

# Virtus Introduces Three Funds

## Adds AlphaSector Strategies and Commodities Stock Fund

HARTFORD, Conn., March 21, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- [Virtus Investment Partners](#) (Nasdaq: VRTS), which operates a multi-manager asset management business, has launched three new mutual funds: the Virtus Allocator Premium AlphaSector™ Fund, the Virtus Global Premium AlphaSector™ Fund, and the Virtus Global Commodities Stock Fund.

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"The addition of these three funds expands the breadth and depth of our product offerings and provides additional options for advisors to utilize when constructing portfolios for their clients," said Frank Waltman, executive vice president, product management at Virtus. "The new AlphaSector funds add to the array of product solutions that use the AlphaSector approach, which seeks to minimize portfolio risk during severe market downturns. Through the Virtus Global Commodities Stock Fund, we are able to offer a new product that will help investors gain exposure to the ongoing and increasing global demand for commodities."

### About the Funds

The [Virtus Allocator Premium AlphaSector Fund](#) (Class A:VAAAX) and the [Virtus Global Premium AlphaSector Fund](#) (Class A:VGPAX) invest in a combination of exchange traded funds (ETFs) and cash equivalents. The funds employ a proprietary quantitative analytical model – developed by F-Squared Investments and used in the Virtus Premium AlphaSector™ Fund and the Virtus AlphaSector™ Rotation Fund – that seeks to provide risk controls in down markets and enhanced alpha in up markets.

The Virtus Allocator Premium AlphaSector Fund is a multi-strategy approach that offers global diversification through allocations to four asset classes using ETFs across domestic equities, international and emerging markets equities, fixed income, and alternatives such as real estate and gold. The Global Premium AlphaSector Fund allocates assets to domestic and international equities through the use of nine ETFs which represent the primary sectors of the S&P 500® Index and two international ETFs, representing developed international and emerging markets.

Both funds can take a defensive position in volatile, downward trending markets and allocate up to 100% of assets in cash equivalents and/or Treasuries in the case of the Virtus Allocator Premium AlphaSector Fund and up to 100% of assets in cash equivalents in the case of the Virtus Global Premium AlphaSector Fund.

The [Virtus Global Commodities Stock Fund](#) (Class A:VGCAX) invests in the equity securities of commodity and commodity-related companies. The fund will allocate among four commodities sectors: base metals, precious metals, energy, and agriculture. It is designed to take advantage of rising global demand for commodities in both developing and emerging markets.

The Virtus Global Commodities Stock Fund is subadvised by Harris Investment Management in conjunction with specialty commodity firm Coxe Advisors LLP. Portfolio manager Donald Coxe's expertise in global capital markets and commodities is leveraged through macroeconomic research on commodity sectors which is then combined with fundamental, bottom-up security analysis.

### About F-Squared Investments, Inc.

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