

Intelligent Variable Annuity-TIAA-CREF Life Small-Cap Equity

Benchmark
Russell 2000 TR USD

Category
Small Blend

Overall Morningstar Rating™
★★★★

Morningstar Return
Above Average

Morningstar Risk
Average

Out of 1978 Small Blend VA subaccounts. An investment's overall Morningstar Rating, based on its risk-adjusted return, is a weighted average of its applicable 3-, 5-, and 10-year Ratings. See disclosure for details.

Investment Information

Investment Strategy from investment's prospectus

The investment seeks a favorable long-term total return, mainly through capital appreciation.

The fund normally invests at least 80% of assets in equity securities of small-cap equity securities. It invests primarily in equity securities of smaller domestic companies, across a wide range of sectors, growth rates and valuations, which appear to have favorable prospects for significant long-term capital appreciation. A small-cap equity security is a security within the capitalization range of the companies included in the Russell 2000® Index at the time of purchase.

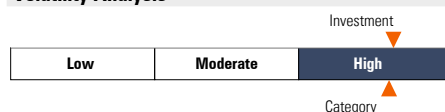
Operations

Subaccount Incp Date	02-05-08
Undr. Fund Incep Date	10-28-02
Subacct Adoption Date	10-28-02
Prosp Net Exp Ratio	0.60%
Prosp Gross Exp Ratio	0.77%
Advisor	Teachers Advisors, Inc.
Subadvisor	—
Portfolio Manager(s)	Michael S. Shing Adam Cao

Investment Manager

TIAA-CREF is a national financial services organization and leading provider of retirement services in the academic, research, medical and cultural fields. TIAA-CREF manages accounts in-house to control costs and maintain a consistent investment approach over long time periods. Each of TIAA-CREF's investment portfolios is managed by a team of professionals that integrates the focused expertise of analysts and researchers with the broad outlook of experienced portfolio managers. TIAA-CREF offers disciplined investment strategies across all asset classes and investment styles.

Volatility Analysis



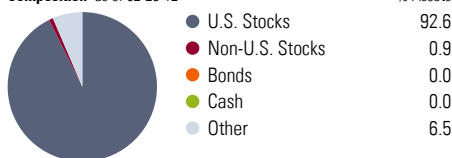
In the past, this investment has shown a wide range of price fluctuations relative to other investments. This investment may experience significant price increases in favorable markets or undergo large price declines in adverse markets. Some of this risk may be offset by owning other investments that follow different investment strategies.

Morningstar Proprietary Statistics

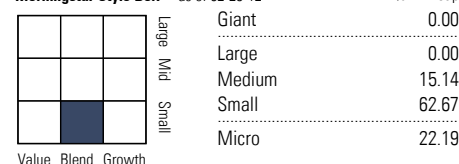
	YTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year
Morningstar Rating	—	—	★★★★	★★★★	—
Fund Rank Percentile	31	39	41	30	—
Out of # of Investments	2,499	2,359	1,978	1,432	—

Portfolio Analysis

Composition as of 02-29-12



Morningstar Style Box™ as of 02-29-12



Top 20 Holdings as of 02-29-12

Company	% Assets
State Str Navigator Secs Lending Tr	6.47
Proassurance Corporation	0.69
Extra Space Storage, Inc.	0.65
CommVault Systems, Inc.	0.61
National Retail Properties Inc	0.61
Pier 1 Imports, Inc.	0.61
SVB Financial Group	0.61
Cubist Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	0.59
WellCare Health Plans, Inc.	0.59
Dana Holding Corp	0.58
ViroPharma, Inc.	0.58
Tanger Factory Outlet Centers	0.57
Cognex Corporation	0.55
Energy XXI (Bermuda) Ltd.	0.54
Actuant Corp Class A	0.53
Alaska Air Group, Inc.	0.53
Aspen Technology, Inc.	0.53
CNO Financial Group, Inc.	0.53
United Rentals Inc	0.51
Portland General Electric Company	0.50

Total Number of Stock Holdings	410
Total Number of Bond Holdings	0
Annual Turnover Ratio %	100
Total Fund Assets (\$mil)	62.79

