

INVESTMENT OVERVIEW

The Fund seeks to maximize total return by investing primarily in short- to medium-term investment grade fixed income securities, including corporate bonds, asset-backed securities, mortgage-backed securities, U.S. Treasuries, and U.S. government agency debentures. Seix's bottom-up focused, top-down aware investment approach seeks to provide superior risk-adjusted returns over a full market cycle, as well as competitive absolute and relative returns over shorter horizons.

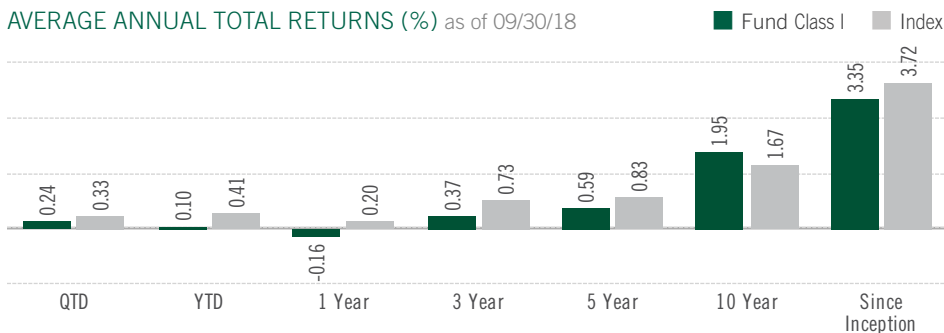
KEY FEATURES

**Broad Fixed Income Exposure** — Emphasizes income, quality, diversification, and liquidity in order to serve as an anchor of a diversified portfolio

**Prudent Risk Management** — Strives to generate superior long-term risk-adjusted returns, which often entails risk reduction over the short term

**Extensive Fundamental Research** — Combines macroeconomic and fundamental analysis to exploit inefficiencies in multiple sectors of the global fixed income marketplace

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (%) as of 09/30/18



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](http://Virtus.com) for performance data current to the most recent month-end.

Benchmark life performance is reported from 03/31/93.

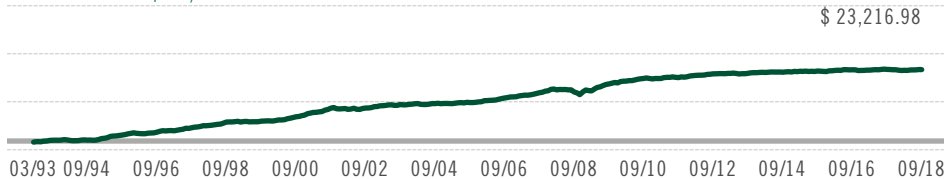
The fund class gross expense ratio is 1.35%. The net expense ratio is 0.60%, which reflects a contractual expense reimbursement in effect through 7/31/2019.

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 (%)

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Fund	0.56	0.88	0.31	0.58	0.76	2.62	1.83	3.51	8.46	-0.96
Index	0.84	1.28	0.65	0.77	0.64	1.26	1.59	2.80	3.83	4.97

GROWTH OF \$10,000



This chart assumes an initial investment of \$10,000 made on 3/15/1993. As of 9/28/2018 the fund value would have been \$23,216.98. Fund performance assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions. This growth reflects no front end sales charges.

FUND INFORMATION

	Ticker	CUSIP
A Shares	STSBX	92837F854
C Shares	SCBSX	92837F847
I Shares	SSBTX	92837F839
Inception Date	03/15/93	
AUM (\$ millions)	9.1	
Number of Holdings	40	
Dividends	Daily	
Morningstar Category	Short-Term Bond	
Lipper Category	Short Investment Grade Debt Funds	
Index	Bloomberg Barclays 1-3 Yr U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index	

MORNINGSTAR RATINGS

Time Period	# of Stars	# of Funds
Overall	★★	474
3 Year	★★	474
5 Year	★★	400
10 Year	★★	260

Strong ratings are not indicative of positive fund performance.

INVESTMENT ADVISER

Virtus Fund Advisers, LLC

INVESTMENT SUBADVISER



Seix Investment Advisors is an investment management boutique focused exclusively on managing fixed income securities since 1992. Seix seeks to generate competitive absolute and relative risk-adjusted returns over the full market cycle through a bottom-up focused, top-down aware process. Seix employs multi-dimensional approaches based on strict portfolio construction methodology, sell disciplines and trading strategies with prudent risk management as a cornerstone.

