

Federated Hermes MDT All Cap Core Fund

12/31/23

Fund facts

Performance inception date

10/1/02

Benchmark

Russell 3000® Index

Morningstar category

Large Blend

Lipper classification

Multi-Cap Core Funds

Fund assets

\$674.4 million

Ticker symbols

R6 Shares - QKACX

Institutional Shares - QIACX

A Shares - QAACX

C Shares - QCACX

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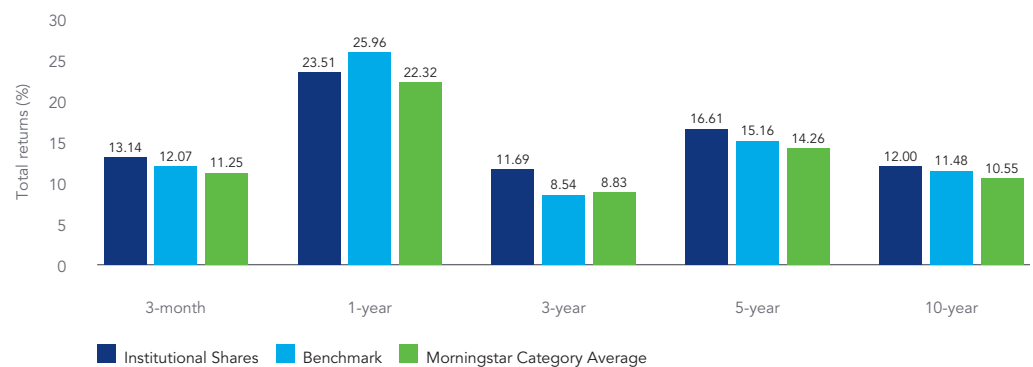
Fund description

The fund pursues long-term capital appreciation by taking a “whole-market” approach to 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
R6 Shares	13.15	23.54	23.54	11.71	16.62	11.79	9.87	0.88	0.74
Institutional Shares	13.14	23.51	23.51	11.69	16.61	12.00	10.38	0.95	0.75
A Shares (NAV)	13.07	23.16	23.16	11.37	16.25	11.67	10.08	1.21	1.05
A Shares (MOP)	6.85	16.39	16.39	9.29	14.94	11.04	9.79	1.21	1.05
Benchmark	12.07	25.96	25.96	8.54	15.16	11.48	–	–	–



Calendar year total returns (%)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Institutional Shares	23.51	-14.03	31.22	21.91	26.91	-2.49	21.07	12.41	-4.21	13.32
Benchmark	25.96	-19.21	25.66	20.89	31.02	-5.24	21.13	12.74	0.48	12.56
Morningstar Category Average	22.32	-16.96	26.07	15.83	25.04	-8.53	15.94	14.81	-4.05	10.21

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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

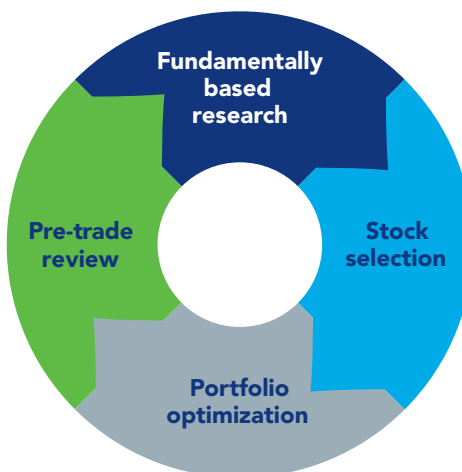
Stock alphas are forecasted based on each company's characteristics.

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.



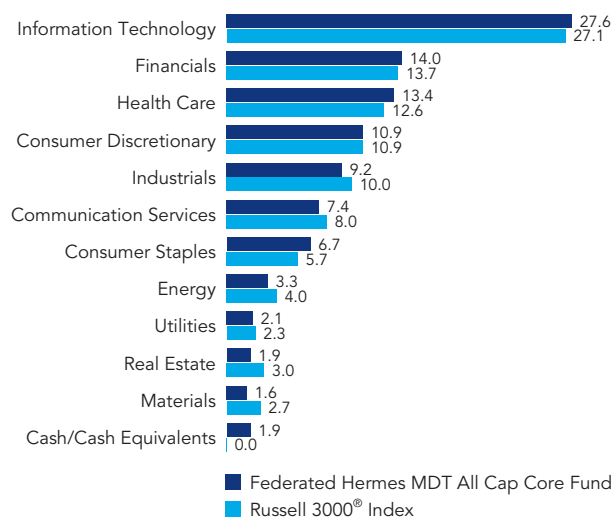
Portfolio statistics

Weighted median P/E (LTM)	28.8x
Weighted median P/E (NTM)	20.0x
Weighted median market cap	\$58.4 b
Weighted median price/book	7.4x
Number of securities	174

