## Virtus GF SGA Global Growth Fund



Invested

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Inception Date (Class D Acc)	01/31/17
Domicile	Ireland
UCITS IV	Yes
Valuation	Daily
On-going Charges (Class D Acc)	0.91%
Base Currency	USD
Convenience Pricing	EUR, GBP, NOK
Index Name	MSCI ACWI NTR
Total Net Assets (mm)	\$1514.11
SFDR	Article 8

#### Assets (%) Microsoft Coporation 5.61 Amazon.com, Inc. 5.08 Visa Inc. Class A 4.43 HDFC Bank Limited Sponsored ADR 3.99 S&P Global, Inc. 3.55 Intuit Inc. 3.54 Novo Nordisk A/S Class B 3.41 **Danaher Corporation** 3.29 ICON Plc 3.28 Canadian Pacific Kansas City Limited 3.28 Total 39.46

TOP 10 HOLDINGS

## ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%) Past performance does not predict future returns.

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Class D	27.03	-26.25	8.47	28.72	32.31	-2.14
Index	22.20	-18.36	18.54	16.25	26.60	-9.41

The following performance is additional to, and should be read only in conjunction with, the performance data presented above.

## AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (%) Past performance does not predict future returns.

As of 02/29/24	1 Month	3 Months	Year to Date	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Class D	3.57	9.82	5.17	28.58	1.90	9.97	12.38
Index	4.29	9.94	4.90	23.15	6.79	10.51	10.25

Performance data quoted represents past results. Past performance is no guarantee of future results and current performance may be higher or lower than the performance shown. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so your shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Please visit www.virtusglobalfunds.com for performance data current to the most recent month-end.

Class D Acc total expense ratio is 0.91%.

**CHARACTERISTICS** 

Median Market Cap (bn)

Avg. Weighted Market Cap (bn)

Average annual total return reflect the change in share price, operating expenses and the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. There are no entry fees for this share class. Fees and expenses vary among share classes and other share classes do carry entry charges. Please visit www.virtusglobalfunds.com for full fee schedule. For Fund Performance for other share classes, please see the Virtus Global Funds Performance.

Fund Index

\$436.1 \$471.0

\$81.2 \$6.1

SECTOR ALLOCATION	Invested Assets(%)	Index (%)
Information Technology	25.71	23.96
Financials	21.55	15.89
Health Care	21.26	11.22
Consumer Discretionary	12.69	11.11
Consumer Staples	5.52	6.47
Communication Services	5.33	7.52
Industrials	3.28	10.70
Materials	2.61	4.14
Real Estate	2.06	2.21
Utilities	0.00	2.41
Energy	0.00	4.37

MARKET CAP BREAKDOWN (\$BN)	Invested Assets (%)
\$1-15	3.42
\$15-50	23.97
\$50-100	21.12
\$100+	51.49

COUNTRY ALLOCATION	Invested Assets (%)
Argentina	2.47
Canada	3.28
China	1.14
Denmark	3.41
Hong Kong	1.55
India	6.88
Ireland	3.28
Netherlands	4.51
Switzerland	3.16
Thailand	2.29
France	2.06
United Kingdom	2.61
United States	63.37

As of 02/29/2024

Sectors, countries, and holdings are subject to change.

#### 3-Year EPS Growth Rate 18.7% 20.5% Forward Price/Earnings 27.0x 17.9x Price/Sales 6.6x 4.7x Operating Margin 122 7.7 85.1% Active Share Total # of Holdings 34 2919

SUB-INVESTMENT MANAGER Sustainable Growth Advisers (SGA)

Sustainable Growth Advisers

A VIRTUS INVESTMENT PARTNER

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





Hrishkesh (HK) Gupta Portfolio Manager

Industry Start Date: 2009 Start Date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2021

Rob Rohn

Portfolio Manager Industry Start Date: 1983 Start Date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2017

Kishore Rao

Portfolio Manager Industry Start Date: 1997 Start Date as

Fund Portfolio Manager: 2022

## **Class D Accumulating**

#### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

SGA strives to identify differentiated high-quality global businesses that offer strong pricing power, recurring revenue streams, long runways of growth, strong cash flow generation, and management teams that have proven to be good stewards of capital. Companies that possess such characteristics form SGA's Qualified Company List of approximately 120 businesses. From it, a concentrated portfolio of 25-35 stocks is created based on an analysis of the cash flow-based valuation of the candidate companies and the long-term investment opportunity they offer. The Virtus SGA Global Growth Fund "Fund" has adhered to its policy objective.

