

**INVESTMENT OVERVIEW**

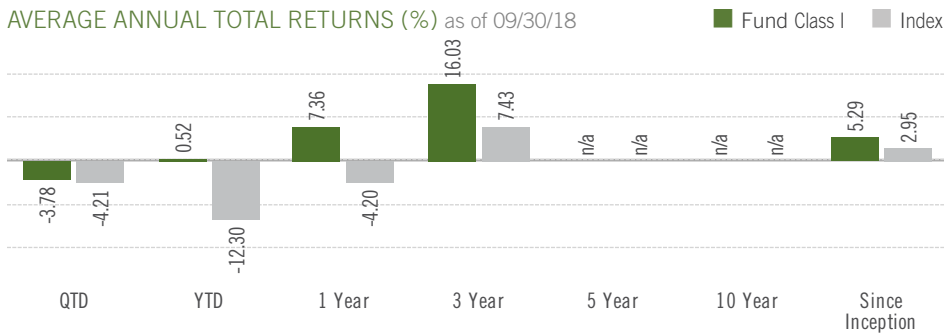
The Fund seeks to generate attractive risk-adjusted long-term returns by investing in the stocks of emerging market small-cap companies with durable competitive advantages, excellent management, lower financial risk, and strong growth trajectories. A disciplined investment process is employed to identify businesses that are differentiated by above-average returns on capital and trading at attractive valuations.

**KEY FEATURES**

**High-Quality Businesses** — Searches for quality emerging market small-cap companies with solid balance sheets, consistent growth, profitability, and market dominant business models

**Lower Volatility Approach** — Extensive fundamental research favors companies with less business risk, as defined by lower earnings variability, consistent and profitable growth, high returns on capital, strong free cash flow, and a low organic need for external financing, all of which can help to protect profits in difficult markets

**High-Conviction Portfolio** — Focused on the portfolio team’s 30-60 strongest investment opportunities, with a long-term, low-turnover approach to realize full stock value potential



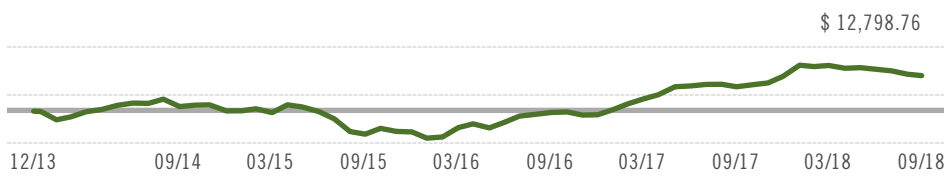
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The fund class gross expense ratio is 2.77%. The net expense ratio is 1.63%, which reflects a contractual expense reimbursement in effect through 1/31/2019. This ratio reflects the direct and indirect expenses paid by the Fund. The net expense ratio minus the indirect expenses incurred by the underlying funds in which the Fund invests is 1.60%. 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. Class I shares have no sales charges or distribution or service fees, therefore their returns do not reflect these expenses. Fees and expenses vary, and other share classes are subject to sales charges and fees. Class I shares are offered primarily to eligible institutional investors who purchase the minimum amounts required as described in the prospectus and may not be available to all investors. For fund performance on other share classes, please visit [www.virtus.com](http://www.virtus.com).

**ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)**

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
<b>Fund</b>	31.01	16.14	-16.51	0.48	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Index</b>	33.84	2.28	-6.85	1.01	n/a	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 12/17/2013. As of 9/28/2018 the fund value would have been \$12,798.76. Fund performance assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions. This growth reflects no front end sales charges.

**FUND INFORMATION**

	Ticker	CUSIP
A Shares	VAESX	92828W627
C Shares	VCESX	92828W619
I Shares	VIESX	92828W593

Inception Date	12/17/13
AUM (\$ millions)	33.6
Number of Holdings	46
Dividends	Semi-Annually
Morningstar Category	Diversified Emerging Mkts
Lipper Category	Emerging Markets Funds
Index	MSCI Emerging Markets Small Cap Index (net)

**MORNINGSTAR RATINGS**

Time Period	# of Stars	# of Funds
Overall	★★★★★	708
3 Year	★★★★★	708
5 Year	Not Rated	n/a
10 Year	Not Rated	n/a

Strong ratings are not indicative of positive fund performance.

