

## **Q&A Thrivent Asset Management's Exposure To Bear Stearns**

Over the past week, the Bear Stearns turmoil has been reported in many media sources. As a result, there may be questions as to what impact Bear Stearns has on Thrivent Mutual Funds. Below are questions and answers as to what exposure Thrivent Mutual Funds has to Bear Stearns.

Q. Do we have any exposure to Bear Stearns in our equity Thrivent Mutual Funds?

A. In the past, we have owned Bear Stearns stock in some of our equity Thrivent Mutual Funds. We do not at this point own any shares of Bear Stearns in our actively managed equity funds. In our index funds, we may own shares of Bear Stearns if the index that we are managing to has an allocation. This would be applicable to any index fund and not unique to Thrivent.

Q. Do we own any Bear Stearns corporate debt in our fixed income Thrivent Mutual Funds?

A. We have limited exposure to Bear Stearns corporate debt in our fixed income Thrivent Mutual Funds. Keep in mind that when a company is acquired, their debt typically becomes the purchaser's obligation. If JPMorgan Chase or another company acquires Bear Stearns and the debt is assumed by the acquirer, the debt could become more attractive.

Q. In the Thrivent annual report, there are references to Bear Stearns Commercial Mortgage Securities — what does this mean?

A. Bear Stearns was the issuer of packaged mortgage securities that some of our Thrivent Mutual Funds hold. However, these securities are not backed or secured by Bear Stearns. The security is backed by the underlying collateral.

We will continue to monitor the situation and act in the best interest of our clients.

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