

**INVESTMENT OVERVIEW**

The Fund seeks attractive risk-adjusted total returns by investing in North American energy infrastructure. The highly experienced portfolio team applies a disciplined, bottom-up investment process, focusing on energy Midstream Master Limited Partnerships (MLPs), General Partners (GPs), and C-Corporations that own midstream oil and natural gas assets backed by long-term, fee-based contracts.

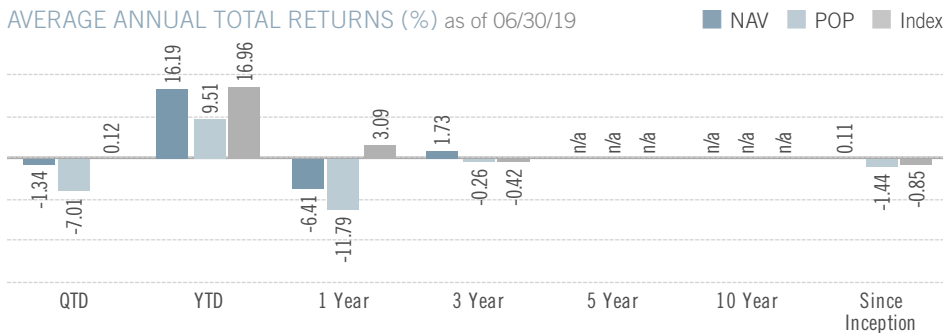
**KEY FEATURES**

**Extensive Fundamental Research** — Pursues attractive risk-adjusted total returns and growth opportunities across the U.S. energy value chain by analyzing supply/demand trends and individual company management strength

**Strong Cash Flows** — Long-term contracts and exposure to rising U.S. production and exports drive strong cash flow

**Quality Focus** — High-conviction portfolio of 30-40 securities emphasizes geographic footprints in high-quality basins of the U.S.

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (%) as of 06/30/19



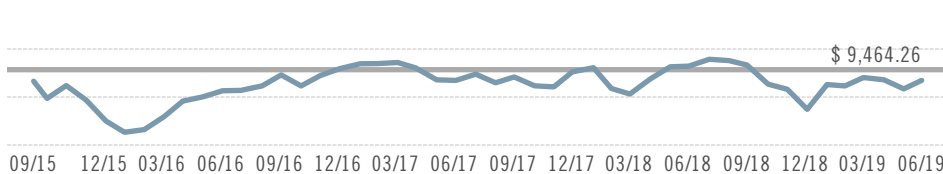
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The fund class gross expense ratio is 2.87%. The net expense ratio is 1.43%, which reflects a contractual expense reimbursement in effect through 2/28/2020. This ratio reflects the direct and indirect expenses paid by the Fund. The net expense ratio minus the indirect expenses incurred by the underlying funds in which the Fund invests is 1.40%. 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 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. 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
<b>Fund</b>	-17.32	-1.42	31.24	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Index</b>	-12.42	-6.52	18.31	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

**GROWTH OF \$10,000**



This chart assumes an initial investment of \$10,000 made on 9/9/2015. As of 6/28/2019 the fund value would have been \$9,464.26. 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	VLPAX	92835M729
C Shares	VLPCX	92835M711
I Shares	VLPIX	92835M695

Inception Date	09/09/15
AUM (\$ millions)	9.1
Number of Holdings	28
Dividends	Semi-Annually
Morningstar Category	Energy Limited Partnership
Lipper Category	Energy MLP Funds
Index	Alerian MLP Index

**MORNINGSTAR RATINGS**

Time Period	# of Stars	# of Funds
Overall	★★★	98
3 Year	★★★	98
5 Year	Not Rated	n/a
10 Year	Not Rated	n/a

Strong ratings are not indicative of positive fund performance. The Overall Morningstar Rating is based on risk-adjusted returns, derived from a weighted average of the three-, five-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar metrics.

**INVESTMENT ADVISER**

Virtus Alternative Investment Advisers, Inc.

