# Federated Hermes

# Investment case

Large Cap Core: FLCC

Small Cap Core: FSCC

Large Cap Value: FLCV

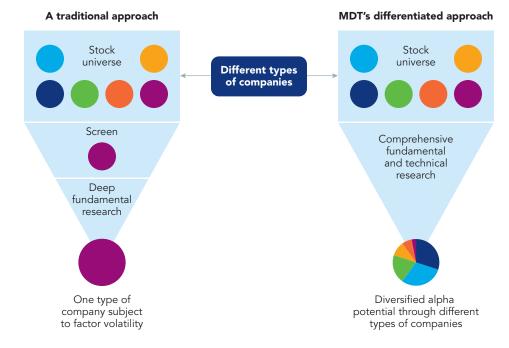
Large Cap Growth: FLCG

- Federated Hermes MDT ETFs offer:
  - Active exposure to U.S. equities, targeting style and market capitalization
  - Access to Federated Hermes MDT's time-tested, systematic investment process in an ETF wrapper
  - Style consistency to complement existing portfolio structures

# Investment philosophy

- MDT believes:
- » Excess returns can be achieved using an active, systematic investment approach.
- » Return drivers vary across different types of companies, and sophisticated modeling can identify forecasting techniques that are most relevant to each company type.
- » The resulting breadth of potential alpha sources provides the opportunity for more consistent performance.

Exhibit 1: Differentiated approach to portfolio construction



- The ETF strategies employ a disciplined, systematic approach built upon demonstrated, well-tested metrics believed to be predictive of a stock's future performance.
- These metrics are identified through a rigorous research process that considers vast amounts of data, while mitigating the biases often introduced through more traditional fundamental approaches.

# Portfolio implementation ideas

Federated Hermes MDT ETFs can be used several ways within an investor's aggregate portfolio, such as those outlined below.

## Index fund complement or replacement

- Federated Hermes MDT's active ETFs can replace or be paired with a passive index fund.
- Using one of these ETFs alone or in combination with an index fund of a similar style provides the potential to outperform the index within preferred risk parameters.
- These funds are sector neutral, targeting +/- 1% of the benchmark.
- Stock exposure target is +/- 2.5% of the benchmark

## Exhibit 2: Active portfolio positioning

Federated Hermes MDT ETF active share as of 7/31/24

| Index                | Active share   |
|----------------------|--|
| Russell 1000®        | 62.73  |
| Russell 1000® Growth | 41.20  |
| Russell 1000® Value  | 78.54  |
| Russell 2000®        | 82.18  |
|                      | Russell 1000®<br>Russell 1000® Growth<br>Russell 1000® Value |

Sources: Morningstar, Inc.; Federated Hermes.

Exhibit 3: Federated Hermes MDT ETFs differ from the "market"

Federated Hermes ETF holdings compared to S&P 500° as of 7/31/24

1.89

1.88

23.34

1.71

1.78

20.48

| Federated Hermes MDT Large Cap Growth  |                                   |   |  |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| Top holdings   | %                                 | +/- S&P<br>500®   |  |
| Apple Inc.   | 8.49                              | 1.58  |  |
| Microsoft Corp.  | 8.44                              | 1.56  |  |
| NVIDIA Corp.   | 7.74                              | 2.15  |  |
| Amazon.com, Inc.   | 4.97                              | 1.32  |  |
| Alphabet Inc.  | 4.92                              | 0.89  |  |
| Meta Platforms, Inc.   | 3.96                              | 1.74  |  |
| <b>Costco Wholesale Corporation</b>  | 2.84                              | 2.05  |  |
| Qualcomm, Inc.   | 2.75                              | 2.34  |  |
| GoDaddy, Inc.  | 2.74                              | 2.70  |  |
| Ameriprise Financial, Inc.   | 2.56                              | 2.47  |  |
|  |                                   |   |  |
| Total  | 49.41                             | 18.80   |  |
| Total Federated Hermes MDT Large   | .,,,,                             |   |  |
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| Federated Hermes MDT Large   | e Cap Va                          | alue<br>+/- S&P   |  |
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| Federated Hermes MDT Large Top holdings Johnson & Johnson  | * Cap Va                          | +/- S&P<br>500®<br>2.00                                 |  |
| Federated Hermes MDT Large Top holdings Johnson & Johnson Prudential Financial, Inc.                             | % 2.85 2.82                       | +/- S&P<br>500®<br>2.00<br>2.72                         |  |
| Federated Hermes MDT Large Top holdings Johnson & Johnson Prudential Financial, Inc. GoDaddy, Inc.               | % 2.85<br>2.82<br>2.59            | +/- S&P<br>500°<br>2.00<br>2.72<br>2.54                 |  |
| Federated Hermes MDT Large Top holdings Johnson & Johnson Prudential Financial, Inc. GoDaddy, Inc. PepsiCo, Inc. | %<br>2.85<br>2.82<br>2.59<br>2.57 | +/- S&P<br>500°<br>2.00<br>2.72<br>2.54<br>2.05         |  |
| Top holdings Johnson & Johnson Prudential Financial, Inc. GoDaddy, Inc. PepsiCo, Inc. Ameriprise Financial, Inc. | % 2.85<br>2.82<br>2.59<br>2.36    | +/- S&P<br>500®<br>2.00<br>2.72<br>2.54<br>2.05<br>2.27 |  |

