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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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FORM N-CSR

CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED

MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act file number 811-22608

Virtus Global Multi-Sector Income Fund

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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Date of fiscal year end: November 30

Date of reporting period: November 30, 2017

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Item 1. Reports to Stockholders.

The Report to Shareholders is attached herewith.

ANNUAL REPORT

Not FDIC Insured

No Bank Guarantee

May Lose Value

November 30, 2017

FUND DISTRIBUTIONS AND MANAGED DISTRIBUTION PLAN

The Board of Trustees of the Virtus Global Multi-Sector Income Fund (the Fund) adopted a Managed Distribution Plan (the Plan) which provides for the Fund to make a monthly distribution rate of \$0.156 per share. Under the terms of the Plan, the Fund seeks to maintain a consistent distribution level that may be paid in part or in full from net investment income, realized capital gains, and a return of capital, or a combination thereof.

If the Fund estimates that it has distributed more than its income and capital gains in a particular period, a portion of your distribution may be a return of capital. A return of capital may occur, for example, when some or all of the money that you invested in the Fund is paid back to you. A return of capital distribution does not necessarily reflect the Fund s investment performance and should not be confused with yield or income.

To the extent that the Fund uses capital gains and/or return of capital to supplement its investment income, you should not draw any conclusions about the Fund s investment performance from the amount of the Fund s distributions or from the terms of the Fund s Managed Distribution Plan.

The amounts and sources of distributions reported in Section 19(a) notices of the 1940 Act are only estimates and are not being provided for tax reporting purposes. The actual amounts and sources of the amounts for tax reporting purposes will depend upon the Fund s investment experience during the remainder of its fiscal year and may be subject to changes based on tax regulations. The Fund will send shareholders a Form 1099-DIV for the calendar year that will tell you how to report distributions for federal income tax purposes.

The Board may amend, suspend or terminate the Managed Distribution Plan at any time, without prior notice to shareholders, if it deems such action to be in the best interest of the Fund and its shareholders.

Information on the Virtus Global Multi-Sector Income Fund is available through the closed end fund section on the web at *www.Virtus.com*. Section 19(a) notices are posted on the website at *https://www.virtus.com/our-products/closed-end-fund-details/VGI*.

MESSAGE TO SHAREHOLDERS

Dear Virtus Global Multi-Sector Income Fund Shareholder:

Dear Virtus Global Multi-Sector Income Fund Shareholder: I am pleased to share with you the annual report for the Virtus Global Multi-Sector Income Fund (VGI), which discusses performance for the 12 months ended November 30, 2017. This report contains commentary from the portfolio management team at Newfleet Asset Management on how the fixed income markets and the fund performed during the period, including the contribution of the options overlay strategy to fund performance.

For the fiscal year ended November 30, 2017, the fund s net asset value (NAV) gained 14.87%, including \$1.872 in reinvested distributions, and its market price increased 35.99%. For the same period, the fund s

benchmark, the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index, gained 6.53%, including reinvested dividends.

On behalf of Newfleet Asset Management and Virtus Investment Partners, I welcome our new Investors and thank all shareholders for entrusting your assets to us. Should you have any questions or require support, the Virtus customer service team is ready to assist at 1-866-270- 7788 or through the closed-end fund section of our website, <u>www.virtus.com</u>. Sincerely,

George R. Aylward

President, Chief Executive Officer, and Trustee

Virtus Global Multi-Sector Income Fund

January 2018

This information does not represent an offer, or the solicitation of an offer, to buy or sell securities of the Fund.

Performance data quoted represents past results. Past performance is no guarantee of future results and current performance may be higher or lower than performance shown.

MANAGER S DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE (Unaudited)

NOVEMBER 30, 2017

About the Fund

Virtus Global Multi-Sector Income Fund s (NYSE: VGI) (the Fund) investment objective is to maximize current income while preserving capital. The Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by applying an approach, and extensive credit research, to capitalize on opportunities across undervalued areas of the global bond market. *There is no guarantee that the Fund will achieve its investment objective*.

The use of leverage currently enables the Fund to borrow at short-term rates and invest at higher yields on its investments. As of November 30, 2017, the Fund s leverage consisted of \$69 million of borrowings pursuant to a line of credit, which represented approximately 26% of the Fund s total assets.

