INVESTMENT OVERVIEW
The Fund seeks to generate attractive total return from both current income and capital appreciation by investing primarily in short-duration debt securities across 14 global bond sectors. A disciplined, time-tested investment process and rigorous risk management approach aim to capitalize on opportunities across undervalued areas of the fixed income markets.

KEY FEATURES
Lower Duration — Highly diversified, one- to three-year average duration bond allocation, primarily focused on higher-quality, more liquid securities
Relative Value Focus — Utilizes relative value analysis across sectors and industries to evaluate yields, spreads, supply/demand dynamics, and sector fundamentals
Extensive Fundamental Research — Security selection driven by bottom-up analysis of individual bond quality, credit risk, valuation, company management, structure, and technical elements

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 0.68%. The net expense ratio is 0.50%, which reflects a contractual expense reimbursement in effect through 1/31/2020.

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.

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)

GROWTH OF $10,000

This chart assumes an initial investment of $10,000 made on 2/23/1996. As of 9/30/2019 the fund value would have been $27,192.45. Fund performance assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions. This growth reflects no front end sales charges.

Effective July 9, 2019, this Fund changed its name from Virtus Newfleet Low Duration Income Fund.
important risk considerations

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. ABS/MBS: Changes in interest rates can cause both extension and prepayment risks for asset- and mortgage-backed securities. These securities are also subject to risks associated with the repayment of underlying collateral. 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. Bank Loans: Loans may be unsecured or not fully collateralized, may be subject to restrictions on resale and/or trade infrequently on the secondary market. Loans can carry significant credit and call risk, can be difficult to value, and have longer settlement times than other investments, which can make loans relatively illiquid at times. Prospects: For additional information on risks, please see the fund's prospectus.

glossary

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 longer the duration, the greater the interest rate risk or reward for a portfolio's underlying bond prices. Weighted Average Maturity: The length of time until the average security in a fund will mature, been redeemed by its issuer, or paid off over time, which is the case with most securitized assets. Alpha: A risk-adjusted measure of an investment's excess return relative to a benchmark. Beta: A quantitative measure of a security's or portfolio's sensitivity to market-wide movements. 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 Virtus Newfleet Low Duration Core Plus Linked Benchmark consists of the ICE BofAML I-5 Year US Corporate & Government Bond Index which tracks the performance of US dollar denominated investment grade debt publicly issued in the U.S. domestic market, including U.S. Treasury, U.S. agency, foreign government, supranational and corporate securities, with a remaining term to final maturity less than 5 years, 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 Virtus Newfleet Low Duration Core Plus Linked Benchmark prior to 2/1/2017 is that of the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Intermediate Government/Credit Bond Index.

ratings distribution methodology

The ratings issued by Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations assess the credit worthiness of a corporation's or government's debt issues. The ratings apply to the fund's holdings and not the fund itself. Ratings are provided by Standard & Poor's, Moody's, and Fitch. For certain securities that are not rated by any of these three agencies, credit ratings from other agencies may be used. Where the rating agencies rate a security differently, Newfleet uses the higher rating. If a rating is not available, the bond is placed in the Not Rated category. Credit ratings are subject to change. Aa, Aa, and Aa are investment grade ratings. Ba, B, Ca, C, and D are below-investment grade ratings. Morningstar Rating™ for funds, or 'star rating,' is calculated for managed products (including mutual funds, variable annuity and variable life subaccounts, exchange-traded funds, closed-end funds, and separate accounts) with at least a three-year history. Exchange-traded funds and open-ended mutual funds are considered a single population for comparative purposes. It is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product’s monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a managed product is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its three-, five-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. The weights are: 100% three-year rating for 36-59 months of total returns, 60% five-year rating/40% three-year rating for 60-119 months of total returns, and 50% 10-year rating/30% five-year rating/20% three-year rating for 120 or more months of total returns. The 10-year overall star rating formula seems to give the most weight to the 10-year period, the most recent three-year period actually has the greatest impact because it is included in all three rating periods. Ratings do not take into account the effect of sales charges and loads.

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