| S&P 500 <sup>®</sup>      |       |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Top holdings              | %     |
| Apple Inc.                | 6.91  |
| Microsoft Corp.           | 6.88  |
| NVIDIA Corp.              | 5.59  |
| Alphabet Inc. (A&C Class) | 4.03  |
| Amazon.com, Inc.          | 3.64  |
| Meta Platforms, Inc.      | 2.22  |
| Berkshire Hathaway Inc.   | 1.75  |
| Lilly Eli & Company       | 1.38  |
| Broadcom Inc.             | 1.37  |
| JPMorgan Chase & Co.      | 1.35  |
| Total                     | 35.13 |

| Federated Hermes MDT Large Cap Core |       |         |  |  |
|-------------------------------------|-------|---------|--|--|
|                                     |       | +/- S&P |  |  |
| Top holdings                        | %     | 500®    |  |  |
| Apple Inc.                          | 6.48  | -0.43   |  |  |
| Alphabet Inc.                       | 4.95  | 0.92    |  |  |
| Microsoft Corp.                     | 4.86  | -2.03   |  |  |
| NVIDIA Corp.                        | 4.50  | -1.09   |  |  |
| AbbVie Inc.                         | 2.68  | 1.96    |  |  |
| GoDaddy, Inc.                       | 2.62  | 2.58    |  |  |
| Amazon.com, Inc.                    | 2.62  | -1.03   |  |  |
| Meta Platforms, Inc.                | 2.39  | 0.17    |  |  |
| Prudential Financial, Inc.          | 2.10  | 2.00    |  |  |
| Ameriprise Financial, Inc.          | 1.83  | 1.74    |  |  |
| Total                               | 35.03 | 4.79    |  |  |
|                                     |       |         |  |  |
| Federated Hermes MDT Small Cap Core |       |         |  |  |
|                                     |       | +/- S&P |  |  |
| Top holdings                        | %     | 500®    |  |  |
| and the second second               | 0.00  | 0.00    |  |  |

| Top holdings               | %     | +/- S&P<br>500® |
|----------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| Jackson Financial Inc.     | 2.38  | 2.38            |
| Parsons Corp.              | 2.05  | 2.05            |
| GMS Inc.                   | 1.88  | 1.88            |
| Knife River Corp.          | 1.61  | 1.61            |
| Halozyme Therapeutics Inc. | 1.45  | 1.45            |
| Murphy USA Inc.            | 1.45  | 1.45            |
| Skywest Inc.               | 1.28  | 1.28            |
| Omnicell Inc.              | 1.22  | 1.22            |
| Madison Square Garden Ent. | 1.18  | 1.18            |
| BankUnited Inc.            | 1.14  | 1.14            |
| Total                      | 15.65 | 15.65           |
|                            |       |                 |

Source: Federated Hermes

Colgate-Palmolive Co.

