

## INVESTMENT OVERVIEW

The Fund seeks capital growth and income by investing in emerging markets companies at the intersection of value, quality, and shareholder yield. NFJ seeks to invest in companies diversified across industries with superior competitive positions and consistent financials, employing a time-tested process that capitalizes on low market expectations and strong prospects.

## KEY FEATURES

**Innovative Approach to Value** — The investment team uses big data and data analytics to uncover differentiated insights into valuations quickly and efficiently

**Focus on Fundamentals** — A disciplined, fundamental research process helps identify companies with attractive quality characteristics, shareholder yield, and consistent financials

**Decades of Value Investing Experience** — NFJ's boutique structure and flat organization has fostered an entrepreneurial mindset and collaborative culture since 1989

## AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (%) as of 03/31/2024

	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception
Class INST	-0.54	-0.54	-1.24	-7.66	0.92	2.79	2.85
Class A NAV	-0.60	-0.60	-1.42	-7.88	0.67	2.54	2.59
Class A POP	-6.06	-6.06	-6.84	-9.60	-0.46	1.96	2.08
Index	2.37	2.37	8.15	-5.05	2.22	2.95	2.41

## ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Class INST	7.14	-27.75	2.53	22.61	21.90	-19.63	37.87	13.13	-9.52	-2.39
Index	9.83	-20.09	-2.54	18.31	18.44	-14.58	37.28	11.19	-14.92	-2.19

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](https://virtus.com) for performance data current to the most recent month end.

**Class INST Shares have no sales charges and are not available to all investors.** The fund class gross expense ratio is 1.40%. The net expense ratio is 0.89%, which reflects a contractual expense reimbursement in effect through 2/1/2025.

**Class A shares have a maximum sales charge of 5.50%. 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.** The fund class gross expense ratio is 1.70%. The net expense ratio is 1.14%, which reflects a contractual expense reimbursement in effect through 2/1/2025.

**Other share classes may have sales charges. See [virtus.com](https://virtus.com) for details.** 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.

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Index: The MSCI Emerging Markets Index (net) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization-weighted index designed to measure equity market performance in the global emerging markets. 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.

Since inception performance for the index reflects a start date of 12/18/2012, the same date as the inception of the Fund's Class INST and Class A Shares.

## SHARE CLASSES

	Ticker	CUSIP
INST Shares	AZMIX	92838V361
A Shares	AZMAX	92838V395
C Shares	AZMCX	92838V387
P Shares	AZMPX	92838V379

## FUND INFORMATION

Inception Date (Class INST)	12/18/12
AUM (\$ millions)	33.2
Number of Holdings	82
Dividends	Quarterly
Morningstar Category	Diversified Emerging Mkts
Index	MSCI Emerging Markets Index (net)

The Index shown represents the Fund's performance index, which may differ from the Fund's regulatory index included in its Prospectus.

## MORNINGSTAR RATINGS (CLASS INST)

Time Period	# of Stars	# of Funds
Overall	★★★	721
3 Year	★★	721
5 Year	★★	657
10 Year	★★★	425

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

## INVESTMENT ADVISER

Virtus Investment Advisers, Inc.

## INVESTMENT SUBADVISER



NFJ Investment Group (NFJ) is a global value equity manager with a rich heritage and deep roots in Dallas, Texas, dating to 1989. NFJ is unwavering in its commitment to investing at the intersection of value, quality, and shareholder yield, seeking to identify companies with low market expectations and the strongest prospects for returning capital to shareholders.

## PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

### R. Burns McKinney, CFA

Industry start date: 1996  
Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2012

### John R. Mowrey, CFA

Industry start date: 2007  
Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2013

### Thomas Oliver, CFA, CPA

Industry start date: 1995  
Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2012

### J. Garth Reilly

Industry start date: 2005  
Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2018

CHARACTERISTICS	Fund	Index
Avg. Weighted Market Cap (bn)	100.57	89.85
Median Market Cap (bn)	6.84	1.98
Trailing P/E With Negative Earnings	17.55	16.52
3-Year Earnings Growth Rate	15.81	17.45
5-Year Earnings Growth Rate	18.02	13.47
3-Year Dividend Growth Rate	19.68	15.68
Active Share	71.61	n/a
30-day SEC Yield	1.10	
30-day SEC Yield (unsubsidized)	0.51	

30-day SEC Yield is a standardized yield calculated according to a formula set by the SEC, and is subject to change.

