



Virtus Seix High Income Fund

A: SAHIX

I: STHTX

R6: STHZX

Before you invest, you may want to review the fund's prospectus, which contains more information about the fund and its risks. You can find the fund's prospectus, shareholder reports, statement of additional information (SAI), and other information about the fund online at virtus.com/tools-resources/mutual-fund-documents.

You can also get this information at no cost by calling 800-243-1574 or by sending an e-mail to: virtus.investment.partners@virtus.com. If you purchase shares of the fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary such as a bank, the prospectus and other information will also be available from your financial intermediary.

The fund's prospectus and SAI, both dated April 28, 2021, are incorporated by reference into this Summary Prospectus.

As permitted by regulations adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission, paper copies of the fund's shareholder reports will no longer be sent by mail, unless specifically requested from the fund or from your broker-dealer or financial intermediary. Instead, the reports will be made available on a website, and you will be notified by mail each time a report is posted and provided with a website link to access the report. If you already elected to receive shareholder reports electronically, you will not be affected by this change and you need not take action.

You may elect at any time to receive not only shareholder reports but also certain other communications such as prospectuses from the fund electronically, or you may elect to receive all future shareholder reports in paper free of charge to you. If you own your shares directly with the fund, you may make such elections by calling the fund at 1-800-243-1574 or, with respect to requesting electronic delivery, by visiting www.virtus.com. An election made directly with the fund will apply to all Virtus Mutual Funds in which you own shares directly. If you own your shares through a financial intermediary, please contact your financial intermediary to make your request and to determine whether your election will apply to all funds in which you own shares through that intermediary.

Investment Objective

The fund has an investment objective of seeking high current income and, secondarily, total return (comprised of capital appreciation and income).

Fees and Expenses

The tables below illustrate the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold shares of the fund. You may qualify for sales charge discounts if you and your family invest, or agree to invest in the future, at least \$50,000 in Virtus Funds. Information about these and other discounts is available: (i) from your financial professional or other financial intermediary; (ii) under "Sales Charges" on page 151 of the fund's statutory prospectus; (iii) with respect to purchase of shares through specific intermediaries, in Appendix A to the fund's statutory prospectus, entitled "Intermediary Sales Charge Discounts and Waivers;" and (iv) under "Alternative Purchase Arrangements" on page 123 of the fund's statement of additional information.

The Virtus Seix High Income Fund, a series of Virtus Asset Trust, is the successor of the RidgeWorth Seix High Income Fund, a series of RidgeWorth Funds ("Predecessor Fund"), resulting from a reorganization of the Predecessor Fund with and into the fund.

Shareholder Fees (<i>fees paid directly from your investment</i>)	Class A	Class I	Class R6
Maximum Sales Charge (load) Imposed on Purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	3.75%	None	None
Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (load) (as a percentage of the lesser of purchase price or redemption proceeds)	None	None	None

Annual Fund Operating Expenses (<i>expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment</i>)	Class A	Class I	Class R6
Management Fees	0.55%	0.55%	0.55%
Distribution and Shareholder Servicing (12b-1) Fees	0.25%	None	None
Other Expenses	0.36%	0.37%	0.22%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	1.16%	0.92%	0.77%
Less: Fee Waivers and/or Expense Reimbursements ^(a)	(0.23)%	(0.24)%	(0.18)%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Expense Reimbursements ^(a)	0.93%	0.68%	0.59%

(a) The fund's investment adviser has contractually agreed to limit the fund's total operating expenses (excluding certain expenses, such as front-end or contingent deferred sales charges, taxes, leverage and borrowing expenses (such as commitment, amendment and renewal expenses on credit or redemption facilities), interest, brokerage commissions, expenses incurred in connection with any merger or reorganization, unusual or infrequently occurring expenses (such as litigation), acquired fund fees and expenses, and dividend expenses, if any) so that such expenses do not

exceed 0.93% for Class A Shares, 0.68% for Class I Shares and 0.59% for Class R6 Shares through April 30, 2022. Following the contractual period, the adviser may discontinue these expense reimbursement arrangements at any time. Under certain conditions, the adviser may recapture operating expenses reimbursed and/or fees waived under these arrangements for a period of three years following the date such waiver or reimbursement occurred, provided that the recapture does not cause the fund to exceed its expense limit in effect at the time of the waiver or reimbursement, or at the time of recapture.

