

INVESTMENT OVERVIEW

The Fund offers investors exposure to emerging markets through companies that demonstrate strong, predictable, and sustainable growth potential. First-hand, team-based research aims to identify and invest in growth businesses with strong pricing power, repeatable revenues, long runways of growth, and financial and management strength.

KEY FEATURES

Sustainable Growth — Searches for companies that offer strong, predictable, and sustainable growth

Benchmark Unconstrained — A high-conviction, concentrated portfolio that invests in response to opportunities, rather than index relative weights

Valuation Discipline — Manages price risk through application of valuation tools focused on cash flow

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

	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception
Class I	-5.55	-5.55	-6.39	-12.66	-3.42	0.31	4.71
Class A NAV	-5.58	-5.58	-6.72	-12.95	-3.74	-0.01	5.99
Class A POP	-10.77	-10.77	-11.85	-14.58	-4.82	-0.57	5.75
Class R6	-5.49	-5.49	-6.21	-12.44	-3.16	n/a	-0.35
Index	2.37	2.37	8.15	-5.05	2.22	2.95	2.92

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Class I	0.39	-23.26	-6.44	15.72	18.34	-14.34	34.47	1.46	-8.55	5.54
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 I Shares have no sales charges and are not available to all investors. The fund class gross expense ratio is 1.25%. The net expense ratio is 1.23%, which reflects a contractual expense reimbursement in effect through 1/31/2025.

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 1.60%. The net expense ratio is 1.48%, which reflects a contractual expense reimbursement in effect through 1/31/2025.

Class R6 Shares have no sales charges and are not available to all investors. The fund class gross expense ratio is 1.16%. The net expense ratio is 0.98%, which reflects a contractual expense reimbursement in effect through 1/31/2025.

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.

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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 8/11/1999, the same date as the inception of the Fund's Class A Shares. Class I inception date: 10/20/1997. Class R6 inception date: 11/12/2014.

SHARE CLASSES

	Ticker	CUSIP
I Shares	HIEMX	92828W361
A Shares	HEMZX	92828W387
C Shares	PICEX	92828W379
R6 Shares	VREMX	92828W353

FUND INFORMATION

Inception Date (Class I)	10/20/97
AUM (\$ millions)	759.8
Number of Holdings	29
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 I)

Time Period	# of Stars	# of Funds
Overall	★★	721
3 Year	★	721
5 Year	★	657
10 Year	★★	425

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



Founded in 2003, Sustainable Growth Advisers is a growth equity manager focused on high-conviction U.S., global, emerging markets, and international portfolios.

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

Robert L. Rohn

Industry start date: 1983

Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2023

Kishore Rao

Industry start date: 1997

Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2023

Hrishikesh (HK) Gupta

Industry start date: 2009

Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2023

CHARACTERISTICS

	Fund	Index
Avg. Weighted Market Cap (bn)	60.23	89.85
Median Market Cap (bn)	27.79	1.98
Trailing P/E Ex-Negative Earnings	21.20	14.21
Price-to-Cash Flow	18.43	14.67
Price-to-Book Value	4.28	3.12
Enterprise Yield	3.80	4.20
3-Year Earnings Growth Rate	15.07	17.45
5-Year Earnings Growth Rate	11.65	13.47
Gross Margin	39.00	34.00
Cash Flow/Earnings	88.00	72.00
Net Debt/EBITDA	0.60	-0.20
Active Share	93.96	n/a

RISK STATISTICS (3 YEAR)

	Fund	Index
Alpha	-10.05	n/a
Beta	0.80	1.00
R ²	0.93	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	-1.06	-0.44
Standard Deviation	14.49	17.51

TOP TEN HOLDINGS

	% Fund
HDFC Bank Ltd	6.66
Fomento Economico Mexicano SAB de CV	5.84
Infosys Ltd	5.20
Wal-Mart de Mexico SAB de CV	4.67
XP Inc	4.65
MercadoLibre Inc	4.53
NAVER Corp	4.51
Cp All Pcl	4.36
Bank Central Asia Tbk PT	4.28
Unilever PLC	4.15

TOP TEN COUNTRIES

	% Invested Assets	% Index
India	19.12	17.70
China	17.51	25.13
Brazil	11.99	5.23
Mexico	10.62	2.70
Korea (South)	6.57	12.82
Thailand	4.40	1.52
Indonesia	4.32	1.86
United Kingdom	4.19	0.00
Hong Kong	4.04	0.00
Japan	3.99	0.00

Holdings and sector weightings are subject to change.

SECTOR ALLOCATIONS

	% Equity	% Index
Consumer Staples	33.46	5.64
Financials	25.02	22.35
Consumer Discretionary	19.35	12.41
Information Technology	9.61	23.73
Communication Services	9.55	8.62
Materials	2.01	7.20
Health Care	1.00	3.47
Industrials	0.00	6.95
Energy	0.00	5.32
Utilities	0.00	2.78
Real Estate	0.00	1.52

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, 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.

Geographic Concentration: A portfolio that focuses its investments in a particular geographic location will be sensitive to financial, economic, political, and other events negatively affecting that location.

Convertible Securities: A convertible security may be called for redemption at a time and price unfavorable to the portfolio. **Currency Rate:** Fluctuations in the exchange rates between the U.S. dollar and foreign currencies may negatively affect the value of the portfolio's shares. **Sector Focused Investing:** Events negatively affecting a particular industry or market sector in which the portfolio focuses its investments may cause the value of the portfolio to decrease. **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. **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. **Enterprise Yield (EY):** A proprietary measure of the free cash flow truly available to investors as a percentage of market value (CFATS / Market Capitalization). **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. **Gross Margin:** A financial ratio indicating the percent of sales the company retains after incurring the direct costs associated with producing the goods and services it sells. **Cash Flow/Earnings:** A measure of the proportion of earnings that is converted into cash. **Net Debt/EBITDA:** (Total Debt - Cash & Equivalents)/(Earnings Before

Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, and Amortization) measured as a weighted average excluding securities +/- 1 standard deviation from the average. **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.

MORNINGSTAR

Morningstar Rating™ for funds, or 'star rating,' is calculated for managed products (including mutual funds, variable annuity and variable life subaccounts, exchange-traded funds, closed-end funds, and separate accounts) with at least a three-year history. Exchange-traded funds and open-ended mutual funds are considered a single population for comparative purposes. It is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product's monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a managed product is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its three-, five-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. The weights are: 100% three-year rating for 36-59 months of total returns, 60% five-year rating/40% three-year rating for 60-119 months of total returns, and 50% 10-year rating/30% five-year rating/20% three-year rating for 120 or more months of total returns. While the 10-year overall star rating formula seems to give the most weight to the 10-year period, the most recent three-year period actually has the greatest impact because it is included in all three rating periods. Ratings do not take into account the effect of sales charges and loads.

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