

Federated Hermes MDT All Cap Core Fund

9/30/22

Fund facts

Performance inception date

10/1/02

Benchmark

Russell 3000® Index

Morningstar category

Large Blend

Lipper classification

Multi-Cap Core Funds

Fund assets

\$390.9 million

Ticker symbols

R6 Shares - QKACX

Institutional Shares - QIACX

A Shares - QAACX

C Shares - QCACX

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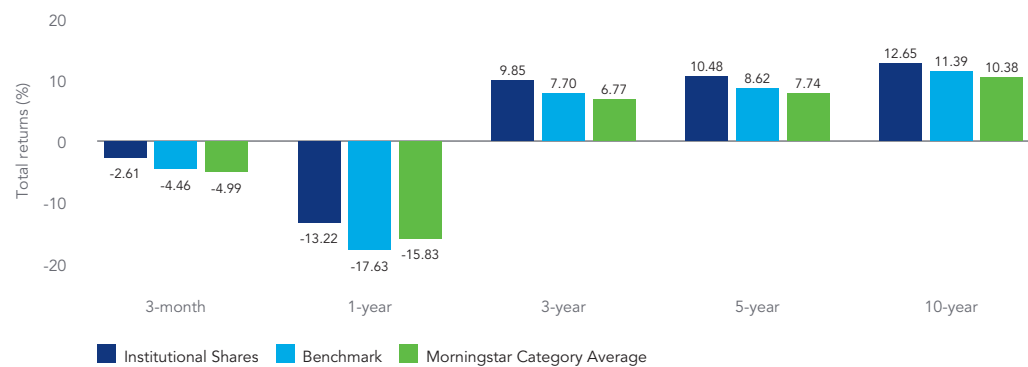
Fund description

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	-2.58	-22.11	-13.18	9.85	10.50	12.33	8.82	0.87	0.74
Institutional Shares	-2.61	-22.11	-13.22	9.85	10.48	12.65	9.36	0.95	0.75
A Shares (NAV)	-2.66	-22.28	-13.46	9.51	10.16	12.33	9.06	1.21	1.05
A Shares (MOP)	-8.03	-26.56	-18.21	7.47	8.93	11.70	8.75	1.21	1.05
Benchmark	-4.46	-24.62	-17.63	7.70	8.62	11.39	-	-	-



Calendar year total returns (%)

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Institutional Shares	31.22	21.91	26.91	-2.49	21.07	12.41	-4.21	13.32	40.49	16.54
Benchmark	25.66	20.89	31.02	-5.24	21.13	12.74	0.48	12.56	33.55	16.42
Morningstar Category Average	26.07	15.83	25.04	-8.53	15.94	14.81	-4.05	10.21	31.21	14.57

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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 10/1/23 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

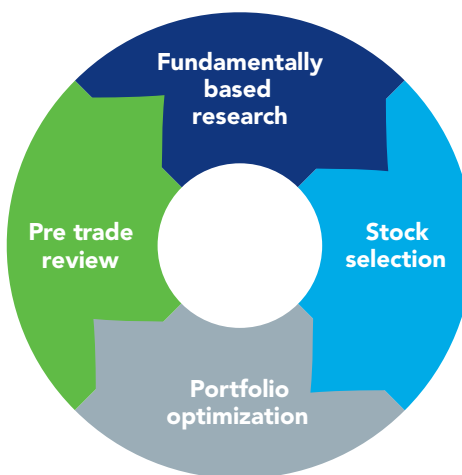
Stock alphas are forecasted based on each company's characteristics.

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.



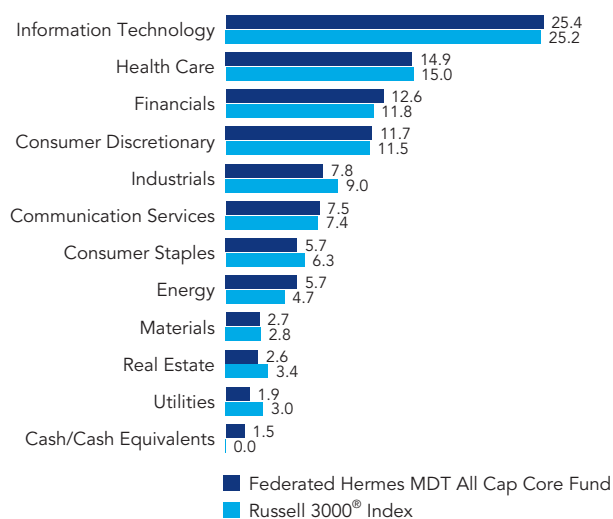
Portfolio statistics

Weighted median P/E (LTM)	19.8x
Weighted median P/E (NTM)	16.0x
Weighted median market cap	\$31.1 b
Weighted median price/book	3.9x
Number of securities	173

