

### INVESTMENT OVERVIEW

The Fund seeks to generate capital appreciation by investing in a portfolio of U.S. mid-cap companies that exhibit strong business fundamentals and above-average growth potential. A disciplined investment process focuses on identifying positive fundamental trends, including earnings and revenue growth, improving cash flows, and increasing return on invested capital.

### KEY FEATURES

**Growth as a Condition, Not a Category** — Searches for mid-cap growth opportunities across the market, including segments overlooked by many traditional growth managers

**Extensive Fundamental Research** — Bottom-up analysis strives to identify well-run businesses with positive investment characteristics and potential to grow earnings faster than peers

**Focused on True Game Changers** — Evaluates secular trends and disruptive products and services with potential to disrupt the business landscape and exceed investor expectations

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

|             | QTD   | YTD   | 1 Year | 3 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year | Since Inception |
|-------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|---------|-----------------|
| Class INST  | 10.25 | 10.25 | 27.79  | 1.66   | 13.97  | 11.87   | 13.38           |
| Class A NAV | 10.32 | 10.32 | 27.91  | 1.48   | 13.73  | 11.54   | 9.20            |
| Class A POP | 4.25  | 4.25  | 20.88  | -0.41  | 12.46  | 10.91   | 8.92            |
| Index       | 9.50  | 9.50  | 26.28  | 4.62   | 11.82  | 11.35   | 10.13           |

### ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)

|            | 2023  | 2022   | 2021  | 2020  | 2019  | 2018   | 2017  | 2016 | 2015  | 2014  |
|------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|------|-------|-------|
| Class INST | 24.81 | -32.59 | 15.89 | 55.06 | 41.70 | -10.83 | 25.11 | 7.19 | 3.13  | 7.46  |
| Index      | 25.87 | -26.72 | 12.73 | 35.59 | 35.47 | -4.75  | 25.27 | 7.33 | -0.20 | 11.90 |

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 INST Shares have no sales charges and are not available to all investors. The fund class gross expense ratio is 0.77%.

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 1.00%.

Other share classes may have sales charges. See [virtus.com](http://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 Russell Midcap® Growth Index is a market capitalization-weighted index of medium-capitalization, growth-oriented stocks of U.S. companies. The index is calculated on a total return basis with 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 2/5/2002, the same date as the inception of the Fund's Class A Shares. Class INST inception date: 11/6/1979.

| SHARE CLASSES | Ticker | CUSIP     |
|---------------|--------|-----------|
| INST Shares   | DRMCX  | 92837N295 |
| A Shares      | RMDAX  | 92837N352 |
| ADMIN Shares  | DRMAX  | 92837N287 |
| C Shares      | RMDCX  | 92837N345 |
| P Shares      | ARMPX  | 92837N311 |

### FUND INFORMATION

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Inception Date (Class INST) | 11/06/79                     |
| AUM (\$ millions)           | 340.9                        |
| Number of Holdings          | 78                           |
| Dividends                   | Semi-Annually                |
| Morningstar Category        | Mid-Cap Growth               |
| Index                       | Russell Midcap® Growth Index |

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     | ★★★★★      | 520        |
| 3 Year      | ★★★★       | 520        |
| 5 Year      | ★★★★★      | 489        |
| 10 Year     | ★★★★★      | 393        |

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



Silvant Capital Management is a growth equity boutique that leverages the passion and talents of a diverse, experienced group of investment professionals. Guided by their belief that growth companies can be found in every corner of the economy, Silvant strives to evaluate positive secular trends and disruptive products and services that can change the business landscape, identifying those companies best positioned to exceed investor expectations.

### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

#### Michael A. Sansoterra

Industry start date: 1996

Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2022

#### Sandeep Bhatia, Ph.D., CFA

Industry start date: 2000

Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2022

#### Sowmdeb Sen

Industry start date: 1999

Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2022

| CHARACTERISTICS                   | Fund  | Index |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Avg. Weighted Market Cap (bn)     | 41.81 | 31.91 |
| Median Market Cap (bn)            | 28.75 | 12.67 |
| Trailing P/E Ex-Negative Earnings | 32.08 | 29.29 |
| Price-to-Cash Flow                | 33.49 | 32.65 |
| Price-to-Book Value               | 11.08 | 10.93 |
| 3-Year Earnings Growth Rate       | 18.03 | 18.36 |
| 5-Year Earnings Growth Rate       | 16.53 | 17.33 |
| Active Share                      | 71.64 | n/a   |

| RISK STATISTICS (3 YEAR) | Fund  | Index |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|
| Alpha                    | -2.73 | n/a   |
| Beta                     | 1.06  | 1.00  |
| R <sup>2</sup>           | 0.97  | 1.00  |
| Sharpe Ratio             | -0.05 | 0.09  |
| Standard Deviation       | 23.04 | 21.43 |

| TOP TEN HOLDINGS                         | % Fund |
|--|--------|
| Cencora Inc                              | 3.62   |
| Dexcom Inc                               | 3.33   |
| Ferguson PLC                             | 2.88   |
| Trade Desk Inc/The                       | 2.78   |
| Palo Alto Networks Inc                   | 2.68   |
| Quanta Services Inc                      | 2.55   |
| Lam Research Corp                        | 2.55   |
| Spotify Technology SA                    | 2.51   |
| IDEXX Laboratories Inc                   | 2.46   |
| Westinghouse Air Brake Technologies Corp | 2.42   |

Holdings and sector weightings are subject to change.

| SECTOR ALLOCATIONS     | % Equity | % Index |
|------------------------|----------|---------|
| Industrials            | 23.73    | 20.09   |
| Information Technology | 21.32    | 22.40   |
| Health Care            | 20.72    | 18.32   |
| Consumer Discretionary | 15.35    | 13.88   |
| Financials             | 8.56     | 11.06   |
| Communication Services | 6.01     | 4.22    |
| Energy                 | 3.08     | 3.75    |
| Consumer Staples       | 0.61     | 2.79    |
| Real Estate            | 0.61     | 1.71    |
| Materials              | 0.00     | 1.33    |
| Utilities              | 0.00     | 0.43    |

## 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. **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. **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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