

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.

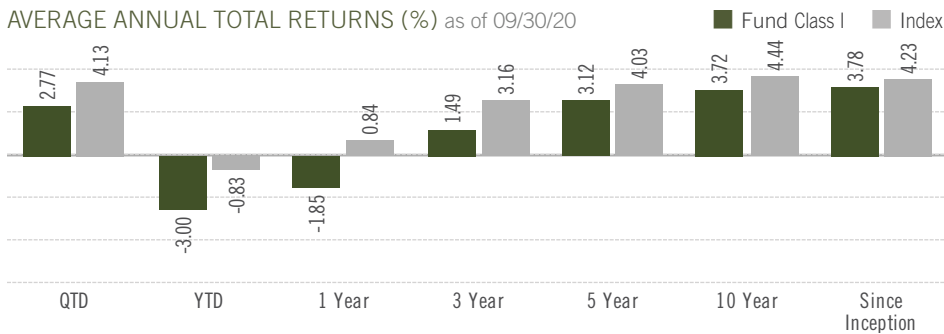
KEY FEATURES

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 09/30/20



Performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. Please visit virtus.com for performance data current to the most recent month end. This share class has no sales charges and is not available to all investors. Other share classes have sales charges. See virtus.com for details.

Benchmark life performance is reported from 02/28/06.

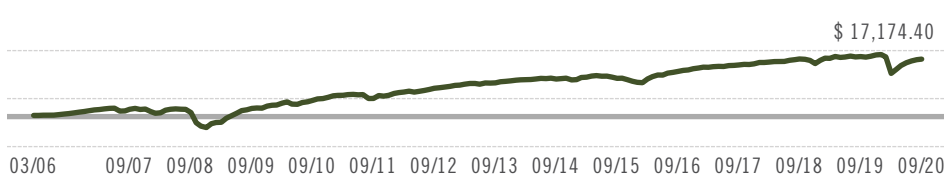
The fund class gross expense ratio is 0.72%. The net expense ratio is 0.62%, which reflects a contractual expense reimbursement in effect through 4/30/2021.

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.

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Fund	6.63	0.22	3.87	11.14	-1.17	0.81	5.15	9.07	2.09	9.97
Index	8.17	1.14	4.25	9.88	-0.38	2.06	6.15	9.43	1.82	9.98

GROWTH OF \$10,000



This chart assumes an initial investment of \$10,000 made on 3/1/2006. As of 9/30/2020 the fund value would have been \$17,174.40. Fund performance assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions. This growth reflects no front end sales charges.

FUND INFORMATION

	Ticker	CUSIP
A Shares	SFRAX	92837F789
C Shares	SFRCX	92837F771
I Shares	SAMBX	92837F763
R6 Shares	SFRZX	92837F755

Inception Date	03/01/06
AUM (\$ millions)	1,775.2
Number of Holdings	297
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	★★★	226
3 Year	★★	226
5 Year	★★★	203
10 Year	★★★★★	96

Morningstar ratings are based on risk-adjusted returns. Strong ratings are not indicative of positive future 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.

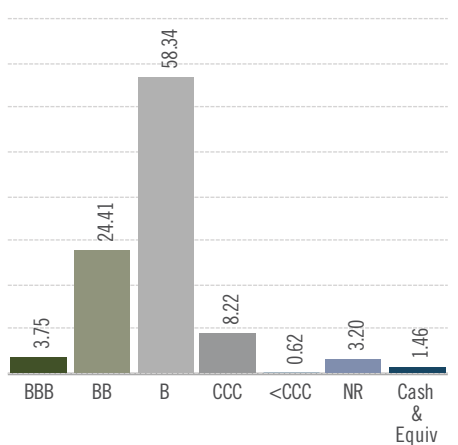
PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

George Goudelias
Industry start date: 1987
Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2006

Vincent Flanagan
Industry start date: 1997
Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2011

Eric Guevara
Industry start date: 2000
Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2019

RATINGS DISTRIBUTION



% Fund

TOP TEN HOLDINGS

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William Morris Endeavor Entertainment LLC, New Term Loan B-1, 05/19/2025	1.71
Asurion LLC, Amendment No. 14 Replacement B-4 Term Loan, 08/04/2022	1.68
INEOS US Finance LLC, 2024 Dollar Term Loan, 04/01/2024	1.59
Panera Bread Co, Term Loan, 07/18/2022	1.55
T-Mobile USA Inc, Term Loan, 04/01/2027	1.25
Ziggo Financing Partnership, Term Loan I, 04/30/2028	1.10
Altice France SA/France, USD TLB-12 Term Loan, 01/31/2026	1.09
Refinitiv US Holdings Inc, Initial Dollar Term Loan, 10/01/2025	1.04
Virgin Media Bristol LLC, N Facility, 01/31/2028	0.95
Intelsat Jackson Holdings SA 8.000% 11/2	0.92

% Fund

SECTOR ALLOCATIONS

SECTOR ALLOCATIONS	% Fund
Information Technology	10.60
Financial	8.28
Services/Environmental/Other	8.14
Telecommunications	7.89
Diversified Media	7.83
Healthcare	7.58
Chemicals	5.97
Cable	5.36
Transportation	4.62
Gaming/Leisure	3.80
Aerospace/Defense/Airlines	3.79
Housing/Building Materials	3.65
Broadcasting	2.91
Retail	2.85
Energy	2.66
Food/Drug/Restaurants	2.58
Utilities	2.44
Metals/Minerals	2.32
Forest Products/Containers	1.57
Wireless	1.51
Cash	1.46
Consumer Non-Durables	1.13
Manufacturing/Capital Goods	0.77
Consumer Durables	0.29

% Fund

CHARACTERISTICS

CHARACTERISTICS	Fund
Effective Duration	0.40
Weighted Average Maturity	4.41
30-day SEC Yield ¹	3.54
30-day SEC Yield (unsubsidized) ²	3.42

¹ 30-day SEC Yield is a standardized yield calculated according to a formula set by the SEC, and is subject to change.
² 30-day SEC Yield (unsubsidized) is the 30 day SEC yield without the effect of applicable expense waivers.

DISTRIBUTIONS

Month	NAV at Month-End	NAV at Month-End
July 2020	\$0.025712	7.84
August 2020	\$0.023622	7.89
September 2020	\$0.024928	7.90

RISK STATISTICS (3 YEAR)

	Fund	Index
Alpha	-1.57	n/a
Beta	0.95	1.00
R ²	0.99	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	-0.02	0.18
Standard Deviation	8.14	8.55

IMPORTANT RISK CONSIDERATIONS

Credit & Interest: Debt instruments are subject to various risks, including credit and interest rate risk. The issuer of a debt security may fail to make interest and/or principal payments. Values of debt instruments may rise or fall in response to changes in interest rates, and this risk may be enhanced with longer-term maturities. **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 are subject to credit and call risk, may be difficult to value, and have longer settlement times than other investments, which can make loans relatively illiquid at times. **High Yield Fixed Income Securities:** There is a greater risk of issuer default, less liquidity, and increased price volatility related to high yield securities than investment grade securities. **Market Volatility:** Local, regional, or global events such as war, acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness or other public health issues, recessions, or other events could have a significant impact on the portfolio and its investments, including hampering the ability of the portfolio manager(s) to invest the portfolio's assets as intended. **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. 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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