

INVESTMENT OVERVIEW

The Fund seeks to generate capital appreciation by investing in U.S. small-cap companies that exhibit strong business fundamentals and above-average growth potential. A disciplined investment process focuses on identifying positive fundamental trends, including earnings and revenue growth, improving cash flows, and increasing return on invested capital.

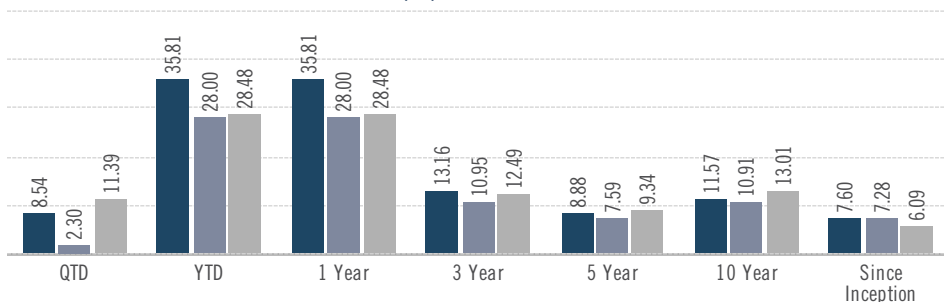
KEY FEATURES

Growth as a Condition, Not a Category — Searches for small-cap growth opportunities across the market, including segments overlooked by many traditional growth managers

Extensive Fundamental Research — Bottom-up analysis strives to identify well-run businesses with positive investment characteristics and potential to grow earnings faster than peers

Focused on True Game Changers — Evaluates secular trends and disruptive products and services with potential to disrupt the business landscape and exceed investor expectations

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (%) as of 12/31/19



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 1.69%. The net expense ratio is 1.28%, which reflects a contractual expense reimbursement in effect through 4/30/2020. This ratio reflects the direct and indirect expenses paid by the Fund. The net expense ratio minus the indirect expenses incurred by the underlying funds in which the Fund invests is 1.27%. 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	35.81	-6.69	14.34	9.10	-3.23	-4.29	44.56	14.74	-0.48	23.66
Index	28.48	-9.31	22.17	11.32	-1.38	5.60	43.30	14.59	-2.91	29.09

GROWTH OF \$10,000



This chart assumes an initial investment of \$10,000 made on 12/10/1999. As of 12/31/2019 the fund value would have been \$40,980.00. 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	SCGIX	92837F359
I Shares	SSCTX	92837F334

Inception Date	12/10/99
AUM (\$ millions)	29.9
Number of Holdings	87
Dividends	Semi-Annually
Morningstar Category	Small Growth
Lipper Category	Small-Cap Growth Funds
Index	Russell 2000® Growth Index

MORNINGSTAR RATINGS

Time Period	# of Stars	# of Funds
Overall	★★★	571
3 Year	★★★	571
5 Year	★★★	505
10 Year	★★	379

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

INVESTMENT ADVISER

Virtus Fund Advisers, LLC

INVESTMENT SUBADVISER



Silvant Capital Management is a growth equity boutique that leverages the passion and talents of a diverse, experienced group of investment professionals. Guided by their belief that growth companies can be found in every corner of the economy, Silvant strives to evaluate positive secular trends and disruptive products and services that can change the business landscape, identifying those companies best positioned to exceed investor expectations.

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

Michael A. Sansoterra
Industry start date: 1996
Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2007

Sandeep Bhatia, Ph.D., CFA
Industry start date: 2000
Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2011

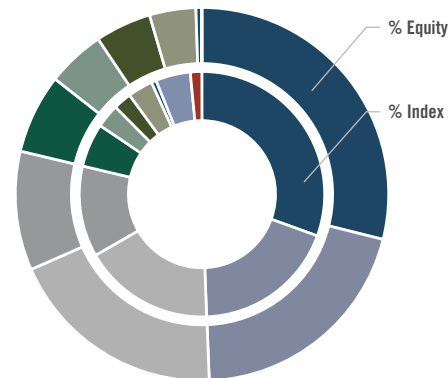
CHARACTERISTICS	Fund	Index
Avg. Weighted Market Cap (bn)	4.90	2.74
Median Market Cap (bn)	3.23	0.93
Trailing P/E Ex-Negative Earnings	34.25	27.10
Price-to-Cash Flow	22.90	19.60
Price-to-Book Value	5.98	5.17
3-Year EPS Growth Rate	11.32	11.73
5-Year EPS Growth Rate	11.08	11.77
Active Share	86.54	n/a

RISK STATISTICS (3 YEAR)	Fund	Index
Alpha	0.94	n/a
Beta	0.97	1.00
R ²	0.92	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	0.69	0.66
Standard Deviation	16.56	16.37

TOP TEN HOLDINGS	% Fund
Q2 Holdings Inc	3.68
Teledyne Technologies Inc	3.11
Insulet Corp	2.40
Reata Pharmaceuticals Inc	2.38
Chemed Corp	2.33
Roku Inc	2.01
Five9 Inc	1.99
Encompass Health Corp	1.90
Sarepta Therapeutics Inc	1.89
Balchem Corp	1.88

Holdings and sector weightings are subject to change.

SECTOR ALLOCATIONS



	% Equity	% Index
Health Care	28.90	30.53
Industrials	20.48	18.86
Information Technology	19.02	17.32
Consumer Discretionary	10.31	11.99
Financials	6.88	5.74
Materials	5.03	3.13
Communication Services	4.84	2.38
Consumer Staples	4.02	3.32
Energy	0.51	0.63
Real Estate	0.00	4.59
Utilities	0.00	1.51

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. **Growth Stocks:** Growth stocks are typically sensitive to market movements because their market prices tend to reflect future expectations. When it appears those expectations will not be met, the prices of growth stocks typically fall. **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.

INDEX DEFINITION

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

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