

Nasdaq symbol — IS: FHUMX

3/31/26

## Product highlights

- Seeks long-term capital appreciation.
- Invests primarily in equity and/or equity-related securities of small- and mid-cap companies that are quoted or traded on regulated markets worldwide (primarily in the United States and Canada).
- Employs disciplined fundamental analysis in seeking to identify high-quality companies believed to have durable competitive advantages as well as stable growing revenues and cash flow.

## Morningstar category

Mid-Cap Growth

## Benchmark

Russell 2500<sup>®</sup> Index

## Key investment team

Mark Sherlock, CFA, FCA  
Henry Biddle, CFA, ACA  
Michael Russell, CFA

## Fund statistics

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| Portfolio assets  | \$4.6 m       |
| Number of securities  | 49            |
| Dividends   | Paid annually |
| Portfolio beta (Source: 3-year beta vs Russell 2500 <sup>®</sup> Index) | 1.00          |
| Weighted median P/E (NTM)   | 25.1x         |
| Weighted median P/E (LTM)   | 36.4x         |
| Weighted median market cap  | \$9.3 b       |
| Weighted median price/book  | 4.5x          |
| Weighted median EPS growth rate   | 15.6%         |
| Active share  | 95.1%         |

## Top holdings (%)

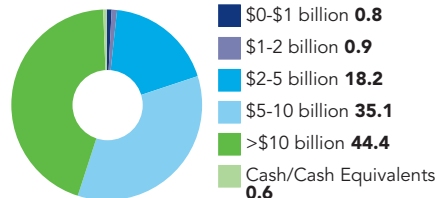
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| nVent Electric PLC, <i>United States</i>                 | 3.8 |
| Entegris, Inc., <i>United States</i>                     | 3.6 |
| Silicon Laboratories Inc., <i>United States</i>          | 3.5 |
| Community Financial System, Inc., <i>United States</i>   | 3.1 |
| Wintrust Financial Corporation, <i>United States</i>     | 3.1 |
| Axon Enterprise, Inc., <i>United States</i>              | 3.0 |
| Teradyne, Inc., <i>United States</i>                     | 2.8 |
| Woodward, Inc., <i>United States</i>                     | 2.8 |
| ESCO Technologies, Inc., <i>United States</i>            | 2.6 |
| West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc., <i>United States</i> | 2.5 |

## Overall Morningstar Rating™

Institutional Shares

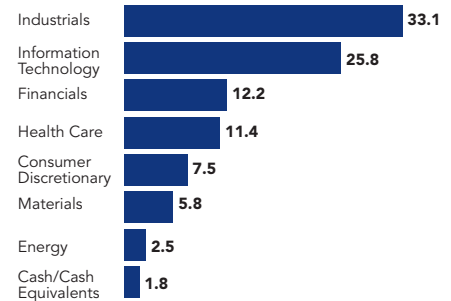


## Market cap (%)



Rating is based on risk adjusted total return for Institutional Shares out of 469 Funds in Mid-Cap Growth Category as of 3/31/26. The overall rating is derived from a weighted average of the fund's three-, five-, and ten-year average annual returns, as applicable.

## Sector weightings (%)



Totals may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

## Average annual total returns (%)

Performance shown is before tax.

| NAV       | Performance inception | Cumulative 3-month | 1-year | 3-year | 5-year | Expense ratio*  |                |               |
|-----------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
|           |                       |                    |        |        |        | Since inception | Before waivers | After waivers |
| IS        | 7/6/20                | 0.28               | 8.88   | 8.71   | 5.50   | 10.86           | 6.24           | 0.83          |
| Benchmark |                       | 2.04               | 23.45  | 13.25  | 5.48   | -               | -              | -             |

## Calendar year total returns (%)

Institutional Shares/NAV

| NAV       | YTD  | 2025  | 2024  | 2023  | 2022   | 2021  | 2020  | 2019  | 2018   | 2017  |
|-----------|------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| NAV       | 0.28 | -1.45 | 14.51 | 22.01 | -16.52 | 23.02 | -     | -     | -      | -     |
| Benchmark | 2.04 | 11.91 | 12.00 | 17.42 | -18.37 | 18.18 | 19.90 | 27.77 | -10.00 | 16.81 |

