

## MID-CAP GROWTH FUND

AS OF 12/31/2009

<b>GROSS / NET EXPENSE CHARGE</b> 0.56% / 0.56%	<b>NET ASSETS OF FUND</b> \$784.70 million	<b>INSTITUTIONAL CLASS INCEPTION DATE</b> 10/01/2002	<b>CUSIP</b> 87244W805	<b>TICKER SYMBOL</b> TRPWX	<b>BENCHMARK INDEX</b> Russell Midcap® Growth Index
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## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The fund seeks a favorable long-term total return, mainly through capital appreciation, primarily from equity securities of medium-sized domestic companies.

## PORTFOLIO STRATEGIES

- Invests at least 80% of its assets in equity securities of medium-sized domestic companies that are included in the fund's benchmark and that present the opportunity for growth.
- May invest up to 20% of its assets in foreign securities.

## FUND MANAGEMENT

The Mid-Cap Growth Fund is managed by the growth portfolio management team of Teachers Advisors, Inc. Team members are jointly responsible for the day-to-day management of the fund.

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## PERFORMANCE

	TOTAL RETURN			AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURN	
	3 Month	YTD	1 Year	5 Year	Since Inception
Mid-Cap Growth Fund	7.50%	46.92%	46.92%	2.10%	10.06%
Russell Midcap Growth Index	6.69	46.29	46.29	2.40	9.89
Morningstar Mid-Cap Growth Category	5.67	39.11	39.11	1.76	7.46

*The returns here show past performance, which is no guarantee of future results. The returns do not reflect taxes that a shareholder would pay on fund distributions or the sale of fund shares. Returns and the principal value of your investment will fluctuate. Current performance may be higher or lower than that shown, and you may have a gain or a loss when you redeem your shares. For current performance information, including performance to the most recent month-end, please visit [tiaa-cref.org](http://tiaa-cref.org).*

## TOP 10 HOLDINGS

Issuer	% Net Assets
iShares Russell Midcap Growth Index	2.51
Precision Castparts Corp	1.78
Cognizant Technology Solutions Corp	1.69
TJX Companies Inc	1.37
Walter Energy Inc	1.27
Life Technologies Corp	1.26
Corrections Corp of America	1.20
Marvell Technology Group Ltd	1.17
Ecolab Inc	1.13
T Rowe Price Group Inc	1.12

## HOLDINGS BY COMPANY SIZE

	% Portfolio Investments
Over \$15 billion	6.64
\$4 billion-\$15 billion	45.06
Under \$4 billion	48.30

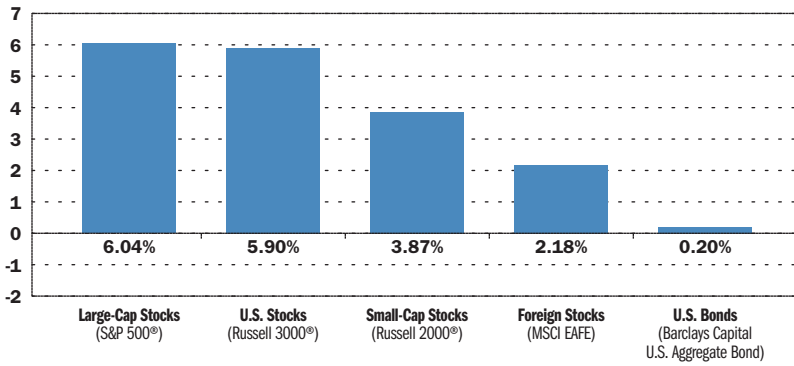
## PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION

	% Net Assets
Consumer Products & Services	33.1
Technology	25.4
Manufacturing & Materials	17.5
Health Care	9.7
Financial	8.1
Energy	5.1
Utilities	0.9
Short-Term Investments & Other Net Assets	0.2

## KEY RISK MEASURES

	3 Years
Beta (vs. benchmark)	0.98
Standard Deviation (annualized)	24.16

**RETURNS FOR MAJOR BENCHMARKS FOR QUARTER ENDED 12/31/2009**



The bar graph above shows the returns of several leading market indexes. This allows you to compare the performance of your investment with several areas of the financial marketplace during the last quarter.

**STOCKS WITH LARGEST EFFECTS ON PERFORMANCE DURING THE QUARTER**  
(Weightings are in relation to the portfolio's benchmark. Overweights may include nonbenchmark stocks.): Mid-Cap Growth Fund

	POSITIVE EFFECTS	NEGATIVE EFFECTS
<b>OVERWEIGHTS</b>	Starent Networks Chattem Inc Walter Energy Inc	Netezza Corp Autonomy Corp plc Illumina Inc
<b>UNDERWEIGHTS</b>	Fluor Corp Jacobs Engineering Group Inc Principal Financial Group Inc	NVIDIA Corp McGraw-Hill Cos Priceline.com Inc

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Investing in this fund involves a number of risks. Securities of medium-sized companies may be more volatile than those of larger companies. Securities issued by medium-sized companies also may be harder to buy or sell than those of larger companies. In addition, stock of companies involved in reorganizations and other special situations can often involve more risk than ordinary securities. 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. The fund may invest in foreign securities, which involve special risks, including currency fluctuation and political and economic instability. For a detailed discussion of risk, consult the prospectus.

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\* Morningstar Direct (December 2009) based on Morningstar expense comparisons by category.

**ABOUT THIS FUND'S BENCHMARK(S)**

The Russell Midcap Growth Index is a subset of the Russell Midcap Index, which measures the performance of the stocks of the 800 smallest companies in the Russell 1000® Index, based on market capitalization. The Russell Midcap Growth Index measures the performance of those stocks of the Russell Midcap Index with higher price-to-book ratios and higher relative forecasted growth rates. You cannot invest directly in these indexes.

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