

# Federated Hermes MDT All Cap Core Fund

12/31/24

## Fund facts

### Performance inception date

10/1/02

### Benchmark

Russell 3000® Index

### Morningstar category

Large Blend

### Lipper classification

Multi-Cap Core Funds

### Fund assets

\$1.3 billion

### Ticker symbols

R6 Shares - QKACX

Institutional Shares - QIACX

A Shares - QAACX

C Shares - QCACX

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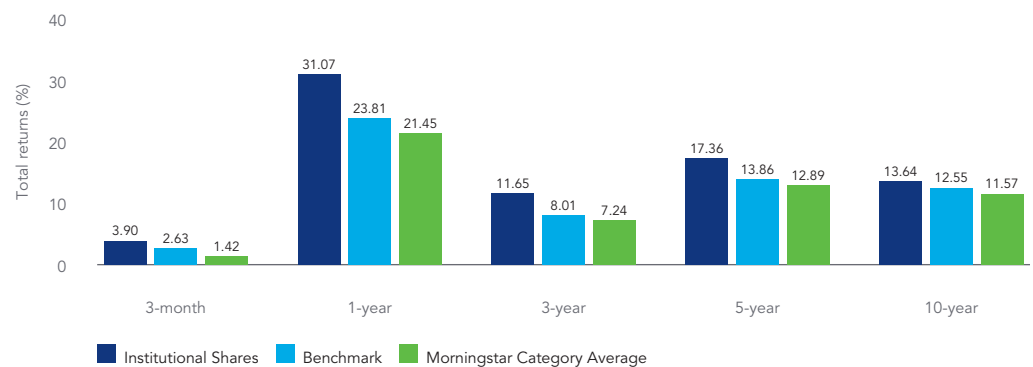
## Fund description

The fund pursues long-term capital appreciation by taking a “whole-market” approach to US stocks and investing in a diversified portfolio of companies from the Russell 3000® Index. Through a 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>	3.90	31.06	31.06	11.65	17.38	13.51	10.74	0.86	0.74
<b>Institutional Shares</b>	3.90	31.07	31.07	11.65	17.36	13.64	11.24	0.93	0.75
<b>A Shares (NAV)</b>	3.84	30.67	30.67	11.32	17.01	13.31	10.93	1.19	1.05
<b>A Shares (MOP)</b>	-1.88	23.47	23.47	9.24	15.69	12.67	10.65	1.19	1.05
<b>Benchmark</b>	2.63	23.81	23.81	8.01	13.86	12.55	–	–	–



## Calendar year total returns (%)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
<b>Institutional Shares</b>	31.07	23.51	-14.03	31.22	21.91	26.91	-2.49	21.07	12.41	-4.21
<b>Benchmark</b>	23.81	25.96	-19.21	25.66	20.89	31.02	-5.24	21.13	12.74	0.48
<b>Morningstar Category Average</b>	21.45	22.32	-16.96	26.07	15.83	25.04	-8.53	15.94	14.81	-4.05

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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 10/1/25 or the date of the fund's next effective prospectus.

## Investment process

### Alpha forecasting

Utilizes a combination of fundamental and technical factors to predict each stock's potential performance relative to the benchmark based on each company's characteristics.

### Portfolio construction

Incorporates multiple benchmark-relative risk controls in an attempt to maximize excess return, net of trading costs.

### Trading review

Proposed trades are reviewed daily to help ensure they reflect accurate, up-to-date information.

### Ongoing research

Continuous research is conducted to look for opportunities that can strengthen the investment process and ensure strategies remain robust.



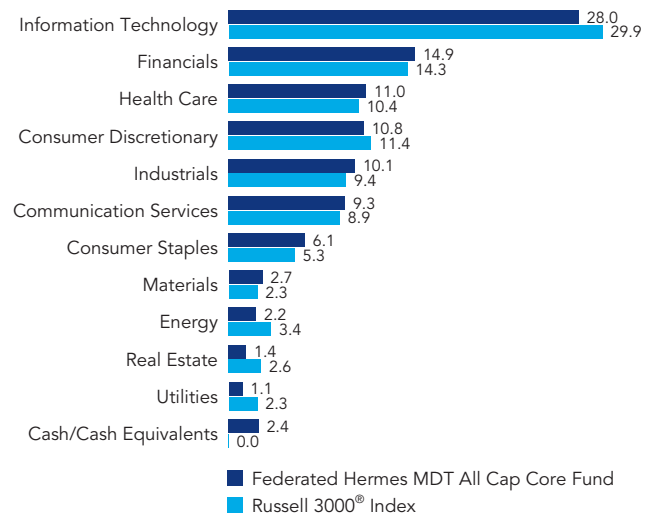
## Portfolio statistics

Weighted median P/E (LTM)	29.4x
Weighted median P/E (NTM)	23.1x
Weighted median market cap	\$85.5 b
Weighted median price/book	9.1x
Number of securities	175