- Investors invest in shares of the Fund. The Fund is suitable for long term investors seeking capital
  appreciation and prepared to accept a moderate to high level of volatility.
- The Fund is actively managed. The Fund uses the MSCI AC World Index (net) as a comparator benchmark but not to constrain portfolio composition or as a target for performance.

#### A NOTE ABOUT RISK:

The investments of the Fund are subject to investment risks and normal market fluctuations, including the possible loss of the principal amount invested. The value of the investments of the Fund and the income from them can fall as well as rise and investors may not get back the amount originally invested. Past performance and any forecasts made are not a guide to future returns and may not be repeated. Any forecast, projection or target is indicative only and is not guaranteed in any way. All quoted Fund returns are net of fees. Adverse movements in currency exchange rates can result in a decrease in return or loss of capital. Investments in the portfolio may be fully hedged into the Fund's base currency potentially reducing currency risks but this may expose the portfolio to other risks such as a default of a counter-party. Any dividends that the Fund receives may be subject to withholding tax.

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- 1. 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.
- 2. Investment Risk: Investing is subject to risk, including the risk of possible loss of principal.
- 3. 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.
- 4. Liquidity: Certain instruments may be difficult or impossible to sell at a time and price beneficial to the portfolio, which could impact the ability to meet redemption requests upon demand.
- 5. Large Company Stocks: The market price of equity securities may be 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.
- 6. Securities: Securities selected the portfolio may not perform to expectations. This could result in underperformance compared to other funds with similar investment objectives.

#### **INVESTMENT PROCESS**

#### Step 1: Qualified Company List

SGA analyzes thousands of businesses to arrive at approximately 120 companies that qualify for investment. The focus is on companies with earnings and revenue growth at a significantly higher level than that of the average stock in the MSCI ACWI Index.

### Step 2: Evaluate Growth Trajectory

Through analysis of:

- > Pricing Power
- > Recurring Revenues
- > Global Opportunity
- > Financial Strength
- > Management Strength

# Step 3: Valuation

Cash flow is the ultimate arbiter of value for SGA. They focus on two metrics:

- 1. A 10-year discounted cash flow model.
- 2. Enterprise Yield: the true free cash flow available to shareholders divided by total market cap.

## **Class D Accumulating**

#### South Africa:

This is a **Minimum Disclosure Document & General Investor Report**. Collective Investment Schemes in Securities (CIS) should be considered as medium to long-term investments. The value may go up as well as down and past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. CIS's are traded at the ruling price and can engage in scrip lending and borrowing. The collective investment scheme may borrow up to 10% of the market value of the portfolio to bridge insufficient liquidity. A schedule of fees, charges and maximum commissions is available on request from the Investment Manager. There is no guarantee in respect of capital or returns in a portfolio. A CIS may be closed to new investors in order for it to be managed more efficiently in accordance with its mandate. CIS prices are calculated on a net asset basis, which is the total value of all the assets in the portfolio including any income accruals and less any permissible deductions (brokerage, STT, VAT, auditor's fees, bank charges, trustee and custodian fees and the annual management fee) from the portfolio divided by the number of participatory interests (units) in issue. Forward pricing is used. The Fund's Total Expense Ratio (TER) reflects the percentage of the average Net Asset Value (NAV) of the portfolio that was incurred as charges, levies and fees related to the management of the portfolio. The issue date for this factsheet is the 13th March 2024.

#### **MDD** Glossary

Annualised Performance: Annualised performance shows longer term performance rescaled to a 1-year period. Annualised performance is the average return per year over the period. Actual annual figures are available to the investor on request.

Highest and Lowest Return: The highest and lowest returns for any 1-year period since inception have been shown. NAV: The net asset value represents the assets of a Fund less its liabilities.

Sharpe Ratio: The Sharpe Ratio is used to indicate the excess return the portfolio delivers over the risk free rate per unit of risk adopted by the fund.

Standard Deviation: The deviation of the return stream relative to its own average.

Max Drawdown: The maximum peak to trough loss suffered by the Fund since inception.

Max Gain: Largest increase in any single month.

% Positive Month: The percentage of months since inception where the Fund has delivered positive return.

Volatility: Volatility is a statistical measure of the dispersion of returns for a given security or market index.

#### Asset Allocation as of 02/29/24

Equity 97.66%, Cash 2.34%. There were no material changes in the asset allocation in comparison with Q4.

#### Total Expense Ratio (TER)

With regard to TER, a representative figure for the fund is 0.91% (for the 0.75% AMC share classes). A high TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER cannot be regarded as an indication of future TERs. The breakdown of TER is as follows: Management fee: 0.75; Performance fee: 0%; Transaction cost: 0%; Audit fees: 0.0%; Other costs: 0.16%; VAT: 0%; with Total TER being 0.91%.