Example

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods or continued to hold them. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year, that the fund's operating expenses remain the same and that the expense reimbursement agreement remains in place for the contractual period. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

	Share Status	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Class A	Sold or Held	\$466	\$708	\$968	\$1,711
Class I	Sold or Held	\$69	\$269	\$486	\$1,109
Class R6	Sold or Held	\$60	\$228	\$410	\$937

Portfolio Turnover

The fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the fund's portfolio turnover rate was 201% of the average value of its portfolio.

Investments, Risks and Performance

Principal Investment Strategies

The fund invests primarily in a diversified portfolio of higher yielding, lower-rated income-producing debt instruments, including corporate obligations, floating rate loans and other debt obligations. The fund may invest in debt obligations of U.S. and non-U.S. issuers, including emerging market corporate debt. The fund's investment in non-U.S. issuers may at times be significant. There are no limits on the fund's average-weighted maturity or on the remaining maturities of individual instruments in which the fund may invest. The fund will invest at least 65%, and may invest up to 100%, of its assets in securities rated below investment grade by the ICE BofAML US Cash Pay High Yield Index or in unrated securities that the subadviser believes are of comparable quality. Such securities are commonly known as "junk bonds" and present greater risks than investment grade debt securities. The fund may also invest a portion of its assets in instruments that are restricted as to resale. As a result of its investment strategy, the fund's portfolio turnover rate may be 100% or more.

In addition, to implement its investment strategy, the fund may buy or sell derivative instruments (such as foreign currency forward contracts, swaps, including credit default swaps, futures, credit linked notes, options, inverse floaters and warrants) to use as a substitute for a purchase or sale of a position in the underlying assets and/or as part of a strategy designed to reduce exposure to other risks, such as interest rate or credit risks. The fund may count the value of certain derivatives with below investment grade fixed income characteristics towards its policy to invest, under normal circumstances, at least 65% of its net assets in non-investment grade fixed income securities.

Principal Risks

The fund may not achieve its objective(s), and it is not intended to be a complete investment program. The value of the fund's investments that supports your share value may decrease. If between the time you purchase shares and the time you sell shares the value of the fund's investments decreases, you will lose money. Investment values can decrease for a number of reasons. Conditions affecting the overall economy, specific industries or companies in which the fund invests can be worse than expected, and investments may fail to perform as the subadviser expects. As a result, the value of your shares may decrease. Purchase and redemption activities by fund shareholders may impact the management of the fund and its ability to achieve its investment objective(s). The principal risks of investing in the fund are identified below.

- > **Credit Risk.** If the issuer of a debt instrument fails to pay interest or principal in a timely manner, or negative perceptions exist in the market of the issuer's ability to make such payments, the price of the security may decline.
- > **Interest Rate Risk.** The values of debt instruments may rise or fall in response to changes in interest rates, and this risk may be enhanced for securities with longer maturities.
- > **High-Yield Fixed Income Securities (Junk Bonds) Risk.** There is a greater risk of issuer default, less liquidity, and increased price volatility related to high-yield securities than investment grade securities.
- > **Foreign Investing Risk.** Investing in foreign securities subjects the fund 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.

