# **Nuveen Small Cap Growth Opportunities Fund**

As of 31 Mar 2021

### Average annualized total returns (%)

	Inception date	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
Class I	01 Aug 95	99.57	23.55	21.95	13.93	15.24
Class A without sales charge	01 Aug 95	99.05	23.24	21.64	13.65	14.96
Class A with max. 5.75% charge	01 Aug 95	87.57	20.84	20.20	12.98	14.69
Class C	24 Sep 01	97.64	22.33	20.75	12.97	11.03
Class R3	11 Dec 00	98.58	22.94	21.35	13.36	9.59
Class R6	30 Jun 16	99.97	23.84			22.81
Russell 2000 Growth Index		90.20	17.16	18.61	13.02	8.45
Morningstar Small Growth Cat. Avg		95.97	20.49	20.46	13.43	10.10

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Investment returns and principal value will fluctuate so that shares redeemed 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 without sales charges would be lower if the sales charges were included. Returns assume reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. For performance current to the most recent month-end visit nuveen.com. Performance shown for benchmark since inception is as of the Fund's oldest share class.

Class I shares have no sales charge and may be purchased by specified classes of investors. Class C shares have a 1% CDSC for redemptions within less than one year, which is not reflected in the one-year total return. Effective Jul 2018, Class C shares automatically convert to Class A shares during the month in which the 10-year anniversary (effective Mar 2021, this will change to 8-year anniversary) of the share purchase occurred. Since Inception returns for Class C shares for periods longer than 10 years reflect the performance of Class A shares after the deemed 10-year conversion to Class A shares within such periods. Effective 4 Jun 2021, Class R3 will be automatically converted to Class A shares. Please see the Fund's prospectus for more information. Class R6 shares have no sales charge and are available to certain qualified retirement plans and other investors as set forth in the statement of additional information.

## Calendar year returns (%)

2012	2012	2014	2015	2016	2017	2010	2010	2020	2021 YTD
2012	2013	2014	2013	2010	2017	2010	2013	2020	עוו
11.26	40.98	6.97	-3.83	11.97	16.81	-5.21	29.90	47.69	7.03
10.99	40.66	6.67	-4.03	11.66	16.52	-5.46	29.60	47.34	6.96
14.59	43.30	5.60	-1.38	11.32	22.17	-9.31	28.48	34.63	4.88
13.15	40.91	2.44	-2.41	11.20	21.50	-5.76	27.68	38.62	6.93
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Expense ratios (%)	Class I	Class A	Class C	Class R3	Class R6
Gross	1.18	1.43	2.18	1.68	0.99
Net	0.98	1.23	1.98	1.48	0.79

Expense ratios are based on the Fund's most recent fiscal year end. Fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements have been restated to reflect current fees. The net expense ratio reflects a contractual commitment by the Fund's investment adviser to waive fees and/or reimburse expenses through 31 Jul 2022. Absent the waiver and/or reimbursement, expenses would be higher and total returns would be less. Please see the prospectus for details.

## **Overall Morningstar** Ratings<sup>TM</sup>

Category: 576 Small Growth funds

CLASS I

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Morningstar ratings may vary among share classes and are based on historical risk-adjusted total returns, which are not indicative of future results.

## Top ten positions (%)<sup>1</sup>

	Fund net assets
Maximus Inc	2.1
li-Vi Inc	1.7
Acadia Healthcare Co Inc	1.7
Saia Inc	1.7
Freshpet Inc	1.7
Advanced Energy Industries Inc	1.6
Steven Madden Ltd	1.6
Ensign Group Inc/the	1.5
Topbuild Corp	1.5
Pacira Biosciences Inc	1.5

#### Sector allocation (%)1

		Russell 2000 Growth Index
Health Care	28.3	33.3
Information Technology	19.5	20.1
Consumer Discretionary	16.5	14.9
Industrials	16.2	14.8
Materials	4.9	2.6
Financials	4.6	3.9
Consumer Staples	4.1	3.1
Real Estate	2.4	3.5
<b>Communication Services</b>	2.3	2.2

1 Positions are subject to change.

## Nuveen Small Cap Growth Opportunities Fund As of 31 Mar 2021

#### **Fund description**

A diversified, small-cap growth stock portfolio that employs a traditional growth strategy and focuses on companies that are poised to benefit from key secular growth trends.

#### Portfolio management

Jon Loth, CFA | 26 years industry experience

#### Morningstar rankings and percentiles

Morningstar Small Growth Category

	1 year		3 years		5 years		10 years		
	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	
Class I	181/619	33	180/576	30	179/503	33	148/379	38	
Class A	188/619	34	186/576	31	192/503	35	172/379	44	
Class C	201/619	37	204/576	34	229/503	43	252/379	66	
Class R3	194/619	35	193/576	32	202/503	37	208/379	53	
Class R6	179/619	33	172/576	29	_	_	_	_	

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
Total net assets — all classes (\$mil.)	\$275.9	
Number of positions	85	1,147
Weighted average market cap (\$bil.)	\$4.6	\$4.2
P/E ratio (forward 12-months)	26.2	25.6
Standard deviation (3 years)	24.82	25.53
Beta (3 years)	0.95	1.00

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. Fund beta and standard deviation are based on Class I monthly returns.

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For the period ended 31 Mar 2021, Morningstar rated this Fund's I shares, for the overall, three-, five-, and 10-year periods (if applicable). The Class I shares received 4, 4, 4, and 3 stars among 576, 576, 503, and 379 Small Growth Funds, respectively. These ratings are for Class I shares only; other classes may have different performance characteristics. 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.

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#### Glossary

**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. **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. **Standard deviation** is a statistical measure of the historical volatility of a mutual fund or portfolio; the higher the number the greater the risk. **Weighted average market capitalization** is the portfolio-weighted mean capitalizations of all equity securities.

**Russell 2000 Growth Index** tracks the performance of companies within the Russell 2000 with a greater-than-average growth orientation. **It is not possible to invest directly in an index.** 

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#### A word on risk

Mutual fund investing involves risk; principal loss is possible. There is no guarantee that the Fund's investment objectives will be achieved. Prices of **equity securities** may decline significantly over short or extended periods of time. Investments in **smaller companies** are subject to greater volatility than those of larger companies. These and other risk considerations, such as derivatives, investment focus (growth style), and non-U.S./emerging markets 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 your financial professional or Nuveen at 800.257.8787 or visit nuveen.com.

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