

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

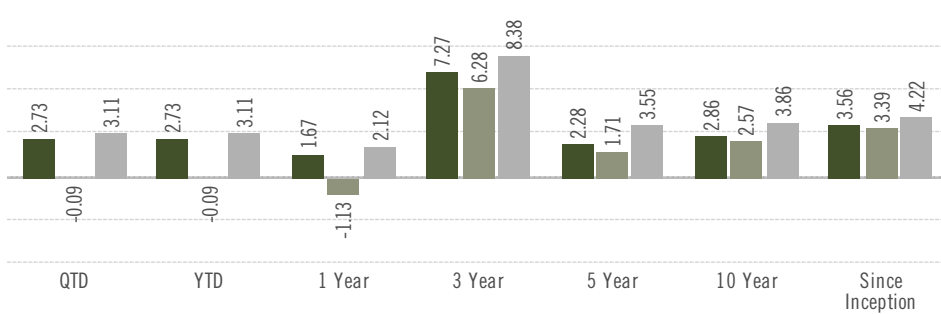
A Potential Hedge Against Rising Rates — Periodic coupon resets may help floating rate debt protect against interest rate risk and principal value fluctuations in rising interest rate periods

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

FUND INFORMATION

| | Ticker | CUSIP |
|----------------------|--------|------------------------------------|
| A Shares | SFRAX | 92837F789 |
| C Shares | SFRCX | 92837F771 |
| I Shares | SAMBX | 92837F763 |
| R6 Shares | SFRZX | 92837F755 |
| Inception Date | | 05/08/06 |
| AUM (\$ millions) | | 1,811.5 |
| Number of Holdings | | 369 |
| Dividends | | Daily |
| Morningstar Category | | Bank Loan |
| Lipper Category | | Loan Participation Funds |
| Index | | Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index |

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (%) as of 03/31/2023



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. Class A shares have a maximum sales charge of 2.75%. A contingent deferred sales charge of 0.50% may be imposed on certain redemptions within 18 months on purchases on which a finder's fee has been paid.

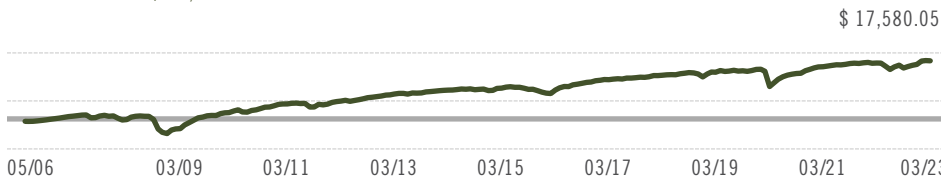
Benchmark life performance is reported from 5/31/06. The fund class gross expense ratio is 0.94%.

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 | -1.20 | 5.14 | 0.06 | 6.30 | -0.11 | 3.43 | 10.93 | -1.45 | 0.51 | 4.86 |
| Index | -1.06 | 5.40 | 2.78 | 8.17 | 1.14 | 4.25 | 9.88 | -0.38 | 2.06 | 6.15 |

GROWTH OF \$10,000



This chart assumes an initial investment of \$10,000 made on 5/8/2006. As of 3/31/2023 the fund value would have been \$17,580.05. Fund performance assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions and reflects a front end sales charge of 2.75%.

MORNINGSTAR RATINGS

| Time Period | # of Stars | # of Funds |
|-------------|------------|------------|
| Overall | ★★★ | 232 |
| 3 Year | ★★★★★ | 232 |
| 5 Year | ★★★ | 220 |
| 10 Year | ★★★ | 156 |

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

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PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

George Goudelias

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

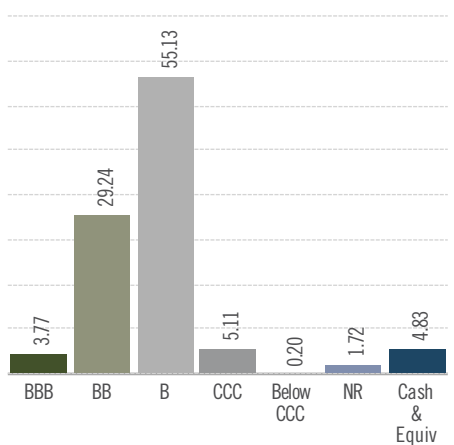
Vincent Flanagan

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



CHARACTERISTICS

| Characteristic | Fund |
|--|------|
| Effective Duration | 0.27 |
| Weighted Average Maturity | 3.54 |
| 30-day SEC Yield ¹ | 7.92 |
| 30-day SEC Yield (unsubsidized) ² | 7.90 |

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.

