

Federated Hermes MDT Large Cap Value Fund

6/30/24

Fund facts

Performance inception date

3/31/82

Benchmark

Russell 1000® Value Index

Morningstar category

Large Value

Lipper classification

Multi-Cap Value Funds

Fund assets

\$1.2 billion

Ticker symbols

R6 Shares - FSTLX

Institutional Shares - FMSTX

Service Shares - FSTKX

A Shares - FSTRX

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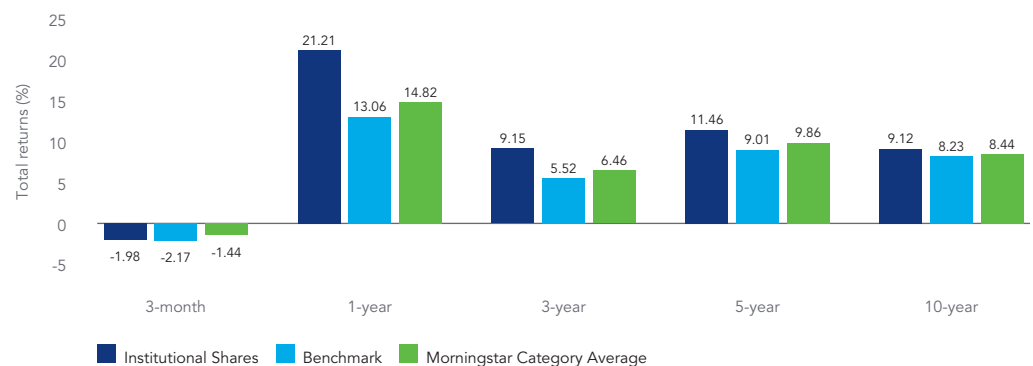
Fund description

The fund pursues growth of income and capital by investing primarily in large U.S. companies it considers undervalued. Through a bottom-up, quantitatively driven 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	-2.00	10.90	21.30	9.23	11.54	9.13	11.37	0.88	0.70
Institutional Shares	-1.98	10.84	21.21	9.15	11.46	9.12	11.38	0.96	0.77
Service Shares	-2.04	10.73	20.95	8.91	11.22	8.89	11.31	1.20	0.99
A Shares (NAV)	-2.04	10.76	20.95	8.92	11.22	8.89	11.30	1.20	0.99
A Shares (MOP)	-7.42	4.66	14.29	6.88	9.97	8.27	11.15	1.20	0.99
Benchmark	-2.17	6.62	13.06	5.52	9.01	8.23	—	—	—



Calendar year total returns (%)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Institutional Shares	12.79	-4.21	28.41	6.24	20.94	-7.22	14.37	15.31	-4.79	14.32
Benchmark	11.46	-7.54	25.16	2.80	26.54	-8.27	13.66	17.34	-3.83	13.45
Morningstar Category Average	11.63	-5.90	26.22	2.91	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 1/1/25 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.



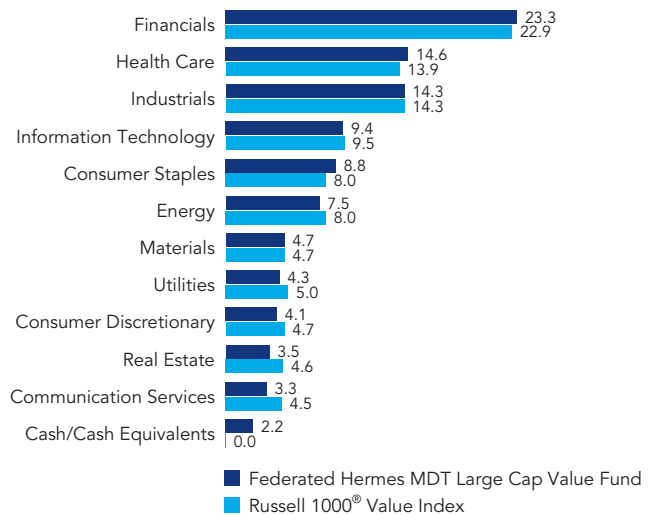
Portfolio statistics

Weighted median P/E (LTM)	20.9x
Weighted median P/E (NTM)	14.2x
Weighted median market cap	\$42.6 b
Weighted median price/book	3.1x
Number of securities	100

Top holdings (%)

Johnson & Johnson	3.0
The Bank of New York Mellon Corp.	2.8
GoDaddy, Inc.	2.6
The Travelers Companies, Inc.	2.5
Merck & Co., Inc.	2.3
PepsiCo, Inc.	2.3
Nutanix, Inc. - A	2.1
Prudential Financial, Inc.	2.1
Vistra Corp.	2.0
Ameriprise Financial, Inc.	1.9
Total % of portfolio	23.6

Sector weightings (%)



Portfolio composition is based on net assets at the close of business on 6/30/24 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

- Value stocks underperformed growth stocks in the Russell 1000 this quarter
- Favorable stock selection among stocks with above average structural earnings and positive analyst conviction contributed the most to outperformance
- Fund ended the quarter roughly sector-neutral to benchmark

