

INVESTMENT OVERVIEW

The Fund seeks attractive returns by investing in companies that specialize in water technologies to address the global water crisis: less than 1% of the earth's water is potable and global demand is rising. Actively managed and attuned to environmental, social, and governance (ESG) metrics, the Fund focuses on market leaders that look to improve water supply, efficiency, and quality.

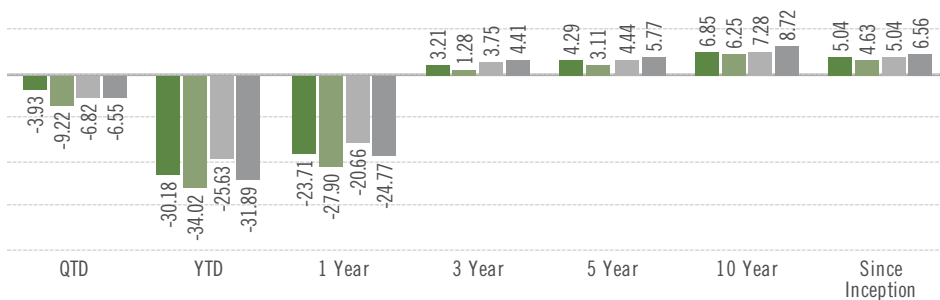
KEY FEATURES

Precision exposure to sustainable water — Targets pure-play companies, committed to addressing water scarcity, increasing water quality, and enhancing water efficiency. Investors may benefit fully from the secular growth trend that the water theme represents globally

A resilient portfolio in ever-changing market conditions — The Fund focuses on what the manager considers high-quality water stocks backed by strong structural drivers, seeking to deliver stability in difficult market environments while generating attractive long-term growth and returns

Time-tested experience in Water and ESG investing — The Duff & Phelps team has decades of experience in listed real assets and water-related investment expertise, engaging in a recurring dialogue with global water leaders. The Fund is aligned to four of the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), with a focus on Goal 6, 'Clean Water and Sanitation,' offering potential exposure to financial, environmental, and social value

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (%) as of 09/30/2022 ■ NAV ■ POP ■ Index 1 ■ Index 2



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 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.

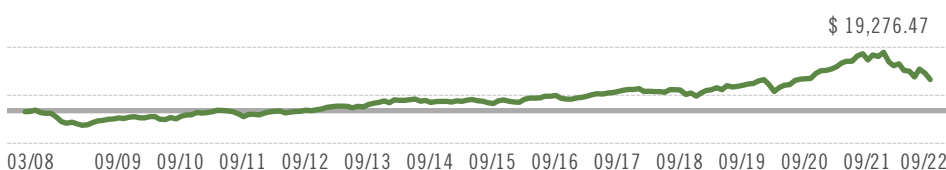
The fund class gross expense ratio is 1.44%. The net expense ratio is 1.22%, which reflects a contractual expense reimbursement in effect through 9/20/2023.

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 (%)

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Fund	25.42	16.65	32.77	-12.48	22.31	4.90	0.30	-1.17	23.81	21.55
Index 1	18.54	16.25	26.60	-9.41	23.97	7.86	-2.36	4.16	22.80	16.13
Index 2	31.82	16.12	33.86	-9.82	27.10	6.83	-1.50	4.08	26.70	20.72

GROWTH OF \$10,000



This chart assumes an initial investment of \$10,000 made on 3/31/2008. As of 9/30/2022 the fund value would have been \$19,276.47. Fund performance assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions and reflects a front end sales charge of 5.50%.

Effective July 25, 2022, this Fund's name and subadviser have changed.