## Top holdings (%)

Microsoft Corp.	4.5
Apple Inc.	4.2
Alphabet Inc.	3.9
NVIDIA Corporation	3.5
Amazon.com, Inc.	2.9
Meta Platforms, Inc.	2.7
Qualcomm, Inc.	2.7
GoDaddy Inc.	2.6
Veralto Corp.	2.2
Johnson & Johnson	2.1
Total % of portfolio	31.3

## Sector weightings (%)



Portfolio composition is based on net assets at the close of business on 12/31/24 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 modestly favored large stocks over mid- and small-cap ones, with growth stocks outperforming value stocks across capitalizations
- Strong stock selection among companies with neutral to high analyst conviction and flat or worsening earnings to price contributed the most to outperformance
- The fund ended the quarter roughly sector-neutral to benchmark

## Looking back

US equities closed out 2024 in fine fashion as the S&P 500 delivered its fifth consecutive quarter of positive total returns, leaving the index with its best two-year return since the late 1990s. Equities moved higher in November after the US Presidential election; the broad-based rally was led by smaller-cap stocks. However, US stocks cooled in December after the US Federal Reserve signaled a smaller number of interest rate cuts in 2025 than previously expected by the market. Consumer discretionary, communication services, financials and information technology stocks led returns for the quarter, while materials, health care and real estate stocks were the notable laggards. Higher beta, larger cap, growth-oriented equity segments outperformed. The broad market Russell 3000 Index returned 2.63% for the fourth quarter. The mega-cap Russell Top 200 Index (+3.35%) outpaced the Russell Midcap Index (0.62%) and the small-cap Russell 2000 Index (+0.33%). The Russell 3000 Growth Index (+6.82%) handily beat the Russell 3000 Value Index (-1.94%).

## Performance

Federated Hermes MDT All Cap Core Fund (Institutional Shares) returned 3.90% in the fourth quarter of 2024, outperforming the 2.63% return of its benchmark, the Russell 3000 Index.

### Performance contributors

- Strong stock selection among companies with neutral to high analyst conviction and flat or worsening earnings to price
- Favorable stock selection in the Information Technology and Industrials sectors
- Strong performers overweighted by the fund: AppLovin Corp. (Class A), GoDaddy, Inc. (Class A) and GE Vernova Inc.

### Performance detractors

- An underweight to companies with very significant financing required and positive analyst conviction
- Unfavorable stock selection in the Consumer Discretionary and Financials sectors
- Weak performer overweighted by the fund: Wingstop, Inc.
- Strong performers underweighted by the fund: Tesla, Inc. and Broadcom Inc.

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## How we are positioned

The fund ended the fourth quarter roughly sector-neutral to the benchmark, as intended by our multi-layered risk management. Within the sectors, there were overweight positions of the financial services industry and the pharmaceuticals biotechnology & life sciences industry. There were underweight positions of the banks industry and the semiconductors & semiconductor equipment industry. At the end of the period, the fund was overweight growth stocks.

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## Risk statistics

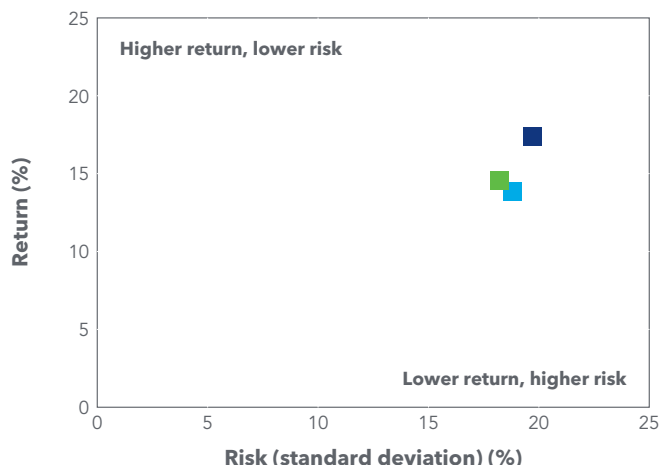
	3-year	5-year	7-year	10-year
<b>Standard deviation</b>	18.33	19.70	18.47	16.60
<b>Alpha</b>	3.38	2.87	1.99	0.78
<b>Beta</b>	1.01	1.03	1.02	1.03
<b>Correlation</b>	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.98
<b>R<sup>2</sup></b>	95.99	96.64	96.57	96.05
<b>Up capture ratio</b>	104.83	107.16	104.24	102.14
<b>Down capture ratio</b>	91.59	96.74	95.91	97.62
<b>Sharpe ratio</b>	0.39	0.73	0.69	0.68
<b>Tracking error</b>	3.64	3.65	3.45	3.32