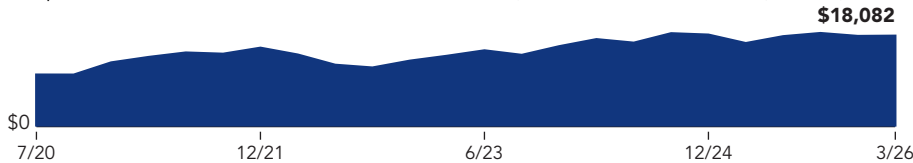
Performance quoted represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than what is stated. To view performance current to the most recent month-end, and for after-tax returns, contact us or visit [FederatedHermes.com/us](https://FederatedHermes.com/us). See the prospectus for other fees and expenses that apply to a continued investment in the funds.

\* 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 9/1/26 or the date of the fund's next effective prospectus.

# Federated Hermes U.S. SMID Fund

## Growth over time

If you had invested \$10,000 in Institutional Shares on 7/31/20 (month end of the fund's performance inception) and reinvested all distributions, here's how your account would have grown by 3/31/26.



Federated Global Investment Management Company is the advisor of the fund and Hermes Investment Management Limited is the sub advisor.

### A word about risk

Mutual funds are subject to risks and fluctuate in value.

Mid-capitalization companies often have narrower markets and limited managerial and financial resources compared to larger and more established companies.

Diversification does not assure a profit nor protect against loss.

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.

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.

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

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.

Growth stocks tend to have higher valuations and thus are typically more volatile than value stocks. Growth stocks also may not pay dividends or may pay lower dividends than value stocks.

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 Institutional Shares. The fund offers an additional share class 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 EPS growth rate** is the estimated average annual growth rate of fiscal year earnings per share.

**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.

**Active share** is a measure of the percentage of stock holdings in a portfolio that differ from the benchmark index.

**Russell 2500® Index** measures the performance of the small to mid-cap segment of the US equity universe, commonly referred to as "smid" cap. The Russell 2500® Index is a subset of the Russell 3000® Index. It includes approximately 2500 of the smallest securities based on a combination of their market cap and current index membership. The Russell 2500® Index is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased barometer for the small to mid-cap segment. The Index is completely reconstituted annually to ensure larger stocks do not distort the performance and characteristics of the true small to mid-cap opportunity set.

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](http://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

Morningstar Category identifies funds based on their actual investment styles as measured by their underlying portfolio holdings over the past three years. If the fund is less than three years old, the category is based on the life of the fund. ©2026 Morningstar, Inc. All Rights Reserved. The information contained herein: (1) is proprietary to Morningstar; (2) may not be copied or distributed; and (3) is not warranted to be accurate, complete or timely. Neither Morningstar nor its content providers are responsible for any damages or losses arising from any use of this information. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

The Morningstar Rating™ for funds, or "star rating", is calculated for managed products (including mutual funds, variable annuity and variable life subaccounts, exchange-traded funds, closed-end funds, and separate accounts) with at least a three-year history. Exchange-traded funds and open-ended mutual funds are considered a single population for comparative purposes. It is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product's monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a managed product is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its three-, five-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. The weights are: 100% three-year rating for 36-59 months of total returns, 60% five-year rating/40% three-year rating for 60-119 months of total returns, and 50% 10-year rating/30% five-year rating/20% three-year rating for 120 or more months of total returns. While the 10-year overall star rating formula seems to give the most weight to the 10-year period, the most recent three-year period actually has the greatest impact because it is included in all three rating periods. Ratings do not take sales charges into account. Federated Hermes U.S. SMID Fund was rated against the following numbers of US-domiciled Mid-Cap Growth funds over the following time periods. Ratings are for Institutional Shares; other classes may have different performance characteristics. For the 3- and 5-year periods ended 3/31/26, the fund received 3 and 4 stars, and was rated among 469 and 448 funds, respectively. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.