

# Federated Hermes MDT Market Neutral Fund



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The Federated Hermes MDT Market Neutral Fund employs a quantitative model to invest in companies within the Russell 3000® Index universe and it targets returns that are uncorrelated to market direction, i.e. zero beta. Federated Hermes MDT Advisers (MDT), which began managing the fund in September 2021, has been managing market neutral portfolios for more than 25 years.

## Returns independent of market direction

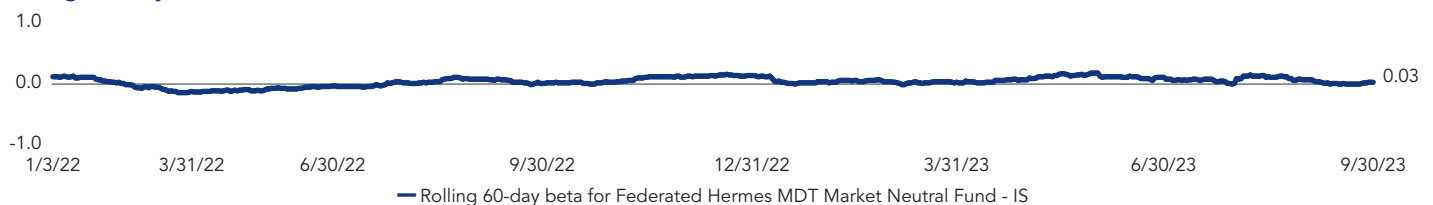
The fund seeks positive total returns uncorrelated to market direction. Over a difficult period for equity market investors, the fund continued to validate its investment process. Beta, while typically measured over longer time periods, has been consistent with historical measurements.

Total returns (%) - 1/1/22 through 9/30/23

	2022	2023		Cumulative	Annualized standard deviation
		Q3	YTD	1/1/22-9/30/23	1/1/22-9/30/23
<b>Federated Hermes MDT Market Neutral Fund - IS</b>	<b>9.46</b>	<b>5.20</b>	<b>4.30</b>	<b>14.16</b>	<b>8.12</b>
<b>ICE BofA US 3-Month Treasury Bill Index</b>	1.46	1.31	3.60	5.11	0.60
<b>Excess return</b>	<b>8.00</b>	<b>3.89</b>	<b>0.70</b>	<b>9.06</b>	--
<b>Russell 3000® Index</b>	-19.21	-3.25	12.39	-9.20	19.96
<b>Excess return</b>	<b>28.67</b>	<b>8.45</b>	<b>-8.09</b>	<b>23.36</b>	--

Source: Federated Hermes. Federated Hermes MDT Market Neutral Fund returns from January 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. Monthly returns were used to calculate standard deviation. **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://www.federatedhermes.com/us). See the prospectus for other fees and expenses that apply to a continued investment in the fund. See page 2 for standard fund performance.**

## Rolling 60-day beta vs. Russell 3000® Index

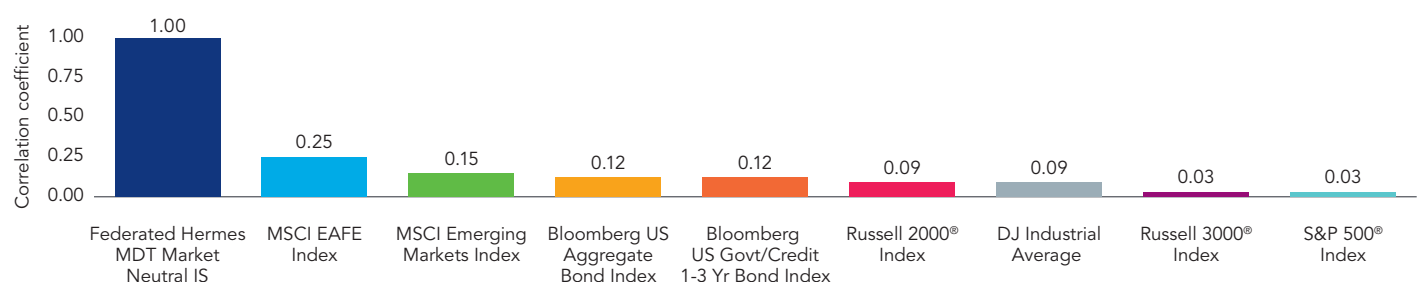


Sources: Morningstar, Inc.; Federated Hermes. Beta is derived from the Federated Hermes MDT Market Neutral Fund returns from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2023. Daily returns were used to calculate beta. **Past performance is no guarantee of future results.**

## Uncorrelated returns

The Federated Hermes MDT Market Neutral Fund has demonstrated low or negative correlation to major market indexes since MDT began managing it in 2021, providing a way for investors to further diversify their portfolios in a challenging environment.

