

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

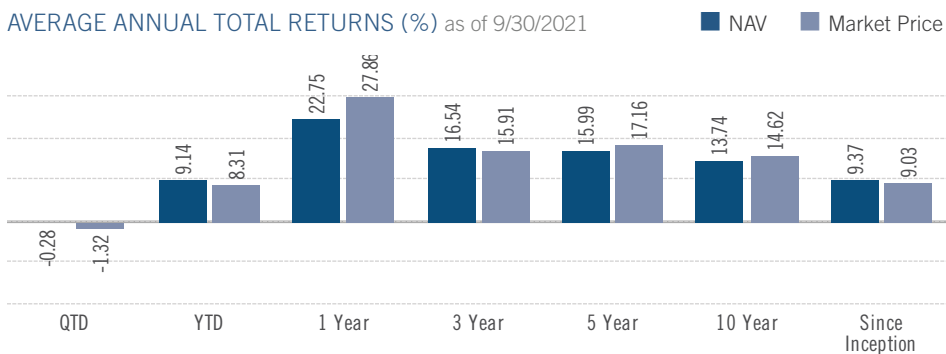
The Fund seeks total return comprised of capital appreciation, current income, and gains.

Under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its net assets (plus any borrowings for investment purposes) in a combination of equity securities and income-producing convertible securities.

The equity component of the Fund may vary from 40-80% and the convertible component may vary from 20-60% of assets.

The Fund typically employs a strategy of writing (selling) call options on the stocks held in the equity component, generally with respect to approximately 70% of the value of each stock position. The extent to which the Fund uses this strategy will vary depending on market conditions and other factors. This strategy is intended to generate current gains from options premiums as a means to enhance distributions payable to the Fund's shareholders and to reduce overall portfolio risk.

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (%) as of 9/30/2021



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.

The fund class gross expense ratio is 1.16%. The net expense ratio is 1.07%, which reflects a contractual expense reimbursement in effect through 2/1/2023.

Performance reflects the deduction of Fund operating expenses. Performance does not reflect the incurrence of brokerage expenses, which typically apply to exchange traded products. Total return net of brokerage expenses would be lower than the total returns on market value shown in the table.

Average annual total return is the annual compound return for the indicated period. It 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 (%)

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
NAV	33.04	26.10	-3.76	16.79	9.14	-1.42	7.31	25.15	11.84	-2.95
Market Price	33.29	30.96	-5.82	23.54	11.29	-5.80	13.12	26.02	13.75	-8.63

NYSE Ticker	NIE
Inception Date	2/27/2007
Net Asset Value (\$)	32.59
Number of Investments	241
Market Price (\$)	29.47
Discount to NAV (%)	-9.57
Shares Outstanding (m)	27.71
Average Daily Volume	51,556
Total Net Assets (\$m)	903.16
Preferred Assets (\$m)	0.00
Borrowed Debt (\$m)	0.00
Total Managed Assets (\$m)	903.16
Distribution Frequency	Monthly
Investment Adviser	Virtus Investment Advisers, Inc.

52-Week Ranges	High	Low
NAV (\$)	34.47	27.32
Market Price (\$)	30.85	24.11

FUND MANAGEMENT

Allianz 
Global Investors

At Allianz Global Investors, active is the most important word in our vocabulary. Active is how we create and share value with clients. We believe in solving, not selling, and in adding value beyond pure economic gain. We invest for the long term, employing our innovative investment expertise and global resources. Our goal is to ensure a superior experience for our clients, wherever they are based and whatever their investment needs.