Top holdings (%)

Apple Inc.	3.4
Adobe Inc.	2.9
PayPal Holdings, Inc.	2.9
Expedia Group, Inc.	2.6
Netflix, Inc.	2.6
Marathon Petroleum Corp.	2.3
Microsoft Corp.	2.3
Align Technology, Inc.	1.8
Meta Platforms, Inc.	1.8
Dell Technologies Inc.	1.7
Total % of portfolio	24.3

Sector weightings (%)



Portfolio composition is based on net assets at the close of business on 9/30/22 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

- The domestic market favored small-cap over large-cap and growth over value
- Stocks with depressed prices and without significant external financing needs contributed the most to outperformance
- The fund ended the quarter roughly sector-neutral to benchmark

Looking back

The third quarter of 2022 was better than the first and second quarters, but still a down market, with the Russell 3000 Index returning -4.46%. Just as in the second quarter, there was one month of gains (July) and two months of losses (August and September). The gain month, July, was the strongest month of the year so far, but the quarter ended on a sour note in September, with all of the Russell 3000 subindexes losing a large and very consistent percentage of their value (the best subindex return in the month of September was the Russell Top 200 Value Index at -8.28% and the worst was the Russell 2000 Value Index at -10.19%). The August and September losses came as inflation persisted and the Federal Reserve Board raised its target interest rate to a level higher than it had been in the last ten years.

Over the full quarter, small-capitalization stocks performed a little better than larger capitalization stocks: the small-cap Russell 2000 Index returned -2.19%, the Russell Midcap Index returned -3.44%, and the mega-cap Russell Top 200 Index returned -5.02%. Looking at the Russell style indexes, growth fared better this quarter than did value: the Russell 3000 Growth Index returned -3.37%, while the Russell 3000 Value Index returned -5.56%. The Russell 2000 Growth Index, with a return of 0.24% this quarter, was the only one of the Russell 3000 subindexes that had a positive return.

Performance

Federated Hermes MDT All Cap Core Fund (Institutional Shares) returned -2.61% in the third quarter of 2022, outperforming the -4.46% return of its benchmark, the Russell 3000 Index.

Performance contributors

- Strong stock selection among stocks with depressed prices and without significant external financing needs
- Overweight of and favorable stock selection among stocks with high structural (repeatable) earnings and neutral to high analyst conviction
- Stock selection in Communication Services, Health Care, Consumer Staples and Information Technology sectors
- Strong performers overweighted by the Fund: PayPal Holdings, Inc., Biogen Inc., Marathon Petroleum Corporation and Netflix, Inc.

Performance detractors

- Poor stock selection and an underweight of high volatility stocks with positive analyst conviction
- Stock selection in Consumer Discretionary sector
- Weak performer overweighted by the fund: Dell Technologies, Inc. (Class C)
- Strong performers underweighted by the fund: Amazon.com, Inc. and Tesla Inc.

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How we are positioned

The fund ended the third quarter roughly sector-neutral to the benchmark according to the GICS sectors. Within the sectors, there were small overweight positions of the Consumer Services and Diversified Financials industries and small underweight positions of the Banks, Capital Goods and Automobiles and Components industries. At the end of the period, the fund was tilted toward value stocks.

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Risk statistics

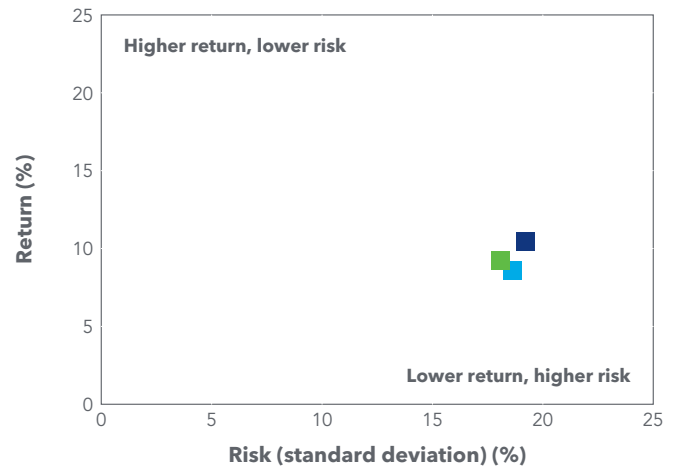
	3-year	5-year	7-year	10-year
Standard deviation	21.64	19.21	17.19	15.51
Alpha	1.95	1.66	0.62	0.95
Beta	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.03
Correlation	0.99	0.99	0.98	0.98
R²	97.40	97.34	96.53	96.18
Up capture ratio	105.54	103.90	101.66	103.23
Down capture ratio	99.24	97.48	98.33	97.83
Sharpe ratio	0.42	0.48	0.62	0.68
Tracking error	3.53	3.16	3.23	3.06

