

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

 $\label{eq:High-Growth} \begin{array}{l} \textbf{Focus} \mbox{ ----} Searches \mbox{ for well-run, high-growth companies prompting} \\ disruptive \mbox{ business landscape changes, often through technological advances} \end{array}$

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



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 1.05%. The net expense ratio is 1.00%, 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 (%)

| | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 |
|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|
| Fund | -55.31 | -9.93 | 119.67 | 37.02 | 11.07 | 34.29 | -2.12 | 7.02 | 2.22 | 59.73 |
| Index | -28.97 | 25.85 | 38.26 | 35.85 | -2.12 | 29.59 | 7.39 | 5.09 | 12.44 | 34.23 |

GROWTH OF \$10,000



This chart assumes an initial investment of \$10,000 made on 2/23/2004. As of 3/31/2023 the fund value would have been \$62,878.67. 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) | 436.6 |
| 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 | * | 1,139 |
| 3 Year | * | 1,139 |
| 5 Year | * | 1,053 |
| 10 Year | * | 809 |

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

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

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

Brooke de Boutray, CFA Industry start date: 1982 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

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CHARACTERISTICS

| Avg. Weighted Market Cap (bn) | 183.59 | 770.61 |
|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Median Market Cap (bn) | 29.48 | 2.25 |
| Trailing P/E Ex-Negative Earnings | 93.06 | 26.60 |
| Price-to-Cash Flow | 36.66 | 21.58 |
| Price-to-Book Value | 9.44 | 8.69 |
| 3-Year Earnings Growth Rate | 17.55 | 22.12 |
| 5-Year Earnings Growth Rate | 47.96 | 24.68 |
| Active Share | 86.15 | n/a |
| | | |

RISK STATISTICS

| (3 YEAR) | Fund | Index |
|--------------------|--------|-------|
| Alpha | -13.97 | n/a |
| Beta | 1.41 | 1.00 |
| R ² | 0.73 | 1.00 |
| Sharpe Ratio | 0.14 | 0.77 |
| Standard Deviation | 37.11 | 22.57 |
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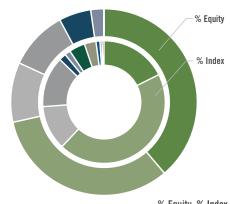
TOP TEN HOLDINGS

| Tesla Inc | 7.89 |
|-----------------------|------|
| MercadoLibre Inc | 7.43 |
| Trade Desk Inc/The | 6.39 |
| NVIDIA Corp | 5.65 |
| Shopify Inc | 5.04 |
| Amazon.com Inc | 4.89 |
| Axon Enterprise Inc | 4.04 |
| Exact Sciences Corp | 3.82 |
| Snowflake Inc | 3.30 |
| Uber Technologies Inc | 3.27 |

Holdings and sector weightings are subject to change.

SECTOR ALLOCATIONS

% Fund



| | % Equity | % Index |
|------------------------|----------|---------|
| Consumer Discretionary | 38.78 | 17.62 |
| Technology | 32.77 | 44.43 |
| Health Care | 10.36 | 11.79 |
| Industrials | 10.25 | 13.39 |
| Energy | 5.56 | 1.89 |
| Real Estate | 2.28 | 1.52 |
| Consumer Staples | 0.00 | 4.20 |
| Financials | 0.00 | 3.07 |
| Basic Materials | 0.00 | 1.04 |
| Telecommunications | 0.00 | 0.56 |
| Utilities | 0.00 | 0.50 |
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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, medium, or large-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; less publicly available information about the foreign investment; and political, regulatory, economic, and market risk. Consumer Concentration: Because the portfolio is presently heavily weighted in the consumer sector, it will be impacted by that sector's performance more than a portfolio with broader sector diversification. Limited Number of Investments: 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 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. Limited Number of Investments: 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: 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. Local, regional, or global events such as war, terrorism, pandemic, or recession could impact the portfolio, including hampering the ability of the portfolio's manager(s) to invest its 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 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**². 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 growthoriented 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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