

## INVESTMENT OVERVIEW

The Fund seeks to generate attractive risk-adjusted long-term returns by investing in high-quality European companies. 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.

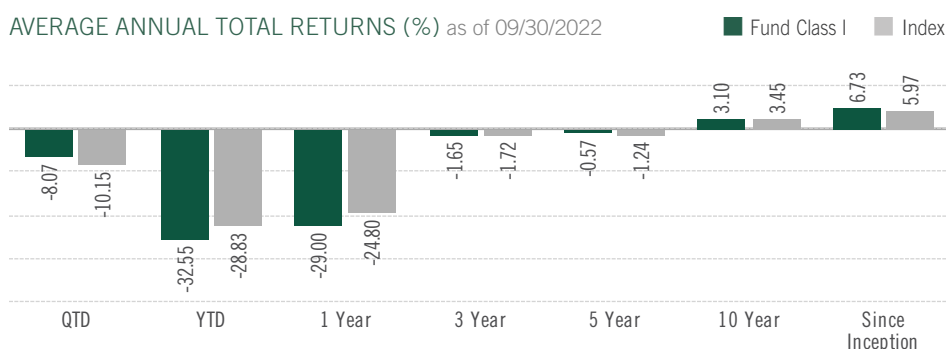
## KEY FEATURES

**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 09/30/2022



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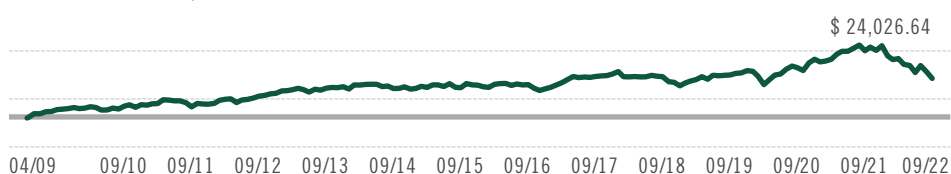
The fund class gross expense ratio is 2.05%. The net expense ratio is 1.15%, which reflects a contractual expense reimbursement in effect through 1/31/2023.

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
<b>Fund</b>	15.53	15.02	25.23	-16.29	25.75	-6.10	7.03	-4.05	12.34	25.98
<b>Index</b>	16.30	5.38	23.77	-14.86	25.51	-0.40	-2.84	-6.18	25.23	19.12

## GROWTH OF \$10,000



This chart assumes an initial investment of \$10,000 made on 4/21/2009. As of 9/30/2022 the fund value would have been \$24,026.64. Fund performance assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions. This growth reflects no front end sales charges.

## FUND INFORMATION

	Ticker	CUSIP
A Shares	VGEAX	92828R347
C Shares	VGECX	92828R339
I Shares	VGEIX	92828R321

Inception Date	04/21/09
AUM (\$ millions)	6.2
Number of Holdings	40
Dividends	Semi-Annually
Morningstar Category	Europe Stock
Lipper Category	European Region Funds
Index	MSCI Europe Index (net)

## MORNINGSTAR RATINGS

Time Period	# of Stars	# of Funds
Overall	★★★★★	92
3 Year	★★★★★	92
5 Year	★★★★★	84
10 Year	★★★★★	50

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

### Daniel Kranson, CFA

Industry start date: 1999

Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2013

### Markus Hansen

Industry start date: 1994

Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2020

## CHARACTERISTICS

	Fund	Index
Avg. Weighted Market Cap (bn)	58.48	70.18
Median Market Cap (bn)	27.50	8.45
Trailing P/E Ex-Negative Earnings	24.79	11.13
Price-to-Cash Flow	18.26	12.03
Price-to-Book Value	5.39	3.33
3-Year Earnings Growth Rate	12.51	12.12
5-Year Earnings Growth Rate	6.01	7.62
Active Share	81.22	n/a

## RISK STATISTICS (3 YEAR)

	Fund	Index
Alpha	-0.14	n/a
Beta	0.88	1.00
R <sup>2</sup>	0.86	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	-0.11	-0.11
Standard Deviation	19.55	20.53

## TOP TEN HOLDINGS

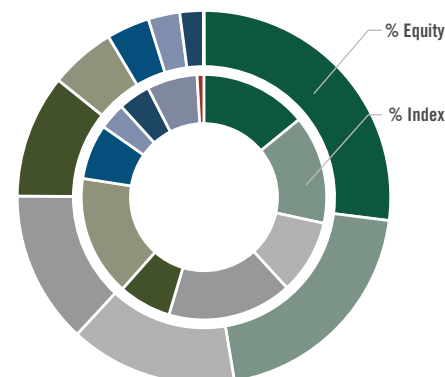
	% Fund
Nestle SA	5.46
Wolters Kluwer NV	4.55
Relx PLC	4.51
London Stock Exchange Group PLC	4.13
Diageo PLC	3.90
Rentokil Initial PLC	3.52
Vinci SA	3.43
Alcon Inc	3.39
Heineken NV	3.13
Accenture PLC	3.01

## TOP TEN COUNTRIES

	% Invested Assets	% Index
France	27.43	17.75
United Kingdom	25.30	24.37
Switzerland	14.64	16.86
Netherlands	12.78	6.46
United States	5.67	0.00
Italy	4.89	3.55
Ireland	2.76	0.92
Denmark	2.09	4.15
Portugal	2.08	0.36
Belgium	1.32	1.55

Holdings and sector weightings are subject to change.

## SECTOR ALLOCATIONS



	% Equity	% Index
Industrials	27.01	14.10
Consumer Staples	20.38	14.31
Consumer Discretionary	14.50	9.79
Health Care	13.21	16.42
Information Technology	10.68	6.96
Financials	5.68	15.89
Materials	3.72	7.26
Communication Services	2.73	3.52
Utilities	2.08	4.23
Energy	0.00	6.63
Real Estate	0.00	0.90

## 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 & 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.

**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. **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. **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 MSCI Europe Index (net) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization-weighted index that measures equity market performance of the developed markets in Europe. 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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