**Kimberly-Clark Corporation** 

Total

The ETFs may also provide diversification relative to other actively-managed funds or ETFs used within investors' aggregate allocation due to the possibility of low correlation of excess returns with other fundamental and quantitative approaches—potentially improving a portfolio's overall risk-adjusted returns.

## **Active manager complement**

- Unlike certain other quantitative approaches, MDT considers various factors and factor combinations that vary based on individual stocks' attributes.
- MDT's strategies seek to produce excess returns (alpha) that have low correlations to other active managers' excess returns in its style category.
- We believe this potential for uncorrelated alpha means that each ETF may effectively complement similar strategies.

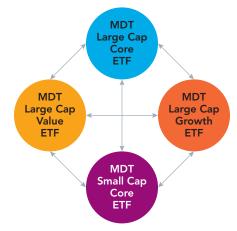
# Active multi-strategy components

- All four ETFs managed together or in combination can be used to create an equity portfolio that manages exposure to large/small and growth/value styles.
- The ETFs select most of their investments from companies listed in their respective benchmark.
- Growth and Value funds can be used tactically to shift style exposures.

#### Core or tactical allocation

- ETFs can be employed individually to establish strategic or tactical exposure across style and capitalization ranges.
- Potential for diversification benefits may increase when added to a multi-manager framework.
- Our ETFs don't have trading restrictions and can be used to create tactical exposures, with shorter holding periods.













# Why ETFs?

## More tax efficient

- ETFs utilize in-kind transfers of securities that can help maintain a high level of tax efficiency.
- In-kind transfers do not create a taxable event, because the underlying shares that comprise the ETFs are transferred from one vehicle to another rather than sold on the open market.
- While not immune to capital gain distributions, ETFs' capital gains likely will be lower versus a mutual fund.

## **Lower costs**

- ETFs have fewer structural costs compared to mutual funds.
- Investors' costs may be reduced due to in-kind transactions.
- With lower costs to operate, investors could see better total returns versus a mutual fund.

## More flexibility

- Intraday trading allows clients to make asset allocations changes in real-time.
- Potential for clients to utilize more complex investment strategies (option hedging, covered call strategies).



|  | Expens            | Expense ratio*,^ |  |
|--|-------------------|------------------|--|
| NAV  | Before<br>waivers | After<br>waivers |  |
| Federated Hermes MDT Large Cap Core ETF (FLCC)   | 0.39%             | 0.29%            |  |
| Federated Hermes MDT Large Cap Value ETF (FLCV)  | 0.42%             | 0.32%            |  |
| Federated Hermes MDT Large Cap Growth ETF (FLCG) | 0.49%             | 0.39%            |  |
| Federated Hermes MDT Small Cap Core ETF (FSCC)   | 0.46%             | 0.36%            |  |

<sup>\*</sup>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 8/1/25 or the date of the fund's next effective prospectus. ^Includes acquired fund fees and other expenses.

### Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Investors should carefully consider the fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses before investing. To obtain a summary prospectus or prospectus containing this and other information, contact us or visit FederatedHermes.com/us. Please carefully read the summary prospectus or the prospectus before investing.

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## A word about risk

ETFs are subject to risks and fluctuate in value.

Diversification does not assure a profit nor protect against loss.

The quantitative models and analysis used by the funds 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, particularly in late stages of a market advance.

Growth stocks are typically more volatile than value stocks.

The small cap fund invests in small capitalization (or "small-cap") companies. Small-cap companies may have less liquid stock, a more volatile share price, unproven track records, a limited product or service base and limited access to capital. The above factors could make small-cap companies more likely to fail than larger companies and increase the volatility of the fund's portfolio, performance and price. Suitable securities of small-cap companies also can have limited availability and cause capacity constraints on investment strategies for funds that invest in them.

#### **Definitions**

Active Share is a measure of the percentage of stock holdings in a portfolio that differ from the benchmark index.

Alpha measures the excess returns of a fund relative to the return of a benchmark index.

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 1,000 of the largest securities based on a combination of their market cap and current index membership. The Russell 1000® Index represents approximately 92% of the U.S. market.

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.

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.

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 2,000 of the smallest securities based on a combination of their market cap and current index membership.

Indexes are unmanaged and cannot be invested in directly.