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)	19.21	10.48
■ Russell 3000 [®] Index	18.62	8.62
■ S&P 500 Index	18.07	9.23

A diversified equity holding can help weather market cycles

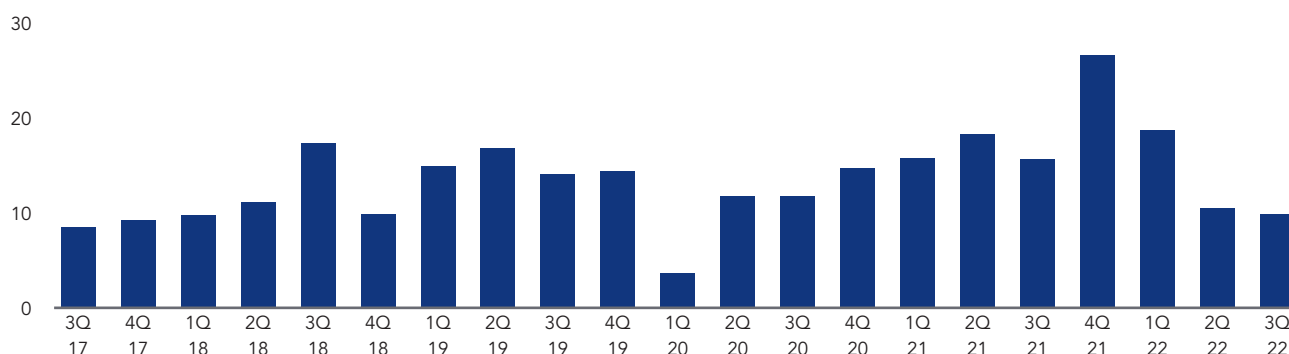
2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 YTD
Large Growth 5.09%	Small Value 31.74%	Large Growth 29.59%	Large Growth -2.12%	Large Growth 35.85%	Large Growth 38.26%	MDT All Cap Core Fund (IS) 31.22%	Large Value -17.97%
Mid Growth -0.20%	Mid Value 20.00%	Mid Growth 25.27%	MDT All Cap Core Fund (IS) -2.49%	Mid Growth 35.47%	Mid Growth 35.59%	Mid Value 28.34%	Mid Value -20.36%
Small Growth -1.38%	Large Value 18.40%	Small Growth 22.17%	Mid Growth -4.75%	Small Growth 28.48%	Small Growth 34.63%	Small Value 28.27%	Small Value -21.12%
Large Value -4.13%	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%	MDT All Cap Core Fund (IS) -22.11%
MDT All Cap Core Fund (IS) -4.21%	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 -29.28%
Mid Value -4.78%	Large Growth 7.39%	Large Value 13.19%	Mid Value -12.29%	Large Value 26.26%	Small Value 4.63%	Mid Growth 12.73%	Large Growth -30.57%
Small Value -7.47%	Mid Growth 7.33%	Small Value 7.84%	Small Value -12.86%	Small Value 22.39%	Large Value 2.87%	Small Growth 2.83%	Mid Growth -31.45%

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	24	6	3	3
	Morningstar Category Rank	282 of 1,366 funds	69 of 1,237 funds	25 of 1,118 funds	19 of 820 funds
IS Shares	Morningstar Category % Rank	24	6	3	2
	Morningstar Category Rank	284 of 1,366 funds	70 of 1,237 funds	28 of 1,118 funds	9 of 820 funds
A Shares	Morningstar Category % Rank	25	8	6	3
	Morningstar Category Rank	304 of 1,366 funds	87 of 1,237 funds	50 of 1,118 funds	20 of 820 funds

Lipper Multi-Cap Core Funds

		1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year
R6 Shares	Lipper Classification % Rank	18	8	5	3
	Lipper Classification Rank	114 of 658 funds	43 of 599 funds	23 of 528 funds	10 of 357 funds
IS Shares	Lipper Classification % Rank	18	8	5	2
	Lipper Classification Rank	117 of 658 funds	43 of 599 funds	24 of 528 funds	7 of 357 funds
A Shares	Lipper Classification % Rank	20	9	6	3
	Lipper Classification Rank	127 of 658 funds	54 of 599 funds	28 of 528 funds	10 of 357 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 FederatedInvestors.com. 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.

Federated Hermes MDT All Cap Core Fund

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.

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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.

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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.

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