TOP TEN HOLDINGS

| Security | % Fund |
|--|--------|
| Numericable U.S. LLC (Usd) B14 Term Loan, 08/31/2028 | 1.26 |
| Altice Financing SA 2022 Dollar Loan, 10/29/2027 | 1.12 |
| American Airlines Inc Initial Term Loan, 04/20/2028 | 1.09 |
| Asurion LLC New B-8 Term Loan, 12/23/2026 | 1.03 |
| Peraton Corp First Lien Term B Loan, 02/01/2028 | 1.02 |
| ICON Luxembourg Sarl Lux Term Loan, 07/03/2028 | 0.88 |
| Blackbrush Oil & Gas | 0.82 |
| Medline Borrower LP Initial Dollar Term Loan, 10/23/2028 | 0.78 |
| Griffon Corporation Term B Loan, 01/24/2029 | 0.76 |
| Zacapa Sarl Initial Term Loans 2022, 03/22/2029 | 0.75 |

INCOME DISTRIBUTIONS

| Month | NAV at Month-End |
|---------------|------------------|
| January 2023 | \$0.047879 |
| February 2023 | \$0.047118 |
| March 2023 | \$0.056627 |

RISK STATISTICS

| (3 YEAR) | Fund | Index |
|--------------------|-------|-------|
| Alpha | -0.44 | n/a |
| Beta | 0.92 | 1.00 |
| R ² | 0.95 | 1.00 |
| Sharpe Ratio | 1.45 | 1.60 |
| Standard Deviation | 4.36 | 4.65 |

SECTOR DISTRIBUTIONS

| Sector | % Fund |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| Healthcare | 10.97 |
| Services/Environments/Other | 9.45 |
| Information Technology | 8.81 |
| Financial | 8.43 |
| Chemicals | 6.90 |
| Aerospace/Defense/Airlines | 5.74 |
| Housing/Building Materials | 5.63 |
| Telecom Ex Wireless | 5.43 |
| Cash | 4.83 |
| Gaming/Leisure | 4.60 |
| Energy | 4.41 |
| Cable | 3.77 |
| Diversified Media | 3.17 |
| Manufacturing/Capital Goods | 2.85 |
| Retail | 2.68 |
| Forest Products/Containers | 2.15 |
| Transportation | 2.14 |
| Utilities | 2.04 |
| Food/Drug/Restaurants | 1.96 |
| Consumer Products/Textiles | 1.32 |
| Broadcasting | 1.14 |
| Metals/Minerals | 0.81 |
| Wireless | 0.77 |

Holdings and sector weightings are subject to change.

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:** Bank loans may be unsecured or not fully collateralized, may be subject to restrictions on resale, may be less liquid and may trade infrequently on the secondary market. Bank loans settle on a delayed basis; thus, sale proceeds may not be available to meet redemptions for a substantial period of time after the sale of the loan. **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:** 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, terrorism, pandemic, or recession could impact the portfolio, including hampering the ability of the portfolio's manager(s) to invest its 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.

RATINGS DISTRIBUTION METHODOLOGY

The ratings issued by Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations assess the credit worthiness of a corporation's or government's debt issues. The ratings apply to the fund's holdings and not the fund. Standard & Poor's and Moody's ratings are used for all ratings-eligible securities. If ratings are available from both agencies, then the lower of the two ratings is used. If a rating is available from only one agency, then that rating will be used. If a rating is not available for a ratings-eligible security, the security is placed in the Not Rated Category. Credit ratings are subject to change. AAA, AA, A, and BBB are investment grade ratings; BB, B, CCC, CC, C, and D are below-investment grade ratings.

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