Looking back

After two consecutive quarters of a relatively broad U.S. equity market rally, narrow market leadership returned in the second quarter of 2024. Similar to what was observed for much of 2023, large-cap growth companies, particularly shares of tech businesses related to AI, materially outpaced the rest of the market. Growth and quality were the best performing styles, while value, smaller cap, and lower volatility segments were the clear laggards. The whole market Russell 3000 Index advanced 3.22% during the period, led by the mega-cap Russell Top 200 Index (+5.73%). The small-cap Russell 2000 Index (-3.28%) marginally beat the Russell Midcap Index (-3.35%). The Russell 3000 Growth Index (+7.80%) trounced the Russell 3000 Value Index (-2.25%) for the quarter; this style return differential was largely concentrated among the mega-cap segment of the market.

Performance

Federated Hermes MDT Large Cap Value Fund (Institutional Shares) returned -1.98% in the second quarter of 2024, outperforming the -2.17% return of its benchmark, the Russell 1000 Value Index.

Performance contributors

- Favorable stock selection among stocks with above average structural earnings and positive analyst conviction.
- Favorable stock selection in Information Technology and Utilities sectors.
- Strong performers overweighted by the fund: Vistra Corp., GoDaddy, Inc. (Class A), and Hewlett Packard Enterprise Co.

Performance detractors

- Unfavorable stock selection among and an underweight to stocks with improving earnings to price and negative analyst conviction.
- Unfavorable stock selection in Consumer Discretionary sector.
- Weak performers overweighted by the fund: Advance Auto Parts, Inc., Travelers Companies, Inc., and Marathon Petroleum Corporation.

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How we are positioned

The fund ended the second quarter roughly sector-neutral to the benchmark, as intended by our multi-layered risk management. Within the sectors there were overweight positions of the insurance industry and the software & services industry. There were underweight positions of the banks industry and the semiconductors & semiconductor equipment industry.

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Risk statistics

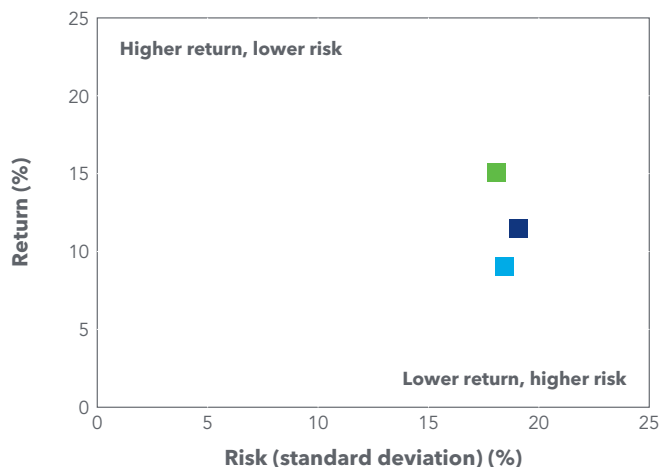
	3-year	5-year	7-year	10-year
Standard deviation	17.61	19.09	17.72	16.06
Alpha	3.41	2.20	1.80	0.76
Beta	1.05	1.02	1.01	1.02
Correlation	0.99	0.98	0.99	0.98
R²	97.11	97.00	97.10	96.71
Up capture ratio	113.66	106.74	105.75	103.54
Down capture ratio	101.11	98.82	98.70	100.22
Sharpe ratio	0.31	0.47	0.46	0.46
Tracking error	3.08	3.33	3.03	2.93

Sources: Federated Hermes, Morningstar, Inc.

Fund vs. Russell 1000[®] Value Index

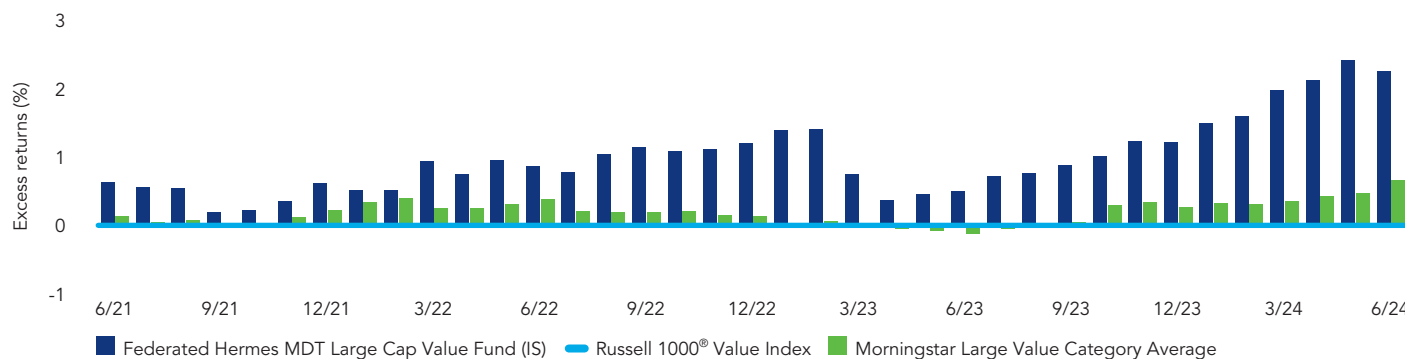
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5-year risk/return



