

Exchange-Traded Funds (ETFs)

# Nuveen ESG ETFs Align your investments with your values



of investors want their investments to deliver competitive returns while promoting positive social and environmental outcomes.<sup>1</sup>

93% of millennials say they would be likely to put all of their investment holdings in responsible investments.<sup>1</sup>

### **Nuveen ESG ETFs**

### Seeking competitive returns while making a positive impact

#### **Core ETFs that:**

- Adhere to predetermined environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria
- Provide investment exposure that generally replicates traditional market benchmarks
- Offer low cost, transparent, and potentially tax-efficient<sup>2</sup> portfolio solutions with the convenience of intraday trading
- Leverage the research and responsible investment expertise of TIAA Investments

FIXED INCOME    DOMESTIC EQUITY    INTERNAT      Nuveen ESG U.S. Aggregate Bond ETF    Nuveen High Yield Corporate Bond ETF    Nuveen ESG Large-Cap ETF    Nuveen ESG Large-Cap Growth ETF    Nuveen ESG Large-Cap Value ETF    Nuveen ESG Mid-Cap Growth ETF    Nuveen ESG Mid-Cap Value ETF    Nuveen ESG Mid-Cap Value ETF    Nuveen ESG Mid-Cap Value ETF    Nuveen ETF    Nuveen ESG Mid-Cap Value ETF    Nuveen ETF    Nuveen ESG Mid-Cap    Nuveen ETF    Nuveen ESG Mid-Cap    Nuveen ETF    Nuveen ETF<	Nuveen ESG Emerging Markets Equity ETF
ESG    High Yield    ESG    ESG    ESG    ESG    ESG    ESG    ESG    ESG    Internation      U.S.    Corporate    Large-Cap    Large-Cap    Large-Cap    Mid-Cap    Mid-Cap    ETF    Internation      Aggregate    Bond ETF    ETF    Growth ETF    Value ETF    Growth ETF    Value ETF    Value ETF    Markets	ESG I Emerging Markets
TICKER NUBD NUHY NULC NULG NULV NUMG NUMV NUSC NUDM	NUEM
CUSIP 67092P870 67092P854 67092P862 67092P201 67092P300 67092P409 67092P508 67092P607 67092P80	5 67092P888
EXPENSE      0.20%      0.35%      0.35%      0.40%      <	0.45%
BENCHMARK INDEX    Bloomberg Barclays MSCI U.S.    Bloomberg Barclays MSCI U.S.    TIAA ESG USA	Markets Equity Index
BASE INDEX      Bloomberg      Bloomberg      MSCI USA	MSCI Emerging Markets Index
MORNINGSTAR CATEGORYIntermediate Term BondHigh Yield BondLarge Cap BlendLarge Cap GrowthLarge Cap ValueMid Cap GrowthMid Cap BlendSmall Cap BlendForeign Large Blend	Diversified Emerging Markets
DISTRIBUTIONS Monthly Monthly Annual Annual Annual Annual Annual Annual Annual Annual	Annual

### A Full Suite of ETF Solutions<sup>3</sup>

1 Fourth Annual Responsible Investment Public Release Survey, Nuveen 2018

2 ETFs have generally low portfolio turnover and do not need to sell securities to meet shareholder redemptions, potentially reducing taxable gains.

3 Effective 18 January 2019, 'Nuveen' replaced the 'Nushares' name in the ETFs listed above, with the exceptions of Nuveen ESG Large-Cap ETF and Nuveen ESG High Yield Corporate Bond ETF, which launched on June 3, 2019 and September 25, 2019, respectively.

Environmental, social and governance (ESG) refers to three central factors in measuring the sustainability and ethical impact of an investment in a company or business.

### **Index Methodology**

## **Fixed Income**

#### **INITIAL UNIVERSE (BASE INDEX)**<sup>4</sup>

#### **DETERMINE INITIAL ESG ELIGIBLE UNIVERSE**

#### Environmental

- Climate change Natural
- resource usage
- Waste management
- Environmental externalities and vulnerability<sup>5</sup>
- Social • Health and safety
- Labor
- management transparency • Product safety • Business
- and quality ethics • Socioeconomic • Financial
  - governance<sup>5</sup> environment<sup>5</sup> Political governance<sup>5</sup>

• Board

and

- Governance Controversies • Environment
- Accountability 
  Customers
  - Human rights

Controversial

Involvement

tobacco

• Weapons

Nuclear

power

and gambling

and firearms

Alcohol,

**Business** 

- and community • Labor rights and supply
- chain • Governance

Assesses issuers' exposure to and management of ESG-related risks and opportunities, and involvement in controversial businesses or events

Include bonds based on issuer ESG rating<sup>6</sup>

#### SELECT "BEST IN CLASS" ESG LEADERS

- Issuers with a BBB ESG rating and above are eligible for the Bloomberg Barclays MSCI U.S. Aggregate ESG Select Index
- An optimization process is used to select ESG leaders for the Bloomberg Barclays MSCI U.S. High Yield Very Liquid ESG Select Index

**CARBON SCREEN** 

· Excludes issuers in sectors characterized by high levels of fossil fuel reserve ownership

Issuers in the Independent Oil & Gas Producer, Integrated Oil & Gas Producer and Metals & *Mining sectors are ineligible* for inclusion

#### **BENCHMARK CONSTITUENTS**

· Rebalanced monthly

Adjusts sector weights of constituents to generally align with those of the Base Index<sup>7</sup>

- 6 ESG ratings refer to ratings assigned by MSCI and range from AAA (best) to CCC (worst).
- 7 Sector weights will align within each Bloomberg Industry Classification Systems for Fixed Income (BICS FI) Level 2 sector.

