

**INVESTMENT OVERVIEW**

The Fund seeks to generate attractive risk-adjusted long-term returns, consisting of both capital appreciation and current income, by investing in a diversified stock portfolio of high-quality, mature businesses with a history of consistent, robust dividend yields. A disciplined investment process is employed to identify businesses that are differentiated by above-average returns on capital and trading at attractive valuations.

**KEY FEATURES**

**High-Quality Businesses** — Searches for quality dividend-paying companies with solid balance sheets, consistent growth, profitability, and market dominant business models

**Lower-Volatility Approach** — Extensive fundamental research favors companies with less business risk, as defined by lower earnings variability, consistent and profitable growth, high returns on capital, strong free cash flow, and a low organic need for external financing, all of which can help to protect profits in difficult markets

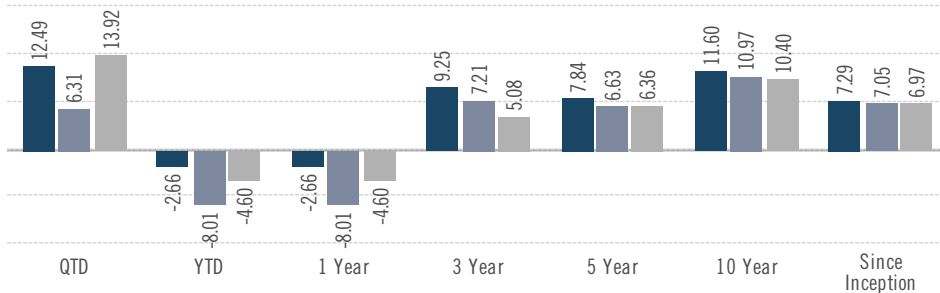
**High-Conviction Portfolio** — Focused on the portfolio team’s 25-50 strongest investment opportunities, with a long-term, low-turnover approach to realize full stock value potential

**FUND INFORMATION**

	Ticker	CUSIP
A Shares	PDIAX	92828N874
C Shares	PGICX	92828N858
I Shares	PXIX	92828N841
R6 Shares	VECRX	92828N239

Inception Date	09/25/97
AUM (\$ millions)	158.5
Number of Holdings	37
Dividends	Semi-Annually
Morningstar Category	Large Value
Lipper Category	Multi-Cap Value Funds
Index	MSCI USA High Dividend Yield Index (net)

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (%) as of 12/30/2022 ■ NAV ■ POP ■ Index



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

Benchmark life performance is reported from 09/30/97.

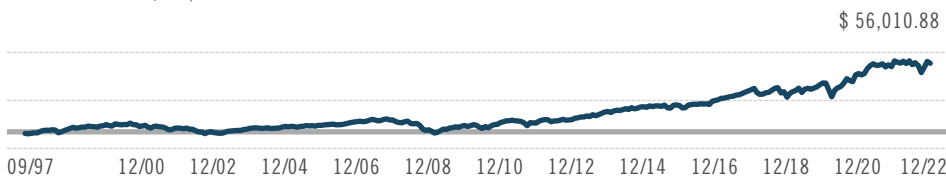
The fund class gross expense ratio is 1.31%. The net expense ratio is 1.20%, which reflects a contractual expense reimbursement in effect through 1/31/2024.

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 (%)**

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Fund	-2.66	17.01	14.49	28.12	-12.70	22.54	11.90	2.98	13.04	28.73
Index	-4.60	20.86	0.62	21.26	-3.23	18.45	15.10	-0.32	13.85	27.65

**GROWTH OF \$10,000**



This chart assumes an initial investment of \$10,000 made on 9/25/1997. As of 12/30/2022 the fund value would have been \$56,010.88. Fund performance assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions and reflects a front end sales charge of 5.50%.

**MORNINGSTAR RATINGS**

Time Period	# of Stars	# of Funds
Overall	★★★★★	1,155
3 Year	★★★★★	1,155
5 Year	★★★★★	1,099
10 Year	★★★★★	819

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**



Kayne Anderson Rudnick

A VIRTUS INVESTMENT PARTNER

Kayne Anderson Rudnick believes that superior risk-adjusted returns may be achieved through investment in high-quality companies with market dominance, excellent management, financial strength, and consistent growth, purchased at reasonable prices.

