, Inc.	2.9
Wingstop, Inc.	2.4
Blue Owl Capital - PIPE	2.1
CoStar Group Inc	2.0
Quanta Services, Inc.	1.9
Danaher Corporation	1.8
New Fortress Energy, Inc.	1.8
ServiceNow, Inc.	1.8
Hamilton Lane, Inc.	1.6

Sector weightings (%)



Average annual total returns (%)

Performance shown is before tax.

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Calendar year total returns (%)

Institutional Shares/NAV

		2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
	NAV	15.53	-29.97	3.02	29.07	33.88	3.94	28.52	3.07	5.96	9.14
	Benchmark	25.87	-26.72	12.73	35.59	35.47	-4.75	25.27	7.33	-0.20	11.90

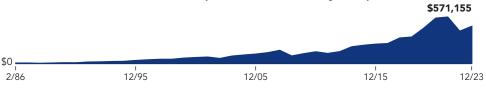
Performance quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than what is stated. To view performance current to the most recent month-end, and for after-tax returns, contact us or visit FederatedHermes.com/us. Maximum offering price figures reflect the maximum sales charge of 5.5% for A Shares, and the maximum contingent deferred sales charge of 1% for C Shares. See the prospectus for other fees and expenses that apply to a continued investment in the fund.

* 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 1/1/25 or the date of the fund's next effective prospectus.

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Growth over time

If you had invested \$10,000 in R Shares on 2/28/86 (month end of the fund's performance inception) and reinvested all distributions, here's how your account would have grown by 12/31/23.



The fund's Institutional Shares commenced operations on December 29, 2016. For the period prior to the commencement of operations of the Institutional Shares, the performance information shown is for R Shares adjusted to remove any voluntary waiver of fund expenses related to the fund's R Shares that occurred during the period prior to the commencement of the fund's Institutional Shares.

The fund is the successor to Kaufmann Fund, Inc. (Kaufmann Fund) pursuant to a reorganization that took place on April 23, 2001. Prior to that date, the fund had no investment operations. Accordingly, for periods prior to that date, the performance information is that of Kaufmann Fund, adjusted to reflect the maximum sales charge or contingent deferred sales charge and expenses applicable to the fund's A and C Shares. For R Shares, the performance information provided is historical information of Kaufmann Fund.

A word about risk

Mutual funds are subject to risks and fluctuate in value.

Small company stocks may be less liquid and subject to greater price volatility than large capitalization stocks.

International investing involves special risks including currency risk, increased volatility, political risks, and differences in auditing and other financial standards.

Investing in IPOs involves special risks such as limited liquidity and increased volatility.

Definitions

The holdings percentages are based on net assets at the close of business on 12/31/23 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 R Shares. The fund offers additional share classes whose performance will vary due to differences in charges and expenses.

Beta analyzes the market risk of a fund by showing how responsive the fund is to the market. The beta of the market is 1.00. Accordingly, a fund with a 1.10 beta is expected to perform 10% better than the market in up markets and 10% worse in down markets. Usually the higher betas represent riskier investments.

Weighted median P/E (LTM - latest twelve months) is a ratio comparing share price to earnings per share using data from the previous twelve months.

Weighted median P/E (NTM - next twelve months) in calculating this, individual holdings with values greater than 60 are capped at 60 in accordance with Morningstar's methodology for calculating "weighted Median P/E."

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 median price/book is a ratio comparing share price to book value or assets minus liabilities.

Russell Midcap® Growth Index measures the performance of the mid-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell Midcap® Index companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. It is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased barometer of the mid-cap growth market. The index is completely reconstituted annually to ensure larger stocks do not distort the performance and characteristics of the true mid-cap growth market.

Indexes are unmanaged and cannot be invested in directly.

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. Please carefully read the summary prospectus or the prospectus before investing.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Ratings and rating agencies

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