

Federated Hermes Kaufmann Small Cap Fund

9/30/20

Fund facts

Performance inception date

12/18/02

Benchmark

Russell 2000® Growth Index

Morningstar category

Small Growth

Lipper classification

Small-Cap Growth Funds

Fund assets

\$7.2 billion

Ticker symbols

R6 Shares - FKALX

IS Shares - FKAIX

A Shares - FKASX

C Shares - FKCSX

R Shares - FKKSX

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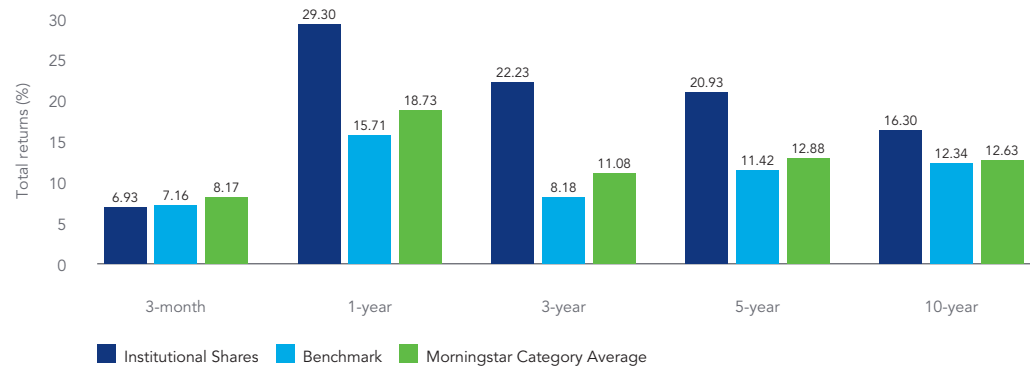
Fund description

The fund seeks to provide capital appreciation by investing primarily in securities of small 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
R6 Shares	6.95	16.45	29.31	22.24	20.75	16.21	15.16	0.95	0.90
Institutional Shares	6.93	16.43	29.30	22.23	20.93	16.30	15.19	1.03	0.91
A Shares (NAV)	6.81	16.04	28.73	21.67	20.40	16.04	15.07	1.53	1.37
A Shares (MOP)	0.94	9.67	21.65	19.39	19.04	15.39	14.70	1.53	1.37
Benchmark	7.16	3.88	15.71	8.18	11.42	12.34	-	-	-



Calendar year returns (%)

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Institutional Shares	34.58	7.40	38.46	6.27	4.98	5.66	40.35	21.27	-14.18	31.61
Benchmark	28.48	-9.31	22.17	11.32	-1.38	5.60	43.30	14.59	-2.91	29.09
Morningstar Category Average	27.68	-5.76	21.50	11.20	-2.41	2.44	40.91	13.15	-3.55	26.98

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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 1/1/21 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, small-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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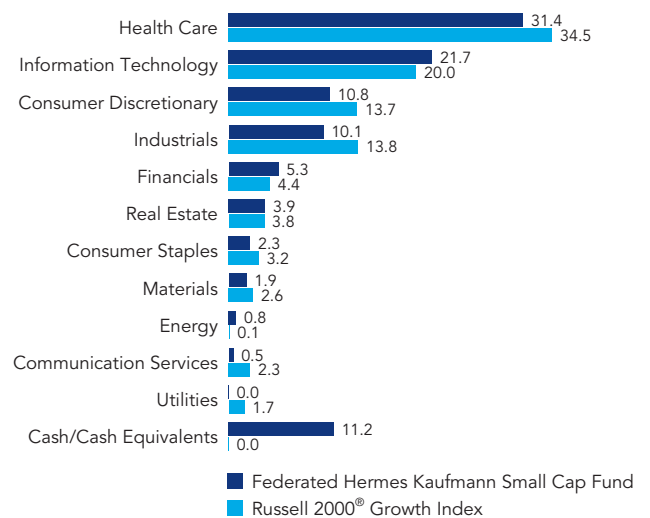
Portfolio statistics

