

**INVESTMENT OVERVIEW**

The Fund seeks attractive risk-adjusted total returns by investing in North American energy infrastructure. The highly experienced portfolio team applies a disciplined, bottom-up investment process, focusing on energy Midstream Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs), General Partners (GPs), and C-Corporations that own midstream oil and natural gas assets backed by long-term, fee-based contracts.

**KEY FEATURES**

**Extensive Fundamental Research** — Pursues attractive risk-adjusted total returns and growth opportunities across the U.S. energy value chain by analyzing supply/demand trends and individual company management strength

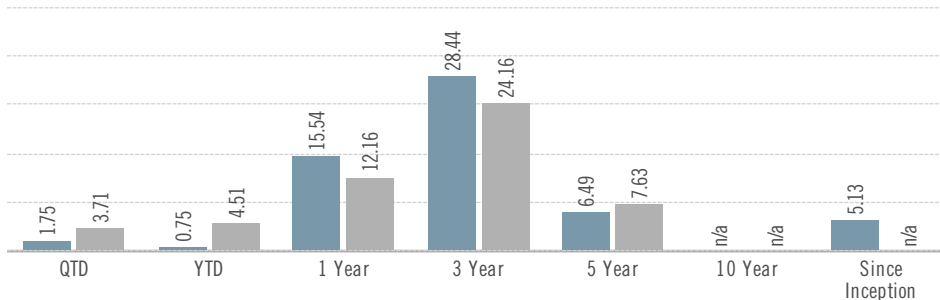
**Strong Cash Flows** — Long-term contracts and exposure to rising U.S. production and exports drive strong cash flow

**Quality Focus** — High-conviction portfolio of 30-40 securities emphasizes geographic footprints in high-quality basins of the U.S.

**FUND INFORMATION**

	<b>Ticker</b>	<b>CUSIP</b>
A Shares	VLPAX	92835M729
C Shares	VLPCX	92835M711
I Shares	VLPIX	92835M695
Inception Date		09/09/15
AUM (\$ millions)		28.9
Number of Holdings		25
Dividends		Semi-Annually
Morningstar Category		Energy Limited Partnership
Lipper Category		Energy MLP Funds
Index		Alerian Midstream Energy Index

**AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (%)** as of 06/30/2023



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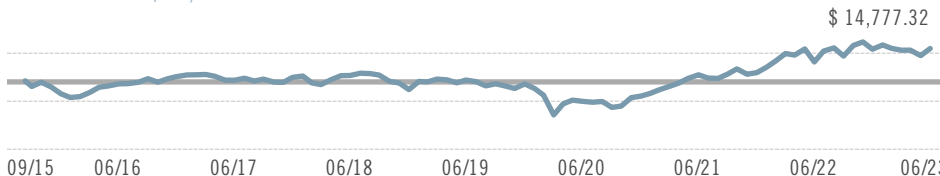
The fund class gross expense ratio is 1.34%. The net expense ratio is 1.15%, which reflects a contractual expense reimbursement in effect through 2/28/2024.

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
<b>Fund</b>	30.77	44.72	-18.79	9.61	-17.16	-1.15	31.49	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Index</b>	21.53	38.42	-23.36	24.04	-13.29	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

**GROWTH OF \$10,000**



This chart assumes an initial investment of \$10,000 made on 9/9/2015. As of 6/30/2023 the fund value would have been \$14,777.32. Fund performance assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions. This growth reflects no front end sales charges.

**MORNINGSTAR RATINGS**

Time Period	# of Stars	# of Funds
Overall	★★★★★	100
3 Year	★★★★★	100
5 Year	★★★★★	90
10 Year	Not Rated	n/a

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

**INVESTMENT ADVISER**

Virtus Alternative Investment Advisers, Inc.

**INVESTMENT SUBADVISER**



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**PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

**David D. Grumhaus, Jr.**  
 Industry start date: 1989  
 Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2015

**Rodney C. Clayton, CFA**  
 Industry start date: 2004  
 Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2020



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**FUND AWARDS**

2023 WINNER  
 UNITED STATES

**The Fund (Class I): Best Fund over 5 years among Energy MLP Funds**

**CHARACTERISTICS**

	Fund
30-day SEC Yield <sup>1</sup>	0.99
30-day SEC Yield (unsubsidized) <sup>2</sup>	0.58

<sup>1</sup> 30-day SEC Yield is a standardized yield calculated according to a formula set by the SEC, and is subject to change.