Top holdings (%)

Microsoft Corp.	6.2
Apple Inc.	3.7
AbbVie Inc.	2.6
Alphabet Inc.	2.6
Broadcom, Inc.	2.4
Meta Platforms, Inc.	1.9
NVIDIA Corporation	1.9
Marathon Petroleum Corp.	1.8
PepsiCo, Inc.	1.8
Amazon.com, Inc.	1.7
Total % of portfolio	26.6

Sector weightings (%)



Portfolio composition is based on net assets at the close of business on 12/31/23 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 small-cap stocks over mid and large stocks
- Favorable stock selection and overweighting companies with strong returns over the past year, positive analyst conviction and flat or improving earnings to price contributed the most to outperformance
- Fund ended the quarter roughly sector-neutral to benchmark

Looking back

To start the last stanza of 2023, U.S. equities slid for the third consecutive month as expectations of persistently high interest rates continued to weigh on market sentiment. Markets rallied over the balance of the quarter, however, as the U.S. Federal Reserve signaled an end to rate hikes alongside an increased probability of rate cuts in 2024. Nearly all segments of the U.S. equity market delivered strong returns for the fourth quarter, with higher-risk and growth-oriented segments outperforming. The broad market Russell 3000 Index jumped 12.07% for the quarter, led by smaller-cap stocks. The small-cap Russell 2000 surged 14.03% for the period, outperforming the Russell Midcap (+12.82%) and mega-cap Russell Top 200 (+11.70%) indexes. The Russell 3000 Growth Index (+14.09%) outpaced the Russell 3000 Value Index (+9.83%) during the quarter.

Performance

Federated Hermes MDT All Cap Core Fund (Institutional Shares) returned 13.14% in the fourth quarter of 2023, outperforming the 12.07% return of its benchmark, the Russell 3000 Index.

Performance contributors

- Favorable stock selection among and an overweight of companies with strong returns over the past year, positive analyst conviction, and flat or improving earnings to price
- Favorable stock selection in Consumer Discretionary and Energy sectors
- Strong performers overweighted by the fund: PVH Corp., The Gap, Inc., and Expedia Group, Inc.
- Weak performer underweighted by the fund: Exxon Mobil Corporation

Performance detractors

- Overweighting stocks with high structural earnings, positive analyst conviction, and flat or improving earnings to price
- Unfavorable stock selection in Financials and Consumer Staples sectors
- Weak performers overweighted by the fund: Marathon Petroleum Corporation
- Strong performer underweighted by the fund: Microsoft Corporation

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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 was an overweight position of the Consumer Services industry. There was an underweight position of the Banks industry. At the end of the period, the fund was slightly overweight growth stocks.

See *disclosure section for important disclosures and definitions*.

Risk statistics

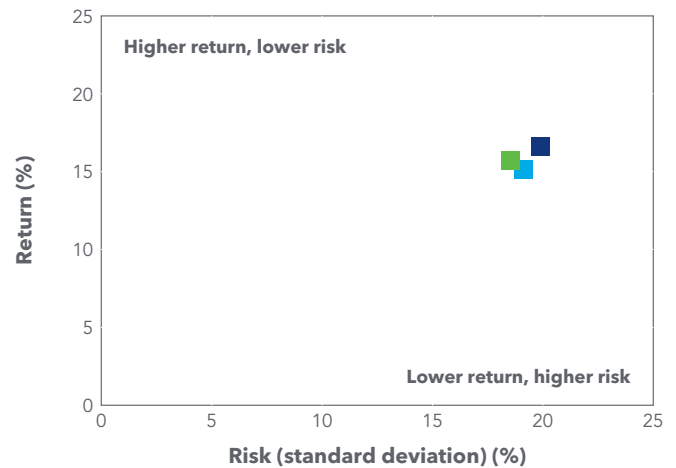
	3-year	5-year	7-year	10-year
Standard deviation	18.21	19.88	17.97	16.33
Alpha	2.89	1.09	1.16	0.31
Beta	1.01	1.02	1.02	1.02
Correlation	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.98
R²	96.26	96.62	96.57	96.17
Up capture ratio	104.94	101.87	102.03	100.47
Down capture ratio	93.58	97.09	96.24	97.87
Sharpe ratio	0.49	0.72	0.68	0.68
Tracking error	3.52	3.68	3.35	3.22

Sources: Federated Hermes, Morningstar, Inc.

Fund vs. Russell 3000[®] Index

See disclosure section for important definitions.