Portfolio Review Newfleet Asset Management LLC (Newfleet)

Newfleet s multi-sector fixed income strategies team manages the Fund, leveraging the knowledge and skills of investment professionals with expertise in every sector of the bond market, including evolving, specialized, and out-of-favor sectors. The team employs active sector rotation and disciplined risk management for portfolio construction, avoiding interest rate bets and remaining duration neutral. Newfleet also manages the Fund s options overlay strategy. The options overlay strategy seeks to generate additional income through the purchase and sale of paired out-of-the-money puts and calls. The following commentary is provided by the portfolio team at Newfleet and covers the Fund s fixed income portfolio and options overlay strategy for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2017.

How did global fixed income markets perform during the Fund s fiscal year ended November 30, 2017?

Most spread sectors outperformed U.S. Treasuries during the fiscal year ended November 30, 2017. The global growth outlook remained favorable and the search for yield persisted through the end of the fiscal year. Within most fixed income sectors, longer duration and lower quality assets were key drivers of performance.

The positive tone of the market that continued after the surprise outcome of the U.S. presidential election faced numerous challenges over the fiscal year. Geopolitical tensions with North Korea, continued gridlock in Washington, moderate volatility in oil prices, and major weather events such as Hurricane Harvey caused periods of weakness within spread sectors. However, these periods were short-lived as investors bought into any meaningful dip in prices, quickly pushing prices higher.

As anticipated, the Fed raised its target rate 0.25% on three separate occasions during the last 12 months to a range of 1.00% to 1.25%. During its September 2017 meeting, the Fed announced the start of its balance sheet reduction plan.

Over the last 12 months, yields increased across the curve, but more so among shorter maturities, which caused the curve to flatten.

What factors affected the Fund s performance during the period?

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The underperformance of U.S. Treasuries relative to most fixed income spread sectors was the key driver of the Fund s outperformance for the fiscal year ended November 30, 2017. Among

For information regarding the indexes and certain key investment terms see the Key Investment Terms starting on page 7.

MANAGER S DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE (Unaudited) (Continued)

NOVEMBER 30, 2017

fixed income sectors, the Fund s allocations to corporate high yield, emerging markets high yield, and yankee high quality securities were the largest positive contributors to performance for the fiscal year.

During the fiscal year, the Fund s allocation to agency mortgage-backed securities detracted from performance, although the Fund s underweight versus the benchmark was beneficial. Though exposure to the high yield sector contributed to the overall performance of the Fund, our bias toward higher quality securities detracted from returns during a period in which lower quality outperformed.

How did the options overlay strategy perform for the Fund during the fiscal year?

Fund performance was significantly enhanced by the options overlay strategy during the fiscal year ended November 30, 2017. This strategy seeks to exploit well-known pricing inefficiencies in the index options market by selling put and call spreads to generate premium income.

The option trading environment was highly unusual. Implied volatility levels, as measured by the CBOE Volatility Index (VIX), traded at or near historic lows for most of the 12-month period. This reflected the risk on positioning observed across most securities markets, as investors appeared willing to push aside fears of volatility in the relentless pursuit of a series of all-time market highs.

For the options overlay strategy, the result was a relatively tight spread between short options for most trades, which provided little room for the S&P 500[®] Index to move during the two-week duration of a typical trade.

Despite this rather tight positioning, the options overlay strategy was able to contribute in excess of 3% (gross of fees) to Fund returns for the fiscal year. This success reflected the relatively low number of gap moves during the year. Large, sudden moves in the S&P 500[®] Index can lead to losses for the strategy, as we saw early in the prior fiscal year. A market that steadily grinds higher, as we have seen for much of 2017, provides a relatively accommodative environment for the options overlay strategy.

The preceding information is the opinion of portfolio management only through the end of the period of the report as stated on the cover. Any such opinions are subject to change at any time based upon market conditions and should not be relied upon as investment advice.

There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective.

The Fund s portfolio holdings are subject to change and may not be representative of the portfolio managers current or future investments. The mention of individual securities held by the Fund is for informational purposes only and should not be construed as a recommendation to purchase or sell any securities. Investors seeking financial advice regarding the appropriateness of investing in any securities or investment strategies discussed should consult their financial professional.

For information regarding the indexes and certain key investment terms see the Key Investment Terms starting on page 7.