**INVESTMENT SUBADVISER**



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**PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

**David D. Grumhaus, Jr.**  
Industry start date: 1989  
Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2015

**Charles Georgas, CFA**  
Industry start date: 1988  
Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2015

**RISK STATISTICS**  
(3 YEAR)

	Fund	Index
Alpha	2.22	n/a
Beta	0.96	1.00
R2	0.85	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	0.02	-0.11
Standard Deviation	17.12	16.50

**TOP TEN HOLDINGS**

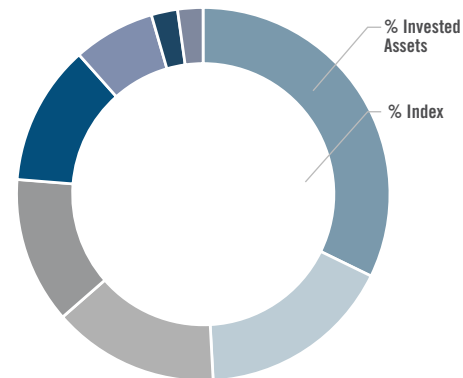
	% Invested Assets
Williams Cos Inc/The	10.00
Cheniere Energy Inc	7.56
Enterprise Products Partners LP	7.12
Plains GP Holdings LP	7.12
Energy Transfer LP	6.99
Kinder Morgan Inc/DE	5.39
ONEOK Inc	5.23
Targa Resources Corp	5.07
Mplx LP	3.90
Antero Midstream Corp	3.75

Holdings and sector weightings are subject to change.

**OWNERSHIP STRUCTURE**

	% Fund
Major Midstream Companies	32.90
Midstream MLP	24.34
Embedded General Partner	21.37
MLP Affiliate & Other	13.14
Cash	3.41
Exchange-Traded Note	2.73
Foreign LP	2.11

**SECTOR ALLOCATIONS**



	% Invested Assets
Diversified	32.22
Natural Gas Pipelines	16.94
Downstream/Other	14.42
Gathering/Processing	12.69
Petroleum Transportation & Storage	12.16
Marine Shipping	7.09
Electric LDC & Power	2.28
Upstream	2.20

**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. **MLPs:** Investments in Master Limited Partnerships may be adversely impacted by tax law changes, regulation, or factors affecting underlying assets. **Energy Sector Concentration:** The fund's investments are concentrated in the energy sector and may present more risks than if the fund were broadly diversified over numerous sectors of the economy. **Non-Diversified:** The fund is non-diversified and may be more susceptible to factors negatively impacting its holdings to the extent that each security represents a larger portion of the fund's assets. **Prospectus:** For additional information on risks, please see the fund's prospectus.

**GLOSSARY**

**Midstream MLPs** are publicly traded limited partnerships and limited liability companies that are treated as partnerships for federal income tax purposes and operate and own assets used in transporting, storing, gathering, processing, treating, or marketing of natural gas, natural gas liquids, crude oil, and refined products. **Foreign LPs** are offshore entities organized as partnerships or limited liability companies but elect to be treated as corporations for U.S. federal income tax purposes. **MLP Affiliates & Other** consist of iShares/LLCs and Yieldcos. iShares/LLCs are limited liability companies which hold investments in limited partner interests and issue distributions in the form of additional shares, also known as paid-in-kind (PIK) distributions. Yieldcos are entities structured similar to an MLP but without possession of assets that would qualify for pass-through tax treatment and thus are not treated as partnerships for federal income tax purposes. **Pure-Play GPs** are general partners of MLPs structured as C-corporations for federal income tax purposes with either direct economic incentive distribution rights to an underlying MLP or direct ownership in an affiliated general partner entity. **Embedded GPs** are general partners of MLPs structured as C-corporations for federal income tax purposes with ownership in other assets beyond sole economic interests in an MLP. **Major Midstream** are entities that own and operate assets used in transporting, storing, gathering, processing, treating, or marketing of natural gas, natural gas liquids, crude oil, and refined products and structured as C-corporations for federal income tax purposes.

**INDEX DEFINITION**

**Index:** The Alerian MLP Index is a composite of the 40 most prominent energy master limited partnerships (MLPs) that provides investors with an unbiased, comprehensive benchmark for this emerging asset class. The index is calculated using a float-adjusted, capitalization-weighted methodology, 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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