Weighted median P/E (LTM)	64.2x
Weighted median P/E (NTM)	44.9x
Weighted median market cap	\$4.3 b
Number of securities	250
Annual portfolio turnover	21.23%

Top holdings (%)

Argenx SE	2.1
Ultragenyx Pharmaceutical, Inc.	1.5
Zai Lab Limited - ADR	1.2
Mercury Systems, Inc.	1.0
Natera, Inc.	1.0
Nuvei Corp	1.0
Planet Fitness, Inc.	1.0
Rapid7, Inc.	1.0
Wingstop, Inc.	1.0
Argenx SE - ADR	0.9
Total % of portfolio	11.7

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 9/30/20 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 continued their preference for growth stocks over value stocks
- Technology stocks contributed to the fund's relative outperformance
- Stock selection drove the fund's positive relative performance

Looking back

During the third 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 reopening. The U.S. equity markets rose sharply during the quarter led by mid-cap stocks, represented by the Russell 1000 Index, up 9.47%, followed by the S&P 500, up 8.9%, followed by Russell Midcap Index, up 7.46%, followed by small-cap stocks, represented by the Russell 2000 Index, up 4.93% during the quarter. Small-cap growth stocks outperformed small-cap value stocks, a continuation of a multiyear trend.

During the third quarter, the portfolio team added new or to existing positions of the following: LivePerson, Inc. (new), Nuvei Corp (IPO), Azek Co., Inc., Sumo Logic Inc. (IPO) and Zentalis Pharmaceuticals (new).

Also during the quarter, the portfolio exited or reduced the following equity positions in pursuit of better opportunities: Teledoc, Inc. (exited), Moderna, Inc., Maxeon Solar Technologies (exited), and ProSight Global (exited).

Capital markets activities during the quarter: The fund participated in 23 IPOs. The following is a list of select IPO's during the quarter: Bentley Systems, Relay Therapeutics, Oak Street Health, Berkley Lights, Annexon Inc., American Well Corp., Stepstone Group, Max Stock Ltd., Jamf Holding Corp., Sumo Logic, Boise Cascade, Laird Superfood Inc., Vital Farms Inc. and National Storage Affiliates.

Finally, the team was very active in the secondary equity markets as well. The fund participated in 15 secondary offers and the following are a select list of secondary offerings during the quarter: Azek Inc., Casi Pharmaceuticals, Purple Innovation, Otonomy Inc., Seres Therapeutics, Zentalis Pharmaceuticals and Nordic Semiconductor ASA.

Performance

Federated Hermes Kaufmann Small Cap Fund Institutional Shares returned 6.93% at NAV for the three months ended September 30, 2020. That compares with its benchmark, the Russell 2000 Growth Index, which returned 7.16% during the same period.

Performance contributors

- Stocks that made a positive contribution to performance included New Fortress Energy Inc., SunPower Corporation, argenex SE, Fiverr International and Nuvei Corp.

Performance detractors

- Stocks that detracted from performance included Alektor, Inc., Dynavax Technologies Corp., Alteryx, Inc., Galapagos NV and Zogeni

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How we are positioned

As the U.S. economy continues into the final quarter of 2020, the economic data has likely bottomed and the recovery has begun. Uncertainty continues to plague economies, governments and citizens as the virus persists and threatens the reopening process. For many societies this type of economic chaos has not been seen at this level since the end of the First World War and the 1918 flu epidemic. Despite those 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 73% of the portfolio invested in four sectors: Information Technology, Health Care, Consumer Discretionary and Industrials. The sector weightings of the portfolio is 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

