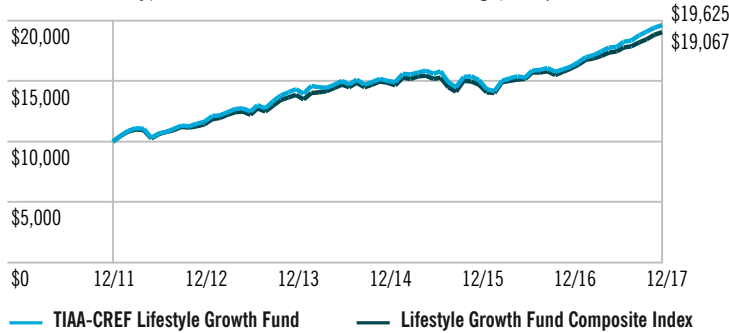


## TIAA-CREF Lifestyle Growth Fund

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 9, 2011 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 (%)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017 YTD
Retail	16.89	22.73	4.42	0.04	6.88	21.00
Retirement	16.92	22.85	4.43	0.13	6.91	21.02
Premier	17.01	22.97	4.58	0.18	7.01	21.11
Advisor					7.11	21.24
Institutional	17.26	23.06	4.73	0.34	7.22	21.38
Lifestyle Growth Fund Composite Index	14.19	21.36	7.18	-0.82	8.83	18.96
Morningstar Moderately Aggressive Target Risk Index	14.33	20.18	4.97	-2.40	10.21	18.89
Morningstar Allocation--70% to 85% Equity Average	13.39	20.90	5.58	-2.73	7.93	15.80

### Average Annualized Total Returns (%)

	Inception Date	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Retail	12/9/2011	21.00	8.96	10.64	11.43
Retirement	12/9/2011	21.02	9.01	10.69	11.48
Premier	12/9/2011	21.11	9.09	10.80	11.58
Advisor	12/4/2015	21.24			12.20
Institutional	12/9/2011	21.38	9.30	10.97	11.77
Lifestyle Growth Fund Composite Index		18.96	8.69	10.80	11.24
Morningstar Moderately Aggressive Target Risk Index		18.89	8.54	10.04	10.61
Morningstar Allocation--70% to 85% Equity Average		15.80	6.56	9.22	

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).

Previously, the Fund compared its performance to the Russell 3000 Index instead of the Morningstar Moderately Aggressive Target Risk Index. The returns of the Morningstar Moderately Aggressive Target Risk Index are more appropriate for comparison purposes because they reflect multi-asset class exposure for the same target date as the Fund. For performance of the Russell 3000 Index current to the most recent month-end visit [https://www.tiaa.org/public/pdf/performance/lips\\_report.pdf](https://www.tiaa.org/public/pdf/performance/lips_report.pdf).

### Expense Ratios (%)

	Retail	Retirement	Premier	Advisor	Institutional
Gross	1.01	0.97	0.89	0.80	0.72
Net	0.82	0.78	0.68	0.61	0.53

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: September 30, 2018. Please see the prospectus for details.

The annual expense charge may include fees for the lifestyle fund and fees for the underlying funds; in general, lifestyle funds indirectly bear their pro rata share of the fees and expenses incurred by the underlying funds.

### Overall Morningstar Ratings™

Category: Allocation--70% to 85% Equity

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

Among 316 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
TIAA-CREF Bond Plus Fund	19.15
TIAA-CREF Large-Cap Growth Fund	13.79
TIAA-CREF Large Cap Value Fund	13.55
TIAA-CREF Growth & Income Fund	12.24
TIAA-CREF International Equity Fund	6.32
TIAA-CREF Enhanced International Equity Index Fund	5.61
TIAA-CREF Enhanced Large-Cap Growth Index Fund	5.17
TIAA-CREF International Opportunities Fund	5.13
TIAA-CREF Enhanced Large-Cap Value Index Fund	5.08
TIAA-CREF Emerging Markets Equity Fund	4.00

### Current Asset Allocation

	% of Net Assets
U.S. Equity	55.67
International Equity	24.51
Fixed Income	19.15
Short-Term Investments, Other Assets & Liabilities, Net	0.67

<sup>1</sup> 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 depositary 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.

