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# INVESTMENT ADVISER

Virtus Investment Advisers, Inc.

# **INVESTMENT SUBADVISER**

Duff & Phelps Investment Management Co.

**AUM (\$ MILLIONS)** 

NUMBER OF HOLDINGS

**DIVIDENDS** Semi-Annually

# **INVESTMENT MANAGER OF THE SERIES**

Duff & Phelps Investment Management Co. offers specialty investment strategies that strive to enhance client outcomes. The product mix, which includes Global Listed Infrastructure, Global Real Estate, MLPs & Energy, and International Equity, was developed from the fundamental company research expertise first established back in 1932. Today the firm continues to stand for Quality, Reliability, and Specialization.

# **INVESTMENT PROFESSIONALS**

Frederick A. Brimberg Industry start date: 1979 Start date with Series: 2015

The subadviser of the Series transitioned from Euclid Advisors LLC to Duff & Phelps Investment Management Co. on September 7, 2016. following Euclid's assumption of responsibilities on November 2, 2015. There was no change to the portfolio manager or the investment approach. Performance prior to November 2, 2015 was attained by the prior manager. Effective April 28, 2017 this Series changed its name from the Virtus International Series.

# INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Series offers access to international equity markets through a high conviction core portfolio, with a bias toward value and quality.

The bottom-up process evaluates securities using a Cash Flow Return on Invested Capital approach to valuation, which helps to quantify a company's true economic return absent accounting distortions, and creates better comparability between countries. This is coupled with deep fundamental analysis to assess the financial strength, franchise quality, and management alignment of individual securities.

Top-down research is used to inform global and regional allocation decisions, and determine country and sector selection. A variety of factors, including monetary policy, geopolitical factors, direction of interest rate movements, economic growth and outlook, and valuation are considered.

STEP 3

# **INVESTMENT PROCESS**

# STEP 1

- > Global search for stocks with:
- Attractive valuations
- Financial strength · Franchise quality
- Management aligned with shareholder interests

### STEP 2

- Perform bottom-up fundamental research based on measuring Cash Flow Return on Invested Capital
- > Strive to understand economic value creation free of accounting distortions

> Perform top-down macro research to inform and support fundamental process

- · Region, country, and sector level
- Utilize during periods of market stress or when highly identifiable themes emerge

# STEP 4

Seek to build a high-conviction, best ideas portfolio of companies, while adapting to the overall market environment

# AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS Class A as of 09/29/2017 in percent

|       |      |       | 1     | 3     | 5    | 10   | Since Inception |
|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|-----------------|
|       | QTD  | YTD   | Year  | Year  | Year | Year | 05/01/1990      |
| NAV   | 6.90 | 13.92 | 10.57 | -2.30 | 1.84 | 1.40 | 6.34            |
| Index | 5.40 | 19.96 | 19.10 | 5.04  | 8.38 | 1.34 | 5.49            |

Benchmark life performance is reported from 04/30/1990

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 1.26%. The net expense ratio is 1.19%, which reflects a contractual expense reimbursement in effect through 4/30/2018. 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 1.18%.

Average annual total returns reflect the change in share price and the reinvestment of all dividends and capital gains. Net Asset Value (NAV) returns do not reflect the deduction of any sales charges.

# ANNUAL PERFORMANCE Class A in percent

|        | 2007  | 2008   | 2009  | 2010  | 2011   | 2012  | 2013  | 2014  | 2015   | 2016  |
|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| Series | 14.94 | -38.98 | 39.87 | 13.47 | -4.57  | 16.52 | 7.78  | -3.90 | -10.48 | -1.61 |
| Index  | 11.17 | -43.38 | 31.78 | 7.75  | -12.14 | 17.32 | 22.78 | -4.90 | -0.81  | 1.00  |

Index: The MSCI EAFE® Index (net) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization-weighted index that measures developed foreign market equity performance, excluding the U.S. and Canada. The index is calculated on a total return basis with net dividends reinvested. The index is unmanaged, its returns do not reflect any fees, expenses, or sales charges, and is not available for direct investment.

| TOP TEN HOLDINGS       | % Series |
|------------------------|----------|
| ICON Plc               | 3.95     |
| Nidec Corporation      | 3.83     |
| Lendlease Group        | 3.72     |
| BNP Paribas SA Class A | 3.45     |
| Hitachi,Ltd.           | 3.38     |
| ING Groep NV           | 3.29     |
| Ashtead Group plc      | 3.23     |
| Statoil ASA            | 3.19     |
| CaixaBank SA           | 3.18     |
| DBS Group Holdings Ltd | 3.15     |

| RISK STATISTICS           |         |       |
|---------------------------|---------|-------|
| CLASS A 3-YEAR            | Series  | Index |
| R <sup>2</sup>            | 0.87    | 1.00  |
| Beta                      | 0.88    | 1.00  |
| Standard Deviation        | 11.46   | 12.09 |
| CHARACTERISTICS           | Series  |       |
| Average Weighted Market C | \$31.43 |       |
| Median Market Cap (bn)    | \$18.58 |       |
| Trailing P/E              | 19.22x  |       |
| Price-to-Cash Flow        | 11.50   |       |
| Price-to-Book Value       | 2.59    |       |

| SECTOR ALLOCATIONS         | % Equity |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Financials                 | 24.76    |
| Industrials                | 13.42    |
| Information Technology     | 12.17    |
| Materials                  | 11.34    |
| Consumer Discretionary     | 10.55    |
| Health Care                | 6.61     |
| Energy                     | 6.27     |
| Consumer Staples           | 5.74     |
| Real Estate                | 3.83     |
| Utilities                  | 2.79     |
| Telecommunication Services | 2.53     |

| TOP TEN COUNTRIES | %<br>Invested<br>Assets |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Japan             | 16.38                   |
| France            | 9.33                    |
| United Kingdom    | 8.81                    |
| Netherlands       | 6.60                    |
| Singapore         | 6.13                    |
| Australia         | 6.12                    |
| Switzerland       | 6.10                    |
| China             | 6.06                    |
| Norway            | 6.06                    |
| Germany           | 5.90                    |

# **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. Foreign & Emerging Markets: Investing internationally, especially in emerging markets, involves additional risks such as currency, political, accounting, economic, and market risk. Derivatives: Investments in derivatives such as futures, options, forwards, and swaps may increase volatility or cause a loss greater than the principal investment. Prospectus: For additional information on risks, please see the fund's prospectus.

# **GLOSSARY**

**R**<sup>2</sup>: A measurement of how closely a portfolio's performance correlates with the performance of a benchmark

Beta: A quantitative measure of the volatility of a given portfolio to the overall market. Higher beta suggests higher volatility.

Standard Deviation: Measures variability of returns around the average return for an investment portfolio. Higher standard deviation suggests greater risk.

Trailing P/E: Per-share stock price divided by the latest 12-months Earnings per Share.

Price/Cash Flow: Per-share stock price divided by the per-share operating cash flow.

Price/Book: Per-share stock price divided by the latest 12-month pershare Book Value.

Holdings and Sector weightings are subject to change.

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