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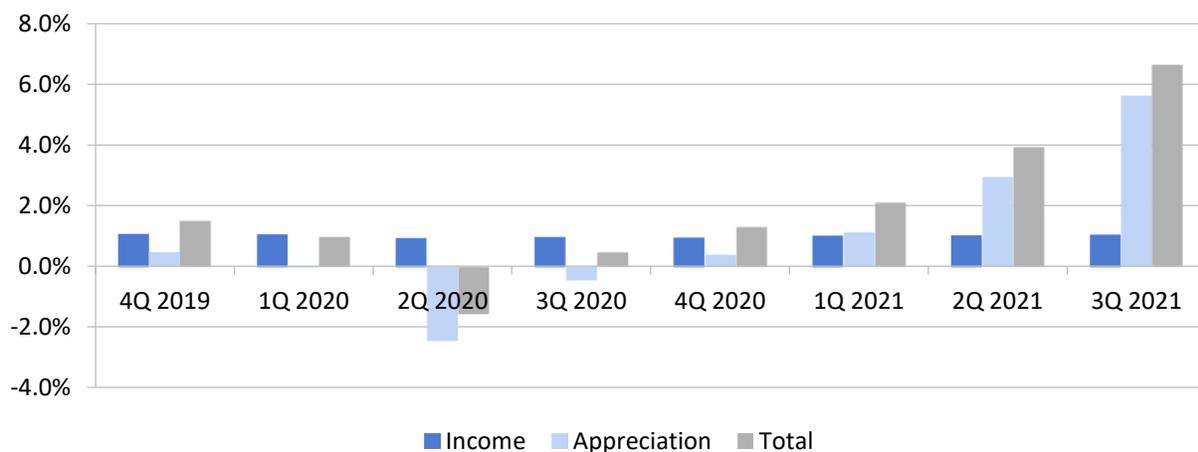
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**Core real estate funds post a 6.63% total return for the quarter, the highest since inception of the NFI-ODCE index**

CHICAGO, IL, October 29, 2021 – The National Council of Real Estate Investment Fiduciaries (NCREIF) released third quarter 2021 results for the NCREIF Fund Index – Open-end Diversified Core Equity (NFI-ODCE). The NFI-ODCE consists of 27 funds totaling \$293.8 billion of gross real estate assets and \$246.8 billion of net real estate assets.

NFI-ODCE total return gross of fees for the third quarter 2021 was 6.63%, up from 3.93% in the previous quarter, and from 0.48% a year ago in third quarter 2020. The income return was 1.01%, up slightly from 0.99% in the previous quarter, and from 0.95% in third quarter 2020. The appreciation return was 5.61% for the quarter, above the previous quarter’s 2.94%, and up significantly from 2020 third quarter’s -0.46%.

**Quarterly NFI-ODCE Gross Return Trends**

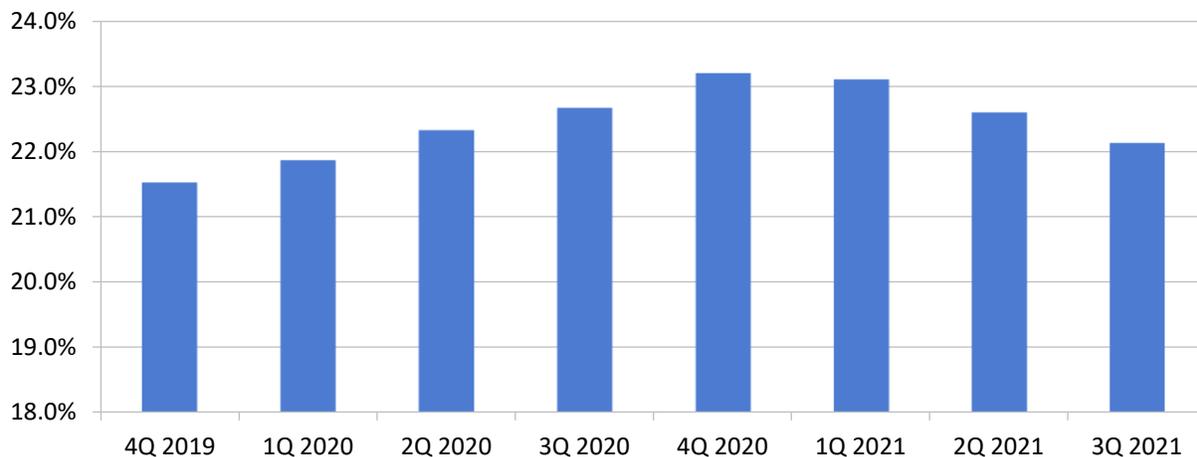


For the one-year ended September 30, 2021, the NFI-ODCE total return gross of fees was 14.63%, up from 8.02% for the one-year ended June 30, 2021, and well above the three-year annualized return of 7.06%. The one-year total return ended September 30, 2021 was comprised of 3.96% income and a 10.35% appreciation return.