30-day SEC Yield (unsubsidized) is the 30 day SEC yield without the effect of applicable expense waivers.

RISK STATISTICS (3 YEAR)	Fund	Index
Alpha	-0.62	n/a
Beta	1.20	1.00
R <sup>2</sup>	0.90	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	-0.47	-0.44
Standard Deviation	22.17	17.51

REGIONAL ALLOCATION	% Fund	% Index
EM Asia	70.60	79.48
EM EU, Middle East and Africa	11.92	11.67
Japan	6.26	0.00
Europe ex-UK	6.16	0.00
EM Latin America	5.05	8.85

TOP TEN HOLDINGS	% Fund
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	8.55
ANTA Sports Products Ltd	4.22
Li Ning Co Ltd	4.03
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	4.01
ENN Energy Holdings Ltd	3.83
ASML Holding NV	3.82
MonotaRO Co Ltd	3.56
Tencent Holdings Ltd	3.46
Nippon Paint Holdings Co Ltd	2.66
HDFC Bank Ltd	2.58

TOP TEN COUNTRIES	% Invested Assets	% Index
China	33.60	25.13
Taiwan	11.56	17.63
India	10.01	17.70
Korea (South)	9.96	12.82
Japan	6.26	0.00
South Africa	4.31	2.78
Netherlands	3.84	0.00
Brazil	3.69	5.23
United Arab Emirates	2.32	1.20
Indonesia	2.29	1.86

Holdings and sector weightings are subject to change.

SECTOR ALLOCATIONS	% Equity	% Index
Information Technology	24.60	23.73
Consumer Discretionary	19.58	12.41
Financials	13.56	22.35
Industrials	8.48	6.95
Materials	7.09	7.20
Utilities	6.77	2.78
Communication Services	6.18	8.62
Consumer Staples	5.30	5.64
Energy	4.29	5.32
Health Care	2.87	3.47
Real Estate	1.29	1.52

## IMPORTANT RISK CONSIDERATIONS

**Market Volatility:** The value of the securities in the portfolio may go up or down in response to the prospects of individual companies and/or general economic conditions. Local, regional, or global events such as war or military conflict, terrorism, pandemic, or recession could impact the portfolio, including hampering the ability of the portfolio's manager(s) to invest its assets as intended. **Issuer Risk:** The portfolio will be affected by factors specific to the issuers of securities and other instruments in which the portfolio invests, including actual or perceived changes in the financial condition or business prospects of such issuers. **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, medium, or large-sized companies may enhance that risk. **Foreign & Emerging Markets:** Investing in foreign securities, especially in emerging markets, subjects the portfolio to additional risks such as increased volatility, currency fluctuations, less liquidity, and political, regulatory, economic, and market risk. **Prospectus:** For additional information on risks, please see the fund's prospectus.

## GLOSSARY

**Avg. Weighted Market Cap (bn):** The sum of each security's weight within the fund (or index) multiplied by the security's market capitalization. **Trailing P/E With Negative Earnings:** Per share stock price divided by the latest 12-months earnings per share, including companies that have negative earnings per share over the past 12-months. **3-Year Earnings Growth Rate:** Average of earnings per share growth for latest 3-year period. **5-Year Earnings Growth Rate:** Average of earnings per share growth for latest 5-year period. **3-Year Dividend Growth Rate:** Average of dividends per share growth for latest 3-year period. **Active Share:** A measure of the percentage of stock holdings in a manager's portfolio that differ from the benchmark index. **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. **R<sup>2</sup>:** 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.

## MORNINGSTAR

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