

INVESTMENT OVERVIEW

The Fund invests in floating rate leveraged loans and seeks to generate an attractive spread above LIBOR. A sound, transparent, and repeatable investment process leverages competitive advantages and aims to capture upside potential while limiting downside risk through rigorous fundamental analysis and a strict sell discipline.

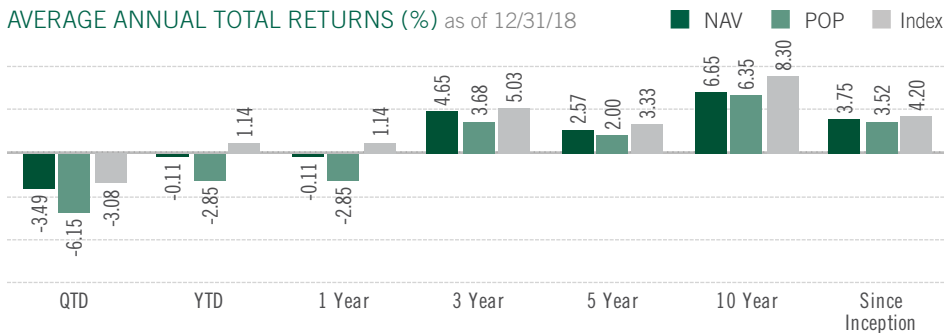
KEY FEATURES

Diversification — Provides exposure to floating rate debt, which offers low correlations to other fixed income asset classes and has the potential to provide relatively high income

A Potential Hedge Against Rising Rates — Periodic coupon resets may help floating rate debt protect against interest rate risk and principal value fluctuations in rising interest rate periods

Higher Quality Loans — Emphasizes BB- and B-rated loans; seeks to invest in what are believed to be the healthiest and most undervalued credits in the non-investment grade space, identified through extensive bottom-up fundamental credit research

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (%) as of 12/31/18



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.

Benchmark life performance is reported from 05/31/06.

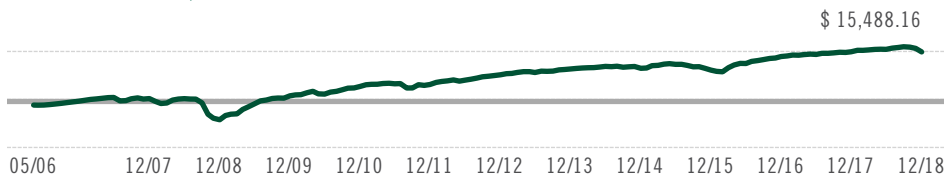
The fund class gross expense ratio is 1.00%. The net expense ratio is 0.96%, which reflects a contractual expense reimbursement in effect through 7/31/2019. This ratio reflects the direct and indirect expenses paid by the Fund.

The net expense ratio minus the indirect expenses incurred by the underlying funds in which the Fund invests is 0.94%. 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 A shares have a maximum sales charge of 2.75%. A contingent deferred sales charge of 0.50% may be imposed on certain redemptions within 18 months on purchases on which a finder's fee has been paid. POP (Public Offering Price) performance reflects the deduction of the maximum sales charge.

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)

| | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 |
|--------------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Fund | -0.11 | 3.43 | 10.93 | -1.45 | 0.51 | 4.86 | 8.81 | 1.81 | 9.48 | 31.86 |
| Index | 1.14 | 4.25 | 9.88 | -0.38 | 2.06 | 6.15 | 9.43 | 1.82 | 9.98 | 44.87 |

GROWTH OF \$10,000



This chart assumes an initial investment of \$10,000 made on 5/8/2006. As of 12/31/2018 the fund value would have been \$15,488.16. Fund performance assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions and reflects a front end sales charge of 2.75%.

FUND INFORMATION

| | Ticker | CUSIP |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| A Shares | SFRAX | 92837F789 |
| C Shares | SFRGX | 92837F771 |
| I Shares | SAMBX | 92837F763 |
| R6 Shares | SFRZX | 92837F755 |
| Inception Date | 05/08/06 | |
| AUM (\$ millions) | 5,308.9 | |
| Number of Holdings | 473 | |
| Dividends | Daily | |
| Morningstar Category | Bank Loan | |
| Lipper Category | Loan Participation Funds | |
| Index | Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index | |

MORNINGSTAR RATINGS

| Time Period | # of Stars | # of Funds |
|-------------|------------|------------|
| Overall | ★★★ | 213 |
| 3 Year | ★★★★★ | 213 |
| 5 Year | ★★★ | 196 |
| 10 Year | ★★ | 81 |

Strong ratings are not indicative of positive fund performance.