<sup>2</sup> 30-day SEC Yield (unsubsidized) is the 30 day SEC yield without the effect of applicable expense waivers.

**INCOME DISTRIBUTIONS**

Month		NAV at Month-End
October 2022	\$0.210000	11.59
April 2023	\$0.150000	10.91

**RISK STATISTICS (3 YEAR)**

	Fund	Index
Alpha	3.09	n/a
Beta	1.03	1.00
R <sup>2</sup>	0.95	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	1.14	1.01
Standard Deviation	23.74	22.57

**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. **Energy Industry Concentration:** The portfolio's investments are concentrated in the energy industry and presents greater risks than if the portfolio was broadly diversified over numerous sectors of the economy. **Master Limited Partnerships:** Investments in MLPs may be adversely impacted by interest rates, tax law changes, regulation, or factors affecting underlying assets. **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. **Non-Diversified:** The portfolio is not diversified and may be more susceptible to factors negatively impacting its holdings to the extent the portfolio invests more of its assets in the securities of fewer issuers than would a diversified portfolio. **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**

**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. **Midstream MLPs** are publicly traded limited partnerships and limited liability companies that are treated as partnerships for federal income tax purposes and operate and own assets used in transporting, storing, gathering, processing, treating, or marketing of natural gas, natural gas liquids, crude oil, and refined products. **Foreign LPs** are offshore entities organized as partnerships or limited liability companies but elect to be treated as corporations for U.S. federal income tax purposes. **MLP Affiliates & Other** consist of LLCs, Yieldcos and Limited Partnerships structured as corporations for tax purposes. LLCs are limited liability companies which hold investments in limited partner interests and may issue distributions in the form of additional shares, also known as paid-in-kind (PIK) distributions. Yieldcos are entities structured similar to an MLP but without possession of assets that would qualify for pass-through tax treatment and thus are not treated as partnerships for federal income tax purposes. Other also includes c-corporations that hold significant midstream or downstream assets. **Pure-Play GPs** are general partners of MLPs structured as C-corporations for federal income tax purposes with either direct economic incentive distribution rights to an underlying MLP or direct ownership in an affiliated general partner entity. **Embedded GPs** are general partners of MLPs structured as C-corporations for federal income tax purposes with ownership in other assets beyond sole economic interests in an MLP. **Major Midstream** are entities that own and operate assets used in transporting, storing, gathering, processing, treating, or marketing of natural gas, natural gas liquids, crude oil, and refined products and structured as C-corporations for federal income tax purposes.

**INDEX DEFINITION**

Index: The Alerian Midstream Energy Index is a capped, float-adjusted, market capitalization-weighted index. The index is a broad-based composite of North American energy infrastructure companies that

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**TOP TEN HOLDINGS**

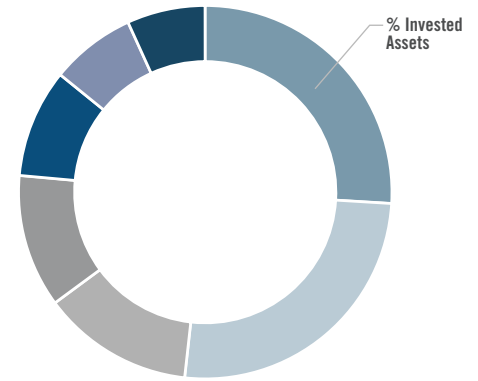
	% Invested Assets
Cheniere Energy Inc	11.53
Targa Resources Corp	10.54
Energy Transfer LP	6.85
Plains GP Holdings LP	6.06
Mplx LP	5.49
Hess Midstream LP	4.92
Enterprise Products Partners LP	4.80
Valero Energy Corp	4.32
Sempra Energy	4.26
EnLink Midstream LLC	3.89

Holdings and sector weightings are subject to change.

**OWNERSHIP STRUCTURE**

	% Fund
Major Midstream Companies	41.14
Midstream MLP	20.97
MLP Affiliate & Other	17.13
Embedded General Partner	14.35
Pure Play General Partner	6.04
Cash	0.37

**SECTOR ALLOCATIONS**



	% Invested Assets
Gathering/Processing	25.98
Diversified	25.80
Liquefied Natural Gas	13.13
Petroleum Transportation & Storage	11.54
Downstream/Other	9.40
Natural Gas Pipelines	7.38
Electric LDC & Power	6.78

earn the majority of their cash flow from midstream activities involving energy commodities. 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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