

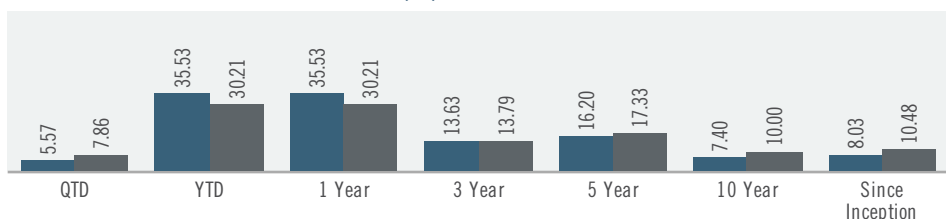
**INVESTMENT OVERVIEW**

The Fund seeks to generate attractive risk-adjusted long-term returns by investing in the stocks of U.S. large-cap growth 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 large-cap growth 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 30-50 strongest investment opportunities, with a long-term, low-turnover approach to realize full stock value potential

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

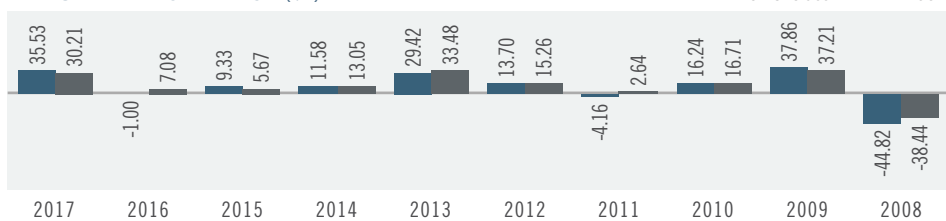


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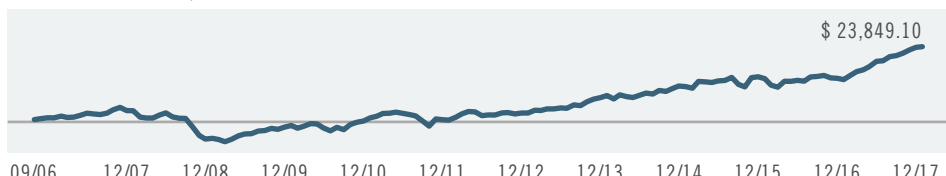
The fund class gross expense ratio is 1.04%.

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 (%)**



**GROWTH OF \$10,000**



This chart assumes an initial investment of \$10,000 made on 9/29/2006. As of 12/29/2017 the fund value would have been \$23,849.10. Fund performance assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions. This growth reflects no front end sales charges.

The Russell 1000® Growth Index is 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. 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 Strategic Growth Fund.

**FUND INFORMATION**

	Ticker	CUSIP
A Shares	PSTAX	92828N510
C Shares	SSTFX	92828N486
I Shares	PLXGX	92828N478
R6 Shares	VCGRX	92828N270

Inception Date	09/29/06
AUM (\$ millions)	495.6
Number of Holdings	44
Dividends	Semi-Annually
Morningstar Category	Large Growth
Lipper Category	Large-Cap Growth Funds

**MORNINGSTAR RATINGS**

Time Period	# of Stars	# of Funds
Overall	★★★	1,216
3 Year	★★★★	1,216
5 Year	★★★	1,109
10 Year	★★	787

Strong ratings are not indicative of positive fund performance.

**INVESTMENT ADVISER**

Virtus Investment Advisers, Inc.

**INVESTMENT SUBADVISER**

Kayne Anderson Rudnick Investment



Kayne Anderson Rudnick

A VIRTUS INVESTMENT PARTNER

Management, LLC

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 MANAGER**

**Douglas S. Foreman, CFA**

Industry start date: 1989

Start date with Fund: 2011

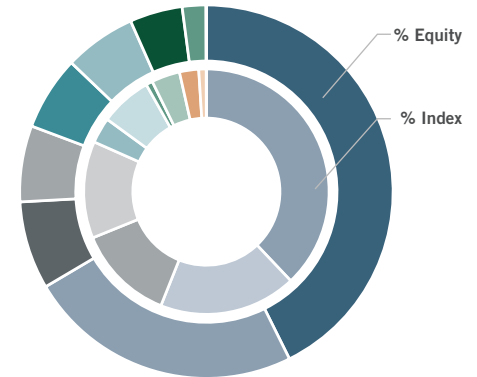
CHARACTERISTICS	Fund	Index
Average Weighted Market Cap (bn)	188.79	227.92
Median Market Cap (bn)	38.77	11.77
Trailing P/E	32.54	24.18
Price-to-Cash Flow	30.90	21.58
Price-to-Book Value	6.62	5.94
3-Year EPS Growth Rate	26.27	18.12
5-Year EPS Growth Rate	24.53	13.78
Active Share	78.78	n/a

RISK STATISTICS (3 YEAR)	Fund	Index
R <sup>2</sup>	0.89	1.00
Beta	1.11	1.00
Standard Deviation	12.42	10.54
Alpha	-1.42	n/a
Sharpe Ratio	1.07	1.27

TOP TEN HOLDINGS	% Fund
Facebook, Inc. Class A	9.52
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. Sponsored ADR	6.02
Amazon.com, Inc.	4.75
Visa Inc. Class A	3.99
Monster Beverage Corporation	3.87
Bank of America Corporation	3.49
NVIDIA Corporation	3.33
Las Vegas Sands Corp.	3.08
Amphenol Corporation Class A	3.05
Tencent Holdings Ltd. Un-sponsored ADR	2.73

Holdings and sector weightings are subject to change.

SECTOR ALLOCATIONS



	% Equity	% Index
Information Technology	42.66	37.93
Consumer Discretionary	23.84	18.11
Health Care	7.62	12.82
Industrials	6.60	12.78
Financials	6.41	3.39
Consumer Staples	6.22	6.82
Energy	4.56	0.88
Materials	2.08	3.74
Real Estate	0.00	2.52
Telecommunication Services	0.00	0.99
Utilities	0.00	0.01

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.

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

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