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The Merger Fund VL — Class I

Investment Strategy from investment's prospectus

The investment seeks to achieve capital growth by engaging in merger arbitrage. Under normal market conditions, the fund invests at least 80% of its total assets principally in equity securities of companies which are involved in publicly announced mergers, takeovers, tender offers, leveraged buyouts, spin-offs, liquidations and other corporate reorganizations. It may invest in other investment companies, including exchange-traded funds ("ETFs").

Past name: Merger VL

Category Description: Event Driven

Event driven strategies attempt to profit when security prices change in response to certain corporate actions, such as bankruptcies, mergers and acquisitions, emergence from bankruptcy, shifts in corporate strategy, and other atypical events. Activist shareholder and distressed investment strategies also fall into this category. These portfolios typically focus on equity securities but can invest across the capital structure. They typically have low to moderate equity market sensitivity since company-specific developments tend to drive security prices.

Operations

Fund Inception Date	05-26-04
Initial Share Class Inception Date	05-26-04
Advisor	Virtus Investment Advisers, Inc.
Subadvisor	Westchester Capital Management LLC

Fees and Expenses as of 04-29-22

Gross Prospectus Expense Ratio	1.73%
Net Prospectus Expense Ratio	1.57%

Waiver Data

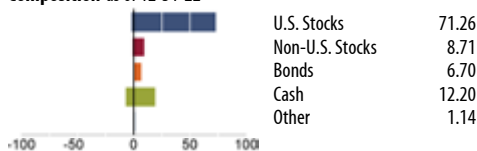
Type	Exp.Date	%
Expense Ratio	Contractual	0.16

Portfolio Manager(s)

Michael T. Shannon, CFA. M.B.A., University of Western Ontario, 1983. M.A., McGill University, 1980. Since 2007.
 Roy D. Behren. LL.B., New York University. B.S., University of Pennsylvania (Wharton). Since 2007.

Portfolio Analysis as of 12-31-22

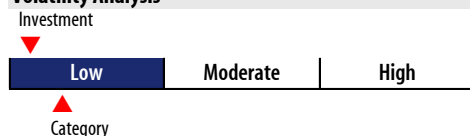
Composition as of 12-31-22



Top 20 Holdings as of 12-31-22

Asset	% Assets
BlackRock Liquidity FedFund Instl	5.09
Morgan Stanley Instl Lqudy Govt Instl	5.09
First Horizon Corp	3.56
STORE Capital Corp	2.93
VMware Inc Class A	2.86
Horizon Therapeutics PLC	2.79
LHC Group Inc	2.76
Altaba Inc Escrow	2.50
Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings Inc	2.46
1Life Healthcare Inc Ordinary Shares	2.33
Maxar Technologies Inc Term Loan B 06-14-29	2.07
Activision Blizzard Inc	1.96
Shaw Communications Inc Shs -B- Non-Voting	1.51
HSBC US Treasury Money Market Intrmdry	1.41
Silicon Motion Technology Corp ADR	1.35
Signify Health Inc Ordinary Shares - Class A	1.28
Ares Acquisition Corp Ordinary Shares - Class A	1.25
EVO Payments Inc	1.20
Yamana Gold Inc	0.98
Atlas Corp	0.98
Oyster Point Pharma Inc Ordinary Shares	0.96
Total Number of Stock Holdings	401
Total Number of Bond Holdings	30
Annual Turnover Ratio %	191.00
Total Fund Assets (\$mil)	45.83

Volatility Analysis



In the past, this investment has shown a relatively small range of fluctuations relative to other investments. Based on this measure, currently more than two thirds of all investments have shown higher levels of risk. Consequently, this investment may appeal to investors looking for a conservative investment strategy.

Morningstar Style Box™ as of 12-31-22



Statistics as of 12-31-22

Statistic	Stk Port Avg	S&P 500	Category
P/E Ratio	—	18.64	16.71
P/B Ratio	—	3.42	2.31
P/C Ratio	—	11.19	9.24
GeoAvgCap(\$mil)	1,553.57	188,808.39	5,078.58

Risk Measures as of 03-31-23

Metric	Port Avg	S&P 500	Category
3 Yr Std Dev	3.37	19.23	5.56
3 Yr Sharpe Ratio	0.83	0.92	0.78
3 Yr Alpha	1.60	—	2.16
3 Yr Beta	0.09	—	0.19
3 Yr R-squared	20.23	—	32.90

Morningstar Sectors as of 12-31-22

Sector	%Fund	S&P 500 %
Cyclical	67.29	27.88
Basic Materials	1.22	2.38
Consumer Cyclical	0.36	10.41
Financial Services	62.04	12.45
Real Estate	3.67	2.64
Sensitive	20.08	47.81
Communication Services	5.21	8.11
Energy	0.77	4.61
Industrials	4.10	8.43
Technology	10.00	26.66
Defensive	12.63	24.31
Consumer Defensive	0.00	7.18
Healthcare	12.63	14.27
Utilities	0.00	2.86

Notes

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