

Large-Cap Growth Fund

Fund at a glance

Retail Class

TIRTX

Retirement Class

TILRX

Premier Class

TILPX

Institutional Class

TILGX

Advisor Class

TILHX

Inception Date¹

3/31/06

Benchmark

Russell 1000®
Growth Index²

Number of Holdings

70-90

Targeted Tracking Error

200-700 bps

The TIAA-CREF Large-Cap Growth Fund is a U.S. large-cap fund that emphasizes companies that have defined competitive advantages, distinctive products and are, or have the potential to be, global leaders in their respective industries.

Fund objective

The Fund seeks a favorable long-term return, mainly through capital appreciation, primarily from equity securities of large-sized U.S. companies.

Investment philosophy

The portfolio manager believes that attractive opportunities may be found by buying into the “growth stories” of our time—high-quality, market-leading, blue-chip companies that the manager believes have the potential to provide sustained, above-average growth in revenues, earnings and cash flows.

Additionally, the portfolio manager believes growth opportunities can be found in companies that are in a period of transition that results in temporarily mispriced or “controversial” stock valuations. These companies may appear beaten down by the market due to a short-term setback, but often are fundamentally sound, well-managed, growth-oriented businesses working through temporary problems.

Key distinctions

- Portfolio management team with an average of 25 years of experience collaborates with the centralized Global Equity Research Team of over 40 sector analysts and 12 research associates for global reach and perspective
- TIAA's size helps the portfolio manager access senior management at leading large-cap companies, which helps uncover insights that may not be apparent from financial statements alone.

1. For Institutional Class.

2. The Russell 1000® Growth Index is a subset of the Russell 1000® Index, which measures the performance of the stocks of the 1,000 largest companies in the Russell 3000® Index, based on market capitalization. The Russell 1000® Growth Index measures the performance of those stocks of the Russell 1000® Index with higher relative forecasted growth rates and price/book ratios. You cannot invest directly in any index. Index returns do not reflect a deduction for fees or expenses.

Investment process



The portfolio manager operates within clearly defined risk metrics set forth by TIAA-CREF’s independent risk-management organization. Strict controls are in place to help manage the size of both individual and sector positions.

Management team

Susan Hirsch, Managing Director

- Joined TIAA in 2005
- 40 years of investment experience

Terrence Kontos, CFA Managing Director

- Joined TIAA in 2012
- 12 years of investment experience

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Growth stocks may be more volatile than value stocks due to their relatively high valuations, and growth investing may fall out of favor with investors.

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