

# Federated Hermes Kaufmann Large Cap Fund

12/31/20

## Fund facts

### Performance inception date

12/5/07

### Benchmark

Russell 1000® Growth Index

### Morningstar category

Large Growth

### Lipper classification

Multi-Cap Growth Funds

### Fund assets

\$4.5 billion

### Ticker symbols

R6 Shares - KLC SX

Institutional Shares - KLCIX

A Shares - KLCAX

C Shares - KLCCX

R Shares - KLCKX

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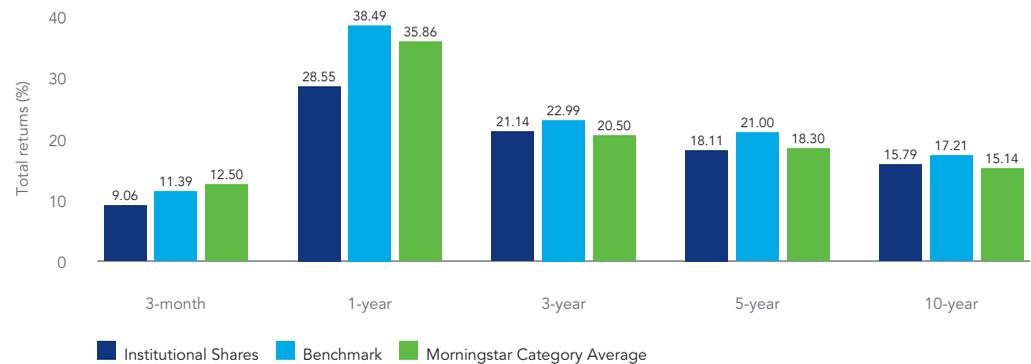
## Fund description

The fund seeks to provide capital appreciation by investing primarily in securities of large-cap companies. Utilizing an intensive, bottom-up security selection process, it focuses on companies that exhibit positive growth characteristics.

## 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>	9.08	28.64	28.64	21.21	18.17	15.83	12.88	0.87	0.78
<b>Institutional Shares</b>	9.06	28.55	28.55	21.14	18.11	15.79	13.04	0.93	0.84
<b>A Shares (NAV)</b>	9.00	28.24	28.24	20.84	17.80	15.50	12.75	1.18	1.09
<b>A Shares (MOP)</b>	3.02	21.18	21.18	18.57	16.48	14.84	12.27	1.18	1.09
<b>Benchmark</b>	11.39	38.49	38.49	22.99	21.00	17.21	-	-	-



## Calendar year total returns (%)

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
<b>Institutional Shares</b>	28.55	38.14	0.12	23.57	4.62	3.13	12.12	37.03	26.37	-5.90
<b>Benchmark</b>	38.49	36.39	-1.51	30.21	7.08	5.67	13.05	33.48	15.26	2.64
<b>Morningstar Category Average</b>	35.86	31.90	-2.09	27.67	3.23	3.60	10.00	33.92	15.34	-2.56

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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 1/1/22 or the date of the fund's next effective prospectus.

## Distinguishing characteristics

### Transparent and accountable process

- Capital efficiency and transparency are built into the compensation structure
- Bonus pool is allocated according to individual's contribution to results
- Incentivized to optimize capital

### Tenured team, differentiated portfolio

Team follows same 30-year philosophy and process used since inception of the Kaufmann strategy

- Distinguished professionals with specialized industry ties; organized for full accountability
- Continuity of team allows for constructive problem solving
- Seeking a differentiated, large-cap portfolio

### Extensive research, long-term results

Independent, proprietary research focuses on:

- Exceptional business models
- Positive inflections of business momentum
- Clear pathway to free cash flow growth

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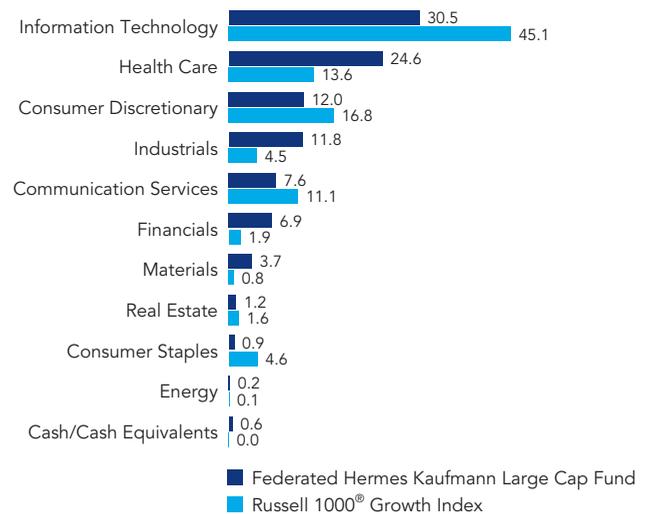
## Portfolio statistics