NFI-ODCE returns measure fund-level performance and therefore can reflect leverage and other investments beyond properties, including cash balances. Leverage is conservative among these

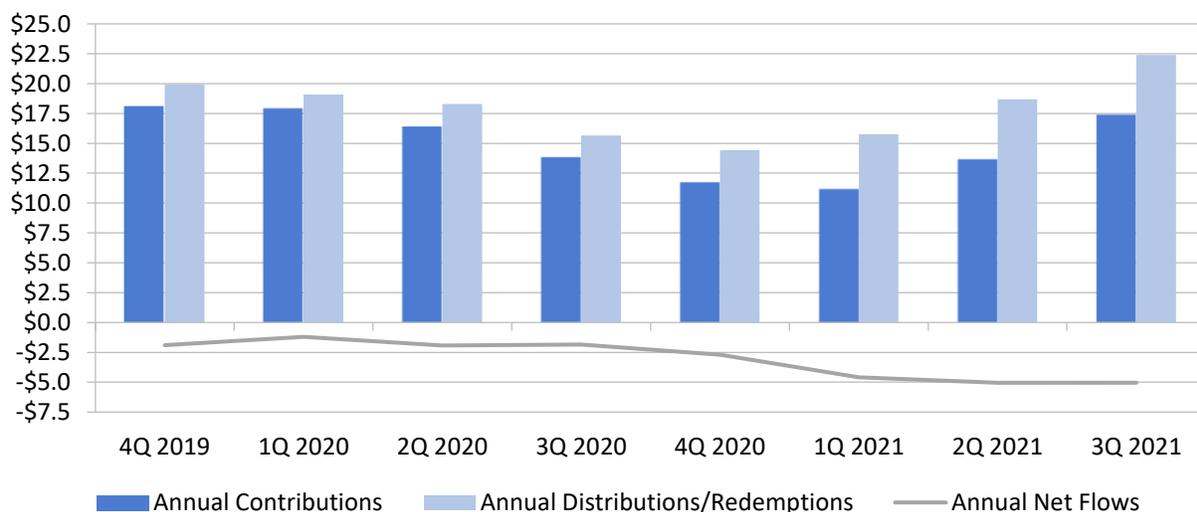
funds given their core strategies, ranging from 15% to 34% over the quarterly series history beginning in 2000. NFI-ODCE leverage is above the 21.8% average since 2000, registering 22.1% as of current quarter-end, down slightly from 22.6% in the previous quarter.

### NFI-ODCE Leverage Trends (% of total assets)



Quarterly investor net cash flows (investor contributions less distributions and redemptions) were negative \$800.3 million, compared to last quarter's negative \$1.3 billion, and third quarter 2020's negative \$817.3 million. For the one-year ended September 30, 2021, contributions were \$17.4 billion, and distributions and redemptions were \$22.4 billion, resulting in an annual investor net cash flow of negative \$5.0 billion.

### NFI-ODCE Investor Cash Flow Trends (4Q Rolling Total, Billions)



Additional details from the NFI-ODCE release are in the attached Snapshot Report.

### **About the NFI-ODCE Index**

The NFI-ODCE Index is a capitalization-weighted, gross of fees, time-weighted return index with an inception date of January 1, 1978. Published reports may also contain equal-weighted and net of fees information. Open-end Funds are generally defined as infinite-life vehicles consisting of multiple investors who have the ability to enter or exit the fund on a periodic basis, subject to contribution and/or redemption requests, thereby providing a degree of potential investment liquidity. The term Diversified Core Equity style typically reflects lower risk investment strategies utilizing low leverage and generally represented by equity ownership positions in stable US operating properties.

### **Webinar**

NCREIF will hold a webinar on Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm Central Time to discuss an overview of the NCREIF Property Index (NPI) and the NCREIF Fund Index – Open End Diversified Core Equity (NFI-ODCE), the Farmland and Timberland Indices, as well as a detailed discussion of the results and interesting data from the NCREIF Property Value Trends report. The conference call is being webcast live and can be accessed [here](#). An online replay of the webcast will be available on NCREIF's website at [www.NCREIF.org](http://www.NCREIF.org).

The National Council of Real Estate Investment Fiduciaries (NCREIF) is an association of professionals with significant involvement and interest in pension fund real estate investments who come together to address vital industry issues and to promote research on the asset class.

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