

# Federated Hermes MDT All Cap Core Fund

9/30/23

## Fund facts

### Performance inception date

10/1/02

### Benchmark

Russell 3000® Index

### Morningstar category

Large Blend

### Lipper classification

Multi-Cap Core Funds

### Fund assets

\$590.1 million

### Ticker symbols

R6 Shares - QKACX

Institutional Shares - QIACX

A Shares - QAACX

C Shares - QCACX

### Key investment team

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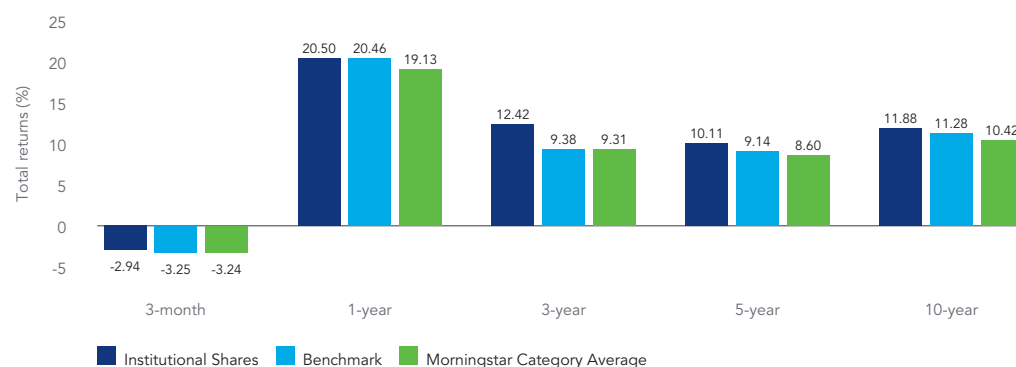
## Fund description

The fund pursues long-term capital appreciation by taking a “whole-market” approach to U.S. stocks and investing in a diversified portfolio of companies from the Russell 3000® Index. Through a fundamentally based, bottom-up, systematic approach, it seeks to remove subjective and emotional influences from the stock-selection process.

## Average annual total returns (%)

Performance shown is before tax.

	3-month	YTD	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year	Since inception	Expense ratio* Before waivers	After waivers
<b>R6 Shares</b>	-2.93	9.18	20.50	12.44	10.12	11.64	9.35	0.88	0.74
<b>Institutional Shares</b>	-2.94	9.17	20.50	12.42	10.11	11.88	9.87	0.95	0.75
<b>A Shares (NAV)</b>	-3.00	8.92	20.12	12.09	9.78	11.55	9.56	1.21	1.05
<b>A Shares (MOP)</b>	-8.34	2.93	13.50	9.99	8.55	10.91	9.27	1.21	1.05
<b>Benchmark</b>	-3.25	12.39	20.46	9.38	9.14	11.28	–	–	–



## Calendar year total returns (%)

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
<b>Institutional Shares</b>	-14.03	31.22	21.91	26.91	-2.49	21.07	12.41	-4.21	13.32	40.49
<b>Benchmark</b>	-19.21	25.66	20.89	31.02	-5.24	21.13	12.74	0.48	12.56	33.55
<b>Morningstar Category Average</b>	-16.96	26.07	15.83	25.04	-8.53	15.94	14.81	-4.05	10.21	31.21

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\* 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 10/1/24 or the date of the fund's next effective prospectus.

## Investment process

### Fundamentally based research

Research identifies powerful combinations of fundamental and technical factors which can capture behavioral signals that work across market environments.

### Stock selection

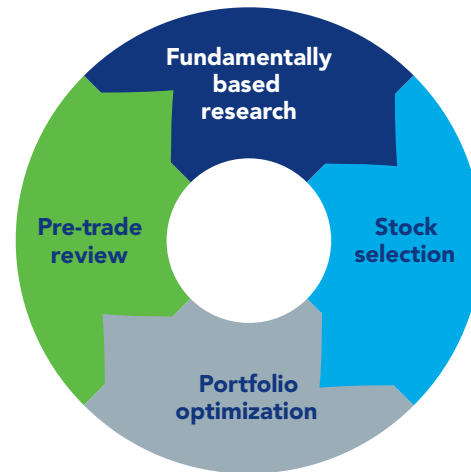
Stock alphas are forecasted based on each company's characteristics.