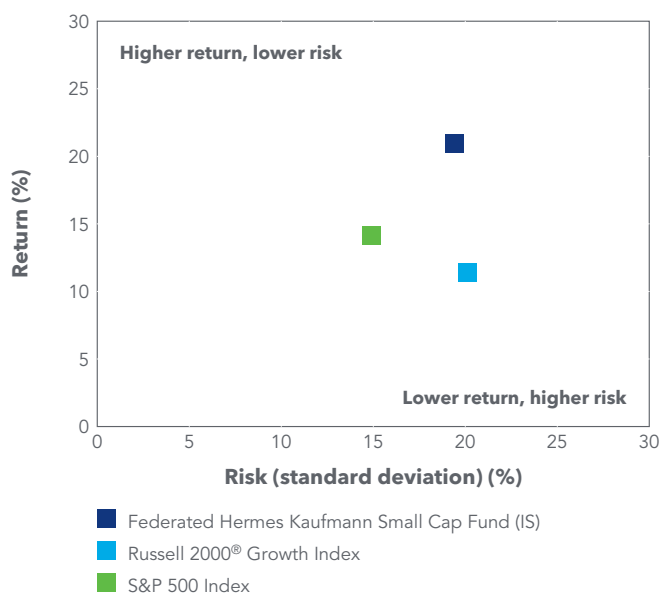
	3-year	5-year	7-year	10-year
Standard deviation	21.54	19.41	18.56	19.24
Alpha	12.88	9.18	7.74	4.01
Beta	0.90	0.91	0.93	0.97
R²	92.60	89.45	88.87	87.40

Sources: Federated Hermes, Morningstar, Inc.

