

Lifestyle Moderate Fund

Fund at a glance

Retail Class
TSMLX

Retirement Class
TSMTX

Premier Class
TSPMX

Institutional Class
TSIMX

Advisor Class
TSMHX

Inception Date
12/9/2011

Benchmark¹
Lifestyle Moderate Fund
Composite Index

Investment objective

The fund seeks long-term total return consisting of capital appreciation and current income. The targeted asset allocation of 60% stocks and 40% bonds aims to achieve a moderate risk/return profile.

Investment philosophy

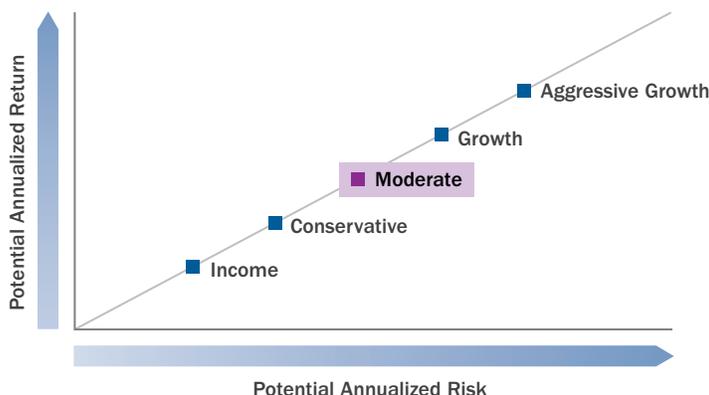
The investment team believes that an asset allocation strategy informed by rigorous research can help maintain a targeted level of risk and return, and that a diversified portfolio of stocks and bonds has the potential to deliver an attractive, risk-adjusted blend of capital appreciation and income designed to suit the needs of moderate investors.

Key distinctions

- To seek outperformance and manage risk, the fund invests more than half its portfolio in stock funds that diversify across countries, regions, market caps and investment styles.
- Daily monitoring and active management aim to maximize returns and maintain consistent risk exposure within specific limits.
- The fund's fees are significantly less than the average of its respective Morningstar category.²

Risk/return profile

The Lifestyle Moderate Fund is designed for investors seeking growth of principal and some income over time at a moderate level of risk.



Expected annual return and risk levels are suitable for different investor needs. These levels are long-term estimates based on historical market returns and expectations for future returns. Actual performance may be higher or lower, depending on changing market conditions.

Investment process

The fund has a target allocation of 60% equity (stock) and 40% fixed-income (bond) funds.

Equity allocation strategy

- The fund allocates its equity investments among U.S. stocks (70%) and international stocks (30%), including those of developed and emerging markets, for greater diversification.
- A combination of fundamental and quantitative active equity strategies can promote greater consistency of returns over time.

Fixed-income allocation strategy

- The fund owns government, agency, corporate, and mortgage-backed securities. It combines lower-risk bonds with bonds of higher return potential, including high-yield and emerging-market bonds.

Risk management strategy

To avoid unintended risk exposure, the investment team reviews the fund's allocations daily, and rebalances the fund's portfolio monthly toward its target asset allocation. The team aims to remain fully invested by minimizing the portfolio's cash holdings.

Management team

Hans Erickson, Managing Director

- Joined TIAA in 1996
- 28 years of investment experience

John Cunniff, Managing Director

- Joined TIAA in 2006
- 24 years of industry experience

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1. The Lifestyle Moderate Fund Composite Index represents the market sectors in which the fund may invest. The fund's composite benchmark combines the following public indices in proportions that reflect the fund's target allocations: Russell 3000® Index, MSCI ACWI® ex-USA Index and Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. Each index is unmanaged and reflects no deductions for fees, expenses or taxes. You cannot invest directly in any index.
2. Based on Morningstar data, as of 3/31/16, the expense ratios on TIAA-CREF Mutual Funds are generally less than half the mutual fund industry average (70% are less than half the Morningstar U.S. Open-End Fund Universe average and 63% are less than half the Morningstar U.S. Open-End Fund Universe median.)

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