Active is: Allianz Global Investors

INVESTMENT PROFESSIONALS

Douglas G. Forsyth, CFA

Industry start date: 1991

Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2007

Justin M. Kass, CFA

Industry start date: 1998

Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2007

Michael E. Yee

Industry start date: 1994

Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2007

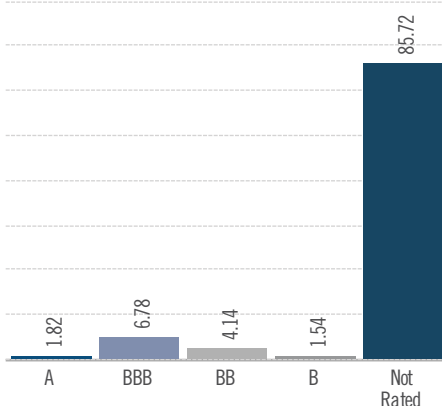
PORTFOLIO BREAKDOWN % Fund

Common Equities	64.48
Convertible Securities	33.22
Cash and Equivalents	2.33
Other	0.00
Derivatives	-0.03

SECTOR BREAKDOWN (GICS) % Invested Assets

Information Technology	35.34
Consumer Discretionary	19.56
Health Care	14.16
Communication Services	13.81
Financials	6.39
Industrials	3.95
Energy	3.21
Utilities	0.99
Consumer Staples	0.98
Real Estate	0.96
Materials	0.63

RATINGS DISTRIBUTION % Invested Assets



DISTRIBUTION HISTORY

Ex-Date	Distributions
9/10/2021	\$0.3800
6/11/2021	\$0.3800
3/12/2021	\$0.3800
12/18/2020	\$0.3800
9/11/2020	\$0.3800
6/12/2020	\$0.3800

TOP TEN HOLDINGS % Fund

Microsoft Corp	3.61
Alphabet, Inc. - CI A	3.44
Apple Inc	3.43
Facebook Inc	3.22
Amazon.com Inc	2.95
Tesla Inc	2.07
Home Depot Inc/The	1.68
NVIDIA Corp	1.61
JPMorgan Chase & Co	1.39
Adobe Inc	1.37

Holdings and sector weightings are subject to change.

PORTFOLIO STATISTICS Fund

Weighted Average Maturity	4.32
Weighted Average Current Yield	1.22

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact your financial representative for more information, or call Virtus Closed-End Funds for service at 1-800-254-5197. Information on the Fund is available at www.virtus.com.

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. **Convertible Securities:** A convertible security may be called for redemption at a time and price unfavorable to the portfolio. **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. **Options:** Selling call options may limit the opportunity to profit from the increase in price of the underlying asset. Selling put options risks loss if the option is exercised while the price of the underlying asset is rising. Buying options risks loss of the premium paid for those options. **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. **Preferred Stocks:** Preferred stocks may decline in price, fail to pay dividends, or be illiquid. **Closed-End Funds:** Closed-end funds may trade at a discount or premium from their net asset values, which may affect whether an investor will realize gains or losses. They may also employ leverage, which may increase volatility.

GLOSSARY

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. **Weighted Average Current Yield:** The current yield on a bond portfolio divided by the number of bonds contained in it, weighted for the size of each bond so that the yield of large holdings does not drown out the calculation of yields on small holdings.

NET ASSET VALUE VS. MARKET PRICE

Net Asset Value (NAV) represents the total value of all assets held by the Fund (minus its total liabilities), divided by the total number of common shares outstanding. The net asset value returns reflect the performance of the manager. Market Price is the price at which investors may purchase or sell shares of the Fund. Market Price is determined in the open market by buyers and sellers, based on supply and demand. The Fund's Market Price fluctuates throughout the day and may differ from its underlying NAV. Shares of the Fund may trade at a premium (higher than) or a discount (lower than) to NAV. This characteristic is a risk separate and distinct from the risk that the Fund's net asset value could decline. The Fund has no control over the market price. The difference between the market price and the NAV (Premium/Discount) is expressed as a percentage of NAV.

RATINGS DISTRIBUTION METHODOLOGY

Credit ratings issued by Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations assess the credit worthiness of the issuers of the underlying securities and not to the Fund or its shares. Ratings are measured using a scale that ranges from AAA (highest) to NR (not rated). Not rated securities do not necessarily indicate low quality. The security's credit rating does not eliminate risk and credit ratings are subject to change. Credit Quality reflects the higher of the ratings of Standard & Poor's Corporation and Moody's Investors Service, Inc. Only one rating will be utilized if only one is available. Ratings are then adjusted to the Standard & Poor's rating tiers shown.