INVESTMENT ADVISER

Virtus Fund Advisers, LLC

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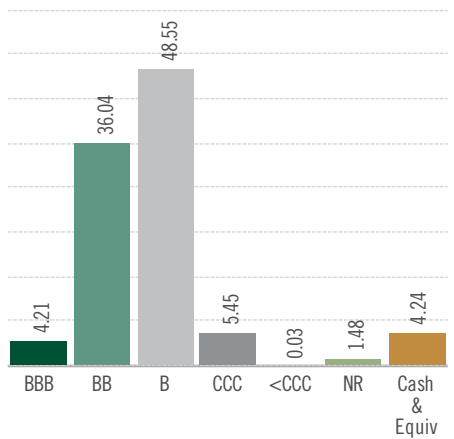
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PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

George Goudelias
Industry start date: 1987
Start date with Fund: 2006

Vincent Flanagan
Industry start date: 1997
Start date with Fund: 2011

RATINGS DISTRIBUTION



CHARACTERISTICS

| | Fund |
|---------------------------|------|
| Effective Duration | 0.26 |
| Weighted Average Maturity | 4.93 |
| SEC Yield ¹ | 4.78 |

¹ SEC Yield (Class A share only) represents net investment income earned by a fund over a 30-day period, expressed as an annual percentage rate based on the fund's share price at the end of the 30-day period. Performance figures represent a partial waiver/reimbursement of fees where applicable. Without the partial waiver/reimbursement of fees, performance figures would be lower and the SEC Yield would have been: 4.68%.

TOP TEN HOLDINGS

| | % Fund |
|--|--------|
| Harland Clarke Holdings Corp, Initial Term Loan, 11/03/2023 | 1.89 |
| CenturyLink Inc, Initial Term B Loan, 01/31/2025 | 1.49 |
| Level 3 Parent LLC, Tranche B 2024 Term Loan, 02/22/2024 | 1.41 |
| Ziggo Secured Finance Partnership, Term Loan E, 04/15/2025 | 1.41 |
| Charter Communications Operating LLC, Term B Loan, 04/30/2025 | 1.34 |
| GGP Nimbus LP, Initial Term B Loan, 08/27/2025 | 1.19 |
| INEOS US Finance LLC, 2024 Dollar Term Loan, 04/01/2024 | 1.11 |
| 1011778 BC Unlimited Liability Company, Term B-3 Loan, 02/16/2024 | 1.06 |
| Dell International LLC, Refinancing Term B Loan, 09/07/2023 | 1.03 |
| William Morris Endeavor Entertainment LLC, New Term Loan B-1, 05/18/2025 | 0.90 |

DISTRIBUTIONS

| Month | | NAV at Month-End |
|---------------|------------|------------------|
| October 2018 | \$0.036861 | 8.65 |
| November 2018 | \$0.036374 | 8.54 |
| December 2018 | \$0.034517 | 8.30 |

RISK STATISTICS (3 YEAR)

| | Fund | Index |
|--------------------|-------|-------|
| Alpha | -0.85 | n/a |
| Beta | 1.13 | 1.00 |
| R ² | 0.97 | 1.00 |
| Sharpe Ratio | 1.17 | 1.47 |
| Standard Deviation | 3.14 | 2.75 |

SECTOR ALLOCATIONS

| | % Fund |
|------------------------------|--------|
| Cable | 8.83 |
| Healthcare | 7.98 |
| Information Technology | 7.22 |
| Chemicals | 7.14 |
| Financial | 6.75 |
| Services/Environmental/Other | 6.50 |
| Diversified Media | 6.41 |
| Telecommunications | 6.23 |
| Gaming/Leisure | 5.93 |
| Energy | 4.96 |
| Housing/Building Materials | 4.26 |
| Cash | 4.24 |
| Utilities | 4.17 |
| Food/Drug/Restaurants | 3.47 |
| Aerospace/Defense/Airlines | 3.34 |
| Metals/Minerals | 2.65 |
| Transportation | 2.64 |
| Retail | 2.19 |
| Broadcasting | 1.70 |
| Manufacturing/Capital Goods | 1.53 |
| Consumer Non-Durables | 0.66 |
| Forest Products/Containers | 0.66 |
| Wireless | 0.53 |

Holdings and sector weightings are subject to change.

IMPORTANT RISK CONSIDERATIONS

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. **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. **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. **Prospectus:** 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 larger 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, be redeemed by its issuer, or paid down 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 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 Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index is a market-weighted index that tracks the investable universe of the U.S. dollar denominated leveraged loans. The index is calculated on a total return basis, is unmanaged and not available for direct investment. The unmanaged index returns do not reflect any fees, expenses, or sales charges.

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