

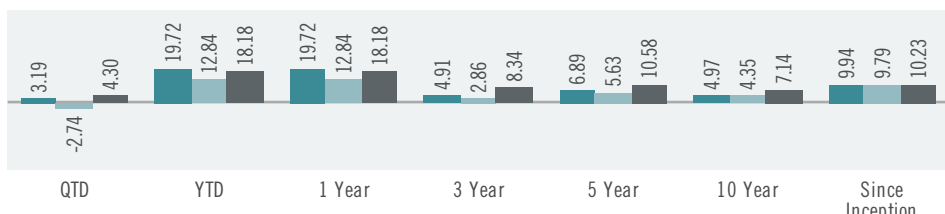
INVESTMENT OVERVIEW

The Fund seeks to achieve both long-term capital growth and income through a balanced portfolio of global stocks and bonds. Disciplined fundamental analysis is utilized to construct a diversified portfolio allocated to approximately 60% equity (15% non-U.S.) and 40% fixed income.

KEY FEATURES

- Balances Risk and Reward** – Leverages diverse investment expertise from across Virtus to deliver a professionally managed 60/40 portfolio allocation in a single fund
- Global Equity Exposure** – Extensive fundamental research guides discrete, actively managed investment styles in the U.S. equity and international equity allocations
- Multi-Sector Fixed Income Exposure** – Employs a time-tested approach of active sector rotation, extensive credit research, and disciplined risk management

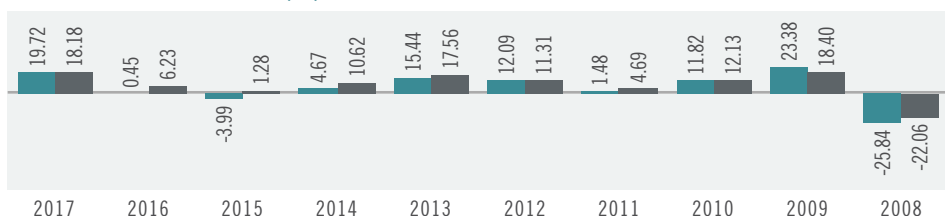
AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (%) as of 12/31/17



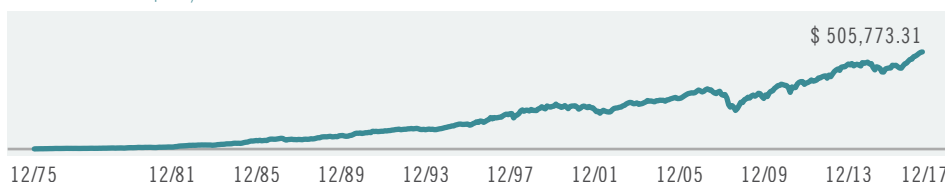
Performance data quoted represents past results. Past performance is no guarantee of future results and current performance may be higher or lower than the performance shown. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so your shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original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

The fund class gross expense ratio is 1.15% 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 1.14%. 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 A shares have a maximum sales charge of 5.75%. A contingent deferred sales charge of 1% may be imposed on certain redemptions within 18 months on purchases on which a finder's fee has been paid. POP (Public Offering Price) performance reflects the deduction of the maximum sales charge.

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)



GROWTH OF \$10,000



This chart assumes an initial investment of \$10,000 made on 12/31/1975. As of 12/29/2017 the fund value would have been \$505,773.31. Fund performance assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions and reflects a front end sales charge of 5.75%.

The Strategic Allocation Fund Linked Benchmark consists of 45% Russell 1000® Growth Index (a market capitalization-weighted index of growth-oriented stocks of the 1,000 largest companies in the Russell Universe, which comprises the 3,000 largest U.S. companies, calculated on a total return basis with dividends reinvested), 15% MSCI EAFE® Index (a free float-adjusted market capitalization-weighted index that measures developed foreign market equity performance, excluding the U.S. and Canada, calculated on a total return basis with net dividends reinvested), and 40% Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index (an index that measures the U.S. investment grade fixed rate bond market, calculated on a total return basis). The index is unmanaged, its returns do not reflect any fees, expenses, or sales charges, and is not available for direct investment. Performance of the Strategic Allocation Fund Linked Benchmark prior to 9/7/2016 represents an allocation consisting of 60% S&P 500® Index and 40% Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index.

Effective September 7, 2016, Kayne Anderson Rudnick became the subadviser to the domestic equity portion of the Fund. Performance and characteristics of the domestic equity portion prior to that date were attained by the previous manager. Concurrently, the subadviser of the international equity portion of the Fund transitioned to Duff & Phelps Investment Management Co. There was no change to the portfolio manager or the investment approach. Prior to October 11, 2016, the fund's name was Virtus Balanced Fund.

FUND INFORMATION

	Ticker	CUSIP
A Shares	PHBLX	92828N403
C Shares	PSBCX	92828N601

Inception Date	12/31/75
AUM (\$ millions)	480.7
Number of Holdings	485
Dividends	Quarterly
Morningstar Category	Allocation--50% to 70% Equity
Lipper Category	Mixed-Asset Target Alloc Moderate Funds

MORNINGSTAR RATINGS

Time Period	# of Stars	# of Funds
Overall	★★	718
3 Year	★★	718
5 Year	★★	670
10 Year	★★	477

Strong ratings are not indicative of positive fund performance.

INVESTMENT ADVISER

Virtus Investment Advisers, Inc.

INVESTMENT SUBADVISERS

Kayne Anderson Rudnick Investment Management, LLC



Kayne Anderson Rudnick
 A VIRTUS INVESTMENT PARTNER

Duff & Phelps Investment Management Co.



