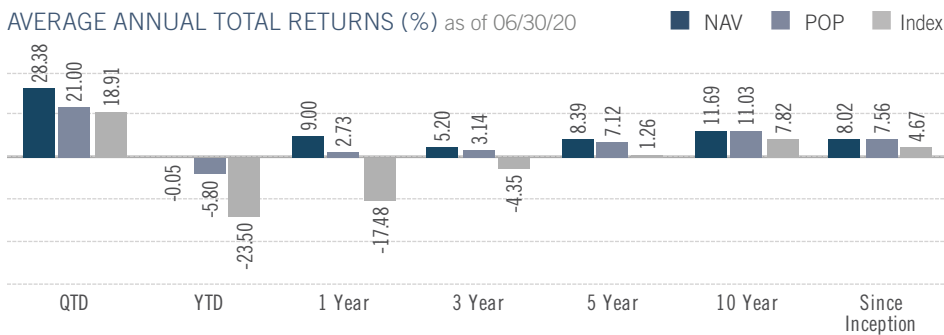


INVESTMENT OVERVIEW

The Fund seeks to generate attractive risk-adjusted long-term returns by investing in the stocks of U.S. small-cap value 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 small-cap value 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 25-35 strongest investment opportunities, with a long-term, low-turnover approach to realize full stock value potential



Performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. Please visit virtus.com for performance data current to the most recent month end. 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.

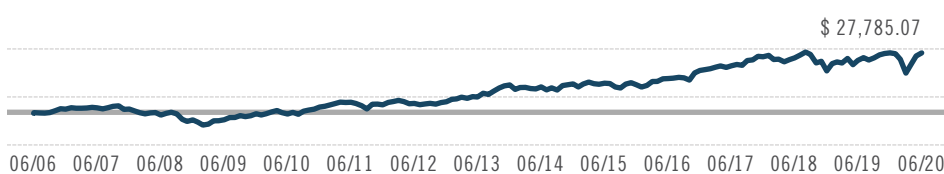
The fund class gross expense ratio is 1.24%.

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.

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Fund	24.62	-16.16	18.58	24.13	-1.50	1.73	39.52	7.79	6.06	21.81
Index	22.39	-12.86	7.84	31.74	-7.47	4.22	34.52	18.05	-5.50	24.50

GROWTH OF \$10,000



This chart assumes an initial investment of \$10,000 made on 6/28/2006. As of 6/30/2020 the fund value would have been \$27,785.07. Fund performance assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions and reflects a front end sales charge of 5.75%.

FUND INFORMATION

	Ticker	CUSIP
A Shares	PQSAX	92828N684
C Shares	PQSCX	92828N676
I Shares	PXQSX	92828N668
R6 Shares	VQSRX	92828N411

Inception Date	06/28/06
AUM (\$ millions)	763.0
Number of Holdings	30
Dividends	Semi-Annually
Morningstar Category	Small Growth
Lipper Category	Small-Cap Growth Funds
Index	Russell 2000® Value Index

MORNINGSTAR RATINGS

Time Period	# of Stars	# of Funds
Overall	★★★	577
3 Year	★★★	577
5 Year	★★★	508
10 Year	★★★	377

Morningstar ratings are based on risk-adjusted returns. Strong ratings are not indicative of positive future 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

Julie Kutasov

Industry start date: 2001

Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2008

Craig Stone

Industry start date: 1989

Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2009

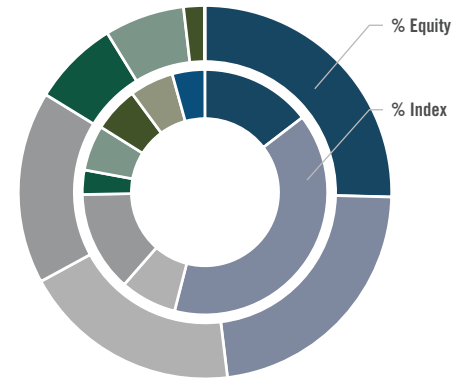
CHARACTERISTICS	Fund	Index
Avg. Weighted Market Cap (bn)	4.42	1.64
Median Market Cap (bn)	3.61	0.55
Trailing P/E Ex-Negative Earnings	25.61	10.42
Price-to-Cash Flow	18.30	8.17
Price-to-Book Value	3.02	1.34
3-Year EPS Growth Rate	19.82	9.41
5-Year EPS Growth Rate	16.51	7.03
Active Share	99.33	n/a

RISK STATISTICS (3 YEAR)	Fund	Index
Alpha	7.95	n/a
Beta	0.79	1.00
R ²	0.86	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	0.18	-0.26
Standard Deviation	19.82	23.25

TOP TEN HOLDINGS	% Fund
Scotts Miracle-Gro Co/The	7.66
SiteOne Landscape Supply Inc	5.41
CoreLogic Inc/United States	5.17
Brooks Automation Inc	4.83
Thor Industries Inc	4.52
MGM Growth Properties LLC	4.37
Houlihan Lokey Inc	4.31
National Beverage Corp	4.06
Watsco Inc	3.94
RBC Bearings Inc	3.62

Holdings and sector weightings are subject to change.

SECTOR ALLOCATIONS



SECTOR	% Equity	% Index
Producer Durables	25.41	14.60
Financial Services	22.67	39.39
Materials & Processing	18.99	7.46
Consumer Discretionary	16.68	13.26
Consumer Staples	7.49	3.22
Technology	6.91	5.99
Health Care	1.84	5.99
Utilities	0.00	5.81
Energy	0.00	4.30

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. **Market Volatility:** 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. **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. **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.

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