MANAGER S DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE (Unaudited) (Continued)

NOVEMBER 30, 2017

Credit & Interest: Debt securities are subject to various risks, the most prominent of which are credit and interest rate risk. The issuer of a debt security may fail to make interest and/or principal payments. Values of debt securities may rise or fall in response to changes in interest rates, and this risk may be enhanced with longer-term maturities.

Foreign & Emerging Markets: Investing internationally, especially in emerging markets, involves additional risks such as currency, political, accounting, economic, and market risk.

High Yield-High Risk Fixed Income Securities: There is a greater level of credit risk and price volatility involved with high yield securities than investment grade securities.

ABS/MBS: Changes in interest rates can cause both extension and prepayment risks for asset- and mortgage-backed securities. These securities are also subject to risks associated with the repayment of underlying collateral.

Bank Loans: Loans may be unsecured or not fully collateralized, may be subject to restrictions on resale and/or trade infrequently on the secondary market. Loans can carry significant credit and call risk, can be difficult to value and have longer settlement times than other investments, which can make loans relatively illiquid at times.

Leverage: When a fund leverages its portfolio, the value of its shares may be more volatile and all other risks may be compounded.

Call/Put Spreads: Buying and selling call and put option spreads on the SPX Index risks the loss of the premium when buying and may increase downside losses.

Market Price/NAV: At the time of purchase and/or sale, an investor s shares may have a market price that is above or below the fund s NAV, which may increase the investor s risk of loss.

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(Unaudited)

NOVEMBER 30, 2017

The following tables present the portfolio holdings within certain sectors or countries as a percentage of total investments net of written options at November 30, 2017.

Asset Allocation

Energy Financials Materials	16% 14 7	
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Materials	7	
Total of all others	21	
Foreign Government Securities		18
Loan Agreements		9
Mortgage-Backed Securities		9
Asset-Backed Securities		5
Preferred Stocks		1
Other (includes short-term investment)		*

Total

100%

*Amount is less than 0.5%.

Country Weightings

United States	49%
Mexico	6
Argentina	4
Brazil	3
Colombia	3
Netherlands	3
Russia	2
Other	30
Total	100%

KEY INVESTMENT TERMS (Unaudited)

NOVEMBER 30, 2017

Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index

The Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index is a market-weighted index of global government, government-related agencies, corporate and securitized fixed income investments.

The index is calculated on a total return basis. The index is unmanaged, its returns do not reflect any fees, expenses, or sales charges, and it is not available for direct investment.

Chicago Board Options Exchange Volatility Index[®] (CBOE VIX[®])

The CBOE VIX[®] shows the market s expectation of 30-day volatility. It is constructed using the implied volatilities of a wide range of S&P 500[®] index options. This volatility is meant to be forward looking and is calculated from both calls and puts. The CBOE VIX[®] is a widely used measure of market risk and is often referred to as the investor fear gauge. The index is unmanaged, its returns do not reflect any fees, expenses, or sales charges, and it is not available for direct investment.

Exchange-Traded Funds (ETF)

An open-end fund that is traded on a stock exchange. Most ETFs have a portfolio of stocks or bonds that track a specific market index.

Federal Reserve (the Fed)

The Central Bank of the U.S., responsible for controlling money supply, interest rates, and credit with the goal of keeping the U.S. economy and currency stable. Governed by a seven-member board, the system includes 12 regional Federal Reserve Banks, 25 Branches, and all national and state banks that are part of the system.

S&P 500[®] Index

The S&P 500[®] Index is a free-float market capitalization-weighted index of 500 of the largest U.S. companies. The index is calculated on a total return basis with dividends reinvested. The index is unmanaged, its returns do not reflect any fees, expenses, or sales charges, and it is not available for direct investment.

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

NOVEMBER 30, 2017

(\$ reported in thousands)