**Portfolio Strategies**

The Lifestyle Growth Fund seeks long-term growth of capital with some current income. The Fund will pursue this goal through a “fund of funds” approach, whereby it will make investments in Institutional Class shares of other TIAA-CREF Funds. The Fund is designed for investors seeking long-term growth of capital with some current income through a relatively stable asset allocation strategy targeting a growth-oriented risk/return profile. It will generally seek to meet its objective by investing: (1) approximately 80% of its assets in underlying equity funds and (2) approximately 20% in underlying fixed-income funds. The Fund may deviate from these target allocations by up to 10% depending upon current market conditions and outlook. As a result of its investments in various underlying funds, the Lifestyle Growth Fund’s returns will reflect investments across a mix of domestic and foreign equities of all capitalization sizes and a variety of domestic and foreign fixed-income instruments across maturities and credit qualities.

**Portfolio Management**

**Hans Erickson, CFA, Managing Director, Head of Multi-Asset Investments**  
 Manager Tenure = 6 Years

**John Cunniff, CFA, Managing Director, Multi-Asset Investments, Lifecycle Portfolio Management**  
 Manager Tenure = 6 Years

**Morningstar Rankings and Percentiles**

Category: Allocation--70% to 85% Equity

	1 Year		3 Years		5 Years	
	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%
Retail	26/349	9	23/316	7	47/279	20
Retirement	25/349	8	21/316	6	43/279	18
Premier	23/349	7	18/316	6	34/279	15
Advisor	22/349	7	—	—	—	—
Institutional	19/349	6	11/316	3	30/279	13

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	\$143.64 Million	—
Beta (3 Years)	1.02	—
Turnover Ratio (As of 5/31/2017)	22.0%	—
Standard Deviation (3 Years)	8.48	8.16

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.

Data shown for benchmark is based on Composite Benchmark.

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**About the Benchmark**

**Lifestyle Growth Fund Composite Index** is a composite of unmanaged benchmark indices that represent the market sectors in which the Fund invests across the equity and fixed-income asset classes. The Composite Index provides a more relevant benchmark for the Fund’s performance as compared to the Fund’s unmanaged broad-based market indices. **Morningstar Moderately Aggressive Target Risk Index** is an asset allocation index comprised of constituent Morningstar indexes and reflects global equity market exposure of 80% based on an asset allocation methodology from Ibbotson Associates, a Morningstar company. 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 and the advisor’s asset allocation and investment strategies may not perform as expected. The Fund is a fund of funds subject to the risks of its underlying funds in proportion to each Fund’s allocation. These risks include those of fixed-income underlying funds risks which may be susceptible to general movements in the bond market and are subject to credit and interest rate risks as well as those of equity underlying funds risks, such as foreign investment and issuer risks. Because the Fund targets its investments in a higher percentage of equity underlying funds, these risks are expected to predominate. Prices of equity securities may decline significantly over short or extended periods of time. Credit risk arises from an issuer’s ability to make interest and principal payments when due, as well as the prices of bonds declining when an issuer’s credit quality is expected to deteriorate. Interest rate risk occurs when interest rates rise causing bond prices to fall. The Fund’s income could decline during periods of falling interest rates. Non-U.S. investments involve risks such as currency fluctuation, political and economic instability, lack of liquidity and differing legal and accounting standards. These fixed-income underlying funds risks, such as call, extension, and income volatility risks as well as other risk considerations, such as active management risk and equity underlying funds 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](http://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, 5 and 4 stars, Retirement shares received 4, 5, and 4 stars, Premier shares received 4, 5, and 4 stars and the Institutional shares received 4, 5, and 4 stars among 316, 316, and 279 Allocation--70% to 85% Equity 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](http://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. **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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