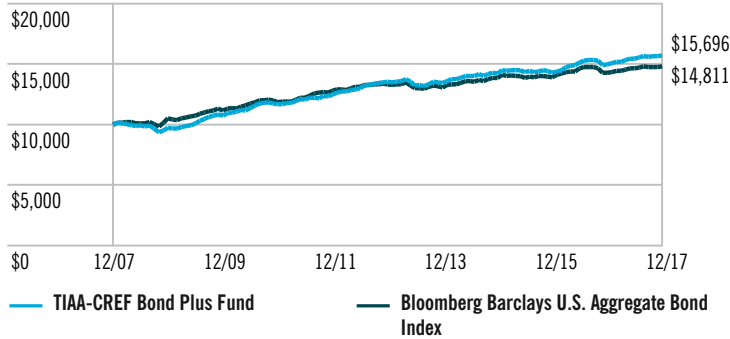


## TIAA-CREF Bond Plus Fund

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	-2.49	10.17	8.23	6.58	8.06	-1.01	5.45	0.32	4.33	4.47
Retirement	-2.73	10.15	8.09	6.58	8.17	-0.93	5.63	0.29	4.50	4.44
Premier			8.31	6.69	8.29	-0.93	5.74	0.48	4.50	4.65
Advisor									4.61	4.69
Institutional	-2.41	10.32	8.47	6.85	8.45	-0.68	5.80	0.63	4.66	4.81
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	5.24	5.93	6.54	7.84	4.21	-2.02	5.97	0.55	2.65	3.54
Morningstar Intermediate-Term Bond Average	-5.07	13.47	7.71	5.78	6.85	-1.38	5.13	-0.27	3.23	3.71

### Average Annualized Total Returns (%)

	Inception Date	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception
Retail	3/31/2006	4.47	3.02	2.68	4.33	4.50
Retirement	3/31/2006	4.44	3.06	2.75	4.34	4.50
Premier	9/30/2009	4.65	3.19	2.86		4.68
Advisor	12/4/2015	4.69				4.21
Institutional	3/31/2006	4.81	3.35	3.01	4.61	4.76
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index		3.54	2.24	2.10	4.01	4.43
Morningstar Intermediate-Term Bond Average		3.71	2.22	2.05	4.06	

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	0.63	0.56	0.46	0.41	0.31
Net	0.63	0.56	0.46	0.41	0.31

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: July 31, 2018. Please see the prospectus for details.

### Overall Morningstar Ratings™

Category: Intermediate-Term Bond

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

Among 847 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.

### Credit Quality<sup>1</sup>

	% of Fixed Income Investments
AAA	44.95
AA	5.22
A	12.36
BBB	18.48
BB	6.45
B	6.48
Below B	1.70
Not Rated	2.97
Cash	1.39

### Portfolio Composition by Sector

	% of Net Assets
Corporate Bonds	22.84
Mortgage-Backed Securities	21.58
U.S. Treasury Securities	18.72
Foreign Government & Corporate Bonds Denominated In U.S. Dollars	12.72
Asset-Backed Securities	9.03
Municipal Bonds	5.83
Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities	4.31
Bank Loan Obligations	3.31
Common Stocks & Rights	0.08
Preferred Stock	0.01
Short-Term Investments, Other Assets & Liabilities, Net	1.57

### SEC 30-Day Yield (%)

Retail	2.80
Retirement	2.86
Premier	2.96
Advisor	2.97
Institutional	3.11

The SEC 30-Day Yield is computed under an SEC standardized formula and is based on the maximum offer price per share.

<sup>1</sup> Quality ratings are assigned in accordance with the methodology applied by the Fund's respective benchmark. If all three of Moody's, S&P, and Fitch provide a rating for a security, the middle rating (after dropping the highest and lowest ratings) is assigned; if two of the three agencies rate a security, the lower rating of the two is assigned and if only one rating agency rates a security, that rating is assigned. AAA, AA, A, and BBB are investment grade ratings; BB, B, CCC/CC/C and D are below-investment grade ratings. Credit ratings are subject to change.

## Portfolio Strategies

The Fund seeks a favorable long-term total return, primarily through high current income. It typically invests at least 80% of its assets in bonds. The Fund's portfolio is divided into two segments. The first segment, which makes up at least 70% of the Fund's assets, is invested in a broad range of investment-grade bonds and other high-quality fixed-income securities. The second segment, which will not exceed 30% of assets, is invested in fixed-income securities with special features in an effort to improve the Fund's total return. Potential investments in this segment may include, but are not limited to, non-investment-grade securities, emerging market fixed-income securities and convertible and preferred securities. The Fund may invest in fixed-income securities of any duration. It may also invest up to 20% of its assets in fixed-income securities of foreign issuers, including emerging markets.

## Portfolio Management

**William Martin**, Managing Director, Head of Global Fixed Income and Head of Fixed Income Portfolio Management  
 Manager Tenure = 6 Years

**John Cerra**, Managing Director, Global Fixed Income, Portfolio Management  
 Manager Tenure = 14 Years

**Kevin Lorenz, CFA**, Managing Director, Global Fixed Income, Portfolio Management  
 Manager Tenure = 11 Years

## Morningstar Rankings and Percentiles

Category: Intermediate-Term Bond

	1 Year		3 Years		5 Years		10 Years	
	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%
Retail	242/986	23	96/847	11	142/778	18	205/554	41
Retirement	255/986	24	87/847	10	125/778	16	200/554	40
Premier	192/986	18	63/847	7	96/778	12	–	–
Advisor	184/986	17	–	–	–	–	–	–
Institutional	166/986	15	49/847	5	71/778	8	124/554	26

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	\$4.18 Billion	–
Average Maturity	7.92 years	8.27 years
Option-Adjusted Duration	5.58 years	5.98 years
Turnover Ratio (As of 3/31/2017)	246.0%	–
Number of Positions	1,465	–

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.

The portfolio turnover rate shown may be inflated due to the inclusion of mortgage dollar roll transactions. Please consult the most current prospectus for more information.

Please refer to Portfolio Statistics Definitions Section.

For more information please contact 800-752-8700 or visit [nuveen.com](http://nuveen.com)

## About the Benchmark

**Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index** tracks the performance of U.S. investment-grade bonds. 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. **Fixed-income securities** may be susceptible to general movements in the bond market and are subject to credit and interest rate risks. **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. Investments in below investment grade or **high yield securities** are subject to liquidity risk and heightened credit risk. The issuer of a debt security may be able to repay principal prior to the security's maturity, known as **prepayment (call) risk**, because of an improvement in its credit quality or falling interest rates. In this event, this principal may have to be reinvested in securities with lower interest rates than the original securities, reducing the potential for income. **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**. These and other risk considerations, such as active management, derivatives, extension, illiquid investments, issuer, and income volatility 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, 4, 4 and 3 stars, Retirement shares received 4, 5, 4 and 3 stars, Premier shares received 4,

5, 4 and 4 stars and the Institutional shares received 5, 5, 5 and 4 stars among 847, 847, 778, and 554 Intermediate-Term Bond 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

**Average Maturity** refers to the average time to maturity (the date a principal amount of a security becomes due or payable) of all the debt securities held in a portfolio. **Option-Adjusted Duration** estimates how much the value of a bond portfolio would be affected by a change in prevailing interest rates. It takes into account options embedded in the individual securities that might result in early repayment of principal, thereby shortening their duration. The longer a portfolio's duration, the more sensitive it is to changes in interest rates. **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.

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