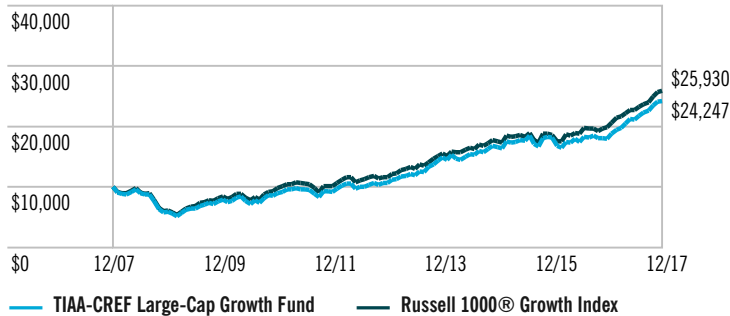


## TIAA-CREF Large-Cap Growth Fund

4Q 2017 | As of 12/31/2017

### Hypothetical Growth of \$10,000 – Institutional Class

The chart illustrates the performance of a hypothetical \$10,000 investment on December 31, 2007 and redeemed on December 31, 2017.



The total returns are not adjusted to reflect sales charges, the effects of taxation or redemption fees, but are adjusted to reflect actual ongoing expenses, and assume reinvestment of dividends and capital gains, net of all recurring costs.

### Calendar Year Returns (%)

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017 YTD
Retail	-41.24	34.77	12.95	1.32	16.47	39.15	10.89	8.80	-1.11	34.04
Retirement	-41.23	34.79	12.82	1.43	16.62	39.37	10.99	8.88	-1.14	34.12
Premier			12.87	1.49	16.91	39.42	11.07	9.08	-0.99	34.27
Advisor									-0.75	34.27
Institutional	-41.04	34.99	13.17	1.64	16.95	39.80	11.22	9.20	-0.85	34.51
Russell 1000® Growth Index	-38.44	37.21	16.71	2.64	15.26	33.48	13.05	5.67	7.08	30.21
Morningstar Large Growth Average	-40.90	35.22	15.40	-2.56	15.24	33.87	10.07	3.57	3.23	27.67

### Average Annualized Total Returns (%)

	Inception Date	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
Retail	3/31/2006	34.04	12.98	17.35	8.91	9.52
Retirement	3/31/2006	34.12	13.02	17.43	8.97	9.54
Premier	9/30/2009	34.27	13.19	17.56		15.34
Advisor	12/4/2015	34.27				13.79
Institutional	3/31/2006	34.51	13.35	17.76	9.26	9.83
Russell 1000® Growth Index		30.21	13.79	17.33	10.00	10.01
Morningstar Large Growth Average		27.67	11.06	15.29	8.31	

Returns quoted represent past performance which is no guarantee of future results. Investment returns and principal value will fluctuate so that when shares are redeemed, they may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be higher or lower than the performance shown. Total returns for a period of less than one year are cumulative. Returns assume reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. For performance current to the most recent month-end visit [nuveen.com](http://nuveen.com) or call 800-752-8700. Performance shown for Benchmark Since Inception is as of the Fund's oldest share class.

Retail Class shares are available for purchase through certain financial intermediaries or by contacting the Fund directly at 800-752-8700 or [nuveen.com](http://nuveen.com). Retirement Class and Premier Class shares are generally available for purchase through employee benefit plans or other types of savings plans or accounts. Advisor Class shares are available for purchase through certain financial intermediaries and employee benefit plans. Institutional Class shares are available for purchase directly from the Fund by certain eligible investors (which include employee benefit plans and financial intermediaries).

### Expense Ratios (%)

	Retail	Retirement	Premier	Advisor	Institutional
Gross	0.76	0.68	0.58	0.52	0.43
Net	0.76	0.68	0.58	0.52	0.43

A contractual arrangement is in place that limits certain fees and/or expenses. Had fees/expenses not been limited ("capped"), currently or in the past, returns would have been lower. Expense Cap Expiration Date: February 28, 2018. Please see the prospectus for details.

### Overall Morningstar Ratings™

Category: Large Growth

RETAIL	★★★★
RETIREMENT	★★★★
PREMIER	★★★★
INSTITUTIONAL	★★★★

Among 1,216 funds based on risk-adjusted returns as of 12/31/17

Morningstar ratings may vary among share classes and are based on historical risk-adjusted total returns, which are not indicative of future results.

### Top Holdings<sup>1</sup>

	% of Net Assets
Microsoft Corp	5.44
Alphabet Inc	5.40
Apple Inc	4.43
Amazon.com Inc	4.37
Facebook Inc	4.02
Visa Inc	2.72
Intuit Inc	2.72
Adobe Systems Inc	2.69
Mastercard Inc	2.69
salesforce.com Inc	2.41

### Portfolio Composition by Sector<sup>2</sup>

	% of Net Assets
Information Technology	46.58
Consumer Discretionary	18.92
Health Care	14.68
Industrials	8.01
Consumer Staples	4.15
Financials	2.85
Materials	2.37
Energy	1.28
Short-Term Investments, Other Assets & Liabilities, Net	1.16

- Top holdings are subject to change and may not be representative of the Fund's current or future investments. The holdings listed only include the Fund's long-term investments and may exclude any temporary cash investments and equity index products. Top holdings by issuer includes the underlying ordinary shares combined with any depository receipts, preferred shares, contract for differences (CFDs), rights, options and warrants. The holdings listed should not be considered a recommendation to buy or sell a particular security.
- Securities lending may be utilized, and in such cases the collateral is included in the Short-Term assets shown.