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)	19.70	17.36
■ Russell 3000 <sup>®</sup> Index	18.82	13.86
■ S&P 500 <sup>®</sup>	18.21	14.53

## A diversified equity holding can help weather market cycles

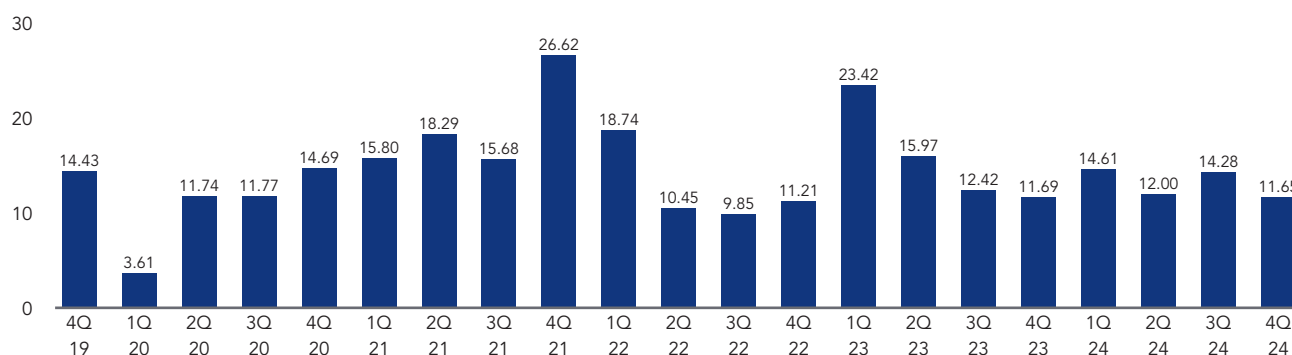
2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Large Growth 29.59%	Large Growth -2.12%	Large Growth 35.85%	Large Growth 38.26%	MDT All Cap Core Fund (IS) 31.22%	Large Value -7.98%	Large Growth 41.21%	Large Growth 32.46%
Mid Growth 25.27%	MDT All Cap Core Fund (IS) -2.49%	Mid Growth 35.47%	Mid Growth 35.59%	Mid Value 28.34%	Mid Value -12.03%	Mid Growth 25.87%	MDT All Cap Core Fund (IS) 31.07%
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) 23.51%	Mid Growth 22.10%
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 18.66%	Small Growth 15.15%
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%	Small Value 14.65%	Large Value 13.98%
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 12.71%	Mid Value 13.07%
Small Value 7.84%	Small Value -12.86%	Small Value 22.39%	Large Value 2.87%	Small Growth 2.83%	Large Growth -28.97%	Large Value 11.66%	Small Value 8.05%

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	2	4	1	4
	Morningstar Category Rank	19 of 1,386 funds	44 of 1,280 funds	8 of 1,180 funds	24 of 889 funds
<b>IS Shares</b>	Morningstar Category % Rank	2	4	1	3
	Morningstar Category Rank	18 of 1,386 funds	43 of 1,280 funds	9 of 1,180 funds	16 of 889 funds
<b>A Shares</b>	Morningstar Category % Rank	3	4	2	5
	Morningstar Category Rank	21 of 1,386 funds	48 of 1,280 funds	16 of 1,180 funds	34 of 889 funds

Lipper Multi-Cap Core Funds		1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year
<b>R6 Shares</b>	Lipper Classification % Rank	2	2	1	3
	Lipper Classification Rank	9 of 634 funds	10 of 586 funds	4 of 539 funds	10 of 387 funds
<b>IS Shares</b>	Lipper Classification % Rank	2	2	1	2
	Lipper Classification Rank	8 of 634 funds	9 of 586 funds	5 of 539 funds	7 of 387 funds
<b>A Shares</b>	Lipper Classification % Rank	2	3	2	4
	Lipper Classification Rank	10 of 634 funds	12 of 586 funds	6 of 539 funds	13 of 387 funds

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

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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.

Diversification does not assure a profit nor protect against a 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.

The quantitative models and analysis used by the fund's adviser 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 US 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 US companies representing approximately 98% of the investable US 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 US 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 US 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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