# Virtus Duff & Phelps Global Real Estate Securities Fund



# INVESTMENT OVERVIEW

The Fund seeks attractive long-term returns by providing global real estate securities exposure, emphasizing companies with revenues driven by recurring rental income. The highly experienced portfolio team applies a disciplined, bottom-up investment process, utilizing both qualitative and quantitative factors, focusing on high-quality commercial real estate owner/operators.

# **KEY FEATURES**

**Attractive Income and Growth Potential** — Pursues the stable cash flows offered by contractual rental revenues, emphasizing REITs with strong management teams focused on long-term value creation

**Broadens Portfolio Diversification** — Provides exposure to the lower correlations the global real estate market has historically exhibited to traditional stocks and bonds **Lower Volatility Approach** — High-conviction, lower-turnover portfolio of 50-70 securities, strives to benefit from valuation inefficiencies and the historically higher long-

term risk-adjusted returns of rental property companies over non-rental companies



Performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. Please visit virtus.com for performance data current to the most recent month end. This share class has no sales charges and is not available to all investors. Other share classes have sales charges. See virtus.com for details

The fund class gross expense ratio is 1.20%. The net expense ratio is 1.15%, which reflects a contractual expense reimbursement in effect through 2/1/2022.

Average annual total return is the annual compound return for the indicated period and reflects the change in share price and the reinvestment of all dividends and capital gains. Returns for periods of one year or less are cumulative returns.

# ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Fund	-0.98	29.76	-4.65	13.02	4.21	1.93	22.84	1.36	23.70	0.83
Index	-9.04	21.91	-5.63	10.36	4.06	-0.79	15.02	3.67	27.73	-6.46

# GROWTH OF \$10,000



This chart assumes an initial investment of \$10,000 made on 3/2/2009. As of 9/30/2021 the fund value would have been \$64,155.65. Fund performance assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions. This growth reflects no front end sales charges.

### **FUND INFORMATION**

	Ticker	CUSIP
A Shares	VGSAX	92828R412
C Shares	VGSCX	92828R396
I Shares	VGISX	92828R388
R6 Shares	VRGEX	92828W239

Inception Date	03/02/09
AUM (\$ millions)	467.0
Number of Holdings	63
Dividends	Semi-Annually
Morningstar Category	Global Real Estate
Lipper Category	Global Real Estate Funds
Index	FTSE EPRA Nareit Developed Index (net)

# MORNINGSTAR RATINGS

Time Period	# of Stars	# of Funds
Overall	****	196
3 Year	****	196
5 Year	****	174
10 Year	****	109

Morningstar ratings are based on risk-adjusted returns. Strong ratings are not indicative of positive future performance.

#### **INVESTMENT ADVISER**

Virtus Investment Advisers, Inc.

# **INVESTMENT SUBADVISER**



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# PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

Geoffrey P. Dybas, CFA

Industry start date: 1989

Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2009

Frank J. Haggerty, Jr., CFA

Industry start date: 1996

Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2009

CHARACTERISTICS	Fund	Index
Avg. Weighted Market Cap (bn)	19.49	19.62
Median Market Cap (bn)	6.73	2.16
Trailing P/E Ex-Negative Earnings	32.52	27.81
Price-to-Cash Flow	24.22	22.67
Price-to-Book Value	1.92	1.82
3-Year EPS Growth Rate	-3.28	0.40
5-Year EPS Growth Rate	2.09	3.36
Active Share	59.25	n/a
30-day SEC Yield <sup>1</sup>	1.79	
30-day SEC Yield (unsubsidized) <sup>2</sup>	1.90	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 30-day SEC Yield is a standardized yield calculated according to a formula set by the SEC, and is subject to change.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 30-day SEC Yield (unsubsidized) is the 30 day SEC yield without the effect of applicable expense waivers.

