

INVESTMENT OVERVIEW

The Fund seeks capital appreciation through a systematic, bottom-up investing approach to emerging market equities that focuses on uncovering attractive investment opportunities while striving to mitigate downside risk. The all-cap core portfolio is built with high conviction at the stock level, focusing on securities that exhibit higher growth forecasts, lower valuations, and reduced volatility versus the benchmark.

KEY FEATURES

Exploits Inefficiencies — A behavioral finance approach, rooted in investors' often-inefficient reaction to new information, helps identify companies poised to benefit from changes not yet fully reflected in the market

Broad Emerging Market Exposure — Daily analysis of 3,000+ securities from a proprietary multi-factor model has resulted in a clear investment view on each stock and a high active share

Risk-Focused Approach — Proactive risk controls are embedded throughout the investment process to help lower volatility exposure versus the benchmark while a statistically based risk model helps uncover hidden sources of market risk

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (%) as of 12/31/2023

	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception
Class INST	9.22	17.87	17.87	-2.89	5.41	3.29	7.72
Class A NAV	9.11	17.46	17.46	-3.23	5.04	2.93	3.85
Class A POP	3.11	11.00	11.00	-5.04	3.85	2.35	3.51
Class R6	9.23	17.95	17.95	-2.84	5.46	n/a	6.35
Index	7.86	9.83	9.83	-5.08	3.69	2.66	7.03

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Class INST	17.87	-22.11	-0.25	20.77	17.66	-16.62	38.36	6.84	-15.04	1.47
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 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 1.26%. The net expense ratio is 0.94%, which reflects a contractual expense reimbursement in effect through 10/31/2024.

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 1.52%. The net expense ratio is 1.29%, which reflects a contractual expense reimbursement in effect through 10/31/2024.

Class R6 Shares have no sales charges and are not available to all investors. The fund class gross expense ratio is 1.14%. The net expense ratio is 0.89%, which reflects a contractual expense reimbursement in effect through 10/31/2024.

Other share classes may have sales charges. See 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.

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 5/27/2004, the same date as the inception of the Fund's Class INST Shares. Class A inception date: 8/21/2006. Class R6 inception date: 12/14/2015.

SHARE CLASSES	Ticker	CUSIP
INST Shares	AOTIX	92837N840
A Shares	AOTAX	92837N808
C Shares	AOTCX	92837N881
P Shares	AEMPX	92837N857
R6 Shares	AEMOX	92837N865

FUND INFORMATION

Inception Date (Class INST)	05/27/04
AUM (\$ millions)	139.3
Number of Holdings	72
Dividends	Semi-Annually
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	★★★★	656
10 Year	★★★★	402

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

INVESTMENT ADVISER

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PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

Kunal Ghosh

Industry start date: 2002

Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2007

Lu Yu, CFA, CIPM

Industry start date: 2002

Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2010

CHARACTERISTICS	Fund	Index
Avg. Weighted Market Cap (bn)	76.64	72.07
Median Market Cap (bn)	9.11	1.88
Trailing P/E Ex-Negative Earnings	8.85	13.04
Price-to-Cash Flow	11.70	14.41
Price-to-Book Value	2.45	2.95
3-Year Earnings Growth Rate	28.11	20.08
5-Year Earnings Growth Rate	18.67	13.70
Active Share	74.34	n/a

RISK STATISTICS (3 YEAR)	Fund	Index
Alpha	1.94	n/a
Beta	0.95	1.00
R ²	0.92	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	-0.30	-0.43
Standard Deviation	16.97	17.14

TOP TEN HOLDINGS	% Fund
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	5.88
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	5.43
CPFL Energia SA	3.42
Tencent Holdings Ltd	3.12
Kia Corp	3.00
Micro-Star International Co Ltd	2.99
Grupo Financiero Banorte SAB de CV	2.69
Novatek Microelectronics Corp	2.66
Emirates NBD Bank PJSC	2.42
State Bank of India	2.24

TOP TEN COUNTRIES	% Invested Assets	% Index
China	23.43	26.53
India	18.06	16.73
Taiwan	17.17	16.04
Korea (South)	11.94	12.96
Brazil	8.91	5.80
Mexico	6.26	2.75
Indonesia	3.04	1.89
United Arab Emirates	2.49	1.26
Hungary	2.11	0.26
United States	1.55	0.00

Holdings and sector weightings are subject to change.

SECTOR ALLOCATIONS	% Equity	% Index
Information Technology	28.99	22.14
Financials	27.76	22.34
Consumer Discretionary	10.26	12.77
Industrials	9.83	6.91
Utilities	4.96	2.70
Communication Services	4.91	8.83
Consumer Staples	4.70	6.01
Energy	4.20	5.12
Materials	2.56	7.77
Health Care	1.81	3.76
Real Estate	0.00	1.65

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. **Focused Investments:** To the extent the portfolio focuses its investments on a limited number of issuers, sectors, industries or geographic regions, it may be subject to increased risk and volatility. **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 Ex-Negative Earnings:** Per share stock price divided by the latest 12-months earnings per share. **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. **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.

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