

INVESTMENT OVERVIEW

The Fund offers investors exposure to emerging market economies through well-established companies that demonstrate durable and sustainable earnings growth. Fundamental, bottom-up research aims to identify well-managed businesses with consistent operating histories and financial performance that have favorable long-term economic prospects, and, in most cases, generate free cash flow.

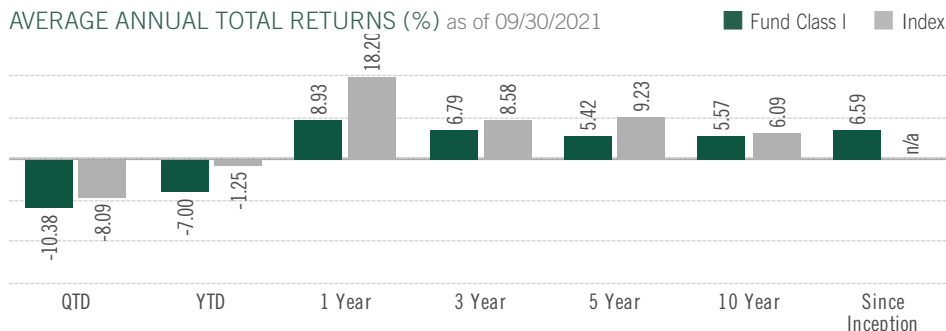
KEY FEATURES

High-Quality Growth — Searches for quality, high-return growth businesses with strong profitability and durable franchises, trading at attractive valuations

Benchmark Unconstrained — A high-conviction, concentrated approach to investing that focuses on minimizing business risk rather than Index risk

Lower Volatility Approach — A long-term-focused investment philosophy and approach which strives to offer market participation with less risk and volatility than the Index

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (%) as of 09/30/2021



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.

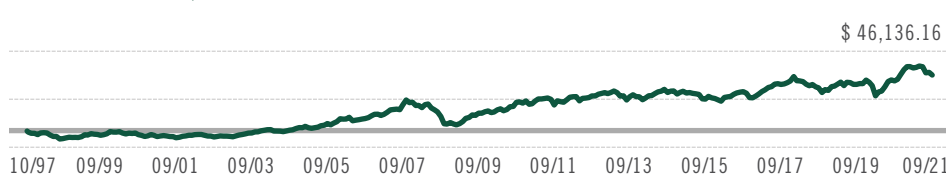
The fund class gross expense ratio is 1.26%.

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	15.72	18.34	-14.34	34.47	1.46	-8.55	5.54	-6.32	19.88	-2.92
Index	18.31	18.42	-14.57	37.28	11.19	-14.92	-2.19	-2.60	18.22	-18.42

GROWTH OF \$10,000



This chart assumes an initial investment of \$10,000 made on 10/20/1997. As of 9/30/2021 the fund value would have been \$46,136.16. Fund performance assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions. This growth reflects no front end sales charges.

FUND INFORMATION

	Ticker	CUSIP
A Shares	HEMZX	92828W387
C Shares	PICEX	92828W379
I Shares	HIEMX	92828W361
R6 Shares	VREMX	92828W353

Inception Date	10/20/97
AUM (\$ millions)	4,783.0
Number of Holdings	55
Dividends	Semi-Annually
Morningstar Category	Diversified Emerging Mkts
Lipper Category	Emerging Markets Funds
Index	MSCI Emerging Markets Index (net)

MORNINGSTAR RATINGS

Time Period	# of Stars	# of Funds
Overall	★★	708
3 Year	★★	708
5 Year	★	598
10 Year	★★★	317

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

Vontobel

Vontobel Asset Management believes that the best way to achieve capital appreciation and outperform the market over time is by investing in well-managed businesses with consistent operating histories and financial performance that have favorable long-term economic prospects.

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

Matthew Benkendorf

Industry start date: 1998

Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2016

Jin Zhang, CFA

Industry start date: 1995

Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2016

Ramiz Chelat

Industry start date: 1997

Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2021

CHARACTERISTICS

	Fund	Index
Avg. Weighted Market Cap (bn)	85.51	87.13
Median Market Cap (bn)	15.00	2.11
Trailing P/E Ex-Negative Earnings	26.56	13.73
Price-to-Cash Flow	26.18	15.79
Price-to-Book Value	5.99	4.04
3-Year EPS Growth Rate	14.37	15.48
5-Year EPS Growth Rate	12.36	10.56
Active Share	79.79	n/a

RISK STATISTICS (3 YEAR)

	Fund	Index
Alpha	-1.09	n/a
Beta	0.91	1.00
R ²	0.95	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	0.31	0.39
Standard Deviation	17.95	19.13

TOP TEN HOLDINGS

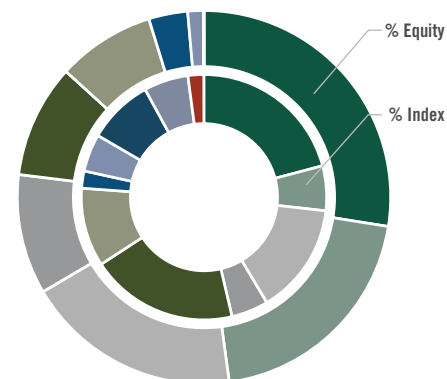
	% Fund
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	8.47
HCL Technologies Ltd	4.59
JD.com Inc	4.32
SK Hynix Inc	3.88
NAVER Corp	3.84
Wal-Mart de Mexico SAB de CV	3.42
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	2.91
Tata Consultancy Services Ltd	2.89
Unilever PLC	2.49
Hindustan Unilever Ltd	2.48

TOP TEN COUNTRIES

	% Invested Assets	% Index
China	31.44	33.97
India	18.87	12.18
Taiwan	13.54	14.71
Korea (South)	12.15	12.61
Hong Kong	5.41	0.00
Indonesia	5.31	1.36
Mexico	5.14	1.91
Brazil	3.42	4.45
United Kingdom	2.50	0.00
Singapore	1.11	0.00

Holdings and sector weightings are subject to change.

SECTOR ALLOCATIONS



	% Equity	% Index
Information Technology	27.51	20.88
Consumer Staples	20.34	5.90
Consumer Discretionary	18.71	14.68
Industrials	10.39	4.86
Financials	9.82	19.49
Communication Services	8.47	10.38
Utilities	3.38	2.26
Health Care	1.39	4.95
Materials	0.00	8.66
Energy	0.00	5.86
Real Estate	0.00	2.09

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. **Geographic Concentration:** A portfolio that focuses its investments in a particular geographic location will be sensitive to financial, economic, political, and other events negatively affecting that location. **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.

GLOSSARY

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. **R²:** 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 MSCI Emerging Markets Index (net) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure equity market performance in the global emerging markets. 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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