Return correlations - 1/1/22 to 9/30/23

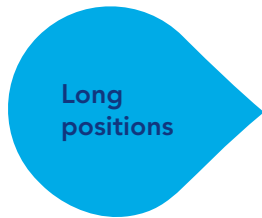


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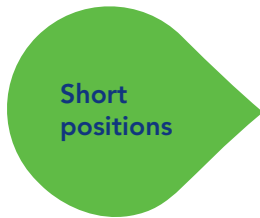
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# Path to market neutrality

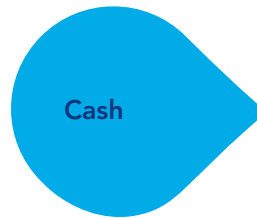
More flexibility to seek alpha\*



- Invest most of the portfolio capital in stocks with **positive alpha forecasts**



- Short a roughly equal dollar amount of securities with **negative alpha forecasts** to offset market exposure (beta ~ 0)



- Earn return** on the short sale proceeds and the cash position
- Pay **borrowing costs** on the short positions



- Long alpha return
- + Short alpha return
- + Cash return
- Borrowing costs
- = Market neutral return**

\*Alpha in this chart refers to excess return versus the Russell 3000® Index.

## Federated Hermes MDT Market Neutral Fund average annual total returns (%) as of 9/30/23

	Performance inception	Cumulative 3-month	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year	Since inception (9/30/08)	Expense ratio*		
								Before waivers	After waivers	Net expenses
<b>Federated Hermes MDT Market Neutral Fund IS</b>	9/30/08	5.20	12.56	13.50	6.21	6.27	6.02	1.77	1.61	1.08
<b>Fund benchmark - ICE BofA US 3-Month Treasury Bill Index</b>	9/30/08	1.31	4.47	1.70	1.72	1.11	-	-	-	-

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The fund is the successor to the Hancock Horizon Quantitative Long/Short Fund (the "Predecessor Fund") pursuant to a reorganization involving the fund and the Predecessor Fund which occurred on 9/24/21. The Predecessor Fund is both the tax and accounting survivor of the reorganization. Prior to the date of the reorganization, the fund had no investment operations. Accordingly, the performance information, including information on fees and expenses and financial information provided in this prospectus for periods prior to the reorganization (the fund's commencement of operations) is historical information for the Predecessor Fund. **The Predecessor Fund pursued different investment strategies than the fund, so the performance of the fund is likely to differ post-reorganization. References to the fund throughout should be read to include the Predecessor Fund, unless otherwise noted.**

Another class of shares is available whose performance will differ due to different charges and expenses.

\*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/or its affiliates. The voluntary waivers and/or reimbursements, if applicable, are in effect up to but not including the later of 3/1/24 or the date of the fund's next effective prospectus. The expense ratio includes Dividends and Other Expenses Related to Short Sales. If Dividends and Other Expenses Related to Short Sales were excluded, the total net expenses would have been 1.08%.

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

### A word about risk

Mutual funds are subject to risks and fluctuate in value.

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

There is no guarantee that the use of long and short positions will succeed in limiting the Fund's exposure to domestic stock market movements, capitalization, sector swings or other risk factors.

The fund may make short sales of securities, which involves unlimited risk including the possibility that losses may exceed the original amount invested.

The fund may invest in small capitalization (or "smallcap") companies. 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.

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

### Definitions

**Beta** is a statistical calculation of the market risk of a fund showing how responsive the fund is to market movements. The beta of the market is 1.00. A beta of zero indicates returns independent of market movement.

**Correlation** measures the similarity between two return series on a scale of -1.0 to +1.0. Assets with a correlation of 1.0 are perfectly correlated, -1.0 demonstrates negative correlation and 0.0 indicates the absence of correlation.

**Bloomberg 1-3 Year US Government/Credit Index** includes all medium and larger issues of U.S. government, investment-grade corporate and investment-grade international dollar-denominated bonds with maturities of between one and three years.

**Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index** is an unmanaged index composed of securities from the Bloomberg Government/Corporate Bond Index, Mortgage-Backed Securities Index and the Asset-Backed Securities Index.

**Dow Jones Industrial Average** is an index of 30 prominent companies listed on stock exchanges in the United States

**ICE BofA US 3-Month Treasury Bill Index** is composed of a single issue purchased at the beginning of the month and held for a full month. At the end of the month that issue is sold and rolled into a newly selected issue. The issue selected at each month-end rebalancing is the outstanding Treasury Bill that matures closest to, but not beyond, three months from the rebalancing date. To qualify for selection, an issue must have settled on or before the month-end rebalancing date.

**MSCI Emerging Markets Index** is designed to measure equity market performance in the global emerging markets.

**MSCI EAFE Index** represents the performance of large and mid-cap securities across 21 developed markets, excluding the U.S. and Canada.

**S&P 500® Index** is an unmanaged capitalization-weighted index of 500 stocks designed to measure performance of the broad domestic economy.

**Russell 2000® Index** measures the performance of the smallest 2,000 companies in the Russell 3000® Index.

**Russell 3000® Index** measures the performance of the largest 3,000 U.S. companies, representing approximately 98% of the investable U.S. equity market.

**Standard deviation:** A measure of volatility of returns. It measures the dispersion about an average, and depicts how widely an investment's returns varied over a certain period of time. A higher standard deviation implies a higher level of risk.

Indexes are unmanaged and cannot be invested in directly