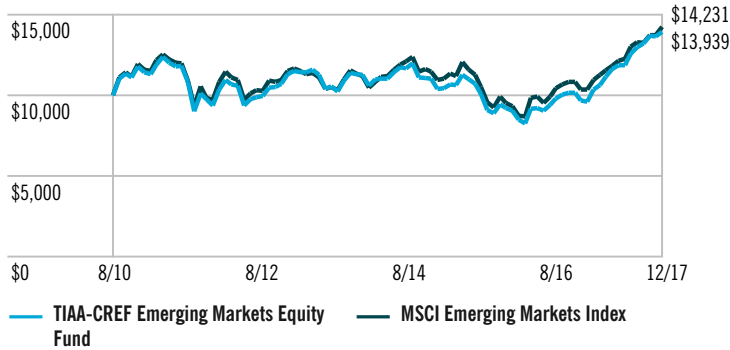


TIAA-CREF Emerging Markets Equity Fund

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 August 31, 2010 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 (%)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017 YTD
Retail	-20.84	19.98	-0.75	-8.05	-13.20	5.41	44.98
Retirement	-20.74	20.17	-0.71	-7.90	-13.10	5.71	45.07
Premier	-20.70	20.47	-0.58	-7.78	-13.06	5.71	45.25
Advisor						5.82	45.40
Institutional	-20.57	20.48	-0.37	-7.75	-12.85	5.96	45.45
MSCI Emerging Markets Index	-18.42	18.22	-2.60	-2.19	-14.92	11.19	37.28
Morningstar Diversified Emerging Mkts Average	-19.59	18.09	-0.69	-2.99	-13.74	8.47	34.17

Average Annualized Total Returns (%)

	Inception Date	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Retail	8/31/2010	44.98	9.88	3.89	4.22
Retirement	8/31/2010	45.07	10.04	4.03	4.37
Premier	8/31/2010	45.25	10.11	4.12	4.47
Advisor	12/4/2015	45.40			21.86
Institutional	8/31/2010	45.45	10.33	4.30	4.63
MSCI Emerging Markets Index		37.28	9.10	4.35	4.93
Morningstar Diversified Emerging Mkts Average		34.17	7.95	4.09	

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	1.36	1.19	1.09	1.02	0.94
Net	1.34	1.19	1.09	1.02	0.94

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
Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	6.21
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd	5.66
Naspers Ltd	4.83
Arcos Dorados Holdings Inc	4.81
Sberbank of Russia Via SB Capital SA	3.98
Ping An Insurance Group Co of China Ltd	3.40
Baidu Inc	2.50
China Mobile Ltd	2.38
Hon Hai Precision Industry Co Ltd	2.29
Tencent Holdings Ltd	2.24

Top 5 Countries

	% of Net Assets
China	22.37
Argentina	9.07
Korea, Republic Of	8.94
Brazil	8.48
Taiwan	7.48

Portfolio Composition by Sector²

	% of Net Assets
Information Technology	30.70
Consumer Discretionary	22.66
Financials	19.27
Consumer Staples	6.41
Energy	5.31
Telecommunication Services	3.55
Materials	2.61
Industrials	2.43
Health Care	1.43
Real Estate	1.21
Short-Term Investments, Other Assets & Liabilities, Net	4.42

¹ 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.
² 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, by investing primarily in a portfolio of emerging market equity investments. It normally invests at least 80% of its assets in equity securities of emerging market issuers or in instruments with economic characteristics similar to emerging market equity securities. The Fund's management team looks for companies of any capitalization size that have sustainable earnings growth, focused management with successful track records, unique franchises and stock prices that do not fully reflect the company's potential value based on current earnings, assets and long-term growth prospects.

Portfolio Management

Barton Grenning, Managing Director, Global Equities, Active Portfolio Management
 Manager Tenure = 2 Years

Morningstar Rankings and Percentiles

Category: Diversified Emerging Mkts

	1 Year		3 Years		5 Years	
	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%
Retail	66/806	7	155/647	23	270/467	57
Retirement	65/806	7	145/647	22	256/467	54
Premier	64/806	7	143/647	21	245/467	52
Advisor	61/806	6	—	—	—	—
Institutional	60/806	6	129/647	19	221/467	46

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	\$1.43 Billion	—
Beta (3 Years)	0.90	—
Weighted Average Market Cap (\$B)	\$100.55	\$98.79
P/E Ratio (1 Year Forecast)	13.68	14.67
Turnover Ratio (As of 10/31/2016)	195.0%	—
Standard Deviation (3 Years)	14.71	15.57
Number of Positions	68	—

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.

For more information please contact 800-752-8700 or visit nuveen.com

About the Benchmark

MSCI Emerging Markets Index is a free float adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance in the global emerging markets. 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. **Non-U.S. investments** involve risks such as currency fluctuation, political and economic instability, lack of liquidity and differing legal and accounting standards. These risks are magnified in **emerging markets**. Prices of **equity securities** may decline significantly over short or extended periods of time. These and other risk considerations, such as active management and issuer risks, 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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