

INVESTMENT OVERVIEW

The Fund seeks to generate capital appreciation by investing in U.S. small-cap companies that exhibit strong business fundamentals and above-average growth potential. A disciplined investment process focuses on identifying positive fundamental trends, including earnings and revenue growth, improving cash flows, and increasing return on invested capital.

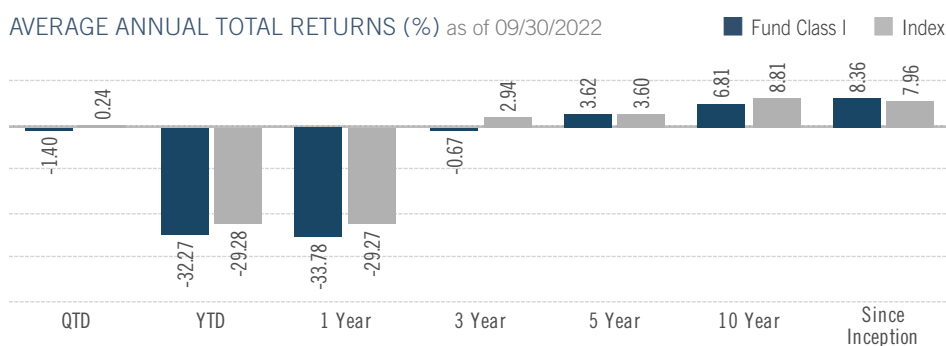
KEY FEATURES

Growth as a Condition, Not a Category — Searches for small-cap growth opportunities across the market, including segments overlooked by many traditional growth managers

Extensive Fundamental Research — Bottom-up analysis strives to identify well-run businesses with positive investment characteristics and potential to grow earnings faster than peers

Focused on True Game Changers — Evaluates secular trends and disruptive products and services with potential to disrupt the business landscape and exceed investor expectations

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (%) as of 09/30/2022



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.

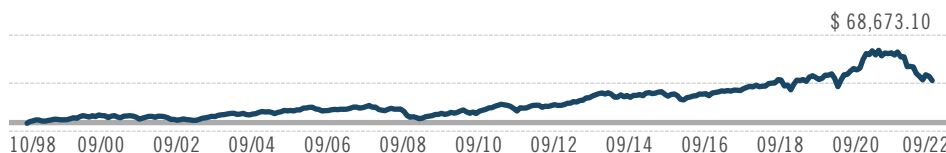
The fund class gross expense ratio is 1.37%. The net expense ratio is 1.15%, which reflects a contractual expense reimbursement in effect through 4/30/2023.

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
Fund	-4.14	39.01	36.04	-6.64	14.57	9.17	-3.18	-4.25	44.62	14.97
Index	2.83	34.63	28.48	-9.31	22.17	11.32	-1.38	5.60	43.30	14.59

GROWTH OF \$10,000



This chart assumes an initial investment of \$10,000 made on 10/8/1998. As of 9/30/2022 the fund value would have been \$68,673.10. Fund performance assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions. This growth reflects no front end sales charges.

FUND INFORMATION

	Ticker	CUSIP
A Shares	SCGIX	92837F359
I Shares	SSCTX	92837F334

Inception Date	10/08/98
AUM (\$ millions)	18.3
Number of Holdings	81
Dividends	Semi-Annually
Morningstar Category	Small Growth
Lipper Category	Small-Cap Growth Funds
Index	Russell 2000® Growth Index

MORNINGSTAR RATINGS

Time Period	# of Stars	# of Funds
Overall	★	582
3 Year	★	582
5 Year	★★	535
10 Year	★	401

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



Silvant Capital Management is a growth equity boutique that leverages the passion and talents of a diverse, experienced group of investment professionals. Guided by their belief that growth companies can be found in every corner of the economy, Silvant strives to evaluate positive secular trends and disruptive products and services that can change the business landscape, identifying those companies best positioned to exceed investor expectations.

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

Michael A. Sansoterra

Industry start date: 1996

Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2007

Sandeep Bhatia, Ph.D., CFA

Industry start date: 2000

Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2011

CHARACTERISTICS

	Fund	Index
Avg. Weighted Market Cap (bn)	5.46	2.92
Median Market Cap (bn)	3.96	1.08
Trailing P/E Ex-Negative Earnings	16.45	14.03
Price-to-Cash Flow	19.70	16.30
Price-to-Book Value	4.67	3.96
3-Year Earnings Growth Rate	18.23	9.56
5-Year Earnings Growth Rate	15.11	16.25
Active Share	86.72	n/a

RISK STATISTICS (3 YEAR)

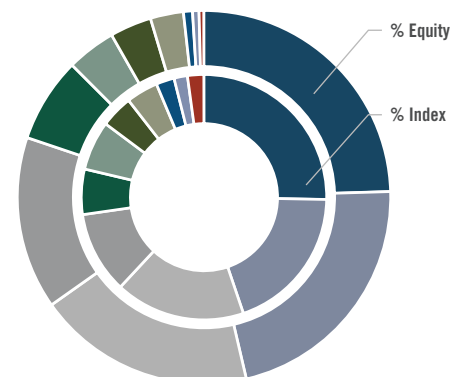
	Fund	Index
Alpha	-3.39	n/a
Beta	0.91	1.00
R ²	0.91	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	-0.05	0.09
Standard Deviation	24.33	25.61

TOP TEN HOLDINGS

	% Fund
Teledyne Technologies Inc	4.67
Casella Waste Systems Inc	3.94
Chemced Corp	3.57
Balchem Corp	3.47
Five9 Inc	3.03
Sarepta Therapeutics Inc	2.44
Chart Industries Inc	2.43
Wingstop Inc	2.41
Texas Roadhouse Inc	2.36
Inspire Medical Systems Inc	2.24

Holdings and sector weightings are subject to change.

SECTOR ALLOCATIONS



	% Equity	% Index
Health Care	24.53	25.30
Information Technology	21.83	19.49
Industrials	18.87	17.14
Consumer Discretionary	14.96	10.79
Financials	7.33	5.98
Energy	4.25	6.51
Materials	3.62	4.26
Consumer Staples	2.85	4.20
Communication Services	0.79	2.42
Utilities	0.55	1.77
Real Estate	0.42	2.15

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. **Growth Stocks:** Growth stocks are typically sensitive to market movements because their market prices tend to reflect future expectations. When it appears those expectations will not be met, the prices of growth stocks typically fall. **Market Volatility:** The value of the securities in the portfolio may go up or down in response to the prospects of individual companies and/or general economic conditions. Price changes may be short- or long-term. Local, regional, or global events such as war (e.g., Russia's invasion of Ukraine), acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness (e.g., COVID-19 pandemic) 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's 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 sum of each security's weight within the fund (or index) multiplied by the security's market capitalization. **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 Earnings Growth Rate:** Average of earnings per share growth for latest 3-year period. **5-Year Earnings 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 Russell 2000® Growth Index is a market capitalization-weighted index of growth-oriented stocks of the smallest 2,000 companies in the Russell Universe, which comprises the 3,000 largest 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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