

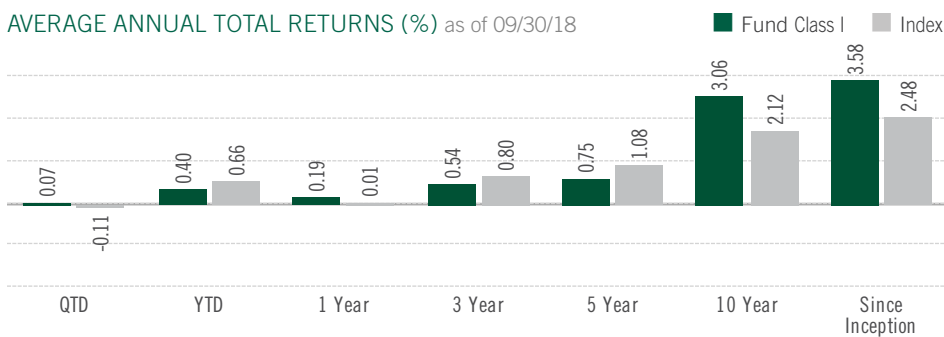
INVESTMENT OVERVIEW

The Fund seeks to maximize total return through current income that is exempt from federal income taxes, combined with capital appreciation consistent with capital preservation, by investing in investment grade municipal securities. A dynamic, multifaceted investment process balances emphasis across four facets: duration management, yield curve positioning, sector rotation, and security selection.

KEY FEATURES

- Tax-Exempt Income** — Strives to generate income free from federal income taxes
- Attractive Total Return Potential** — Market inefficiencies may create buying and selling opportunities that facilitate meaningful return potential
- Extensive Fundamental Research** — Bottom-up security selection evaluates factors such as fundamental credit analysis, security structural features, and potential price volatility

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 for performance data current to the most recent month-end.

Benchmark life performance is reported from 03/31/05.

The fund class gross expense ratio is 0.83%. The net expense ratio is 0.49%, which reflects a contractual expense reimbursement in effect through 7/31/2019. This ratio reflects the direct and indirect expenses paid by the Fund.

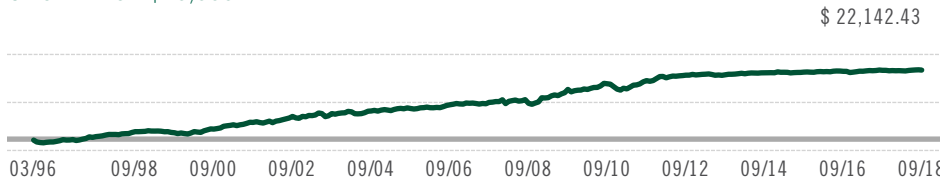
The net expense ratio minus the indirect expenses incurred by the underlying funds in which the Fund invests is 0.48%.

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 (%)

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Fund	1.25	0.09	0.40	1.05	0.71	3.09	9.69	0.99	12.24	-0.35
Index	1.61	0.07	1.21	1.31	1.15	1.73	3.45	1.87	5.55	5.37

GROWTH OF \$10,000



This chart assumes an initial investment of \$10,000 made on 3/1/1996. As of 9/28/2018 the fund value would have been \$22,142.43. Fund performance assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions. This growth reflects no front end sales charges.

FUND INFORMATION

	Ticker	CUSIP
A Shares	SMMAX	92837F565
I Shares	CMDTX	92837F557

Inception Date	03/01/96
AUM (\$ millions)	21.3
Number of Holdings	26
Dividends	Daily
Morningstar Category	Muni National Short
Lipper Category	Short Municipal Debt Funds
Index	Bloomberg Barclays Municipal 1-5 Yr Index

MORNINGSTAR RATINGS

Time Period	# of Stars	# of Funds
Overall	★★★	180
3 Year	★★	180
5 Year	★★	158
10 Year	★★★★	101

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

Ronald H. Schwartz CFA
Industry start date: 1982
Start date with Fund: 2011

Dusty Self
Industry start date: 1992
Start date with Fund: 2011

RATINGS DISTRIBUTION % Invested Assets



CHARACTERISTICS

	Fund
Effective Duration	1.99
Modified Duration to Worst	1.95
Weighted Average Maturity	2.15
SEC Yield ¹	1.52

¹ 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: 1.04%.