**Portfolio Strategies**

The Fund seeks a favorable long-term return, mainly through capital appreciation, primarily from equity securities. It normally invests at least 80% of its assets in large-cap equity securities that appear to present the opportunity for growth. The Fund's management team focuses on companies in new and emerging areas of the economy and those with distinctive products or promising markets that have the potential for strong earnings and/or sales growth. The Fund also seeks to invest in companies expected to benefit from prospective acquisitions, reorganizations or other special situations. It may invest up to 20% of its assets in foreign investments.

**Portfolio Management**

**Susan Hirsch**, Managing Director, Global Equities, Active Portfolio Management  
 Manager Tenure = 11 Years

**Terrence Kontos**, CFA, Managing Director, Global Equities, Active Portfolio Management  
 Manager Tenure = 3 Years

**Morningstar Rankings and Percentiles**

Category: Large Growth

	1 Year		3 Years		5 Years		10 Years	
	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%
Retail	191/1363	14	253/1216	24	158/1109	17	283/787	38
Retirement	183/1363	13	248/1216	24	144/1109	16	268/787	36
Premier	173/1363	13	224/1216	22	131/1109	15	—	—
Advisor	172/1363	12	—	—	—	—	—	—
Institutional	152/1363	12	201/1216	20	106/1109	12	213/787	29

Morningstar Ranking/Number of Funds in Category displays the Fund's actual rank within its Morningstar Category based on average annual total return and number of funds in that Category. The returns assume reinvestment of dividends and do not reflect any applicable sales charge. Absent expense limitation, total return would be less.

Morningstar Percentile Rankings are the Fund's total return rank relative to all the funds in the same Morningstar category, where 1 is the highest percentile rank and 100 is the lowest percentile rank.

**Portfolio Statistics**

	Fund	Benchmark
Portfolio Net Assets	\$4.92 Billion	—
Beta (3 Years)	1.08	—
Weighted Average Market Cap (\$B)	\$233.62	\$227.36
P/E Ratio (1 Year Forecast)	28.72	24.39
Turnover Ratio (As of 10/31/2016)	86.0%	—
Standard Deviation (3 Years)	12.03	10.69
Number of Positions	86	—

This data relates to the portfolio and the underlying securities held in the portfolio. It should not be construed as a measure of performance for the Fund itself.

Please refer to Portfolio Statistics Definitions Section.

Risk Statistics are calculated based on the Institutional Class and may vary for other classes.

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**About the Benchmark**

**Russell 1000® Growth Index** measures the performance of those Russell 1000® companies with higher price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth values. You cannot invest directly in any index. Unless stated otherwise, index returns do not reflect a deduction for fees or expenses.

**A Word on Risk**

Mutual fund investing involves risk; principal loss is possible. There is no guarantee the Fund's investment objectives will be achieved. **Large companies** are more mature and may grow more slowly than the overall market. **Growth stocks** tend to be more volatile than other equities and can experience sharp price declines. **Non-U.S. investments** involve risks such as currency fluctuation, political and economic instability, lack of liquidity and differing legal and accounting standards. These and other risk considerations, such as active management, issuer, mid-cap, and style risks of growth investing, are described in detail in the Fund's prospectus.

Before investing, carefully consider fund investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses. For this and other information that should be read carefully, please request a prospectus or summary prospectus from Nuveen at 800-752-8700 or visit nuveen.com.

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**Morningstar Disclosure**

For the period ended December 31, 2017, Morningstar rated this Fund's Retail, Retirement, Premier and Institutional shares, for the overall, three-, five-, and 10-year periods (if applicable). The Retail shares received 4, 4, 4 and 3 stars, Retirement shares received 4, 4, 4 and 3 stars, Premier shares received 4, 4, 4 and 3 stars and the Institutional shares received 4, 4, 4 and 4 stars among 1,216, 1,216, 1,109, and 787 Large Growth Funds, respectively. Rankings for other share classes may vary. Investment performance reflects applicable fee waivers. Without such waivers, total returns would be reduced and ratings could be lower. For the most current ratings, please visit nuveen.com.

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**Portfolio Statistics Definitions**

**Beta** is a measure of the volatility of a portfolio relative to the overall market. A beta less than 1.0 indicates lower risk than the market; a beta greater than 1.0 indicates higher risk than the market. **Weighted Average Market Capitalization** is the portfolio-weighted mean capitalizations of all equity securities. **P/E Ratio** of a stock is calculated by dividing the current price of the stock by its forecasted 12 months' earnings per share. The average of the price/earnings ratio of a fund is a weighted harmonic average of all the current P/E ratios (excluding negatives) of the stocks in the Fund's portfolio. This should not be construed as a forecast of the Fund's performance. **Turnover Ratio** is calculated by dividing the lesser of purchases or sales by the average value of portfolio assets during a period. Turnover is based on the portfolio's fiscal year end and is not annualized if the reporting period covers less than 12 months. **Standard Deviation** is a statistical measure of the historical volatility of a mutual fund or portfolio; the higher the number the greater the risk.

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