- > **Market Volatility Risk.** The value of the securities in the fund may go up or down in response to the prospects of individual companies and/or general economic conditions. Price changes may be short- or long-term. Local, regional or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issue, recessions, or other events could have a significant impact on the fund and its investments, including hampering the ability of the fund's portfolio manager(s) to invest the fund's assets as intended.
- > **Bank Loan Risk.** In addition to the risks typically associated with high-yield fixed income securities, bank loans may be unsecured or not fully collateralized, may be subject to restrictions on resale, may be less liquid and may trade infrequently on the secondary market. Bank loans settle on a delayed basis; thus, sale proceeds may not be available to meet redemptions for a substantial period of time after the sale of the loan.
- > **Derivatives Risk.** Derivatives may include, among other things, futures, options, forwards and swap agreements and may be used in order to hedge portfolio risks, create leverage or attempt to increase returns. Investments in derivatives may result in increased volatility and the fund may incur a loss greater than its principal investment.
- > **Depository Receipts Risk.** Investments in foreign companies through depository receipts may expose the fund to the same risks as direct investments in securities of foreign issuers.
- > **Emerging Market Risk.** Emerging markets securities may be more volatile, or more greatly affected by negative conditions, than those of their counterparts in more established foreign markets.
- > **Illiquid and Restricted Securities.** Certain securities in which a fund invests may be difficult to sell at the time and price beneficial to the fund, for example due to low trading volumes or legal restrictions.
- > **Income Risk.** Income received from the fund may vary widely over the short- and long-term and/or be less than anticipated if the proceeds from maturing securities in the fund are reinvested in lower-yielding securities.
- > **Portfolio Turnover Risk.** The fund's principal investment strategies may result in a consistently high portfolio turnover rate. See the "Portfolio Turnover" section above for more information about the impact that portfolio turnover can have on your investment.
- > **Prepayment/Call Risk.** Issuers may prepay or call their fixed rate obligations when interest rates fall, forcing the fund to reinvest in obligations with lower interest rates and the fund may not benefit fully from the increase in value that other fixed income investments experience when interest rates decline.
- > **Redemption Risk.** One or more large shareholders or groups of shareholders may redeem their holdings in the fund, resulting in an adverse impact on remaining shareholders in the fund by causing the fund to take actions it would not otherwise have taken.
- > **Unrated Fixed Income Securities Risk.** If the subadviser is unable to accurately assess the quality of an unrated fixed income security, the fund may invest in a security with greater risk than intended, or the securities may be more difficult to sell than anticipated.
- > **U.S. Government Securities Risk.** U.S. Government securities may be subject to price fluctuations. An agency may default on an obligation not backed by the full faith and credit of the United States. Any guarantee on U.S. government securities does not apply to the value of the fund's shares.

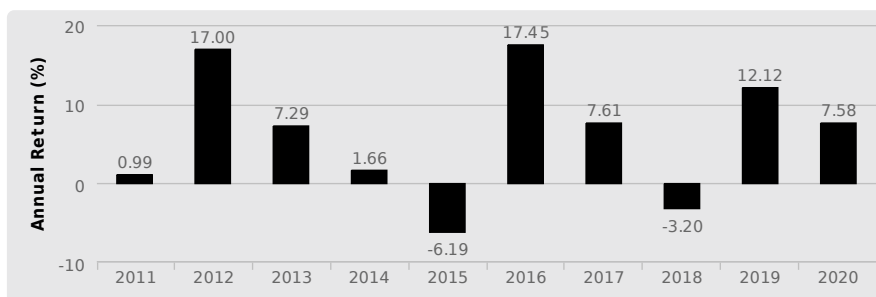
Performance Information

The bar chart and table below provide some indication of the potential risks of investing in the fund. The fund's past performance, before and after taxes, is not necessarily an indication of how the fund will perform in the future. The fund has adopted the past performance of the Predecessor Fund as its own. The Predecessor Fund and the fund have identical investment objectives and strategies.

The bar chart shows changes in the fund's performance from year to year over a 10-year period. The table shows how the fund's average annual returns compare to those of a broad-based securities market index that reflects the market sectors in which the fund invests. Updated performance information is available at virtus.com or by calling 800-243-1574.

Calendar year total returns for Class I Shares (includes returns of a predecessor fund)

Returns do not reflect sales charges applicable to other share classes and would be lower if they did.