Weighted median P/E (LTM)	46.4x
Weighted median P/E (NTM)	37.7x
Weighted median market cap	\$78.7 b
Number of securities	64
Annual portfolio turnover	23.51%

## Top holdings (%)

Microsoft Corporation	4.5
ServiceNow, Inc.	4.0
Amazon.com, Inc.	3.6
T-Mobile US, Inc.	3.5
salesforce.com, inc.	3.1
Visa Inc.	2.9
Mastercard, Inc.	2.8
Trane Technologies Public Limited Company	2.7
PagSeguro Digital Ltd.	2.6
Genmab A/S	2.5
Total % of portfolio	32.2

## Sector weightings (%)



Totals may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

The index position were small hedges we invested in given macro uncertainty.

Portfolio composition is based on net assets at the close of business on 12/31/20 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

- Global equity markets continued their ascent during the quarter
- Investors shifted their preference for value stocks over growth stocks, reversing a multiyear trend
- Technology and Consumer sectors negatively contributed to the fund's performance on a relative basis
- Stock selection and sector weighting hurt relative performance

## Looking back

During the fourth quarter of 2020, the U.S. economy and most significant westernized economies continued their economic rebound after suffering from Covid-19-related government shutdowns that caused economic devastation. The stimulus response by central banks as well as fiscal responses helped to soften the blow and allowed financial markets to rebound from a record sell-off in the first quarter. Global equities rallied back and in the U.S. to all-time high levels with the help of stimulus and relative improvement of economic data throughout the summer with most states and countries either reopening or reducing restrictions. The U.S. equity markets rose sharply during the quarter led by small-cap stocks, represented by the Russell 2000 Index, up 31.36%, followed by the Russell Mid-Cap Index, up 19.91%, followed by large-cap stocks, represented by the Russell 1000 Index, up 13.69%, followed by the S&P 500, up 12.14% during the quarter. Mid-cap value stocks outperformed mid-cap growth stocks, a reversal of a multiyear trend.

During the fourth quarter, the portfolio team added new or to positions of the following: United Parcel Service (new), Air Products and Chemicals (new), Qualcomm (new), Biogen (new) New Fortress Energy Inc. (new).

Also, during the quarter, the portfolio subtracted or reduced the following select equity positions in pursuit of better opportunities: Broadcom Inc. (exited), Galapagos NV (exited), Vulcan Materials Inc. (exited), Snowflake Inc. (exited), L3Harris Technologies (exited).

Also of note, the fund participated in one secondary offering during the quarter: Ultragenyx Pharmaceutical, Inc.

## Performance

Federated Hermes Kaufmann Large Cap Fund Institutional Shares returned 9.06% at NAV for the three months ended December 31, 2020. That compares with its benchmark, the Russell 1000 Growth Index, which gained 11.39% during the same period.

### Performance contributors

- Stocks that made a positive contribution to performance included Ultragenyx Pharmaceuticals, PagSeguro Digital Ltd, T-Mobile US Inc, Trane Technologies Plc., and BlackRock, Inc.

### Performance detractors

- Stocks that detracted from performance included Salesforce.com, Inc, Alibaba Group Holding Ltd, Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc., Alnylam Pharmaceuticals and Galapagos NV

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## How we are positioned

At the end of December 2020, many unknowns remained from the new composition of Washington D.C. to the distribution of the Covid-19 vaccine to the economic response to such a year as 2020. These themes amongst others are likely to persist throughout 2021 which could cause market uncertainty. However, the economic recovery has shown signs of a strong rebound and that momentum should continue as the year goes on. Despite the macro uncertainties the Kaufmann team continues to be focused on finding and investing in companies that have little dependence on the economy, good or bad, to generate significant sales and earnings growth.

This quarter the fund had approximately 79% of the portfolio invested in four sectors: Information Technology, Health Care, Consumer Discretionary and Industrials. The sector weightings of the portfolio are a byproduct of our bottom-up stock selection strategy with a team of sector-specialist portfolio managers. We seek to find companies that have company-specific catalysts for growth rather than develop macro themes to construct sector weightings. These sectors also have historically provided good opportunities for bottom-up growth investors.