### Portfolio optimization

Proprietary software is used to maximize portfolio alpha, net of trading costs, while managing risk.

### Pre-trade review

All trades are reviewed to ensure they are based on the most recent and accurate information. Insights from pre-trade review provide important feedback to the team and inspire further research.



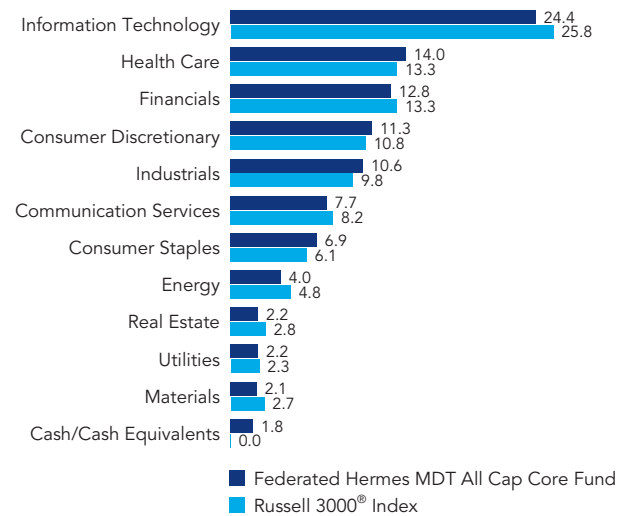
## Portfolio statistics

Weighted median P/E (LTM)	27.7x
Weighted median P/E (NTM)	17.9x
Weighted median market cap	\$49.9 b
Weighted median price/book	6.6x
Number of securities	171

## Top holdings (%)

Microsoft Corp.	4.2
Apple Inc.	4.0
Marathon Petroleum Corp.	2.4
Alphabet Inc.	2.3
NVIDIA Corporation	2.3
PepsiCo, Inc.	2.3
Amazon.com, Inc.	2.1
Broadcom, Inc.	2.1
Spotify Technology S.A.	2.1
Johnson & Johnson	1.9
Total % of portfolio	25.7

## Sector weightings (%)



Portfolio composition is based on net assets at the close of business on 9/30/23 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.

## Highlights

- The domestic market favored mega-cap stocks over smaller stocks
- Favorable stock selection and overweighting value-oriented companies with high structural earnings and neutral-to-high analyst conviction contributed the most to outperformance
- Fund ended the quarter roughly sector-neutral to benchmark

## Looking back

After a robust first half of 2023, U.S. equities continued to surge higher to start the third quarter as market participants were buoyed by the prospects of interest rate easing by the Federal Reserve (Fed) in late 2023 or 2024. However, markets pulled back over the latter half of the quarter as expectations shifted to the Fed's keeping interest rates higher for longer. For the quarter, lower volatility and quality-oriented segments outperformed and value styles also performed relatively well. The whole market Russell 3000 Index fell 3.25% during the period, with returns generally weaker in the smaller cap segments. The mega-cap Russell Top 200 (-2.65%) outperformed the Russell Midcap (-4.68%) and the small-cap Russell 2000 (-5.13%) indexes. The Russell 3000 Value Index (-3.15%) edged out the Russell 3000 Growth Index (-3.34%) for the quarter.

## Performance

Federated Hermes MDT All Cap Core Fund Institutional Shares returned -2.94% in the third quarter of 2023, outperforming the -3.25% return of its benchmark, the Russell 3000 Index.

### Performance contributors

- Favorable stock selection among and an overweight of value-oriented companies with high structural (repeatable) earnings and neutral-to-high sell-side analyst conviction
- Favorable stock selection in Industrials, Energy and Real Estate sectors
- Strong performers overweighted by the fund: Marathon Petroleum Corporation, Dell Technologies, Inc. (Class C), and Weatherford International plc

### Performance detractors

- Unfavorable stock selection among younger companies with strong 1-year returns and very high analyst conviction
- Unfavorable stock selection in Consumer Staples and Communication Services sectors
- Weak performers overweighted by the fund: Fortinet, Inc., Hershey Company and Omnicell, Inc.

