

INVESTMENT OVERVIEW

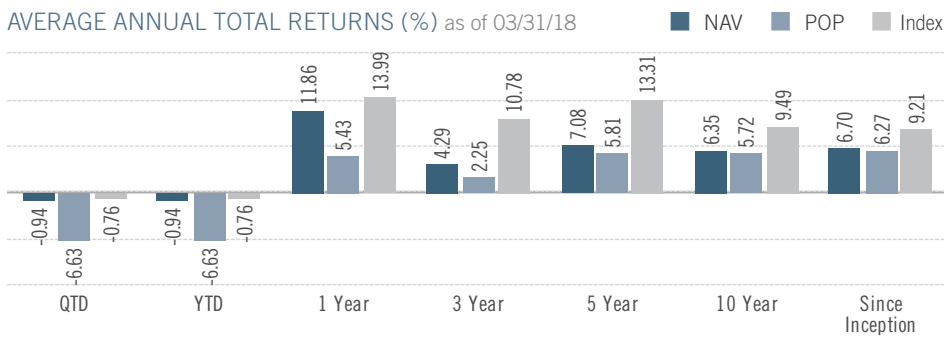
The Fund offers exposure to U.S. equities with an investment objective of long-term capital appreciation. A disciplined, model-driven approach to sector valuation aims to deliver attractive returns with lower volatility, beta, and correlation than the S&P 500® Index over full market cycles.

KEY FEATURES

Risk-Managed Portfolio — Systematically seeks to participate in rising equity markets while preserving capital during market declines

Prioritizes Sectors with the Strongest Momentum — Invests only in S&P 500® sectors exhibiting positive price momentum

Defensive Positioning — Rules-based portfolio construction reallocates capital from negative performing sectors to positive performing sectors and/or cash equivalents, up to 100% of the portfolio



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.

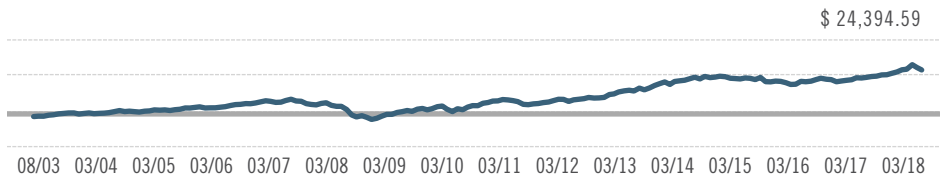
The fund class gross expense ratio is 1.00%.

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 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 (%)

| | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 |
|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|--------|
| n/a | | | | | | | | | | |
| n/aFund | 16.91 | 3.75 | -8.63 | 8.15 | 31.84 | 12.01 | 1.58 | 13.85 | 23.89 | -32.27 |
| n/aIndex | 21.83 | 11.96 | 1.38 | 13.69 | 32.39 | 16.00 | 2.11 | 15.06 | 26.46 | -37.00 |

GROWTH OF \$10,000



This chart assumes an initial investment of \$10,000 made on 8/1/2003. As of 3/29/2018 the fund value would have been \$24,394.59. Fund performance assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions and reflects a front end sales charge of 5.75%.

Effective September 26, 2017 this fund changed its name from the Virtus Sector Trend Fund.

FUND INFORMATION

| | Ticker | CUSIP |
|----------|--------|-----------|
| A Shares | PWBAX | 92828R487 |
| C Shares | PWBCX | 92828R479 |
| I Shares | VARIX | 92828R271 |

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| Inception Date | 08/01/03 |
| AUM (\$ millions) | 249.2 |
| Number of Holdings | 409 |
| Dividends | Semi-Annually |
| Morningstar Category | Large Blend |
| Lipper Category | Large-Cap Core Funds |
| Index | S&P 500® Index |

MORNINGSTAR RATINGS

| Time Period | # of Stars | # of Funds |
|-------------|------------|------------|
| Overall | ★★ | 1,204 |
| 3 Year | ★ | 1,204 |
| 5 Year | ★ | 1,077 |
| 10 Year | ★★ | 802 |

Strong ratings are not indicative of positive fund performance.

RISK STATISTICS (3 YEAR)

| | Fund | Index |
|--------------------|-------|-------|
| Alpha | -3.01 | n/a |
| Beta | 0.69 | 1.00 |
| R ² | 0.72 | 1.00 |
| Sharpe Ratio | 0.46 | 1.02 |
| Standard Deviation | 8.20 | 10.11 |

INVESTMENT ADVISER

Virtus Investment Advisers, Inc.

INVESTMENT SUBADVISER



TECHNICAL ANALYSIS



PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

Warun Kumar

Industry start date: 1993
Start date with Fund: 2015

Michael Davis

Industry start date: 1999
Start date with Fund: 2016

Brendan R. Finneran, CMT

Industry start date: 2003
Start date with Fund: 2016

Robert F. Hofeman, Jr.

Industry start date: 2002
Start date with Fund: 2016

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. **Industry/Sector Concentration:** A fund that focuses its investments in a particular industry or sector will be more sensitive to conditions that affect that industry or sector than a non-concentrated fund. **Allocation:** The fund's exposure to different asset classes may not be optimal for market conditions at a given time. Asset allocation does not guarantee a profit or protect against a loss in declining markets. **Prospectus:** For additional information on risks, please see the fund's prospectus.

GLOSSARY

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.

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