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## Risk statistics

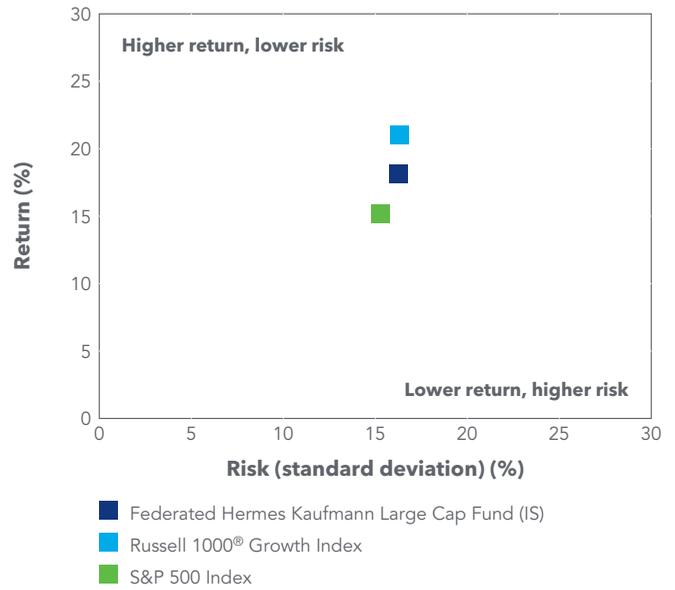
	3-year	5-year	7-year	10-year
<b>Standard deviation</b>	19.53	16.26	15.06	15.55
<b>Alpha</b>	-0.53	-1.68	-1.45	-1.34
<b>Beta</b>	0.95	0.96	0.95	1.02
<b>R<sup>2</sup></b>	94.09	92.91	91.85	87.78

Sources: Federated Hermes, Morningstar, Inc.

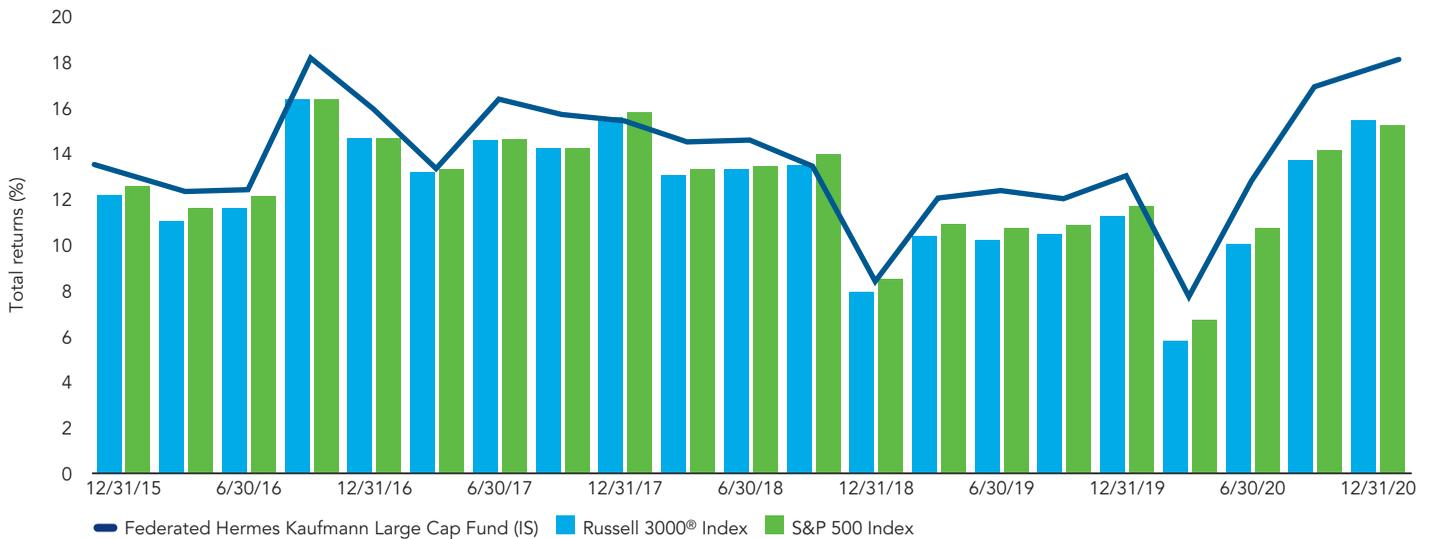
Fund vs. Russell 1000<sup>®</sup> Growth Index