<sup>4</sup> See Index definitions on last page.

<sup>5</sup> Evaluated for government-related issuers only. ESG ratings for these issuers are assigned based on the MSCI ESG Government Ratings Methodology.

### **Index Methodology**

## Equity

#### **INITIAL UNIVERSE (BASE INDEX)**<sup>4</sup>

#### **DETERMINE INITIAL ESG ELIGIBLE UNIVERSE**

- Environmental
- Climate change

Natural

• Waste

- Health and safety
  - Labor

Social

- management resource usage
  - Product
- safety management and quality
- Governance Board
- and transparency
- Business ethics

SELECT "BEST IN CLASS" ESG LEADERS IN EACH SECTOR

· Sector allocations ranked by ESG and controversy score

 Accountability 
 Customers • Human rights

Controversies

• Environment

- and community • Labor rights
  - and supply chain
  - Governance

#### Controversial **Business** Involvement

- Alcohol, tobacco and gambling
- Weapons and firearms
- Nuclear Power • Sudan
- (NUEM only)

#### Assesses companies' exposure to and management of ESG-related risks and opportunities, and involvement in controversial businesses or events

Selects highest ranked companies within each GICS<sup>8</sup> sector until the total market cap reaches 50% of the sector's market cap in the Base Index

#### **CARBON SCREEN**

- · Absolute carbon emissions
- Carbon intensity
- · Potential future carbon emissions

#### **BENCHMARK CONSTITUENTS**

- Sector weights: limited to +/-4% Base Index weights (energy sector +/-8%)
- Country weights: limited to +/- 3% index weights for MSCI EAFE Index, +/- 5% index weights for MSCI Emerging Markets Index
- Rebalanced quarterly

Selects companies based on current and future carbon emissions, with the objective of maintaining a portfolio with a significantly lower carbon footprint than the Base Index. Companies that own fossil fuel reserves are ineligible for inclusion

Adjusts sector weights (and country weights for international indexes) of constituents to generally align with those of the Base Index

8 Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) sectors include: consumer discretionary, consumer staples, energy, financials, health care, industrials, information technology, materials, real estate, telecommunication services and utilities.

Over the last 10 years, Responsible Investment indexes have had **returns comparable to broad market benchmarks** without additional risk, despite using a smaller universe of securities meeting ESG criteria.<sup>9</sup>



Among the world's largest global managers, Nuveen provides access to investment expertise from leading asset managers and solutions across traditional and alternative asset classes.

## \$1,020 Billion

in aggregate assets under management<sup>10</sup>

# **\$20 Billion+**

in ESG-focused funds, making us one of the largest managers of responsible investment assets in the U.S.<sup>11</sup>

## **5 Decades**

of Responsible Investing expertise including active participation in global networks that lead, educate and advocate for strong responsible investment standards

## **Broad Range**

of investment solutions spanning ETFs, mutual funds, closed-end funds and separately managed accounts

To learn more about Responsible Investment, please visit **nuveen.com** 

9 Based on daily returns for periods ending 29 December 2017. Sources: FactSet, Morningstar, MSCI, TIAA and Responsible Investing: Delivering competitive performance, August 2018.

10 As of 30 June 2019. Nuveen assets under management (AUM) is inclusive of underlying affiliates.

11 Nuveen is a top-10 manager among ESG mutual funds, ETFs and variable insurance managers based on rankings sourced from Morningstar Direct as of 31 Dec 2018.

### **Innovation from Experience**

Nuveen ETFs offer the benefits that have propelled the rapid growth of the ETF market — efficiency, tradability, transparency — and distinctive solutions that leverage Nuveen's legacy of innovation and expertise.

