

Federated Hermes Kaufmann Large Cap Fund

12/31/22

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

\$1.8 billion

Ticker symbols

R6 Shares - KLCSX

Institutional Shares - KLCIX

A Shares - KLCAx

C Shares - KLCCX

R Shares - KLCKX

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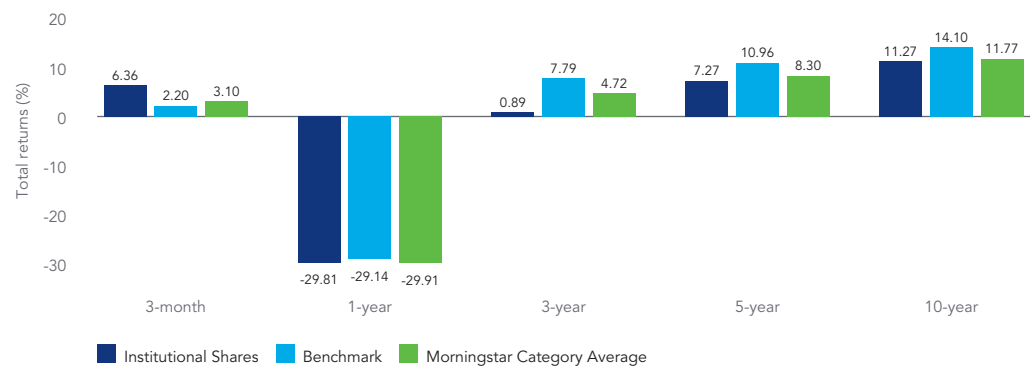
Fund description

The fund seeks to provide capital appreciation by investing primarily in securities of large-cap companies. Utilizing an intensive, bottom-up security selection process, the fund 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
R6 Shares	6.35	-29.77	-29.77	0.95	7.33	11.33	9.45	0.87	0.78
Institutional Shares	6.36	-29.81	-29.81	0.89	7.27	11.27	9.57	0.94	0.84
A Shares (NAV)	6.29	-30.00	-30.00	0.64	7.00	10.99	9.29	1.19	1.09
A Shares (MOP)	0.42	-33.86	-33.86	-1.24	5.79	10.36	8.89	1.19	1.09
Benchmark	2.20	-29.14	-29.14	7.79	10.96	14.10	-	-	-



Calendar year total returns (%)

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Institutional Shares	-29.81	13.81	28.55	38.14	0.12	23.57	4.62	3.13	12.12	37.03
Benchmark	-29.14	27.60	38.49	36.39	-1.51	30.21	7.08	5.67	13.05	33.48
Morningstar Category Average	-29.91	20.45	35.86	31.90	-2.09	27.67	3.23	3.60	10.00	33.92

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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 1/1/24 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 35-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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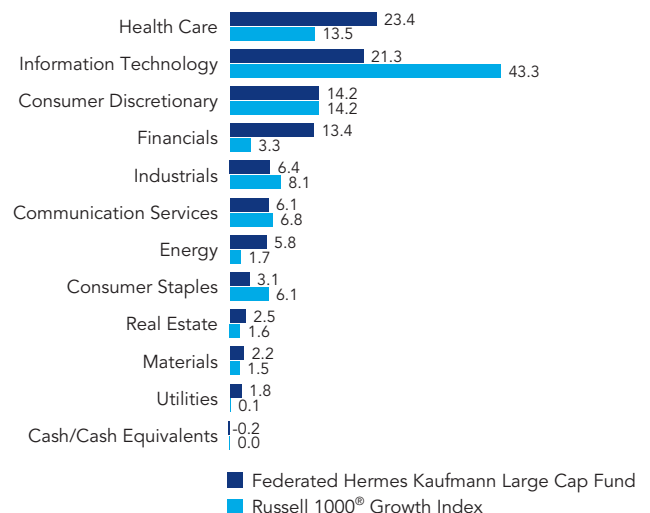
Portfolio statistics