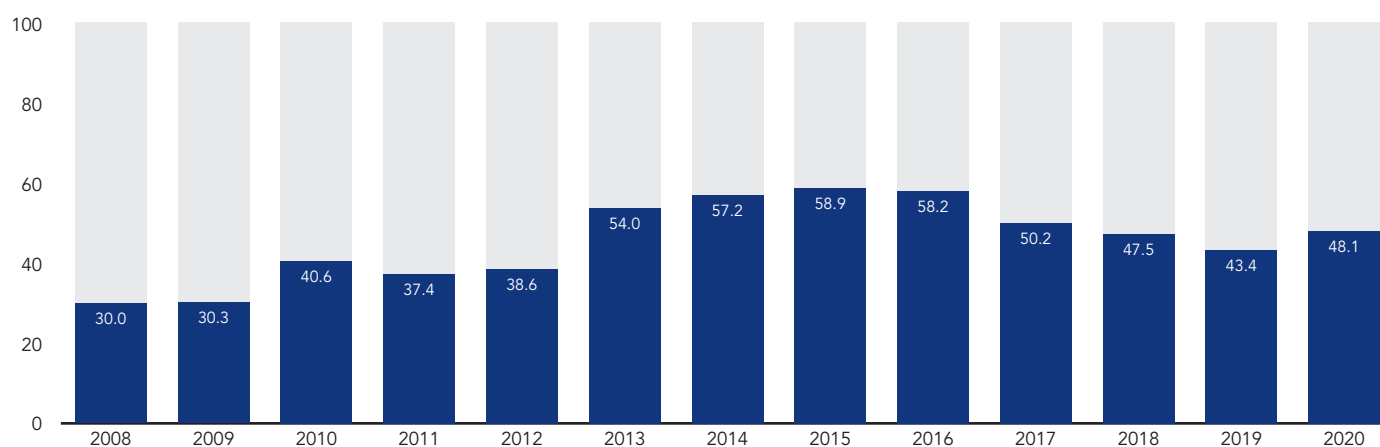
Fund vs. Russell 2000[®] Growth Index

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5-year risk/return



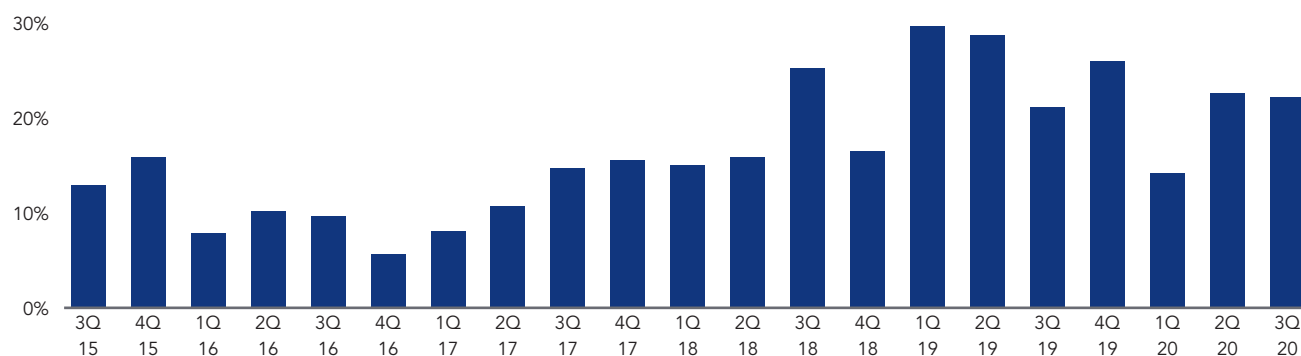
Percent of portfolio invested in IPOs (%)



* As of 9/30/20

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3-year rolling returns (IS)



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Category rankings

Morningstar Small Growth Category

		1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year
R6 Shares	Morningstar Category % Rank	27	12	8	8
	Morningstar Category Rank	172 of 624 funds	63 of 579 funds	–	–
IS Shares	Morningstar Category % Rank	27	12	7	8
	Morningstar Category Rank	173 of 624 funds	64 of 579 funds	–	–
A Shares	Morningstar Category % Rank	28	12	9	9
	Morningstar Category Rank	185 of 624 funds	67 of 579 funds	37 of 513 funds	34 of 384 funds

Lipper Small-Cap Growth Funds

		1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year
R6 Shares	Lipper Classification % Rank	26	10	–	–
	Lipper Classification Rank	166 of 638 funds	57 of 592 funds	–	–
IS Shares	Lipper Classification % Rank	27	10	–	–
	Lipper Classification Rank	167 of 638 funds	58 of 592 funds	–	–
A Shares	Lipper Classification % Rank	29	11	7	9
	Lipper Classification Rank	179 of 638 funds	60 of 592 funds	32 of 513 funds	31 of 382 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 Small Cap Fund.

The fund's R6 Shares commenced operations on September 1, 2017. For the period prior to the commencement of operations of the R6 Shares, the performance information shown is for the fund's A 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 A Shares. The performance information has also been adjusted to reflect any applicable differences between the sales loads and charges imposed on the purchase and redemption of R6 Shares and A Shares, as well as the removal of any voluntary waivers/reimbursements of fund expenses that may have occurred during the periods prior to the commencement of operations of the R6 Shares.

The fund's Institutional Shares commenced operations on December 30, 2015. For the period prior to the commencement of operations for the IS Shares, the performance information shown is for the A Shares adjusted to reflect the expenses of the IS Shares for each year for which the expenses of the IS Shares would have exceeded the actual expenses paid by the fund's A Shares. The performance information has also been adjusted to reflect any applicable differences between the sales loads and charges imposed on the purchase and redemption of IS and A Shares, as well as the removal of any voluntary waivers/reimbursements of fund expenses that may have occurred during the periods prior to the commencement of operations of the IS 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.

Small company stocks may be less liquid and subject to greater price volatility than large capitalization stocks.

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 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® 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 Midcap® Index measures the performance of the mid-cap segment of the U.S. equity universe. The Russell Midcap® Index is a subset of the Russell 1000® Index. It includes approximately 800 of the smallest securities based on a combination of their market cap and current index membership. The Russell Midcap® Index represents approximately 27% of the total market capitalization of the Russell 1000 companies.

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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