	PAR VALUE	VALUE
U.S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES 0.6%		
U.S. Treasury Note		
2.250%, 8/15/27	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,181
TOTAL U.S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES		
(Identified Cost \$1,210)		1,181
MUNICIPAL BONDS 0.8%		
California 0.4%		
State of California Build America Bond Taxable 7.500%,		
4/1/34	570	836
Illinois 0.4%		
State of Illinois Build America Bond Taxable 6.900%,		
3/1/35	700	778
TOTAL MUNICIPAL BONDS		
(Identified Cost \$1,486)		1,614
FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES 24.0%		
Argentine Republic		
5.625%, 1/26/22	520	546
7.500%, 4/22/26	1,895	2,142
6.875%, 1/26/27	545	596
Series NY, 8.280%, 12/31/33	1,269	1,480
7.125%, 7/6/36	780	844
7.625%, 4/22/46	590	661
Bermuda		
RegS		
4.854%, 2/6/24 ⁽⁴⁾	700	764
Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela		
RegS		
7.650%, 4/21/25 ⁽⁴⁾⁽¹²⁾	1,380	314
Brazil Notas do Tesouro Nacional		
Series F		
10.000%, 1/1/25	940 ^{BRL}	295
Dominican Republic		
144A, 6.875%, 1/29/26 ⁽³⁾	155	177
144A, 6.850%, 1/27/45 ⁽³⁾	800	898
Federative Republic of Brazil		
12.500%, 1/5/22	2,185 ^{BRL}	759
Treasury Note	2,560 ^{BRL}	816
Series F,		

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10.000%, 1/1/23		
8.500%, 1/5/24	665 ^{BRL}	207
	PAR VALUE	VALUE
FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES (continued)		
Treasury Note		
Series F,		
10.000%, 1/1/25	1,960 ^{BRL}	\$ 615
10.250%, 1/10/28	2,710 ^{BRL}	901
5.625%, 1/7/41	\$ 725	739
Islamic Republic of Pakistan	<00	(57
144A 8.250%, 4/15/24 ⁽³⁾	600	657
Kingdom of Bahrain $1444.7,000\%,10(12)(28(3))$	795	799
144A 7.000%, 10/12/28 ⁽³⁾ Kingdom of Jordan	195	199
144A 5.750%, 1/31/27 ⁽³⁾	1,085	1,074
Kingdom of Morocco 144A 5.500%, 12/11/42 ⁽³⁾	800	899
Mongolia	000	077
RegS		
5.125%, 12/5/22 ⁽⁴⁾	800	788
Pakistan Government International Bond		100
144A 6.875%, 12/5/27 ⁽³⁾	950	952
Provincia de Buenos Aires 144A, 9.125%, 3/16/24 ⁽³⁾	730	850
144A, 7.875%, 6/15/27 ⁽³⁾	1,165	1,304
Republic of Armenia	·	
144A 7.150%, 3/26/25 ⁽³⁾	700	789
Republic of Chile		
5.500%, 8/5/20	547,000 ^{CLP}	887
Republic of Colombia		
Treasury Note,		
Series B,		
11.250%, 10/24/18	998,500 ^{COP}	352
4.375%, 3/21/23	1,588,000 ^{COP}	497
3.875%, 4/25/27	805	817
9.850%, 6/28/27	1,741,000 ^{COP}	724
Republic of Costa Rica	000	0.2.1
144A, 7.000%, 4/4/44 ⁽³⁾	800	831
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$7.000\%, 4/4/44^{(4)}$	1,000	1,038
Republic of Ecuador, $1444 \approx 875 \text{ gr} = 10(22/27(3))$	255	271
144A 8.875%, 10/23/27 ⁽³⁾ Republic of El Salvador	255	271
144A 6.375%, 1/18/27 ⁽³⁾	1,320	1,310
Republic of Ghana	1,520	1,510
144A 10.750%, 10/14/30 ⁽³⁾	655	885
Republic of Indonesia	055	005
Series FR63,		
5.625%, 5/15/23	7,482,000 ^{IDR}	536
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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)

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	PAR VALUE	VALUE
FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES (continued)		
Series FR70,		
8.375%, 3/15/24	7,827,000 ^{IDR}	\$ 637
Series FR56,		
8.375%, 9/15/26	5,996,000 ^{IDR}	496
144A, 5.250%, 1/17/42 ⁽³⁾	\$ 850	947
Republic of Iraq		
RegS		
5.800%, 1/15/28 ⁽⁴⁾	890	853
Republic of Kazakhstan		
144A 5.125%, 7/21/25 ⁽³⁾	260	290
Republic of South Africa		
Series R208,		
6.750%, 3/31/21	9,915 ^{ZAR}	690
4.875%, 4/14/26	370	370
4.300%, 10/12/28	1,885	1,771
Republic of Turkey		
6.250%, 9/26/22	340	367
7.375%, 2/5/25	420	478
4.875%, 10/9/26	2,185	2,127
4.875%, 4/16/43	935	802
Republic of Uruguay		
5.100%, 6/18/50	500	550
Russian Federation		
144A, 7.850%, 3/10/18 ⁽³⁾	55,000 ^{RUB}	942
Series 6216,		
6.700%, 5/15/19	48,000 ^{RUB}	817
7.000%, 8/16/23	38,420 ^{RUB}	648
Sultanate of Oman		
144A 4.750%, 6/15/26 ⁽³⁾	1,280	1,251
Ukraine		
144A, 7.750%, 9/1/22 ⁽³⁾	790	840
144A, 7.750%, 9/1/26 ⁽³⁾	730	756
United Mexican States		
Series M,		
6.500%, 6/9/22	9,038 ^{MXN}	473
4.150%, 3/28/27	520	544
4.750%, 3/8/44	506	517
TOTAL FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES		