	Risk (%)	Return (%)
■ Federated Hermes MDT Large Cap Value Fund (IS)	19.09	11.46
■ Russell 1000 [®] Value Index	18.44	9.01
■ S&P 500 [®] Index	18.08	15.05

5-year rolling excess performance vs. Russell 1000[®] Value Index

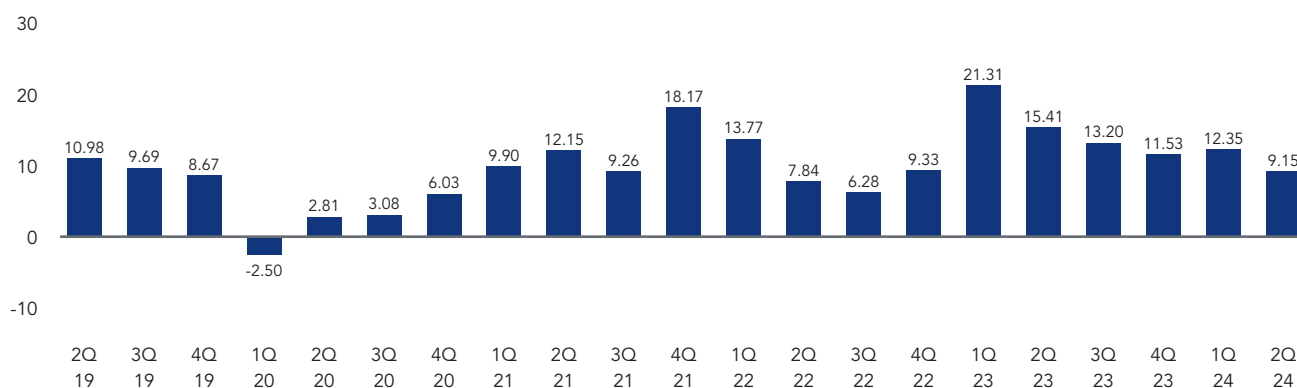


Source: Morningstar, Inc. Performance represents 5-year periods (1-month step).

Returns are for Institutional Shares. Other classes of shares are available whose performance will vary due to different charges and expenses.

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3-year rolling returns - IS (%)



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Category rankings

Morningstar Large Value Category		1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year
R6 Shares	Morningstar Category % Rank	9	10	23	-
	Morningstar Category Rank	82 of 1,180 funds	91 of 1,099 funds	202 of 1,035 funds	-
IS Shares	Morningstar Category % Rank	9	11	24	31
	Morningstar Category Rank	86 of 1,180 funds	96 of 1,099 funds	214 of 1,035 funds	209 of 809 funds
A Shares	Morningstar Category % Rank	9	14	27	36
	Morningstar Category Rank	89 of 1,180 funds	115 of 1,099 funds	247 of 1,035 funds	258 of 809 funds

Lipper Multi-Cap Value Funds		1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year
R6 Shares	Lipper Classification % Rank	6	6	19	-
	Lipper Classification Rank	36 of 648 funds	32 of 602 funds	105 of 563 funds	-
IS Shares	Lipper Classification % Rank	7	6	20	24
	Lipper Classification Rank	39 of 648 funds	36 of 602 funds	110 of 563 funds	98 of 418 funds
A Shares	Lipper Classification % Rank	7	8	22	28
	Lipper Classification Rank	41 of 648 funds	44 of 602 funds	123 of 563 funds	114 of 418 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 the Federated MDT Large Cap Value Fund pursuant to a reorganization completed on December 8, 2017. The predecessor fund is both the tax and accounting survivor of the reorganization. The performance information, including information on fees and expenses and financial information provided above for periods prior to December 8, 2017 is historical information for the predecessor fund.

The predecessor fund's A Shares commenced operations on May 1, 2014. The predecessor fund's IS Shares commenced operations on January 29, 2010. The predecessor fund's R6 Shares commenced operations on June 29, 2016. For the periods prior to the commencement of operations of the predecessor fund's A, IS, and R6 Shares, the performance information is that of the predecessor fund's SS Shares. The performance of the SS Shares has not been adjusted, except for sales charges, to reflect the expenses applicable to the A Shares since the A Shares have the same net expense ratio as the SS Shares. The performance of the SS Shares has also not been adjusted to reflect the expenses applicable to the IS Shares and the R6 Shares since the IS Shares and R6 Shares have a lower expense ratio than the expense ratio of the SS Shares.

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.

Value stocks tend to have higher dividends and thus have a higher income-related component in their total return than growth stocks. Value stocks also may lag growth stocks in performance at times, particularly in late stages of a market advance.

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 1000® Value Index measures the performance of the large-cap value segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 1000® Index companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower expected growth values. The R1000V is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased barometer for the large-cap value segment. The Russell 1000® Value Index is completely reconstituted annually to ensure new and growing equities are included and that the represented companies continue to reflect value characteristics.

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