Weighted median P/E (LTM)	32.0x
Weighted median P/E (NTM)	26.7x
Weighted median market cap	\$92.0 b
Number of securities	57
Annual portfolio turnover	14.30%

Top holdings (%)

MICROSOFT CORP	4.8
Amazon.com, Inc.	3.9
CoStar Group Inc	3.8
Argenx SE - ADR	3.7
S&P Global Inc.	3.7
Alphabet Inc.	3.6
Schlumberger Ltd.	3.5
Genmab A/S	3.4
Visa Inc.	3.3
BlackRock, Inc.	2.9
Total % of portfolio	36.6

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 12/31/22 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 bounced back from lows as investors hoped inflation has peaked
- Growth stocks underperformed value stocks during the quarter
- Stock selection and sector weighting both helped relative outperformance
- The Consumer Discretionary and Financials sectors positively contributed to the fund's performance on a relative basis

Looking back

During the fourth quarter of 2022, the U.S. economy and most significant westernized economies saw inflation continue to be the primary headwind to economic growth. Inflationary pressures persisted again due to the impact from record monetary and fiscal stimulus as well as the Eastern European conflict along with regulatory restrictions causing supply disruptions. This inflationary pressure has caused most global central banks to pursue aggressive monetary tightening policies in 2022. This pressure seemed to ease a bit as some economic statistics showed potential signs of inflation peaking and heading lower. This led to global equities rebounding in the fourth quarter of 2022. The U.S. indexes that were up the most during the quarter were led by mid-cap stocks, represented by the Russell Midcap Index, which returned 9.18%, followed by the S&P 500 Index, which returned 7.55%, followed by large-cap stocks, represented by the Russell 1000 Index, which returned 7.23%, followed by small cap stocks, represented by the Russell 2000 Index, which returned 6.2%. The technology- and growth-focused Nasdaq Index was down for the quarter, returning -0.78%. Large-cap growth stocks underperformed large-cap value stocks, continuing a multi-quarter trend after a one-quarter lapse.

During the third quarter, the portfolio team added new equity positions of the following: CrowdStrike Holdings Inc (new), Eli Lilly & Company, Moderna Inc, Alnylam Pharmaceuticals (new) and Deere & Co (new).

Also during the quarter, the portfolio subtracted or reduced the following select equity positions in pursuit of better opportunities: Salesforce Inc (exited), Palo Alto Networks Inc, Edwards Lifesciences (exited), Pioneer Natural Resources and Ultragenyx Pharmaceuticals.

The fund participated in zero IPOs in the quarter as the IPO market remained very quiet during the quarter after a record year in 2021.

Performance

Federated Hermes Kaufmann Large Cap Fund Institutional Shares returned 6.36% at NAV for the three months ended December 30, 2022. That compares with its benchmark, the Russell 1000 Growth Index which returned 2.20% during the same period.

Performance contributors

- Stocks that made a positive contribution to performance included: Schlumberger NV, BlackRock Inc., Genmab AS, Nike Inc. and Dexcom Inc.

Performance detractors

- Stocks that detracted from performance included: Amazon Inc, Edwards Lifesciences, CrowdStrike Holdings, Alphabet Inc and Airbnb

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How we are positioned

As the U.S. economy enters 2023, many headwinds persist, from global monetary tightening to inflation to geopolitical uncertainty. These questions, among others, are likely to endure throughout the year, which could cause market uncertainty. One indicator of investor caution would be the fourth quarter in a row of very little IPO activity since the peak in 2021. After a record-breaking year in 2021, the 2022 U.S. IPO issuance remains quiet, with 71 IPOs priced in 2022 through December 30 and only raising \$7.7 billion according to Renaissance Capital. 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 71% of the portfolio invested in four sectors: Information Technology, Health Care, Consumer Discretionary and Financials. The sector weightings of the portfolio are a byproduct of our bottom-up stock selection strategy with a team of sector-specialist portfolio managers. These sectors also have historically provided good opportunities for bottom-up growth investors. We seek to find companies that have company-specific catalysts for growth rather than develop macro themes to construct sector weightings. The strategy's consistent growth bias has allowed the portfolio to produce the following statistics: average sales growth last 12 months of 29%, operating margins of 27% and median earnings growth for the last year of 11%. These figures compare to those of the Russell 1000 Growth Index as follows: average sales growth of 29%, median operating margins of 18% and median earnings growth of 9%.