(Identified Cost \$46,534)		46,180
MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES 11.7%		
Agency 5.0%		
FHLMC	260	260
3.500%, 4/1/46 FNMA	360	369
$3.500\%, 11/1/42^{(11)}$	533	548
3.500%, 9/1/45 ⁽¹¹⁾	1,757	1,802
5.500 %, 9/1/45	PAR VALUE	VALUE
Agency (continued)	TAK VALUE	VALUE
3.000%, 12/1/45 ⁽¹¹⁾	\$ 1,875	\$ 1,870
3.500%, 12/1/45 ⁽¹¹⁾	1,084	1,112
3.500%, 12/1/45 ⁽¹¹⁾	483	495
3.500%, 1/1/46 ⁽¹¹⁾	660	677
3.000%, 5/1/46 ⁽¹¹⁾	565	563
3.500%, 4/1/47 ⁽¹¹⁾	1,684	1,727
4.000%, 4/1/47	465	487
		9,650
Non-Agency 6.7%		
American Homes 4 Rent Trust		
Series 2014-SFR2, Cl C		
144A 4.705%, 10/17/36 ⁽³⁾	770	819
Ameriquest Mortgage Securities, Inc. Pass-Through		
Certificates		
Series 2003-AR3, Cl M4, (5.850% minus 1 month LIBOR)		
4.030%, 6/25/33 ⁽²⁾	814	809
AMSR Trust		
Series 2016-SFR1, Cl D 144A, (1 month LIBOR + 2.400%)		
3.650%, 11/17/33 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	665	671
Bank of America (Merrill Lynch) Commercial Mortgage		
Securities Trust		
Series 2015-200P, CI A	500	506
144A 3.218%, 4/14/33 ⁽³⁾	580	586
Bayview Opportunity Master Fund IVa Trust Series 2016-SPL1, Cl B1		
144A, 4.250%, 4/28/55 ⁽³⁾	540	558
Series 2017-SLP5, Cl B1	540	558
144A, 4.000%, 6/28/57 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	130	137
Bayview Opportunity Master Fund IVb Trust Series	150	137
2016-SPL2, Cl B1		
144A 4.250%, 6/28/53 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	385	398
Caesars Palace Las Vegas Trust 17-VICI, C		570
144A 4.138%, 10/15/34 ⁽³⁾	425	437
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See Notes to Financial Statements

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	PAR VALUE	VALUE
MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES (continued) Non-Agency (continued)		
CIT Home Equity Loan Trust		
Series 2003-1, CI A5		
5.480%, 7/20/34	\$ 1,035	\$ 1,054
Credit Suisse Commercial Mortgage-Backed Trust		
Series 2006-08, Cl 3A1		
6.000%, 10/25/21	187	177
GAHR Commercial Mortgage Trust		
Series 2015-NRF, Cl CFX		
144A 3.495%, 12/15/34 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	525	529
GSAA Home Equity Trust		
Series 2005-12, Cl AF3W	220	222
4.999%, 9/25/35 ⁽²⁾	330	333
Home Equity Loan Trust Series 2007-HSA3, Cl AI4		
6.110%, 6/25/37 ⁽²⁾	763	765
JPMorgan Chase Commercial Mortgage Securities Trust	105	103
Series 2007-LDPX, CI AM		
5.464%, 1/15/49 ⁽²⁾	112	113
JPMorgan Chase Mortgage Trust		
Series 2014-5, Cl B2		
144A 3.005%, 10/25/29 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	252	