**INVESTMENT ADVISER**

Virtus Investment Advisers, Inc.

**INVESTMENT SUBADVISER**



Kayne Anderson Rudnick

A VIRTUS INVESTMENT PARTNER

Kayne Anderson Rudnick believes that superior risk-adjusted returns may be achieved through investment in high-quality companies with market dominance, excellent management, financial strength, and consistent growth, purchased at reasonable prices.

**PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

**Craig Thrasher, CFA**

Industry start date: 2003  
Start date with Fund: 2013

**Hyung Kim**

Industry start date: 2004  
Start date with Fund: 2017

**CHARACTERISTICS**

	Fund	Index
Avg. Weighted Market Cap (bn)	1.80	0.62
Median Market Cap (bn)	0.70	0.28
Trailing P/E Ex-Negative Earnings	16.12	12.68
Price-to-Cash Flow	17.06	13.14
Price-to-Book Value	3.64	2.30
3-Year EPS Growth Rate	7.17	12.93
5-Year EPS Growth Rate	7.79	10.01
Active Share	98.35	n/a

**RISK STATISTICS  
(3 YEAR)**

	Fund	Index
Alpha	9.40	n/a
Beta	0.75	1.00
R <sup>2</sup>	0.73	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	1.39	0.53
Standard Deviation	10.98	12.60

**TOP TEN HOLDINGS**

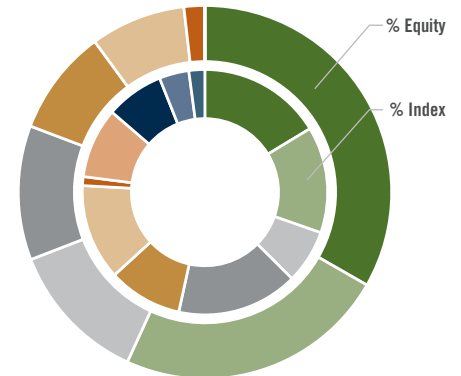
	% Fund
Vostok New Ventures Ltd Shs Swedish Depository Receipts	4.55
Autohome, Inc. Sponsored ADR Class A	4.21
Auto Trader Group PLC	3.37
ADDCN Technology Co., Ltd.	3.36
Cafe24 Corp.	3.21
Lumax International Corp.	3.02
SINA Corp.	2.88
Sea Ltd. (Singapore) Sponsored ADR Class A	2.80
Taisun Int'l (Holding) Corp.	2.50
S-1 Corp.	2.45

**TOP TEN COUNTRIES**

	% Invested Assets	% Index
Taiwan	27.59	19.87
Korea (South)	14.81	20.49
China	8.33	12.89
Cayman Islands	5.58	0.00
Sweden	5.35	0.00
India	4.57	13.71
Poland	4.34	0.96
United Kingdom	3.96	0.00
Indonesia	3.69	2.25
Brazil	3.67	4.94

Holdings and sector weightings are subject to change.

**SECTOR ALLOCATIONS**



	% Equity	% Index
Information Technology	33.30	16.34
Industrials	23.54	14.02
Consumer Staples	12.30	7.07
Consumer Discretionary	11.63	16.01
Financials	9.19	9.77
Materials	8.25	12.64
Telecommunication Services	1.80	1.18
Health Care	0.00	9.29
Real Estate	0.00	7.65
Utilities	0.00	3.92
Energy	0.00	2.10

**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 internationally, especially in emerging markets, involves additional risks such as currency, political, accounting, economic, and market risk. **Industry/Sector Concentration:** A fund that focuses its investments in a particular industry or sector will be more sensitive to conditions that affect that industry or sector than a non-concentrated fund. **Limited Number of Investments:** Because the fund has a limited number of securities, it may be more susceptible to factors adversely affecting its securities than a less concentrated fund. **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 MSCI Emerging Markets Small Cap Index (net) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure small cap equity market performance in the global emerging markets. 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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