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## 5-year risk/return



## History of outperformance vs. other equity styles

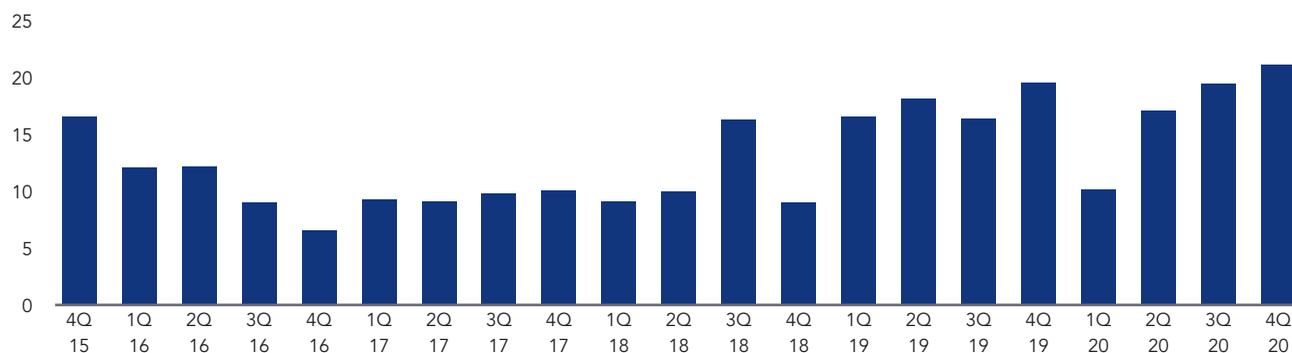


Source: Morningstar, Inc.

Quarterly rolling 5-year returns.

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



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## Category rankings

### Morningstar Large Growth Category

		1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year
<b>R6 Shares</b>	Morningstar Category % Rank	67	43	51	36
	Morningstar Category Rank	908 of 1,289 funds	549 of 1,197 funds	569 of 1,070 funds	–
<b>IS Shares</b>	Morningstar Category % Rank	68	44	52	38
	Morningstar Category Rank	913 of 1,289 funds	561 of 1,197 funds	577 of 1,070 funds	296 of 789 funds
<b>A Shares</b>	Morningstar Category % Rank	70	47	55	45
	Morningstar Category Rank	926 of 1,289 funds	594 of 1,197 funds	622 of 1,070 funds	351 of 789 funds

### Lipper Multi-Cap Growth Funds

		1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year
<b>R6 Shares</b>	Lipper Classification % Rank	73	47	47	–
	Lipper Classification Rank	368 of 507 funds	215 of 461 funds	191 of 406 funds	–
<b>IS Shares</b>	Lipper Classification % Rank	73	47	48	31
	Lipper Classification Rank	369 of 507 funds	217 of 461 funds	193 of 406 funds	83 of 275 funds
<b>A Shares</b>	Lipper Classification % Rank	74	50	52	36
	Lipper Classification Rank	372 of 507 funds	229 of 461 funds	208 of 406 funds	97 of 275 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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As of June 29, 2020, the fund was renamed Federated Hermes Kaufmann Large Cap Fund.

The fund's R6 Shares commenced operations on December 30, 2013. For the period prior to the commencement of operations of the R6 Shares, the R6 Shares performance information shown is for the Institutional Share adjusted to reflect the expenses of the fund's R6 Shares for each year for which the fund's R6 Shares expenses would have exceeded the actual expenses paid by the fund's Institutional Shares.

### A word about risk

Mutual funds are subject to risks and fluctuate in value.

International investing involves special risks, including currency risk, increased volatility, political risks and differences in auditing and other financial standards.

Investing in IPOs involves special risks such as limited liquidity and increased volatility.

### 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.

**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.

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

**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.

**Russell 1000® Index** measures the performance of the large-cap segment of the U.S. equity universe. It is a subset of the Russell 3000® Index and includes approximately 1000 of the largest securities based on a combination of their market cap and current index membership. The Russell 1000® represents approximately 92% of the U.S. market. The Russell 1000® Index is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased barometer for the large-cap segment and is completely reconstituted annually to ensure new and growing equities are reflected.

**Russell 1000® Growth Index** measures the performance of the large-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity universe. It includes those Russell 1000® Index companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. The Russell 1000® Growth Index is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased barometer for the large-cap growth segment. 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 2000® Index** measures the performance of the small-cap segment of the U.S. equity universe. The Russell 2000 is a subset of the Russell 3000® Index representing approximately 10% of the total market capitalization of that index. It includes approximately 2000 of the smallest securities based on a combination of their market cap and current index membership. The Russell 2000® Index is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased small-cap barometer and is completely reconstituted annually to ensure larger stocks do not distort the performance and characteristics of the true small-cap opportunity set.

**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 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. The Russell Midcap® Growth Index 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.

**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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