#### Rolling Return (ISIN: IEOOBDR6MJ45)

The highest rolling 1-year return for the Fund is 76.91% (1-year rolling from 3/23/20 to 3/23/21), with the lowest return being -34.86% (1-year rolling from 09/24/2021 to 09/26/2022).

## Fund Risk:

Lower risk Higher risk					Higher risk	
Typically lowe	er rewards				Typically hig	her rewards
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

The above risk category is not guaranteed and is likely to shift over time where the Investment Manager proposes to move to lower risk levels if it believes market conditions are going to deteriorate. However investors should note that moving to lower risk levels will not eliminate risk altogether. The Investment Manager's strategy generally defines risk as the probability of permanently losing capital over a five-year period.

The Fund, due to the global nature of its investments, will hold assets in currencies other than the Fund's base currency, which is the U.S. dollar. The value of these assets will not only be affected by movements in the underlying markets but also by movement in the value of the currency in which they are held. The Investment Manager does not intend to seek to hedge this currency risk. For further detail please see the "Risk Factors" section of the Prospectus for the Company.

Where foreign securities are included in a portfolio there may be potential constraints on liquidity and the repatriation of funds, macroeconomic risks, political risks, foreign exchange risks, tax risks, settlement risks; and potential limitations on the availability of market information. The investor acknowledges the inherent risk associated with the selected investments and that there are no guarantees. Please note that all documents, notifications of deposit, investment, redemption and switch applications must be received by BNY Mellon Fund Services (Ireland) Limited, by or before 13:00 (SA), to be transacted at the NAV (defined above) price for that day. Where all required documentation is not received before the stated cut off time BNY Mellon shall not be obliged to transact at the NAV price as agreed to.

Performance has been calculated using net NAV to NAV numbers with income reinvested. The performance for each period shown reflects the return for investors who have been fully invested for that period. Individual investor performance may differ as a result of initial fees, the actual investment date, the date of reinvestments and dividend withholding tax. Full performance calculations are available from the Investment Manager on request.

For any additional information such as Fund prices or application forms please go to www.virtusglobalfunds.com or contact Campion Capital Limited on +442073174433.

#### INDEX DEFINITION

Index: 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.

#### **GLOSSARY**

Avg. Weighted Market Cap (bn): Sum of each security's weight within the fund (or index) multiplied by the security's market capitalization. 3-Year EPS Growth Rate: Average of earnings per share growth for latest 3-year period. Forward Price/Earnings: Per share stock price divided by projected future 12-months earnings per share. Price/Sales: A valuation ratio that compares a company's stock price to its revenues. 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. Weighted harmonic average of the gross margin for the underlying portfolio holdings. Active Share: A measure of the percentage of stock holdings in a manager's portfolio that differ from the benchmark index.

#### **FUND CODES**

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Class	ISIN	Bloomberg
USD A Acc	IE00BDR6MB68	SGGEGAA
USD D Acc	IE00BDR6MJ45	SGGEGDA
USD D Inc	IE00BDR6MK59	SGGEGDI
GBP E Acc	IE00BDR6ML66	SGGEGEA
GBP E Inc	IE00BDR6MM73	SGGEGEI
EUR F Acc	IE00BDR6MN80	SGGEGFA
USD I Acc	IE00BMBWV835	SGGEGIU
USD J Acc	IE00BM9G7C35	SGGEGJA
USD J Inc	IE00BMFZRT11	SGGEGJI
GBP K Inc	IE00BM9G7D42	SGGEGKI
EUR L Acc	IE00BM9G7F65	SGGEGLA
EUR M Acc	IE000SOHBW78	SGGBREA
GBP M Acc	IE000HZR3Q53	VITHYKM
USD M Acc	IE000NL9UX40	VIRTUSD
NOK M Acc	IE000Q9KNH91	VIRTYIW
NOK M Acc	IE000BEMXWX1	VISGMUN
CAD M Acc	IE000Q9Z2005	VISGMUC
USD R Acc	IE00BMBWV942	SGGEGRU

## Virtus GF SGA Global Growth Fund

## **Class D Accumulating**

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i. Upon SGA being awarded business resulting from Campion's endorsement/promotional activities Campion shall be entitled to receive from SGA cash compensation equal to either 12.5% or 25% (depending on the nature of the introduction) of the fee received by SGA from such business for the duration of such relationship; and

ii. A statement disclosing any other material conflict of interest that Campion may have because of its relationship with SGA (if any).