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

**James F. Keegan**  
Industry start date: 1982  
Start date with Fund: 2014

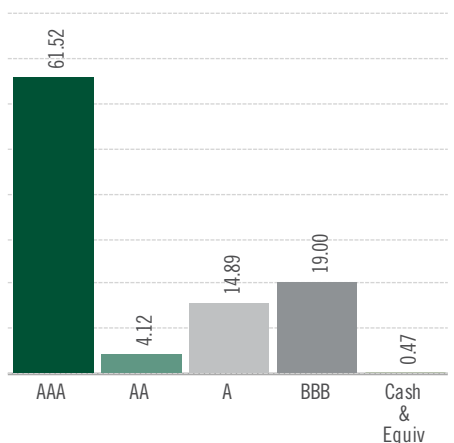
**Carlos Catoya**  
Industry start date: 1987  
Start date with Fund: 2015

**Michael Rieger**  
Industry start date: 1986  
Start date with Fund: 2014

**Perry Troisi**  
Industry start date: 1986  
Start date with Fund: 2014

**Jonathan Yozzo**  
Industry start date: 1991  
Start date with Fund: 2015

**RATINGS DISTRIBUTION**



**CHARACTERISTICS**

	Fund
Effective Duration	1.82
Weighted Average Maturity	2.03
SEC Yield <sup>1</sup>	2.33

<sup>1</sup> SEC Yield (Class I 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: 1.55%.

**TOP TEN HOLDINGS**

	% Fund
United States Treasury Note/Bond, 1.1250% 07/31/2021	17.12
United States Treasury Note/Bond, 1.2500% 03/31/2021	14.68
United States Treasury Note/Bond, 1.3750% 10/31/2020	7.55
Fannie Mae Pool, 2.5000%	4.97
Freddie Mac REMICS, 4.0000%	4.78
Citibank NA, 2.1000% 06/12/2020	3.56
FREMF 2014-K503 Mortgage Trust, 3.0891%	3.18
Freddie Mac REMICS, 3.5000%	2.96
Fannie Mae Pool, 1.6800%	2.59
Freddie Mac Multifamily Structured Pass Through Certificates, 1.8690%	2.26

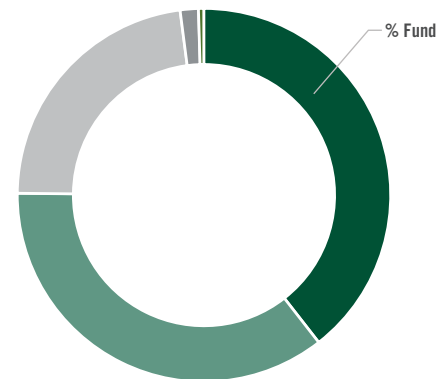
**DISTRIBUTIONS**

Month		NAV at Month-End
July 2018	\$0.013934	9.76
August 2018	\$0.016115	9.77
September 2018	\$0.013361	9.75

**RISK STATISTICS (3 YEAR)**

	Fund	Index
Alpha	-0.35	n/a
Beta	1.05	1.00
R <sup>2</sup>	0.95	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	-0.55	-0.11
Standard Deviation	0.79	0.73

**SECTOR ALLOCATIONS**



Sector	% Fund
U.S. Treasury	39.46
Corporate	35.70
Mortgage Backed	22.78
Asset Backed	1.58
Cash & Equivalents	0.47

Holdings and sector weightings are subject to change.

**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. **ABS/MBBS:** 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. **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. **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.

**INDEX DEFINITION**

Index: The Bloomberg Barclays 1-3 Yr U.S. Government/Credit Bond Index measures U.S. investment grade government and corporate debt securities with an average maturity of 1 to 3 years. The index is 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.

**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. Standard & Poor's, Moody's, and Fitch ratings are used. If all three agencies have rated the security, then the median rating based on numerical equivalents is used. If only two agencies have rated the security, then the lower of the two ratings is used. If only one agency has rated the security, the rating from that agency is used. Credit ratings are subject to change. AAA, AA, A, and BBB are investment grade ratings; BB, B, CCC, CC, 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. While 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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