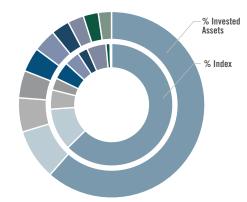
DISTRIBUTIONS		NAV at
Month		Month-End
December 2020	\$0.174025	32.40

RISK STATISTICS		
(3 YEAR)	Fund	Index
Alpha	5.57	n/a
Beta	0.93	1.00
R <sup>2</sup>	0.98	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	0.58	0.25
Standard Deviation	18.67	19.80

TOP TEN HOLDINGS	% Fund
Prologis Inc	5.31
Sun Communities Inc	3.25
Simon Property Group Inc	3.16
Equinix Inc	3.02
Mitsubishi Estate Co Ltd	2.99
Mid-America Apartment Communities Inc	2.80
AvalonBay Communities Inc	2.78
Duke Realty Corp	2.52
Welltower Inc	2.50
Vonovia SE	2.49

Holdings are subject to change.

# TOP TEN COUNTRIES



% Invested Assets % Index	%	Invested	Assets	%	Index
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United States	59.32	58.20
Japan	8.47	10.41
■ United Kingdom	5.72	4.70
Canada	4.57	2.98
Germany	4.07	4.29
■ Australia	3.83	3.73
Sweden	3.04	2.45
■ Hong Kong	2.71	4.73
France	2.51	1.01
Spain	2.22	0.37

# IMPORTANT RISK CONSIDERATIONS

**Equity Securities:** The market price of equity securities may be adversely affected by financial market, industry, or issuer-specific events. Focus on a particular style or on small or medium-sized companies may enhance that risk. **Real Estate:** The portfolio may be negatively affected by factors specific to the real estate market, including interest rates, leverage, property, and management. Industry/Sector Concentration: A portfolio that focuses its investments in a particular industry or sector will be more sensitive to conditions that affect that industry or sector than a nonconcentrated portfolio. Foreign & Emerging Markets: Investing in foreign securities, especially in emerging markets, subjects the portfolio to additional risks such as increased volatility, currency fluctuations, less liquidity, and political, regulatory, economic, and market risk. Market Volatility: Local, regional, or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, recessions, or other events could have a significant impact on the portfolio and its investments, including hampering the ability of the portfolio manager(s) to invest the portfolio's assets as intended. Prospectus: For additional information on risks, please see the fund's prospectus.

Avg. Weighted Market Cap (bn): The total dollar market value of all of a company's outstanding shares. Trailing P/E Ex-Negative Earnings: Per share stock price divided by the latest 12-months earnings per share. Price-to-Cash Flow: Per-share stock price divided by the per-share operating cash flow. Price-to-Book Value: A ratio used to compare a stock's market value to its book value. 3-Year EPS Growth Rate: Average of earnings per share growth for latest 3-year period. 5-Year EPS Growth Rate: Average of earnings per share growth for latest 5-year period. Active Share: A measure of the percentage of stock holdings in a manager's portfolio that differ from the benchmark index. Alpha: A risk-adjusted measure of an investment's excess return relative to a benchmark. Beta: A quantitative measure of the volatility, or systematic risk, of a security or a portfolio in comparison to the market as a whole. R<sup>2</sup>: A measure that represents the percentage of a fund or security's movements that can be explained by movements in a benchmark index. **Sharpe Ratio:** A risk-adjusted measure calculated using standard deviation and excess return to determine reward per unit of risk. **Standard Deviation:** Measures variability of returns around the average return for an investment portfolio. Higher standard deviation suggests greater risk.

# INDEX DEFINITION

Index: The FTSE EPRA Nareit Developed Index (net) is a free-float market capitalization-weighted index measuring publicly traded equity REITs and listed property companies from developed markets, which meet minimum size and liquidity requirements. The index is calculated on a total return basis with net dividends reinvested. The index is unmanaged, its returns do not reflect any fees, expenses, or sales charges, and is not available for direct investment.

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