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## How we are positioned

The fund ended the third quarter roughly sector-neutral to the benchmark, as intended by our multi-layered risk management. Within the sectors, there was a small overweight position of the Consumer Services industry. There was an underweight position of the Banks industry, which represented less than 1% of the fund at the end of the quarter. At the end of the period, the fund was slightly overweight growth stocks.

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## Risk statistics

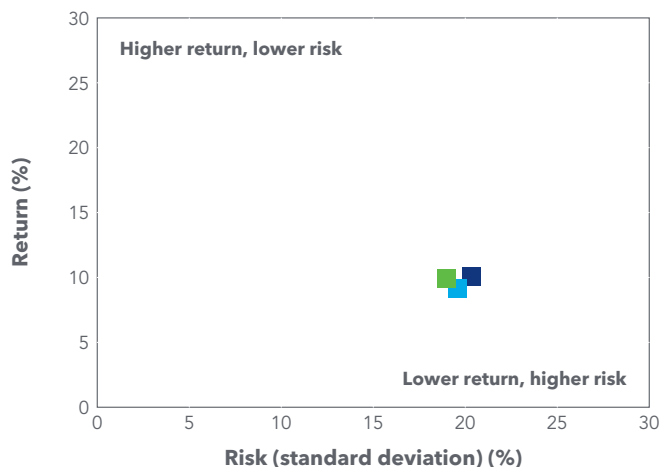
	3-year	5-year	7-year	10-year
<b>Standard deviation</b>	18.55	20.34	17.67	16.07
<b>Alpha</b>	2.79	0.83	1.19	0.38
<b>Beta</b>	1.00	1.02	1.02	1.02
<b>Correlation</b>	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.98
<b>R<sup>2</sup></b>	96.41	96.75	96.39	96.00
<b>Up capture ratio</b>	104.35	101.35	102.20	100.78
<b>Down capture ratio</b>	93.39	98.10	96.26	97.92
<b>Sharpe ratio</b>	0.55	0.40	0.64	0.68
<b>Tracking error</b>	3.52	3.70	3.39	3.24

Sources: Federated Hermes, Morningstar, Inc.

Fund vs. Russell 3000<sup>®</sup> Index

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## 5-year risk/return



	Risk (%)	Return (%)
■ Federated Hermes MDT All Cap Core Fund (IS)	20.34	10.11
■ Russell 3000 <sup>®</sup> Index	19.57	9.14
■ S&P 500 <sup>®</sup> Index	18.97	9.91

