

Federated Hermes Kaufmann IPO update

Investing in the Kaufmann funds can provide early access to promising growth companies.

U.S. IPO market update

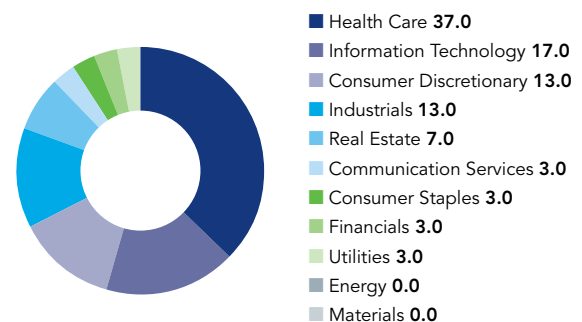
Initial public offerings (IPOs) are part of a healthy movement of capital into new, more productive growth channels. The IPO market continued to build momentum in 1Q24 with 30 IPOs raising \$7.8 b (triple the proceeds of 1Q23). We believe the IPO market is recovering well after a two year lull.

U.S. IPO activity - last five quarters

	1Q24	4Q23	3Q23	2Q23	1Q23
Number of deals	30	26	30	23	29
Proceeds raised (billions)	\$7.8	\$2.8	\$7.8	\$6.6	\$2.3
Median deal size (millions)	\$100.0	\$10.0	\$10.0	\$19.0	\$15.0

As of 3/31/24. Source: Renaissance Capital.

1Q24 sector breakdown (%)



As of 3/31/24. Source: Renaissance Capital. Breakdown by percent of IPOs. Total may not sum to 100 due to rounding.

Kaufmann IPO participation in 1Q24

Actively selective

- The Federated Hermes Kaufmann team pursues long-term growth opportunities at the best possible price, whether by uncovering up-and-coming companies through intensive research, increasing positions in attractive companies when the overall market stumbles or identifying strong potential at the IPO stage
- Earlier participation in a significant capital raising event, before mainstream investors, offers a potentially better entry point and a longer runway for potential outperformance
- The team typically participates in 30-50% of the IPOs in the U.S. through their small-, mid- and large-cap growth equity portfolios
- As of 3/31/24, companies that were first purchased at IPO comprised the following percentage of each Federated Hermes Kaufmann fund:
 - » 40.97% of the Federated Hermes Kaufmann Small Cap Fund
 - » 21.23% of the Federated Hermes Kaufmann Fund
 - » 6.03% of the Federated Hermes Kaufmann Large Cap Fund
- The Federated Hermes Kaufmann Fund and Federated Hermes Kaufmann Large Cap Fund did not participate in IPOs during the quarter. However, the team continues to actively vet potential opportunities as the market is often full of opportunities in the early stages of an IPO rebound.

	Ticker symbol	Date of IPO	Price of IPO	Price as of 3/31/24
Federated Hermes Kaufmann Small Cap Fund IPOs				
Boundless Bio, Inc.	BOLD	3/28/24	\$16.00	\$14.25
Smith Douglas Homes Corp.	SDHC	1/1/24	\$21.00	\$29.70

Source: FactSet. Information as of 3/31/24. The fund is a managed portfolio and holdings are subject to change. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** For current fund performance, visit FederatedHermes.com/us.

The Federated Hermes Kaufmann funds can provide early access to potentially significant growth opportunities. Learn more by calling 1-888-400-7838.

As of 3/31/24.

IPO market data includes IPOs and direct listings with a market cap of at least \$50 million and excludes closed-end funds and SPACs.

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 prospectus before investing.

Please visit FederatedHermes.com/us and click on the Characteristics tab for more information on the portfolio. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. For current performance, visit FederatedHermes.com/us.

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

Portfolio holdings are subject to change. Portfolio composition percentages are based on net assets at the close of business on the date indicated and may not necessarily reflect adjustments that are routinely made when presenting net assets for formal financial statement purposes. Because this a managed portfolio, the investment mix will change.

Mutual funds are subject to risks and fluctuate in value.

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 share 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.