

**INVESTMENT OVERVIEW**

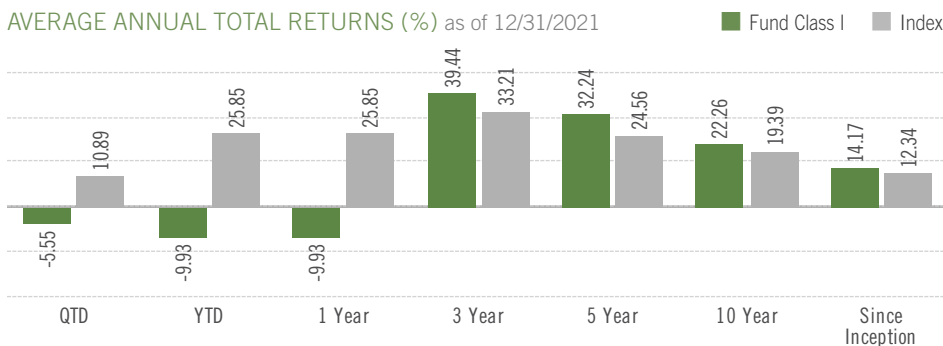
The Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation by investing in a concentrated portfolio of companies across capitalizations and in different phases of their life cycle, which exhibit strong growth expectations. A strongly independent approach to research and disciplined active management aims to preserve objectivity from Wall Street biases and to help capture meaningful potential return advantages.

**KEY FEATURES**

**High-Growth Focus** — Searches for well-run, high-growth companies prompting disruptive business landscape changes, often through technological advances

**Rigorous Fundamental Research** — Bottom-up analysis strives to identify stocks poised to benefit from price catalysts from positive revenue, cash flow, and earnings growth

**High-Conviction Portfolio** — Focused on the portfolio team’s strongest investment opportunities, with a long-term, low-turnover approach to realize full stock value potential



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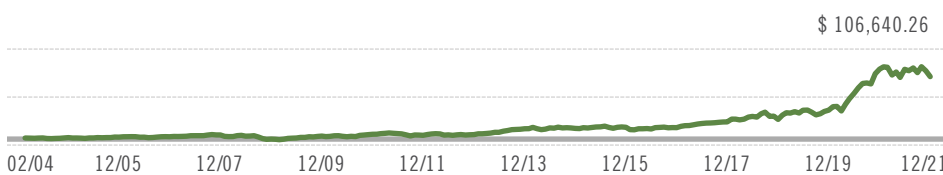
The fund class gross expense ratio is 1.07%. The net expense ratio is 1.00%, which reflects a contractual expense reimbursement in effect through 4/30/2022.

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 (%)**

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
<b>Fund</b>	-9.93	119.67	37.02	11.07	34.29	-2.12	7.02	2.22	59.73	7.85
<b>Index</b>	25.85	38.26	35.85	-2.12	29.59	7.39	5.09	12.44	34.23	15.21

**GROWTH OF \$10,000**



This chart assumes an initial investment of \$10,000 made on 2/23/2004. As of 12/31/2021 the fund value would have been \$106,640.26. Fund performance assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions. This growth reflects no front end sales charges.

**FUND INFORMATION**

	Ticker	CUSIP
A Shares	SAGAX	92837F318
I Shares	SCATX	92837F292
R6 Shares	VZGRX	92837X640

Inception Date	02/23/04
AUM (\$ millions)	1,119.9
Number of Holdings	36
Dividends	Semi-Annually
Morningstar Category	Large Growth
Lipper Category	Multi-Cap Growth Funds
Index	Russell 3000® Growth Index

**MORNINGSTAR RATINGS**

Time Period	# of Stars	# of Funds
Overall	★★★★	1,116
3 Year	★★★★	1,116
5 Year	★★★★★	1,012
10 Year	★★★★	768

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

**INVESTMENT ADVISER**

Virtus Fund Advisers, LLC

**INVESTMENT SUBADVISER**



Zevenbergen Capital Investments LLC is a growth equity boutique. The investment team applies rigorous fundamental research to build exclusively high-growth portfolios.

**PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

**Nancy Zevenbergen, CFA, CIC**

Industry start date: 1981  
Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2004

**Brooke de Boutray, CFA, CIC**

Industry start date: 1982  
Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2004

**Leslie Tubbs, CFA, CIC**

Industry start date: 1994  
Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2004

**Joseph Dennison, CFA**

Industry start date: 2011  
Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2015

**Anthony Zackery, CFA**

Industry start date: 2011  
Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2015

**CHARACTERISTICS**

	Fund	Index
Avg. Weighted Market Cap (bn)	283.46	939.87
Median Market Cap (bn)	42.45	2.25
Trailing P/E Ex-Negative Earnings	31.94	35.02
Price-to-Cash Flow	82.58	37.13
Price-to-Book Value	12.38	12.50
3-Year EPS Growth Rate	43.17	28.18
5-Year EPS Growth Rate	39.81	20.42
Active Share	86.39	n/a

**RISK STATISTICS  
(3 YEAR)**

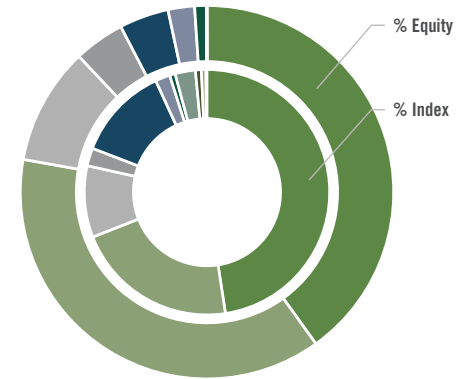
	Fund	Index
Alpha	0.22	n/a
Beta	1.22	1.00
R <sup>2</sup>	0.63	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	1.37	1.77
Standard Deviation	28.07	18.27

**TOP TEN HOLDINGS**

	% Fund
Tesla Inc	11.24
Trade Desk Inc/The	6.92
NVIDIA Corp	6.75
Shopify Inc	6.74
MercadoLibre Inc	5.18
Amazon.com Inc	3.93
Okta Inc	3.72
Snowflake Inc	3.48
Snap Inc	3.16
Netflix Inc	3.13

Holdings and sector weightings are subject to change.

**SECTOR ALLOCATIONS**



	% Equity	% Index
Technology	40.08	47.61
Consumer Discretionary	37.74	21.46
Health Care	10.15	9.42
Financials	4.40	2.35
Industrials	4.28	12.32
Real Estate	2.29	1.95
Telecommunications	1.06	0.72
Consumer Staples	0.00	2.68
Basic Materials	0.00	0.77
Energy	0.00	0.60
Utilities	0.00	0.13

**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. **Foreign Investing:** Investing in foreign securities subjects the portfolio to additional risks such as increased volatility, currency fluctuations, less liquidity, and political, regulatory, economic, and market risk. **Sector Focused Investing:** Events negatively affecting a particular industry or market sector in which the portfolio focuses its investments may cause the value of the portfolio to decrease. **Limited Number of Investments:** Because the portfolio has a limited number of securities, it may be more susceptible to factors adversely affecting its securities than a portfolio with a greater number of securities. **Technology Concentration:** Because the portfolio is presently heavily weighted in the technology sector, it will be impacted by that sector's performance more than a portfolio with broader sector diversification. **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. **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 Russell 3000® Growth Index is a market capitalization-weighted index of growth-oriented stocks of U.S. companies. The index is calculated on a total return basis with 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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