

# Thrivent Emerging Markets Equity Portfolio

**Ticker** QTEMEX  
**Inception** April 30, 2008  
**Objective** Thrivent Emerging Markets Equity Portfolio seeks long-term capital growth.

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## Portfolio key points

Thrivent Emerging Markets Equity Portfolio seeks to provide investors access to emerging markets across the size and style spectrum.

### Experienced team

The Portfolio is managed by Thrivent's Quantitative Management Team, led by Senior Portfolio Managers, Noah Monsen, CFA, and Jing Wang, CFA, and Shu Guo. The experienced team manages approximately \$10 billion in other equity assets held in Thrivent products.

### Quantitative active management

The Portfolio is managed primarily by Thrivent's Systematic Alpha team, which uses sophisticated quantitative methods to construct portfolios that seek to identify stocks with the potential to outperform over the long term. An actively managed quantitative approach relies heavily on data and factor-based models and less on fundamental research.

### Advantages of emerging markets

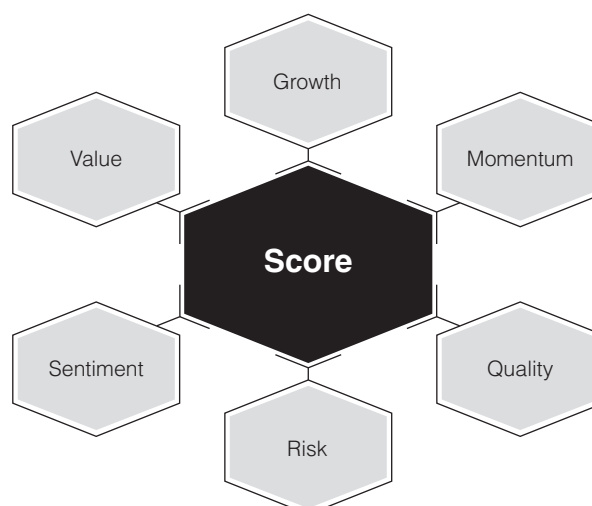
Emerging markets may provide potential for high growth. Emerging markets may also be a good diversifier because economic downturns in one country or region—including in the United States—can potentially be offset by growth in another country or region.

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## Calculating factors & returns

Companies in the emerging markets investable universe have specific factors calculated. Those factors are then combined to generate a quantitative score for each name.

Machine learning algorithm is then used to predict returns for each name using their factor scores. Based on the predicted returns and risk characteristics of all the names, a portfolio is constructed with targeted return and risk characteristics.



## Management



**Noah J. Monsen, CFA**  
Senior Portfolio Manager

Industry since: 2008  
Thrivent since: 2000  
Portfolio since: 2023



**Jing Wang, CFA**  
Senior Portfolio Manager

Industry since: 2008  
Thrivent since: 2019  
Portfolio since: 2023

**Shu Guo**  
Senior Portfolio Manager

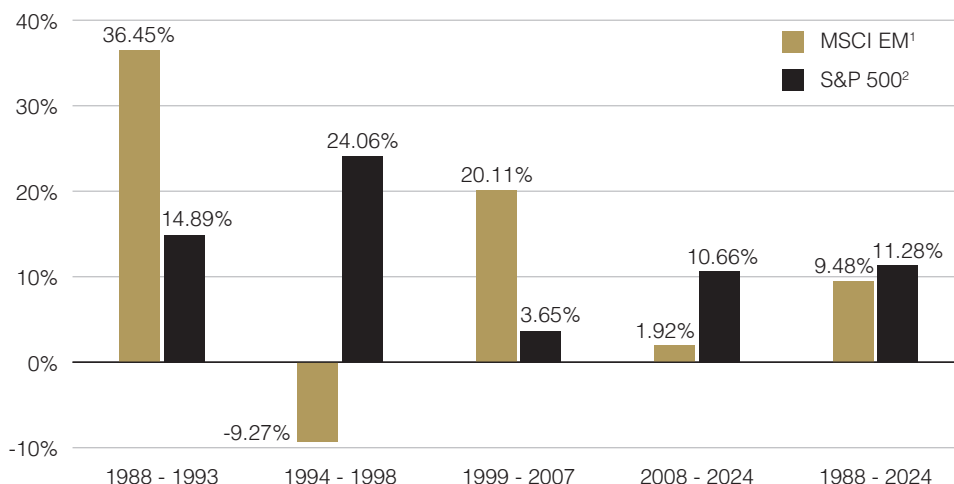
Industry since: 2011  
Thrivent since: 2022  
Portfolio since: 2024

## Investment returns over different periods

Investing in emerging markets can often lead to long periods of relative under-performance and out-performance compared to the U.S. market as measured by the S&P 500® Index.<sup>2</sup> The chart shows different periods since 1988 and the annual returns for emerging markets and the S&P 500.

Adding exposure to emerging markets may provide some diversification benefits in the long-term since they often take a different return path than the U.S. stock market.

### Compound annual growth rate



***This index performance is not indicative of the Portfolio's past or future performance. For Portfolio performance, visit [thriventportfolios.com](https://thriventportfolios.com).***

Source: Morningstar

<sup>1</sup>**MSCI Emerging Markets Index** is an index which measures the performance of the large- and mid-cap segments of emerging market equity securities.

<sup>2</sup>**S&P 500® Index** is a market-cap weighted index that represents the average performance of a group of 500 large-capitalization stocks. Any indexes shown are unmanaged and do not reflect the typical costs of investing. Investors cannot invest directly in an index.

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