TOP TEN HOLDINGS % Fund

Chicago O'Hare International Airport, 5.0000% 01/01/2019	7.09
Clarke County Board of Education/GA, 5.0000% 09/01/2021	6.29
California Infrastructure & Economic Development Bank, 1.9950% 04/01/2038	5.87
Virginia Commonwealth Transportation Board, 5.0000% 05/15/2023	5.26
Port of Seattle WA, 5.2500% 12/01/2020	5.14
Chicago O'Hare International Airport, 5.0000% 01/01/2025	5.12
State of Illinois, 5.0000% 10/01/2021	4.89
New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Authority, 5.0000% 06/15/2019	4.78
University of Texas System/The, 1.4800% 08/01/2033	4.69
City of Charlotte NC Water & Sewer System Revenue, 1.4400% 07/01/2036	4.69
District of Columbia Water & Sewer Authority, 6.0000% 10/01/2035	4.69
Philadelphia Gas Works Co, 5.0000% 10/01/2018	4.69
City of New York NY, 1.4500% 04/01/2042	4.69

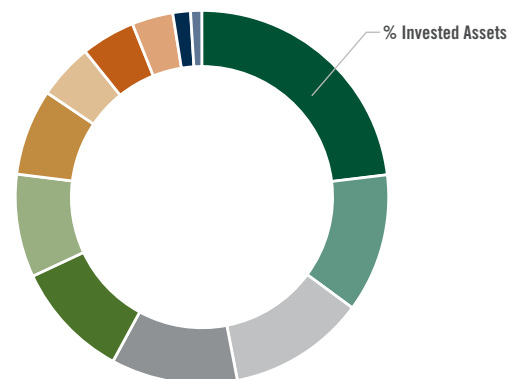
DISTRIBUTIONS

Month		NAV at Month-End
July 2018	\$0.008051	9.90
August 2018	\$0.010120	9.90
September 2018	\$0.008974	9.87

RISK STATISTICS (3 YEAR)

	Fund	Index
Alpha	-0.27	n/a
Beta	0.64	1.00
R ²	0.91	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	-0.28	0.00
Standard Deviation	0.94	1.39

SECTOR ALLOCATIONS



	% Invested Assets
Transportation	23.08
Local General Obligation	12.02
Special Tax	11.86
Education	10.95
Lease	10.14
State General Obligation	8.92
Power	7.47
Pre-Refunded	4.80
Water & Sewer	4.68
Hospital	3.56
IDR/PCR	1.53
Housing	0.98

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. **State & AMT Tax:** A portion of income may be subject to some state and/or local taxes and, for certain investors, a portion may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax. **Municipal Market:** Events negatively impacting a municipal security, or the municipal bond market in general, may cause the fund to decrease in value. **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. **Modified Duration to Worst:** A measure of the sensitivity of the price (the value of principal) of a fixed income investment to a change in interest rates, expressed as a number of years (assuming that a callable security pricing to a call date will be called/redeemed by the issuer on that date). **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 Bloomberg Barclays Municipal 1-5 Yr Index is a market capitalization-weighted index of investment grade tax-exempt municipal bonds with maturities of 1-6 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.

Please carefully consider a fund's investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses before investing. For this and other information about any Virtus mutual fund, contact your financial representative, call 1-800-243-4361, or visit Virtus.com for a prospectus or summary prospectus. Read it carefully before investing.

Not insured by FDIC/NCUSIF or any federal government agency. No bank guarantee. Not a deposit. May lose value.

Distributed by VP Distributors, LLC, member FINRA and subsidiary of Virtus Investment Partners, Inc.

1147 10-18 © 2018 Virtus Mutual Funds

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.

© 2018 Morningstar, Inc. All rights reserved. The information contained herein: (1) is proprietary to Morningstar and/or its content providers; (2) may not be copied or distributed; and (3) is not warranted to be accurate, complete, or timely. Neither Morningstar nor its content providers are responsible for any damages or losses arising from any use of this information. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Lipper Category Classification is provided by Lipper. © 2018 Lipper. All rights reserved.