Best Quarter:	Q2/2020:	11.44%	Worst Quarter:	Q1/2020:	-14.16%	Year to Date (3/31/21):	0.87%
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Average Annual Total Returns (for the periods ended 12/31/20; includes returns of a predecessor fund)

Returns reflect deduction of maximum sales charges and full redemption at end of periods shown.

	1 Year	5 Years	10 Years	Class R6 Since Inception (8/1/14)
Class I				
Return Before Taxes	7.58%	8.09%	5.96%	—
Return After Taxes on Distributions	5.23%	5.51%	3.16%	—
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares	4.36%	5.07%	3.33%	—
Class A				
Return Before Taxes	3.28%	7.01%	5.30%	—
Class R6				
Return Before Taxes	7.85%	8.24%	—	4.93%
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Bond Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	7.11%	8.59%	6.80%	5.70%

The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Bond Index measures fixed rate, non-investment grade debt securities of U.S. corporations. The index is calculated on a total return basis. The index is unmanaged and not available for direct investment.

After-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. After-tax returns are shown only for Class I Shares; after-tax returns for other classes will vary. Actual after-tax returns depend on the investor's tax situation and may differ from those shown. After-tax returns are not relevant to investors who hold fund shares in tax-deferred accounts or to shares held by non-taxable entities. In certain cases, the Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares for a period may be higher than other return figures for the same period. This will occur when a capital loss is realized upon the sale of fund shares and provides an assumed tax benefit that increases the return.

Management

The fund's investment adviser is Virtus Fund Advisers, LLC.

The fund's subadviser is Seix Investment Advisors LLC ("Seix").

Portfolio Management

- > **James FitzPatrick, CFA**, Managing Director and Portfolio Manager of Seix, has co-managed the fund since 2013.
- > **Michael Kirkpatrick**, Managing Director and Senior Portfolio Manager of Seix, has co-managed the fund since 2011.

Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

Minimum initial investments applicable to Class A Shares:

- \$2,500, generally
- \$100 for Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs), systematic purchase or exchange accounts
- No minimum for defined contribution plans, asset-based fee programs, profit-sharing plans or employee benefit plans.

Minimum additional investments applicable to Class A Shares:

- \$100, generally
- No minimum for defined contribution plans, asset-based fee programs, profit-sharing plans or employee benefit plans.

For Class I Shares, the minimum initial purchase is \$100,000; there is no minimum for additional purchases.

Class R6 Shares are offered without a minimum initial investment to the following investors in plan level or omnibus accounts only (provided that they do not require or receive any compensation, administrative payments, sub-transfer agency payments or service payments with respect to Class R6 Shares): (i) qualified retirement plans, including, but not limited to, 401(k) plans, 457 plans, employer sponsored 403(b) plans, and defined benefit plans; (ii) banks and trust companies; (iii) insurance companies; (iv) financial intermediaries utilizing such shares in fee-based investment advisory programs; (v) registered investment companies; and (vi) non-qualified deferred compensation plans. Other institutional

investors may be permitted to purchase Class R6 Shares subject to the fund's determination of eligibility and may be subject to a \$2,500,000 minimum initial investment requirement.

In general, you can buy or sell shares of the fund by mail or telephone on any business day. You also may buy and sell shares through a financial professional, broker-dealer or other financial intermediary.

Taxes

The fund's distributions are taxable to you as either ordinary income or capital gains, except when your investment is through a tax-deferred arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or an individual retirement account. Such tax-deferred arrangements may be taxed later upon withdrawal of monies from those arrangements.

Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries

If you purchase the fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the fund and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your financial professional to recommend the fund over another investment.

No compensation, administrative payments, sub-transfer agency payments or service payments are paid to brokers or other entities from fund assets or the Distributor's or an affiliate's resources on sales of or investments in Class R6 Shares. Class R6 Shares do not carry sales commissions or pay Rule 12b-1 fees, or make payments to brokers or other entities to assist in, or in connection with, the sale of the fund's shares.

Ask your financial professional or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

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