## A diversified equity holding can help weather market cycles

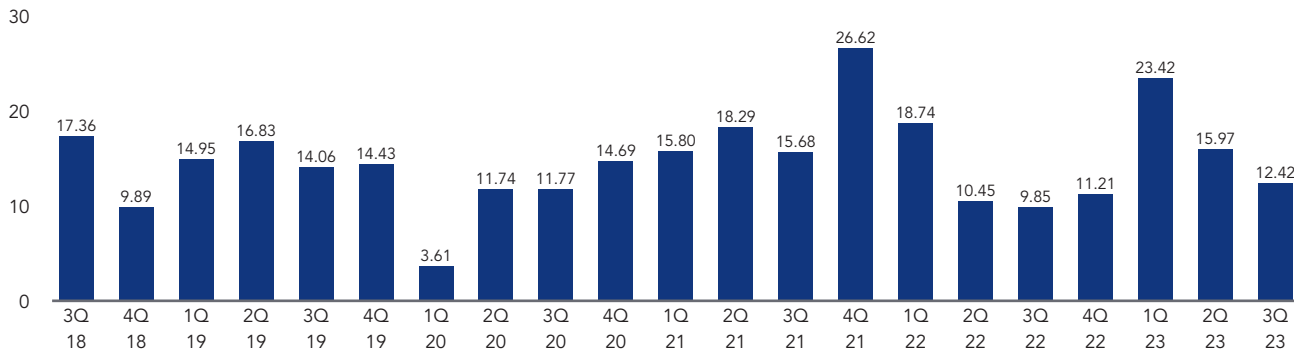
2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 YTD
Small Value 31.74%	Large Growth 29.59%	Large Growth -2.12%	Large Growth 35.85%	Large Growth 38.26%	MDT All Cap Core Fund (IS) 31.22%	Large Value -7.98%	Large Growth 23.77%
Mid Value 20.00%	Mid Growth 25.27%	MDT All Cap Core Fund (IS) -2.49%	Mid Growth 35.47%	Mid Growth 35.59%	Mid Value 28.34%	Mid Value -12.03%	Mid Growth 9.88%
Large Value 18.40%	Small Growth 22.17%	Mid Growth -4.75%	Small Growth 28.48%	Small Growth 34.63%	Small Value 28.27%	MDT All Cap Core Fund (IS) -14.03%	MDT All Cap Core Fund (IS) 9.17%
MDT All Cap Core Fund (IS) 12.41%	MDT All Cap Core Fund (IS) 21.07%	Large Value -8.58%	Mid Value 27.06%	MDT All Cap Core Fund (IS) 21.91%	Large Growth 25.85%	Small Value -14.48%	Small Growth 5.24%
Small Growth 11.32%	Mid Value 13.34%	Small Growth -9.31%	MDT All Cap Core Fund (IS) 26.91%	Mid Value 4.96%	Large Value 25.37%	Small Growth -26.36%	Large Value 1.67%
Large Growth 7.39%	Large Value 13.19%	Mid Value -12.29%	Large Value 26.26%	Small Value 4.63%	Mid Growth 12.73%	Mid Growth -26.72%	Mid Value 0.54%
Mid Growth 7.33%	Small Value 7.84%	Small Value -12.86%	Small Value 22.39%	Large Value 2.87%	Small Growth 2.83%	Large Growth -28.97%	Small Value -0.53%

Source: Morningstar, Inc. Small Cap Value is represented by the Russell 2000<sup>®</sup> Value Index; Small Cap Growth is represented by the Russell 2000<sup>®</sup> Growth Index; Mid Cap Value is represented by the Russell Midcap<sup>®</sup> Value Index; Mid Cap Growth is represented by the Russell Midcap<sup>®</sup> Growth Index; Large Cap Value is represented by the Russell 3000<sup>®</sup> Value Index and Large Cap Growth is represented by the Russell 3000<sup>®</sup> Growth Index.

See back for index definitions. Index performance is for illustrative purposes only and is not representative of performance for any particular investment. This chart is for a selected time period. Results over different periods would have varied. Investments cannot be made in an index.

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## 3-year rolling returns - IS (%)



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## Category rankings

Morningstar Large Blend Category		1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year
<b>R6 Shares</b>	Morningstar Category % Rank	48	7	14	18
	Morningstar Category Rank	673 of 1,423 funds	77 of 1,286 funds	132 of 1,184 funds	130 of 877 funds
<b>IS Shares</b>	Morningstar Category % Rank	48	7	14	9
	Morningstar Category Rank	671 of 1,423 funds	78 of 1,286 funds	133 of 1,184 funds	62 of 877 funds
<b>A Shares</b>	Morningstar Category % Rank	52	9	24	23
	Morningstar Category Rank	740 of 1,423 funds	97 of 1,286 funds	221 of 1,184 funds	164 of 877 funds

Lipper Multi-Cap Core Funds		1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year
<b>R6 Shares</b>	Lipper Classification % Rank	29	7	10	9
	Lipper Classification Rank	212 of 752 funds	43 of 671 funds	56 of 618 funds	35 of 429 funds
<b>IS Shares</b>	Lipper Classification % Rank	28	7	10	6
	Lipper Classification Rank	210 of 752 funds	45 of 671 funds	57 of 618 funds	23 of 429 funds
<b>A Shares</b>	Lipper Classification % Rank	36	9	13	10
	Lipper Classification Rank	270 of 752 funds	54 of 671 funds	76 of 618 funds	41 of 429 funds

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Rankings are based on total return and do not take sales charges into account.

