# **TIAA-CREF Social Choice Low Carbon Equity Fund**

**TIAA-CREF** 

**FUNDS** Equities

As of 30 Sep 2021

#### Average annualized total returns (%)

-	Inception date	1 year	3 years	5 years	Since inception
Institutional	07 Aug 15	32.27	17.20	17.23	14.99
Advisor	04 Dec 15	32.15	17.04	17.11	15.76
Premier	07 Aug 15	32.11	17.03	17.07	14.83
Retail	07 Aug 15	31.85	16.81	16.84	14.62
Retirement	07 Aug 15	31.94	16.90	16.93	14.70
Russell 3000® Index		31.88	16.00	16.85	14.63
Morningstar Large Blend Average		29.94	14.34	15.28	

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. Premier Class and Retirement Class shares are generally available for purchase through employee benefit plans or other types of savings plans or accounts. Retail Class shares are available for purchase through certain financial intermediaries or by contacting the Fund directly at 800.752.8700 or nuveen.com.

### Calendar year returns (%)

Institutional

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TNWCX

Advisor

TCCHX

87245R110

•	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 YTD
Institutional	12.85	20.86	-5.82	32.22	22.34	15.59
Advisor	12.93	20.75	-5.98	32.02	22.27	15.48
Premier	12.77	20.63	-5.94	31.98	22.18	15.50
Retail	12.64	20.50	-6.19	31.84	21.97	15.29
Retirement	12.69	20.55	-6.05	31.86	22.00	15.42
Russell 3000® Index	12.74	21.13	-5.24	31.02	20.89	14.99
Morningstar Large Blend Average	10.37	20.44	-6.27	28.78	15.83	15.00

Premier

87245R391

TPWCX

Retail

TI WCX

87245R425

Retirement

87245R417

TFWCX

Expense ratios (%)	Institutional	Advisor	Premier	Retail	Retirement
Gross	0.35	0.45	0.50	0.66	0.60
Net	0.32	0.42	0.47	0.63	0.57

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<sup>™</sup>\_\_\_\_\_

Category: 1257 Large Blend funds

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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 positions (%)<sup>1</sup>

	Fund net assets
Microsoft Corp	5.24
Tesla Inc	1.88
NVIDIA Corp	1.60
Home Depot Inc	1.28
Procter & Gamble Co	1.25
Mastercard Inc	1.19
PayPal Holdings Inc	1.17
Walt Disney Co	1.16
salesforce.com Inc	1.07
Adobe Inc	1.06

#### Sector allocation (%)<sup>2</sup>

	Fund net assets
Information Technology	26.41
Health Care	14.08
Financials	13.00
Consumer Discretionary	12.24
Industrials	9.41
Communication Services	7.95
Consumer Staples	5.59
Real Estate	3.51
Materials	2.41
Energy	2.06
Utilities	1.40
Short-Term Investments, Other Assets	
& Liabilities, Net	1.94

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 depositary 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.

# TIAA-CREF Social Choice Low Carbon Equity Fund As of 30 Sep 2021

#### **Fund description**

The Fund seeks a favorable long-term total return that reflects the investment performance of the overall U.S. stock market while giving special consideration to certain environmental, social and governance criteria ("ESG"), which include additional criteria relating to carbon emissions and fossil fuel reserves. Under normal circumstances, the Fund invests at least 80% of its assets in equity securities. The Fund attempts to achieve investment results that reflect the return of the U.S. stock market, as represented by its benchmark, the Russell 3000® Index, while investing in companies whose activities are consistent with the Fund's ESG criteria. The Fund's evaluation process favors companies with leadership in ESG performance relative to their peers. In addition, the Fund favors companies that demonstrate leadership in managing and mitigating current carbon emissions and have limited exposure to oil, gas and coal (i.e., fossil fuel) reserves.

#### Portfolio management

**Jim Campagna, CFA** | 29 years industry experience

Lei Liao, CFA | 17 years industry experience

#### Morningstar rankings and percentiles

Morningstar Large Blend Category

	1 Year		3 Years		5 Years	
	Rank	%	Rank	%	Rank	%
Institutional	281/1380	24	122/1257	12	132/1102	13
Advisor	291/1380	25	135/1257	13	147/1102	14
Premier	300/1380	26	136/1257	13	153/1102	15
Retail	334/1380	29	160/1257	15	219/1102	22
Retirement	318/1380	28	144/1257	13	186/1102	19

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	\$958.92 Million		
Number of positions	489	-	
Weighted average market cap (\$b)	\$233.32	\$473.28	
P/E ratio (1 year forecast)	24.82	24.14	
Standard deviation (3 years)	19.04	19.68	
Beta (3 years)	0.97	_	
Turnover ratio (as of 31 Oct 20)	0%	_	

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.

#### For more information contact: 800.752.8700 or visit nuveen.com

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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 and 4 stars among 1257, 1257, and 1102 Large 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 3000**® **Index** measures the performance of the stocks of the 3,000 largest publicly traded U.S. companies, based on market capitalization. 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. The Fund will include only holdings deemed consistent with the applicable **Environmental Social Governance (ESG)** guidelines. As a result, the universe of investments available to the Fund will be more limited than other funds that do not apply such guidelines. ESG criteria risk is the risk that because the Fund's ESG criteria exclude securities of certain issuers for nonfinancial reasons, the Fund may forgo some market opportunities available to funds that don't use these criteria. The Fund's investment will have special emphasis on companies with **low current carbon** emissions and limited exposure to fossil fuel reserves causing the Fund to potentially exclude certain issuers of nonfinancial reasons and forgoing some market opportunities that otherwise would be available. Prices of **equity securities** may decline significantly over short or extended periods of time. Holdings selected by **quantitative analysis** may perform differently from the market as a whole based on the factors used in the analysis, the weighting of each factor, and how the factors have changed over time. **Non-U.S. investments** involve risks such as currency fluctuation, political and economic instability, lack of liquidity and differing legal and accounting standards. These and other risk considerations, such as active management, issuer, large-cap, and mid-cap 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 800.752.8700 or visit nuveen.com.

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