Statistics

	Port Avg	Rel S&P 500	Rel Cat
P/E Ratio	15.00	1.08	1.04
P/B Ratio	1.77	0.86	1.09
P/C Ratio	6.19	0.87	0.91
GeoAvgCap (\$mil)	1,291.70	0.02	0.94

Risk Measures as of 03-31-12

	Port Avg	Rel S&P 500	Rel Cat
3 Yr Std Dev	22.63	1.39	0.96
3 Yr Beta	1.30	—	0.97
3 Yr Sharpe Ratio	1.16	0.84	1.03
3 Yr Alpha	-2.93	—	0.81
3 Yr R-squared	87.44	—	1.02

Morningstar Sectors as of 02-29-12

Sector	% Fund
Cyclical	34.92
Basic Materials	5.20
Consumer Cyclical	10.41
Financial Services	10.78
Real Estate	8.53
Sensitive	44.93
Communication Services	1.91
Energy	5.68
Industrials	20.09
Technology	17.25
Defensive	20.15
Consumer Defensive	4.97
Healthcare	12.21
Utilities	2.97

Disclosure

Additional Information

All investment vehicles are subject to market and other risk factors, which could result in loss of principal. **Investment objectives, risks, charges, expenses, and other important information about a portfolio are contained in the prospectus; read it carefully before investing.**

Prospectus Gross Expense Ratio

This is the percentage of fund assets paid for operating expenses and management fees. The expense ratio typically includes the following types of fees: accounting, administrator, advisor, auditor, board of directors, custodial, distribution (12b-1), legal, organizational, professional, registration, shareholder reporting, subadvisor, and transfer agency. The expense ratio does not reflect the fund's brokerage costs or any investor sales charges. In contrast to the net expense ratio, the gross expense ratio does not reflect any fee waivers in effect during the time period.

Also known as the Total Annual Fund Operating Expense Ratio, Morningstar pulls the prospectus gross expense ratio from the fund's most recent prospectus. Prospectus expense ratios reflect material changes to the expense structure for the current period.

Prospectus Net Expense Ratio

This is the percentage of fund assets paid for operating expenses and management fees. The expense ratio typically includes the following types of fees: accounting, administrator, advisor, auditor, board of directors, custodial, distribution (12b-1), legal, organizational, professional, registration, shareholder reporting, subadvisor, and transfer agency. The expense ratio does not reflect the fund's brokerage costs or any investor sales charges. In contrast to the gross expense ratio, the net expense ratio does reflect fee waivers in effect during the time period.

Also known as the Total Annual Fund Operating Expense Ratio Net of Reimbursements, Morningstar pulls the prospectus net expense ratio from the fund's most recent prospectus. Prospectus expense ratios reflect material changes to the expense structure for the current period, while annual report expense ratios reflect the actual fees charged during a particular fiscal year.

Morningstar Rating™

Often simply called the Star Rating, the Morningstar Rating brings load-adjustments, performance (returns) and risk together into one evaluation. To determine a fund's star rating for a given time period (three, five, or 10 years), the fund's risk-adjusted return is plotted on a bell curve: If the fund scores in the top 10% of its category, it receives 5 stars (Highest); if it falls in the next 22.5% it receives 4 stars (Above Average); a place in the middle 35% earns 3 stars (Average); those lower still, in the next 22.5%, receive 2 stars (Below Average); and the bottom 10% get only 1 star (Lowest). The Overall Morningstar Rating is a weighted average of the available three-, five-, and 10-year ratings.

Morningstar Return

This statistic is a measurement of a fund's excess return over a risk-free rate (the return of the 90-day Treasury bill), after adjusting for all applicable fund level loads and sales charges. In each Morningstar Category, the top 10% of funds earn a High Morningstar Return, the next 22.5% Above Average, the middle 35% Average, the next 22.5% Below Average, and the bottom 10% Low. Morningstar Return is measured for up to three time periods (three-, five-, and 10-years). These separate measures are then weighted and averaged to produce an overall measure for the fund.

Funds with less than three years of performance history are not rated.

