

TIAA-CREF Small-Cap Blend Index Fund

As of 30 Sep 2021

Average annualized total returns (%)

	Inception date	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
Institutional	01 Oct 02	47.66	10.64	13.58	14.83	11.41
Advisor	04 Dec 15	47.40	10.47	13.41		12.79
Retirement	01 Oct 02	47.26	10.36	13.29	14.54	11.13
Russell 2000® Index		47.68	10.54	13.45	14.63	11.34
Morningstar Small Blend Average		51.11	9.47	11.96	13.70	

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.

Institutional Class shares are available for purchase directly from the Fund by certain eligible investors (which include employee benefit plans and financial intermediaries). Advisor Class shares are available for purchase through certain financial intermediaries and employee benefit plans. Retirement Class shares are generally available for purchase through employee benefit plans or other types of savings plans or accounts.

Calendar year returns (%)

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 YTD
Institutional	16.61	38.98	5.15	-4.14	21.58	14.83	-10.84	25.53	20.15	12.44
Advisor					21.56	14.72	-11.01	25.38	19.98	12.29
Retirement	16.33	38.69	4.91	-4.40	21.28	14.56	-11.11	25.30	19.86	12.18
Russell 2000® Index	16.35	38.82	4.89	-4.41	21.31	14.65	-11.01	25.52	19.96	12.41
Morningstar Small Blend Average	15.46	37.39	3.79	-5.38	20.78	12.28	-12.72	23.75	10.99	17.69

Expense ratios (%)

	Institutional	Advisor	Retirement
Gross	0.06	1.08	0.30
Net	0.06	0.21	0.30

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: 28 Feb 2022. Please see the prospectus for details.

Overall Morningstar Ratings™

Category: 603 Small Blend funds

INSTITUTIONAL ★★★★★

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

Top positions (%)¹

	Fund net assets
AMC Entertainment Holdings Inc	0.67
Intellia Therapeutics Inc	0.31
Crocs Inc	0.30
Lattice Semiconductor Corp	0.30
Ovintiv Inc	0.29
Tetra Tech Inc	0.27
Scientific Games Corp	0.27
Rexnord Corp	0.27
Asana Inc	0.26
Biohaven Pharmaceutical Holding Co Ltd	0.26

Sector allocation (%)²

	Fund net assets
Health Care	20.14
Financials	15.81
Industrials	14.45
Information Technology	14.12
Consumer Discretionary	11.42
Real Estate	6.86
Energy	4.52
Materials	3.69
Communication Services	3.41
Consumer Staples	3.21
Utilities	2.39
Short-Term Investments, Other Assets & Liabilities, Net	-0.02

¹ The holdings are subject to change and may not be representative of the Fund's current or future investments. The holdings listed includes the Fund's long-term investments and excludes any temporary cash investments and equity index products. Top holdings by issuer (for other than fixed income securities) includes the underlying ordinary shares combined with any depository receipts, preferred shares, contract for differences (CFDs), rights, options and warrants. The holdings listed should not be considered a recommendation to buy, sell or hold a particular security.

² Securities lending may be utilized, and in such cases the collateral is included in the Short-Term assets shown.

Fund description

The Fund seeks a favorable long-term total return, mainly through capital appreciation, by investing primarily in a portfolio of equity securities in smaller domestic companies based on a market index. It normally invests at least 80% of its assets in equity securities within its benchmark, the Russell 2000® Index. The Fund buys most, but not necessarily all, of the stocks within its benchmark, and will attempt to closely match the overall investment characteristics of this index.

Portfolio management

Jim Campagna, CFA | 29 years industry experience

Lei Liao, CFA | 17 years industry experience

Darren Tran, CFA | 15 years industry experience

Morningstar rankings and percentiles

Morningstar Small Blend Category

	1 Year		3 Years		5 Years		10 Years	
	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%
Institutional	381/641	62	164/603	31	115/525	22	81/360	22
Advisor	399/641	66	185/603	36	137/525	29	—	—
Retirement	407/641	67	198/603	38	156/525	32	111/360	32

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	\$4.46 Billion	—
Number of positions	2,038	—
Weighted average market cap (\$b)	\$3.16	\$3.16
P/E ratio (1 year forecast)	13.68	13.67
Standard deviation (3 years)	25.64	25.69
Beta (3 years)	1.00	—
Turnover ratio (as of 31 Oct 20)	32%	—

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.

Risk statistics are calculated based on the Institutional Class and may vary for other classes.

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For the period ended 30 Sep 2021, Morningstar rated this Fund's Institutional shares, for the overall, three-, five-, and 10-year periods (if applicable). The Institutional shares received 4, 4, 4 and 4 stars among 603, 603, 525, and 360 Small Blend 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.

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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. **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. **Weighted average market capitalization** is the portfolio-weighted mean capitalizations of all equity securities.

Russell 2000® Index measures the performance of the small cap segment of the U.S. equity universe which includes approximately 2000 of the largest securities based on a contribution of their market cap and current index measurement. **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 the Fund's investment objectives will be achieved. A portfolio that tracks an **index** is subject to the risk that it may not fully track its index closely due to security selection and may underperform when factoring in fees, expenses, transaction costs, and the size and timing of shareholder purchases and redemptions. **Small-cap stocks** involve substantial risk and potential increased price volatility as prices of small-cap stocks may be subject to more abrupt or erratic movements, and to wider fluctuations than stock prices of larger, more established companies or the market averages in general. These and other risk considerations, such as issuer risk, 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 800.752.8700 or visit nuveen.com.

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