

Federated Hermes MDT Small Cap Value Fund

Nasdaq symbol — R6: VFSX | IS: VFIX | A: VSFAX | C: VSCX | R: VSRX

3/31/26

Product highlights

- Pursues capital appreciation.
- Invests primarily in value stocks of small-cap US companies.
- Selects stocks primarily from companies that comprise the Russell 2000® Value Index through a bottom up, quantitatively-driven process.
- Seeks to remove subjective and emotional influences from security selection and capitalize on market inefficiencies.

Morningstar category

Small Value

Benchmark

Russell 2000® Value Index

Key investment team

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Fund statistics

Portfolio assets	\$150.3 m
Number of securities	201
Dividends	Paid annually
Weighted median P/E (NTM)	10.8x
Weighted median P/E (LTM)	17.9x
Weighted median market cap	\$2.6 b
Weighted median price/book	1.4x

Top holdings (%)

American Healthcare REIT Inc - REIT	2.6
BankUnited Inc.	1.4
CNO Financial Group, Inc.	1.4
CNX Resources Corp.	1.4
Byline Bancorp, Inc.	1.3
Essential Properties Realty Trust, Inc.	1.3
Jackson Financial Inc.	1.3
Trustmark Corp.	1.3
ONE Gas, Inc.	1.2
Portland General Electric Company	1.2

Sector weightings (%)



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	0.84	14.30	9.25	5.63	8.92	9.80	1.17	0.82
IS	2/28/96	0.80	14.20	9.18	5.56	8.86	9.85	1.27	0.89
A	2/28/96	0.76	13.97	8.90	5.30	8.59	9.70	1.53	1.14
C	2/28/96	0.54	13.02	8.06	4.48	7.93	9.48	2.28	1.96
R	2/28/96	0.70	13.81	8.79	5.21	8.53	9.49	1.77	1.23
Benchmark		4.96	28.09	13.80	5.79	9.61	-	-	-
Maximum offering price									
A	2/28/96	-4.78	7.70	6.87	4.12	7.98	9.49	1.53	1.14
C	2/28/96	-0.46	12.02	8.06	4.48	7.93	9.48	2.28	1.96

Calendar year total returns (%)

Institutional Shares/NAV

	YTD	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
NAV	0.80	7.08	9.94	10.64	-8.56	30.60	9.36	19.95	-18.14	12.39
Benchmark	4.96	12.59	8.05	14.65	-14.48	28.27	4.63	22.39	-12.86	7.84

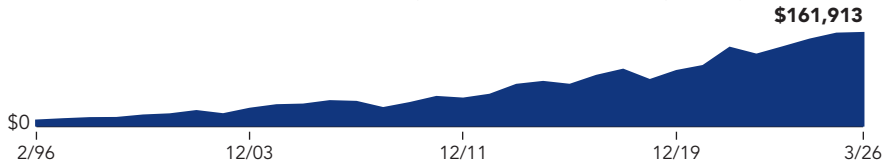
Performance quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than what is stated. 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 12/1/26 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 3/31/26.



Prior to November 26, 2025, the fund was named Federated Hermes Clover Small Value Fund and the fund's Advisor was Federated Equity Management Company of Pennsylvania. Effective November 26, 2025, the fund's name changed to Federated Hermes MDT Small Cap Value Fund; the fund's Advisor changed to Federated MDTA LLC; and, in connection with these changes, the investment strategy was revised to include the application of MDT's quantitative model driven by fundamental and technical stock selection variables to the Fund's small-cap value strategy.

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.

The quantitative models and analysis used by the fund's Advisor may perform differently than expected and negatively affect fund performance.

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.

Definitions

The holdings percentages are based on net assets at the close of business on 3/31/26 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 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."

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.

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 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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