FUND INFORMATION

	Ticker	CUSIP
A Shares	AWTAX	92838V494
C Shares	AWTCX	92838V486
Institutional Shares	AWTIX	92838V460
P Shares	AWTPX	92838V478

Inception Date	03/31/08
AUM (\$ millions)	638.3
Number of Holdings	37
Dividends	Annually
Morningstar Category	Natural Resources
Lipper Category	Specialty/ Miscellaneous Funds
Index 1	MSCI AC World Index (net)
Index 2	S&P Global Water Index (net)

MORNINGSTAR RATINGS

Time Period	# of Stars	# of Funds
Overall	★★★	106
3 Year	★★	106
5 Year	★★★★	101
10 Year	★★★★★	87

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



Duff & Phelps Investment Management pursues specialized investment strategies with exceptional depth of resources and expertise. Since its earliest beginnings, providing research and analysis of income producing securities to Depression-era investors, the firm's attention has been set on identifying attractive opportunities through active management and fundamental research, while managing the associated risks. Today, building on a distinguished legacy, Duff & Phelps has earned a reputation as a leader in investing in Global Listed Infrastructure, Global Listed Real Estate, Clean Energy, and Diversified Real Assets. Quality. Reliability. Specialization. Since 1932.

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

David D. Grumhaus, Jr.
Industry start date: 1989
Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2022

Evan Lang, CFA
Industry start date: 2014
Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2022

CHARACTERISTICS	Fund	Index 1
Avg. Weighted Market Cap (bn)	28.28	273.77
Median Market Cap (bn)	6.90	4.92
Trailing P/E Ex-Negative Earnings	24.96	14.29
Price-to-Cash Flow	17.02	14.89
Price-to-Book Value	4.19	4.06
3-Year Earnings Growth Rate	11.94	14.30
5-Year Earnings Growth Rate	10.90	16.06
Active Share	98.52	n/a

RISK STATISTICS (3 YEAR)	Fund	Index 1
Alpha	-0.10	n/a
Beta	0.95	1.00
R ²	0.83	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	0.13	0.17
Standard Deviation	19.95	19.13

TOP TEN HOLDINGS	% Fund
American Water Works Co Inc	8.43
Danaher Corp	6.40
Essential Utilities Inc	6.20
Xylem Inc/NY	5.61
Veolia Environnement SA	5.19
Tetra Tech Inc	4.17
Severn Trent PLC	4.01
IDEX Corp	3.73
Stantec Inc	3.58
Zurn Elkay Water Solutions Corp	3.05

REGION BREAKDOWN	% Fund	% Index 2
North America	75.83	58.73
Europe ex-UK	11.57	14.66
United Kingdom	8.75	19.00
Japan	1.67	2.44
Pacific ex-Japan	1.11	0.91
EM Asia	1.07	2.41
EM Latin America	0.00	1.85

TOP TEN INDUSTRIES	% Equity	% Index 2
Water Utilities	23.18	34.40
Industrial Machinery	21.43	26.60
Life Sciences Tools & Services	10.01	0.00
Building Products	10.00	10.88
Construction & Engineering	9.97	3.61
Electronic Equipment & Instruments	6.43	5.88
Environmental & Facilities Services	6.14	4.66
Multi-Utilities	5.29	4.29
Agricultural & Farm Machinery	4.29	0.83
Specialty Chemicals	2.17	0.00

Holdings and industry weightings are subject to change.

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. Price changes may be short- or long-term. Local, regional, or global events such as war (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. **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 or medium-sized companies may enhance that risk. **Water-Related Risk:** Because the portfolio focuses its investments in water-related companies, it is particularly affected by events or factors relating to this sector, which may increase risk and volatility. **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. **Foreign Investing:** Investing in foreign securities subjects the portfolio to additional risks such as increased volatility; currency fluctuations; less liquidity; less publicly available information about the foreign investment; and political, regulatory, economic, and market risk. **Sustainable Investing:** Because the portfolio focuses on investments in companies that the Manager believes exhibit strong environmental, social, and corporate governance records, the portfolio's universe of investments may be smaller than that of other portfolios and broad equity benchmark indices. **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.

INDEX DEFINITION

Index 1: The MSCI AC World Index (net) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization-weighted index that measures equity performance of developed and 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.

Index 2: The S&P Global Water Index (net) is a modified capitalization-weighted index comprised of 50 of the largest publicly traded companies in water-related businesses that meet specific invest ability requirements. The index is designed to provide liquid exposure to the leading publicly-listed companies in the global water industry, from both developed markets and 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.

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