

**Small Growth**

Overall Morningstar Rating™ Based on risk adjusted returns as of 09/30/2017. Rating out of 597 Funds.

**Fund Information****Symbol and CUSIP**

A shares	PKSAX	(92828N551)
C shares	PKSCX	(92828N536)
I shares	PKSFX	(92828N528)
R6 shares	VSCRX	(92828N429)

**Investment Adviser**

Virtus Investment Advisers, Inc.

**Investment Subadviser**

Kayne Anderson Rudnick Investment Management, LLC

<b>AUM (\$ millions)</b>	654.4
<b>Number of Holdings</b>	28
<b>Dividends</b>	Semi-Annually

**Investment Professionals**

Jon Christensen, CFA  
Industry start date: 1995  
Start date with Fund: 2008

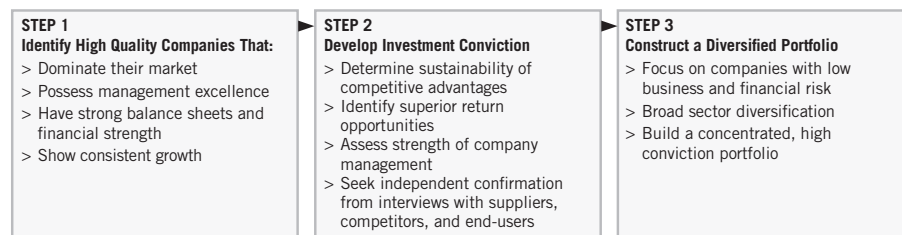
Todd Bailey, CFA  
Industry start date: 1999  
Start date with Fund: 2009

**INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY**

This fund pursues long-term capital appreciation in the small-cap sector while seeking to provide the risk characteristics of the less volatile large-cap S&P 500 Index.

The fund invests in a select group of small-cap companies believed to be undervalued relative to their future growth potential.

The investment strategy emphasizes companies with a competitive advantage, strong management and low financial risk that are able to grow over market cycles, despite their discounted valuations.

**Investment Process****Average Annual Total Returns** Class I at NAV as of 09/30/2017 in percent

	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception 10/18/1996
Fund	8.67	22.68	30.90	16.80	14.93	9.69	9.83
Index	5.67	10.94	20.74	12.18	13.79	7.85	8.63

*Performance data quoted represents past results. Past performance is no guarantee of future results and current performance may be higher or lower than the performance shown. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so your shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Please visit Virtus.com for performance data current to the most recent month-end.*

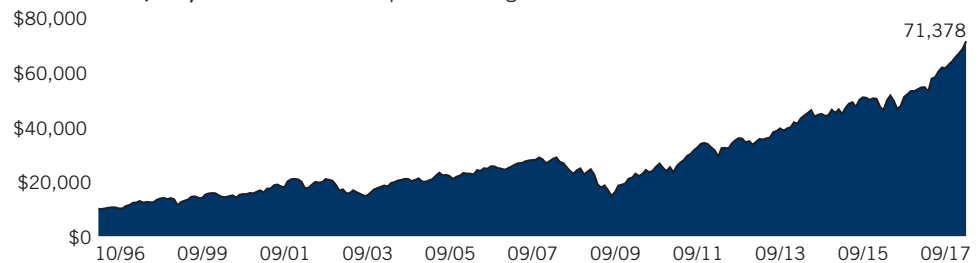
*The fund class gross expense ratio is 1.10% and reflects the direct and indirect expenses paid by the Fund.*

*The gross expense ratio minus the indirect expenses incurred by the underlying funds in which the Fund invests is 1.09%.*

*Average annual total returns reflect the change in share price and the reinvestment of all dividends and capital gains. Class I shares have no sales charge and therefore their returns do not reflect the deduction of a sales charge, which if applied, would reduce the performance quoted. Fees and expenses vary among share classes and other share classes do carry sales charges. Class I shares are offered primarily to eligible institutional investors who purchase the minimum amounts required 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** Class I in percent

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Fund	-0.11	-30.54	30.50	21.22	9.36	12.23	27.81	6.35	1.07	17.37
Index	-1.57	-33.79	27.17	26.85	-4.18	16.35	38.82	4.89	-4.41	21.31

**Growth of \$10,000** Class I for the period ending 09/30/2017

*An investment of \$10,000 made on 10/18/1996 would be worth \$71,377.99 on 09/30/2017, assuming no front end sales charges.*

*Index: The Russell 2000® Index is a market capitalization-weighted index of the 2,000 smallest 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.*

Effective May 8, 2017 this fund changed its name from the Virtus Small-Cap Core Fund.

Top Ten Holdings	% Fund
Autohome, Inc. Sponsored ADR Class A	7.73
WABCO Holdings Inc.	4.94
Teledyne Technologies Incorporated	4.91
Primerica, Inc.	4.83
CDW Corp.	4.75
Copart, Inc.	4.65
Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc.	4.44
Fox Factory Holding Corp.	4.17
HFF, Inc. Class A	3.81
Aspen Technology, Inc.	3.76

### Risk Statistics

Class I 3-Year	Fund	Index
R <sup>2</sup>	0.77	1.00
Beta	0.71	1.00
Standard Deviation	11.58	14.27
Alpha	7.25	0.00
Sharpe Ratio	1.43	0.83

### Sector Allocations

Sector Allocations	% Equity
Producer Durables	23.62
Financial Services	22.93
Consumer Discretionary	20.97
Technology	18.98
Materials & Processing	5.23
Energy	4.98
Health Care	3.30

Holdings and Sector weightings are subject to change.

### Investment Manager of the Fund

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.

**Morningstar** For the 3-, 5- and 10-year periods, respectively, the Fund was rated 5, 4 and 5 stars among 597, 532 and 399 funds in the Small Growth category for the time period ending 09/30/2017.

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Characteristics	Fund
Average Weighted Market Cap (bn)	\$5.62
Median Market Cap (bn)	\$5.51
Trailing P/E	23.22x
Price-to-Cash Flow	23.12
Price-to-Book Value	5.69
3-Year EPS Growth Rate	10.86

### GLOSSARY

**R<sup>2</sup>:** A measurement of how closely a portfolio's performance correlates with the performance of a benchmark index.

**Beta:** A quantitative measure of the volatility of a given portfolio to the overall market. Higher beta suggests higher volatility.

**Standard Deviation:** Measures variability of returns around the average return for an investment portfolio. Higher standard deviation suggests greater risk.

**Trailing P/E:** Per-share stock price divided by the latest 12-months earnings per share.

**Price/Cash Flow:** Per-share stock price divided by the per-share operating cash flow.

**Price/Book:** Per-share stock price divided by the latest 12-month per-share book value.

**3-Year EPS Growth Rate:** Average of earnings per share growth for latest a forecast of the portfolio's performance.

**Alpha:** A measure of performance on a risk-adjusted basis.

**Sharpe Ratio:** A statistic that measures the efficiency, or excess return per unit of risk, of a manager's returns. It is calculated by taking the portfolio's annualized return, minus the annualized risk-free rate (typically the 30-Day T-Bill return), divided by the portfolio's annualized standard deviation. The greater the Sharpe Ratio, the better the portfolio's risk adjusted return.

### 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. **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. **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. **Prospectus:** For additional information on risks, please see the fund's prospectus.