Newfleet Asset Management, LLC



PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

Douglas S. Foreman, CFA
 Industry start date: 1989
 Start date with Fund: 2016

Frederick A. Brimberg
 Industry start date: 1979
 Start date with Fund: 2012

David L. Albrycht, CFA
 Industry start date: 1985
 Start date with Fund: 2012

Stephen H. Hooker, CFA
 Industry start date: 1993
 Start date with Fund: 2017

EQUITY CHARACTERISTICS

	Fund	Index
Average Weighted Market Cap (bn)	156.18	186.54
Median Market Cap (bn)	36.32	11.72
Trailing P/E	25.25	21.68
Price-to-Cash Flow	26.69	19.67
Price-to-Book Value	5.29	4.93
3-Year EPS Growth Rate	21.82	14.24
5-Year EPS Growth Rate	22.02	11.47
Active Share	83.43	n/a

FIXED CHARACTERISTICS

	Fund
Effective Duration	5.39
Average Coupon	4.49
Weighted Average Maturity	7.25

RISK STATISTICS (3 YEAR)

	Fund	Index
Alpha	-3.92	n/a
Beta	1.10	1.00
R ²	0.89	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	0.65	1.32
Standard Deviation	6.99	6.03

EQUITY ALLOCATIONS

	% Equity	% Index
Information Technology	35.48	30.01
Consumer Discretionary	20.02	16.64
Financials	12.44	7.88
Industrials	7.88	13.25
Health Care	7.00	12.14
Consumer Staples	5.93	7.92
Energy	5.03	2.00
Materials	4.58	4.86
Utilities	0.70	0.81
Real Estate	0.49	2.79
Telecommunication Services	0.45	1.72

FIXED ALLOCATIONS

	% Fixed
Corporate - High Quality	41.16
Corporate - High Yield	12.35
Non-Agency Residential MBS	8.86
Asset Backed Securities	8.24
Mortgage Backed Securities	7.08
Bank Loans	4.80
Treasury	3.71
Emerging Market - High Yield	3.31
Yankee - High Quality	2.87
Non-Agency Commercial MBS	2.66
Equity	1.67
Taxable Municipals	1.60
Municipals	1.10
Cash	0.60

ASSET ALLOCATIONS

	% Fund
Domestic Equity	50.32
Domestic Fixed Income	28.96
International Equity	15.01
International Fixed Income	5.71

RATINGS DISTRIBUTION

	% Fund
A	14.97
Aa	8.94
Aaa	19.25
B	5.77
Ba	9.84
Baa	37.34
Caa	1.19
Not Rated	2.70

TOP TEN HOLDINGS

	% Fund
Facebook, Inc. Class A	4.77
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. Sponsored ADR	3.06
Amazon.com, Inc.	2.38
Visa Inc. Class A	1.96
Monster Beverage Corporation	1.93
Bank of America Corporation	1.75
NVIDIA Corporation	1.71
Las Vegas Sands Corp.	1.52
Amphenol Corporation Class A	1.50
Tencent Holdings Ltd. Un-sponsored ADR	1.38

Holdings and asset allocations are subject to change.

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. **Credit & Interest:** Debt securities are subject to various risks, the most prominent of which are credit and interest rate risk. The issuer of a debt security may fail to make interest and/or principal payments. Values of debt securities may rise or fall in response to changes in interest rates, and this risk may be enhanced with longer-term maturities. **Foreign & Emerging Markets:** Investing internationally, especially in emerging markets, involves additional risks such as currency, political, accounting, economic, and market risk. **Allocation:** The fund's exposure to different asset classes may not be optimal for market conditions at a given time. Asset allocation does not guarantee a profit or protect against a loss in declining markets. **High Yield-High Risk Fixed Income Securities:** There is a greater level of credit risk and price volatility involved with high yield securities than investment grade securities. **Prospectus:** For additional information on risks, please see the fund's prospectus.

GLOSSARY

3- and 5-Year EPS Growth Rates: Average of earnings per share growth for latest 3- and 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. **Average Coupon:** The weighted average coupon (annual rate of interest on the bond's face value that the issuer agrees to pay the holder until maturity of all the securities in the fund). **Market Capitalization (Wtd. Avg.):** The total dollar market value of all of a company's outstanding shares. **Beta:** A quantitative measure of the volatility, or systematic risk, of a security or a portfolio in comparison to the market as a whole. **Effective Duration:** The change in the value of a fixed income security that will result from a 1% change in interest rates while taking into account the way changes in rates will affect the expected cash flows of any bond with an embedded option such as call or prepayment option. This measure assigns a probability to the exercise of a call option, where applicable, based on specified shifts in the yield curve. Duration is expressed as a number of years, and generally, the larger the duration, the greater the interest rate risk or reward for a portfolio's underlying bond prices. **Price-to-Book Ratio (P/B):** A ratio used to compare a stock's market value to its book value. **Price-to-Cash Flow Ratio:** Per-share stock price divided by the per-share operating cash flow. **R²:** 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. **Trailing P/E:** Per share stock

price divided by the latest 12-months earnings per share. **Weighted Average Effective Maturity:** The length of time until the average security in a fund will mature, be redeemed by its issuer, or paid down over time, which is the case with most securitized assets.

RATINGS DISTRIBUTION METHODOLOGY

The ratings issued by Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations assess the credit worthiness of a corporation's or government debt issues. The ratings apply to the fund's holdings and not the fund itself. The higher of the ratings between Moody's, Standard & Poors and Fitch is used. If one of the three agencies does not have a rating, the higher of the other two ratings is used. If only one agency has rated the bond, the rating from that agency is used. If none of the three agencies have rated the bond the bond is placed in the Not Rated category. Credit ratings are subject to change. Aaa, Aa, A, and Baa are investment grade ratings; Ba, B, Caa, Ca, C and D are below-investment grade ratings.

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