Morningstar Risk

This statistic evaluates the variations in a fund's monthly returns, with an emphasis on downside variations. In each Morningstar Category, the 10% of funds with the lowest measured risk are described as Low Risk, the next 22.5% Below Average, the middle 35% Average, the next 22.5% Above Average, and the top 10% High. Morningstar Risk is measured for up to three time periods (three-, five-, and 10-years). These separate measures are then weighted and averaged to produce an overall measure for the fund. Funds with less than three years of performance history are not rated.

Morningstar Style Box™

The Morningstar Style Box reveals a fund's investment strategy as of the date noted on this report.

For equity funds the vertical axis shows the market capitalization of the long stocks owned and the horizontal axis shows investment style (value, blend, or growth).

For fixed-income funds, the vertical axis shows the credit quality of the long bonds owned and the horizontal axis shows interest rate sensitivity as measured by a bond's effective duration (limited, moderate, or extensive).

Credit Analysis Survey: For corporate and municipal bonds, Morningstar surveys credit rating information from fund companies on a periodic basis (e.g., quarterly). In compiling credit rating information, Morningstar instructs fund companies to only use ratings that have been assigned by a Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization (NRSRO). If two NRSROs have rated a security, fund companies are to report the lowest rating to Morningstar. If a rating is unavailable or unpublished, then the security or issuer is categorized as Not Rated/Not Available. US Government Securities issued by the US Treasury or US Government Agencies are included in the US Government category. PLEASE NOTE: Morningstar, Inc. is not itself an NRSRO nor does it issue a credit rating on the fund. An NRSRO rating on a fixed-income security can change from time-to-time.

Risk Measures

R-squared reflects the percentage of a fund's movements that are explained by movements in its benchmark index, showing the degree of correlation between the fund and the benchmark.

Beta is a measure of a fund's sensitivity to market movements. A portfolio with a beta greater than 1 is more volatile than the market, and a portfolio with a beta less than 1 is less volatile than the market.

Alpha measures the difference between a fund's actual returns and its expected performance, given its level of risk (as measured by beta).

Sharpe ratio uses standard deviation and excess return to determine reward per unit of risk.

Standard deviation is a statistical measure of the volatility of the fund's returns.

Investment Risk

Foreign Securities Funds/Emerging Market Funds: Risks include, but are not limited to, currency risk, political risk, and risk associated with varying accounting standards. Investing in emerging markets may accentuate these risks.

Sector Funds: The lack of industry diversification subjects the investor to increased industry-specific risks.

Non-Diversified Funds: Funds that invest more of their assets in a single issuer involve additional risks, including share price fluctuations, because of the increased concentration of investments.

Small-Cap Funds: Smaller companies typically have a higher risk of failure, and are not as well established as larger blue-chip companies. Historically, smaller-company stocks have experienced a greater degree of market volatility than the overall market average.

Mid-Cap Funds: The securities of companies with market capitalizations below \$10 billion may be more volatile and less liquid than the securities of larger companies.

Bond Funds: Bond investments are subject to interest rate risk so that when interest rates rise, the prices of bonds can decrease and the investor can lose principal value.

Bonds investing in asset/mortgage-backed securities are subject to prepayment risk, where falling interest rates can cause security prices and income to decline due to early prepayment of principal, as well as extension risk, where rising interest rates can cause securities prices to decline because expected prepayments of principal do not occur.

High-Yield Bond Funds: Funds that invest in lower-rated debt securities (commonly referred to as junk bonds) involve additional risks because of the lower credit quality of the securities in the fund, including the possible higher level of volatility and increased risk of default.

Commodity-Linked Derivative Funds: Funds that invest in commodity-linked derivative instruments may subject the portfolio to greater volatility than investments in traditional securities, particularly if the investments invoke leverage.

Value Funds: Stock selection is based upon the portfolio manager's assessment of fundamentals of the companies that he/she believes to be undervalued. This style of investing may increase the volatility of the portfolio and may not produce the intended results over short or long time periods. Larger, more established companies may not be able to attain higher growth rates of smaller companies, especially during extended periods of economic expansion.

Asset Allocation Funds: These funds seek to accomplish dual goals of income and capital appreciation by investing in a variety of securities in different asset classes. Many of these portfolios are structured as a "fund of funds" which is a portfolio that specializes in buying shares of other portfolios rather than individual securities. The "fund of funds" structure may have higher costs than if you invested directly in the underlying portfolios.

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