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Risk statistics

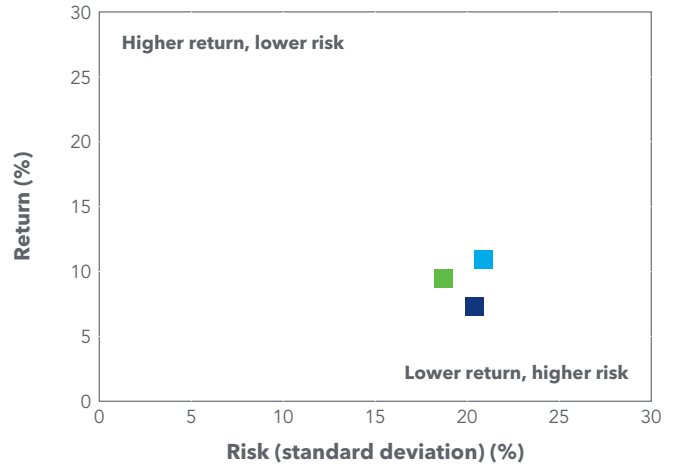
	3-year	5-year	7-year	10-year
Standard deviation	23.00	20.39	17.95	16.23
Alpha	-6.18	-2.87	-2.93	-1.84
Beta	0.93	0.94	0.95	0.95
R²	93.75	93.83	93.17	91.14

Sources: Federated Hermes, Morningstar, Inc.

Fund vs. Russell 1000[®] Growth Index

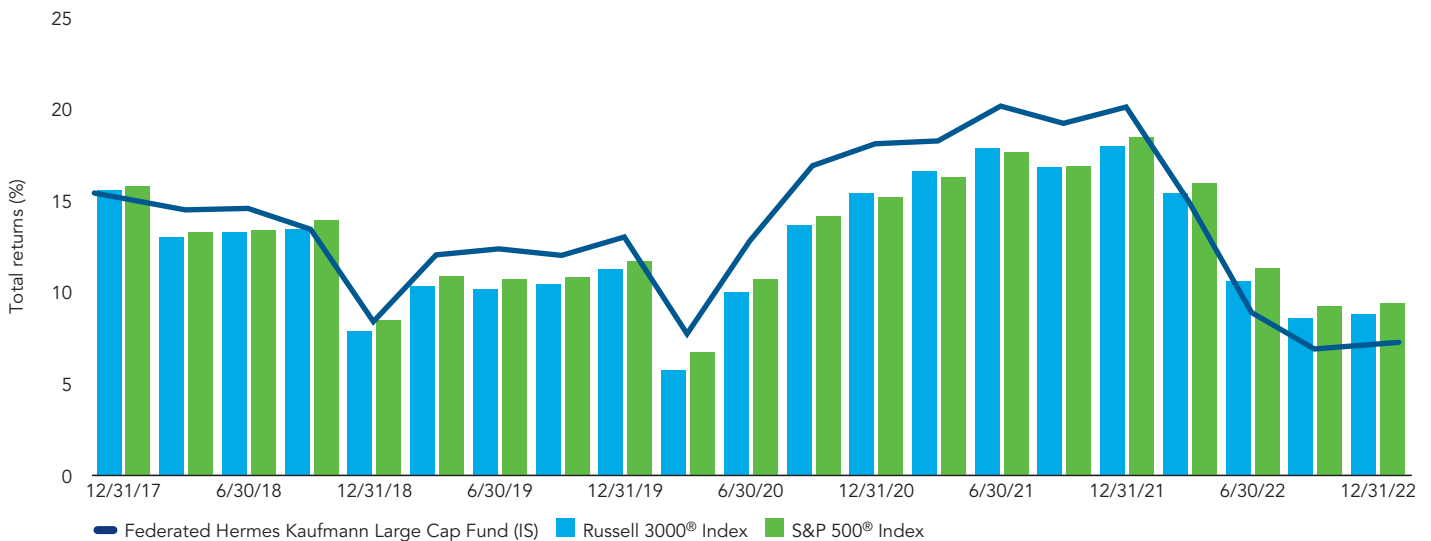
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5-year risk/return