**PORTFOLIO MANAGER**

**Richard Sherry, CFA**

Industry start date: 1991

Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2020

CHARACTERISTICS	Fund	Index
Avg. Weighted Market Cap (bn)	96.44	155.40
Median Market Cap (bn)	37.00	27.19
Trailing P/E Ex-Negative Earnings	15.17	14.91
Price-to-Cash Flow	11.35	13.92
Price-to-Book Value	4.73	5.59
3-Year Earnings Growth Rate	8.72	11.32
5-Year Earnings Growth Rate	8.88	12.62
Active Share	73.84	n/a
Dividend Yield	3.90	3.10
30-day SEC Yield <sup>1</sup>	2.58	
30-day SEC Yield (unsubsidized) <sup>2</sup>	2.45	

<sup>1</sup> 30-day SEC Yield is a standardized yield calculated according to a formula set by the SEC, and is subject to change.

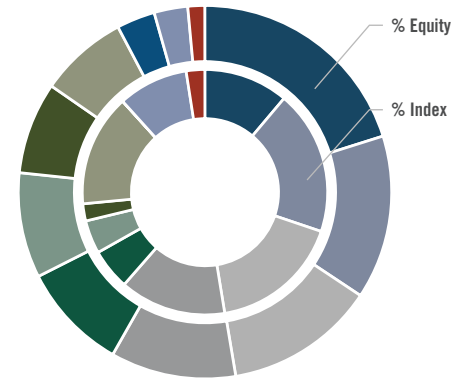
<sup>2</sup> 30-day SEC Yield (unsubsidized) is the 30 day SEC yield without the effect of applicable expense waivers.

RISK STATISTICS (3 YEAR)	Fund	Index
Alpha	4.04	n/a
Beta	1.00	1.00
R <sup>2</sup>	0.94	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	0.46	0.24
Standard Deviation	18.39	17.91

TOP TEN HOLDINGS	% Fund
Omnicom Group Inc	5.57
International Business Machines Corp	4.86
Zurich Insurance Group AG	4.55
AbbVie Inc	4.11
Amcor PLC	3.83
MSC Industrial Direct Co Inc	3.82
BAE Systems PLC	3.67
Bank of Hawaii Corp	3.53
Verizon Communications Inc	3.40
Pfizer Inc	3.31

Holdings and sector weightings are subject to change.

### SECTOR ALLOCATIONS



	% Equity	% Index
Financials	20.14	11.15
Health Care	14.19	19.04
Consumer Staples	13.02	17.23
Industrials	10.87	14.03
Communication Services	9.32	5.39
Utilities	9.13	4.39
Materials	7.95	2.26
Information Technology	7.66	14.80
Real Estate	3.33	0.00
Consumer Discretionary	2.91	9.25
Energy	1.47	2.45

### 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. **Value Stocks:** Value stocks are subject to the risk that the broad market may not recognize their intrinsic value. **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. Price changes may be short- or long-term. Local, regional, or global events such as war or military conflict (e.g., Russia's invasion of Ukraine), acts of terrorism, the spread of infectious illness (e.g., COVID-19 pandemic) 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's manager(s) to invest the portfolio's assets as intended. **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. **Price-to-Cash Flow:** Per-share stock price divided by the per-share operating cash flow. **Price-to-Book Value:** A ratio used to compare a stock's market value to its book value. **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. **Active Share:** A measure of the percentage of stock holdings in a manager's portfolio that differ from the benchmark index. **Dividend Yield:** The annual percentage of return earned by an investor on a common or preferred stock, calculated by dividing the amount of the dividends per share by the current market price per share of the stock. **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.

### INDEX DEFINITION

Index: The MSCI USA High Dividend Yield Index is based on the MSCI USA Index, its parent index, and includes large and mid cap stocks. The index is designed to reflect the performance of equities in the parent index (excluding REITs) with higher dividend income and quality characteristics than average dividend yields that are both sustainable and persistent. The index also applies quality screens and reviews 12-month past performance to omit stocks with potentially deteriorating fundamentals that could force them to cut or reduce dividends. The index is calculated on a total return basis with net dividends reinvested; it is unmanaged; its returns do not reflect any fees, expenses or sales charges; and it is not available for direct investment.

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