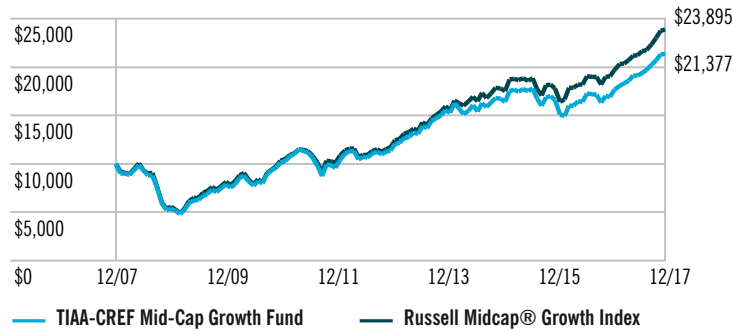


TIAA-CREF Mid-Cap Growth Fund

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	-46.38	46.62	28.23	-5.50	17.58	36.29	7.36	-0.91	1.63	25.80
Retirement	-46.41	46.53	28.20	-5.46	17.71	36.39	7.45	-0.86	1.69	25.90
Premier			28.32	-5.34	17.85	36.50	7.59	-0.78	1.81	26.05
Advisor									1.94	26.13
Institutional	-46.25	46.92	28.50	-5.23	17.96	36.78	7.74	-0.63	1.95	26.21
Russell Midcap® Growth Index	-44.32	46.29	26.38	-1.65	15.81	35.74	11.90	-0.20	7.33	25.27
Morningstar Mid-Cap Growth Average	-43.93	38.92	24.75	-4.15	13.97	34.80	6.86	-1.03	6.03	23.91

Average Annualized Total Returns (%)

	Inception Date	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
Retail	10/1/2002	25.80	8.21	13.14	7.58	11.42
Retirement	10/1/2002	25.90	8.27	13.22	7.62	11.43
Premier	9/30/2009	26.05	8.38	13.33		13.65
Advisor	12/4/2015	26.13				11.40
Institutional	10/1/2002	26.21	8.54	13.51	7.89	11.73
Russell Midcap® Growth Index		25.27	10.30	15.30	9.10	12.23
Morningstar Mid-Cap Growth Average		23.91	9.40	13.73	7.67	

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 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. 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	0.78	0.72	0.62	0.56	0.47
Net	0.78	0.72	0.62	0.56	0.47

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.

Top Holdings¹

	% of Net Assets
Zoetis Inc	2.10
Ross Stores Inc	1.87
Progressive Corp	1.81
DXC Technology Co	1.69
Roper Technologies Inc	1.63
International Paper Co	1.63
Illumina Inc	1.60
Analog Devices Inc	1.51
Edwards Lifesciences Corp	1.48
Parker-Hannifin Corp	1.46

Portfolio Composition by Sector²

	% of Net Assets
Information Technology	29.00
Industrials	16.68
Consumer Discretionary	16.24
Health Care	13.59
Materials	9.02
Financials	8.64
Real Estate	3.35
Energy	1.61
Consumer Staples	1.14
Short-Term Investments, Other Assets & Liabilities, Net	0.73

- 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 total return, mainly through capital appreciation, primarily from equity securities of medium-sized domestic companies. It normally invests at least 80% of its assets in mid-cap equity securities. The Fund's management team looks for companies it believes have prospects for strong earnings or sales growth. Management focuses on equity securities of companies that it believes may represent high growth industries or rapidly evolving areas of the economy, that have distinctive products or services and that are growing faster than the overall equity market. The Fund may invest up to 20% of its assets in foreign securities.

Portfolio Management

Ted Scalise, CFA, Managing Director, Global Equities, Active Portfolio Management
 Manager Tenure = 11 Years

Susan Hirsch, Managing Director, Global Equities, Active Portfolio Management
 Manager Tenure = 10 Years

Morningstar Rankings and Percentiles

Category: Mid-Cap Growth

	1 Year		3 Years		5 Years		10 Years	
	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%
Retail	229/617	34	416/562	74	315/490	64	193/362	56
Retirement	226/617	34	411/562	74	302/490	62	186/362	54
Premier	218/617	33	401/562	72	288/490	59	—	—
Advisor	213/617	32	—	—	—	—	—	—
Institutional	210/617	31	388/562	69	266/490	56	164/362	48

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	\$1.61 Billion	—
Beta (3 Years)	1.04	—
Weighted Average Market Cap (\$B)	\$16.77	\$15.63
P/E Ratio (1 Year Forecast)	26.50	25.43
Turnover Ratio (As of 10/31/2016)	69.0%	—
Standard Deviation (3 Years)	11.77	11.04
Number of Positions	119	—

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 Midcap® Growth Index tracks the performance of companies within the Russell Midcap® with a greater-than-average growth orientation. 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. Investments in **mid-cap companies** are subject to greater volatility than those of larger companies, but may be less volatile than investments in smaller companies. **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. Holdings selected by **quantitative analysis** may perform differently from the market as a whole based on the factors used in the analysis, the weighting of each factor, and how the factors have changed over time. These and other risk considerations, such as active management, issuer, small-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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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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