	Risk (%)	Return (%)
■ Federated Hermes Kaufmann Large Cap Fund (IS)	20.39	7.27
■ Russell 1000 [®] Growth Index	20.88	10.96
■ S&P 500 [®] Index	18.69	9.42

History of outperformance vs. other equity styles

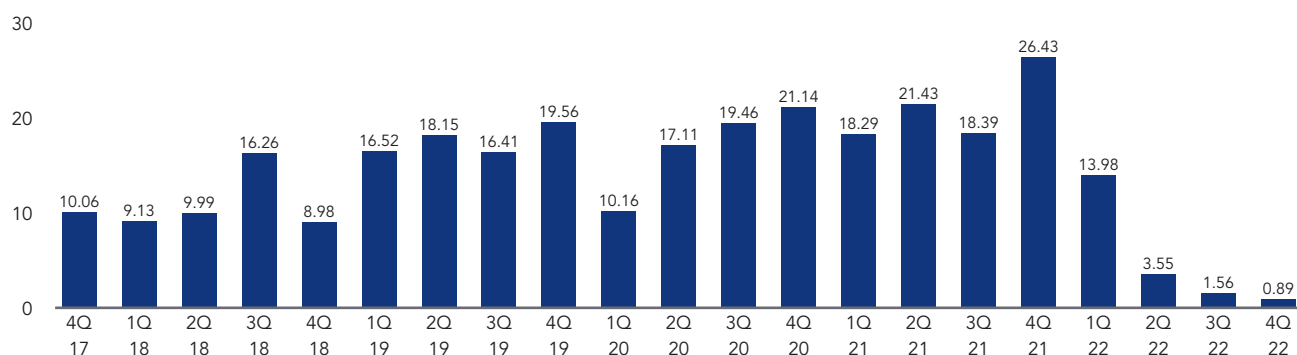


Source: Morningstar, Inc.

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
R6 Shares	Morningstar Category % Rank	51	86	69	-
	Morningstar Category Rank	524 of 1,235 funds	976 of 1,131 funds	717 of 1,054 funds	-
IS Shares	Morningstar Category % Rank	51	86	70	64
	Morningstar Category Rank	527 of 1,235 funds	979 of 1,131 funds	729 of 1,054 funds	515 of 804 funds
A Shares	Morningstar Category % Rank	52	87	74	72
	Morningstar Category Rank	544 of 1,235 funds	997 of 1,131 funds	781 of 1,054 funds	576 of 804 funds

Lipper Multi-Cap Growth Funds		1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year
R6 Shares	Lipper Classification % Rank	44	76	57	-
	Lipper Classification Rank	188 of 433 funds	300 of 396 funds	204 of 360 funds	-
IS Shares	Lipper Classification % Rank	44	76	58	47
	Lipper Classification Rank	190 of 433 funds	301 of 396 funds	206 of 360 funds	121 of 258 funds
A Shares	Lipper Classification % Rank	46	77	61	53
	Lipper Classification Rank	197 of 433 funds	305 of 396 funds	219 of 360 funds	137 of 258 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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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 FederatedInvestors.com. Please carefully read the summary prospectus or the prospectus before investing.

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 Shares 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. 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.

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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