- **Opportunity** from a platform that seeks to improve upon the traditional model of index-based investing
- **Flexibility** to choose core allocations with a traditional or responsible investment approach
- **Impact** of investing in strategies designed to align with your priorities and values

### For more information, contact Nuveen at 800.752.8700 or visit us on the web at nuveen.com.

#### Index definitions

Bloomberg Barclays MSCI U.S. Aggregate ESG Select Index is a custom index that is owned and calculated by MSCI, based on the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, and aims to increase exposure to positive environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors and exhibit lower carbon exposure as compared to the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index represents securities that are SEC-registered, taxable and dollar denominated and covers the U.S. investment grade fixed rate bond market, with index components for government and corporate securities, mortgage pass-through securities and assetbacked securities. Bloomberg Barclays MSCI U.S. High Yield Very Liquid ESG Select Index utilizes certain environmental, social, and governance ("ESG") criteria to select from the securities included in the Bloomberg Barclays Capital High Yield Very Liquid Index (the "Base Index"), which is designed to broadly capture the U.S. dollar-denominated, high yield, fixed-rate corporate bond market. Bloomberg Barclays U.S. High Yield Very Liquid Index is a component of the Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate High Yield Index that is designed to track a more liquid component of the USD-denominated, high yield, fixed-rate corporate bond market. Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Index measures the USD-denominated, high yield, fixed-rate corporate bond market. MSCI EAFE (Europe, Australasia and Far East) Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure developed market equity performance, excluding the U.S. and Canada. MSCI Emerging Markets Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance in the global emerging markets. MSCI USA Index generally consists of large-and mid-capitalization U.S. equity securities. MSCI USA Growth Index generally consists of large- and mid-capitalization U.S. equity securities that exhibit overall growth style characteristics. MSCI USA Mid-Cap Growth Index generally consists of mid-capitalization U.S. equity securities that exhibit overall growth style characteristics. MSCI USA Mid-Cap Value Index generally consists of mid-capitalization U.S. equity securities that exhibit overall value style characteristics. MSCI USA Small-Cap Index generally consists of equity securities that comprise the small-cap segment of the U.S. market. MSCI USA Value Index generally consists of large- and mid-capitalization U.S. equity securities that exhibit overall value style characteristics. TIAA ESG Emerging Markets Equity Index is composed of equity securities issued by non-U.S. emerging markets companies listed on U.S. exchanges that meet certain ESG criteria. TIAA ESG International Developed Markets Equity Index is composed of equity securities issued by developed markets companies, excluding the U.S. and Canada, listed on U.S. exchanges that meet certain ESG criteria. TIAA ESG USA Large-Cap Index is composed of equity securities issued by large capitalization companies listed on U.S. exchanges that meet certain environment, social and governance ("ESG") criteria. TIAA ESG USA Large-Cap Growth Index is composed of equity securities issued by large capitalization companies listed on U.S. exchanges that meet certain environment, social and governance ("ESG") criteria. TIAA ESG USA Large-Cap Value Index is composed of equity securities issued by large capitalization companies listed on U.S. exchanges that meet certain ESG criteria. TIAA ESG USA Mid-Cap Growth Index is composed of equity securities issued by mid-capitalization companies listed on U.S. exchanges that meet certain ESG criteria. TIAA ESG USA Mid-Cap Value Index is composed of equity securities issued by mid-capitalization companies listed on U.S. exchanges that meet certain ESG criteria. TIAA ESG USA Small-Cap Index is composed of equity securities issued by small-capitalization companies listed on U.S. exchanges that meet certain ESG criteria.

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#### A word on risk

Investing involves risk; principal loss is possible. There is no guarantee the Fund's investment objectives will be achieved. These ETFs seek to generally track the investment results of an index; however the Funds may underperform, outperform or be more volatile than the referenced index. Because the Index selects securities for inclusion based on environmental, social, and governance (ESG) criteria, the Funds may forgo some market opportunities available to funds that don't use these criteria. For Nuveen ESG Large-Cap, Mid-Cap and Small-Cap ETFs, the value of equity securities may decline significantly over short or extended periods of time. Growth stocks tend to be more volatile and can experience sharp price declines. Value stocks may not be fully recognized by the market and be undervalued. Depending on the capitalization and characteristics of the companies in the underlying securities, the Funds may underperform or be subject to increased volatility. For NUBD and NUHY, interest rate risk occurs when interest rates rise causing bond prices to fall. Credit risk arises from an issuer's ability to make interest and principal payments when due, as well as the prices of bonds declining when an issuer's credit quality is expected to deteriorate. For NUHY, investments in below investment grade or high yield securities are subject to liquidity risk and heightened credit risk. For NUDM and NUEM, non-U.S. investments involve risks such as currency fluctuation, political and economic instability, lack of liquidity and differing legal and accounting standards. For NUEM, these risks are magnified in emerging markets. A portfolio concentrated in a single industry sector or country may present more risk than a portfolio broadly diversified over several industries or countries. These and other risk considerations 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 advisor, contact Nuveen at 800.257.8787 or visit nuveen.com.

Shares of ETFs are bought and sold at market price as opposed to net asset value. As a result, an investor may pay more than net asset value when buying and receive less than net asset value when selling. In addition, brokerage commissions will reduce returns. Fund shares are not individually redeemable directly with the Fund, but blocks of shares may be acquired from the Fund and tendered for redemption to the Fund by certain institutional investors in Creation Units.

The TIAA ESG indexes are custom indexes that are owned and calculated by MSCI, are based on certain MSCI indexes, and aim to increase exposure to positive environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors and exhibit lower carbon exposure as compared to an MSCI Index.

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