**Investors should carefully consider the fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses before investing. To obtain a summary prospectus or a 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.**

The fund is the successor to MDT All Cap Core Fund pursuant to a reorganization that took place on December 8, 2006. Prior to that date, the fund had no investment operations. Accordingly, the performance information shown for periods prior to that date is that of MDT All Cap Core Fund.

The fund's R Shares, re-designated as R6 Shares on September 1, 2016, commenced operations on December 12, 2006. For the period prior to the commencement of operations of the R Shares (now known as R6 Shares), the performance information shown is for the fund's Institutional Shares, adjusted to reflect the expenses of the R Shares and the performance information for the R6 Shares prior to September 1, 2016 reflects the higher R Shares expenses. See the prospectus for other fees and expenses that apply to a continued investment in the fund.

## Federated Hermes MDT All Cap Core Fund

### 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.

### Definitions

**Alpha** shows how much or how little return is generated, given the risk a portfolio takes. A portfolio with an alpha greater than 0 has earned more than expected given its beta—meaning the portfolio has generated excess return without increasing risk. A portfolio with a negative alpha is producing a lower return than would be expected given its risk.

**Beta** measures a portfolio's volatility relative to the market. A beta greater than 1.00 suggests the portfolio has historically been more volatile than the market as measured by the fund's benchmark. A beta less than 1.00 suggests the portfolio has historically had less volatility relative to the market.

**Correlation** is the degree to which one variable (here, the fund's returns) fluctuates relative to another (the returns of the fund's benchmark). Correlation ranges from 1.00, when two variables move identically in the same direction, to -1.00, when two variables move identically in the opposite direction.

**R-squared** indicates what percentage of a portfolio's movement in performance is explained by movement in performance of the market. R-squared ranges from 0 to 100, and a score of 100 suggests that all movements of a portfolio's performance are completely explained by movements in the market as measured by the fund's benchmark.

**Sharpe ratio** is calculated by dividing a fund's annualized excess return by the fund's annualized standard deviation. The higher the Sharpe ratio, the better the fund's historical risk adjusted performance.

**Standard deviation** is a historical measure of the variability of returns relative to the average annual return. A higher number indicates higher overall volatility.

**Tracking error** is the difference between a portfolio's returns and the benchmark or index it was meant to mimic or beat.

**Up capture ratio/down capture ratio** is a measure of how well a manager was able to replicate or improve on periods of positive benchmark returns and how badly the manager was affected by periods of negative benchmark returns. The up-market capture ratio is a measure of a manager's performance in up markets relative to the index during the same period. For example, a ratio value of 115 indicates that the manager has outperformed the market index by 15% in periods when the index has risen. The down-market capture ratio is the direct opposite of the up-market capture ratio, gauging performance of the manager relative to the index in down markets. A ratio value of 80 would indicate the manager had declined on 80% as much as the declining overall market, indicating relative outperformance.

**Weighted median P/E (LTM—latest 12 months)** is a ratio comparing share price to earnings per share using data from the previous 12 months.

**Weighted median P/E (NTM—next 12 months)** is a ratio comparing share price to earnings-per-share using estimated data for the next 12 months.

**Weighted median market cap** is the calculation representing 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® Growth Index** measures the performance of the small-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 2000® Index companies with higher price-to-value ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The Russell 2000® Growth Index is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased barometer for the small-cap growth segment. The Index 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 growth characteristics.

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**Russell 3000® Index** measures the performance of the largest 3000 U.S. companies representing approximately 98% of the investable U.S. equity market. The Russell 3000® Index is constructed to provide a comprehensive, unbiased and stable barometer of the broad market and is completely reconstituted annually to ensure new and growing equities are reflected.

**Russell 3000® Growth Index** measures the performance of the broad growth segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 3000® Index companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The Russell 3000® Growth Index is constructed to provide a comprehensive, unbiased and stable barometer of the broad growth market. The Index is completely reconstituted annually to ensure new and growing equities are included and that the represented companies continue to reflect growth characteristics.

**Russell 3000® Value Index** measures the performance of the broad value segment of U.S. equity value universe. It includes those Russell 3000® Index companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values.

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**Russell Midcap® Value Index** measures the performance of the mid-cap value segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell Midcap Index companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values.

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