

International Equity Fund

Fund at a glance

Retail Class
TIERX

Retirement Class
TRERX

Premier Class
TREPX

Institutional Class
TIIEX

Advisor Class
TIEHX

Inception Date¹
7/1/1999

Benchmark
MSCI EAFE Index²

Number of Holdings
70-100

Targeted Tracking Error
500–800bps

The TIAA-CREF International Equity Fund employs fundamental, bottom-up stock selection to identify high-quality businesses with leading market shares, consistent cash flow generation, strong management teams and attractive valuations in foreign developed markets, primarily in Europe and Asia.

Fund objective

The Fund seeks long-term total return, mainly through capital appreciation, primarily from equity securities of foreign issuers.

Investment philosophy

The portfolio manager believes that a company's ability to consistently generate free cash flow and invest it at a competitive return is the hallmark of a strong business model, and that the stocks of these cash-generating businesses will attract premium valuations over time and outperform the market in the medium and long term.

Key distinctions

- Long-term view that builds and holds substantial positions over a two- to five-year horizon—a discipline that also keeps turnover expenses low
- Long-tenured portfolio manager with 28 years of experience through various market cycles and a deep rolodex of industry relationships
- Systematic and consistent approach to stock selection based on fundamental, bottom-up analysis that leverages TIAA's Global Equity Research Team of over 40 analysts with 16 years experience and supported by 12 research assistants
- Focused portfolio with a high-quality bias, reflecting the investment ideas in which the team has the highest degree of conviction

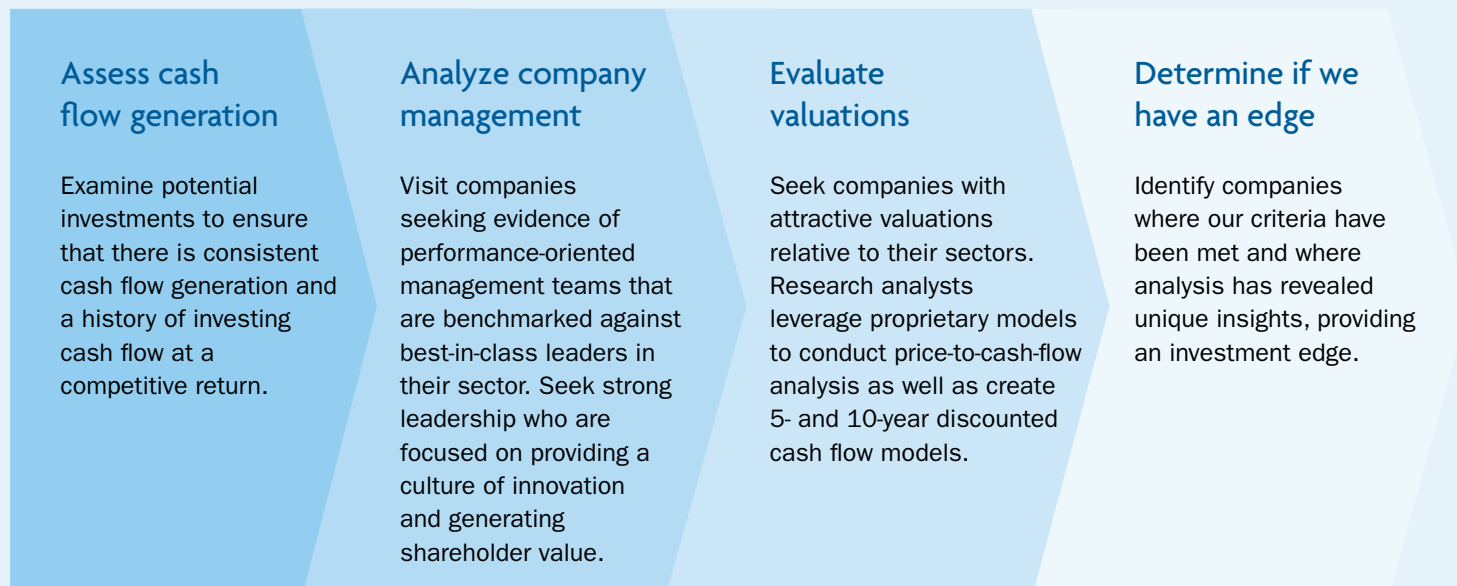
Tracking error is defined as the divergence between the price behavior of a position or a portfolio and the price behavior of a benchmark.

1. For Institutional Class

2. The Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) EAFE® (Europe, Australasia, Far East) Index measures the performance of the leading stocks in 21 developed countries outside North America. You cannot invest directly in this index. EAFE is a trademark of Morgan Stanley Capital International, Inc.

Investment process

The Fund uses a proprietary fundamental, bottom-up research process that focuses on identifying strong cash flow-generating businesses with stock prices that do not reflect their intrinsic values.



Throughout the investment process, we take a holistic approach to risk management, which TIAA views as a shared responsibility across the firm. Our independent Enterprise Risk Management Division reports directly to the President and CEO, ensuring the independence of risk managers to monitor investment decision making.

Management team

Chris Semenuk, Managing Director

- Joined TIAA in 1993
- 28 years of investment experience

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