5-year risk/return



	Risk (%)	Return (%)
■ Federated Hermes MDT All Cap Core Fund (IS)	19.88	16.61
■ Russell 3000 [®] Index	19.13	15.16
■ S&P 500 [®] Index	18.52	15.69

A diversified equity holding can help weather market cycles

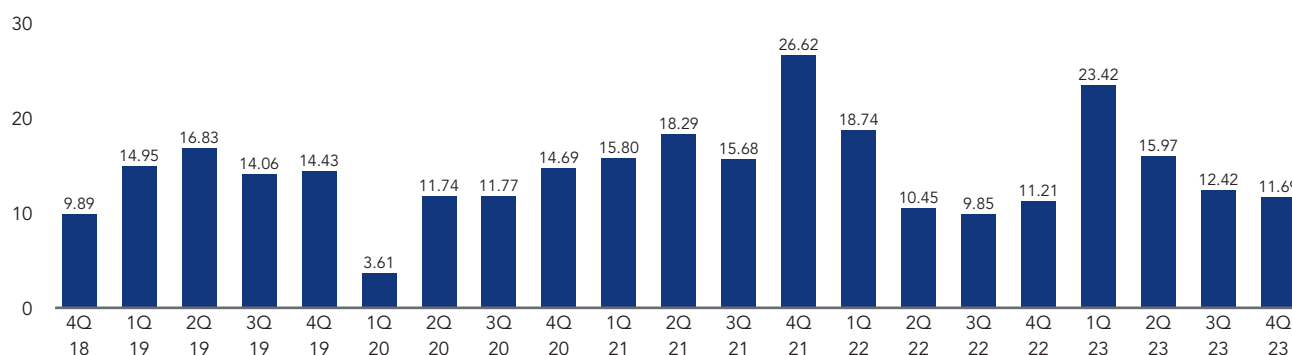
2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Small Value 31.74%	Large Growth 29.59%	Large Growth -2.12%	Large Growth 35.85%	Large Growth 38.26%	MDT All Cap Core Fund (IS) 31.22%	Large Value -7.98%	Large Growth 41.21%
Mid Value 20.00%	Mid Growth 25.27%	MDT All Cap Core Fund (IS) -2.49%	Mid Growth 35.47%	Mid Growth 35.59%	Mid Value 28.34%	Mid Value -12.03%	Mid Growth 25.87%
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) 23.51%
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 18.66%
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%	Small Value 14.65%
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 12.71%
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%	Large Value 11.66%

Source: Morningstar, Inc. Small Cap Value is represented by the Russell 2000[®] Value Index; Small Cap Growth is represented by the Russell 2000[®] Growth Index; Mid Cap Value is represented by the Russell Midcap[®] Value Index; Mid Cap Growth is represented by the Russell Midcap[®] Growth Index; Large Cap Value is represented by the Russell 3000[®] Value Index and Large Cap Growth is represented by the Russell 3000[®] 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
R6 Shares	Morningstar Category % Rank	52	7	7	18
	Morningstar Category Rank	772 of 1,430 funds	71 of 1,298 funds	69 of 1,191 funds	130 of 897 funds
IS Shares	Morningstar Category % Rank	53	7	7	10
	Morningstar Category Rank	777 of 1,430 funds	72 of 1,298 funds	71 of 1,191 funds	67 of 897 funds
A Shares	Morningstar Category % Rank	55	9	9	23
	Morningstar Category Rank	816 of 1,430 funds	110 of 1,298 funds	109 of 1,191 funds	173 of 897 funds

Lipper Multi-Cap Core Funds		1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year
R6 Shares	Lipper Classification % Rank	46	5	7	8
	Lipper Classification Rank	340 of 745 funds	33 of 669 funds	40 of 624 funds	33 of 443 funds
IS Shares	Lipper Classification % Rank	47	6	7	5
	Lipper Classification Rank	342 of 745 funds	34 of 669 funds	42 of 624 funds	22 of 443 funds
A Shares	Lipper Classification % Rank	50	7	10	10
	Lipper Classification Rank	365 of 745 funds	46 of 669 funds	60 of 624 funds	40 of 443 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. 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.

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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.

Russell 2000® Value Index measures the performance of small-cap value segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 2000® Index companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower forecasted growth values. The Russell 2000 Value Index is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased barometer for the small-cap value segment and 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 value characteristics.

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.

Russell Midcap® Growth Index measures the performance of the mid-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell Midcap® Index companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. It is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased barometer of the mid-cap growth market. The index is completely reconstituted annually to ensure larger stocks do not distort the performance and characteristics of the true mid-cap growth market.

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.

S&P 500® Index is an unmanaged capitalization-weighted index of 500 stocks designated to measure performance of the broad domestic economy through changes in the aggregate market value of 500 stocks representing all major industries.

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