Variable Portfolios

Thrivent Income Portfolio

Ticker QTINPX
Inception Jan. 9, 1987
Objective Thrivent Income Fund seeks high current income while preserving principal and, secondarily, to obtain long-term growth of capital in order to maintain investors' purchasing power.

Portfolio key points

Thrivent Income Portfolio is designed to provide higher levels of income while preserving principal by investing primarily in BBB-rated corporate bonds.

Focused on corporate bonds with the ability to tactically allocate to other sectors

The Portfolio invests primarily in investment-grade corporate bonds across the ratings spectrum, and will aim to have a large portion invested in BBB-rated bonds to increase yield. The portfolio managers can invest outside of corporates as well, emphasizing sectors that exhibit attractive relative value, and may at times have a substantial allocation to non-investment grade bonds.

Collaborative process helps portfolio managers make decisions

In managing the Portfolio, the portfolio managers actively collaborate with other Thrivent Asset Management, LLC investment professionals for both top-down and bottom-up analysis. There is ongoing dialogue with other portfolio managers to understand the dynamics driving relative valuations. The portfolio managers rely on the expertise of research analysts in choosing individual securities for the Portfolio.

Portfolio construction process emphasizes credit risk

While some of the decision-making process is driven by interest-rate risk analysis, in which the team seeks to understand where interest rates might be headed and their impact on the Portfolio, a majority is driven by a focus on credit risk. The goal of the process is to construct a portfolio that takes on no more risk than necessary for the desired level of yield.

Investment process

Portfolio construction
- Focused on corporates and employs a relative value approach
- Portfolio managers may tactically allocate to other sectors and may use derivatives for positioning

Sell discipline
- Largely driven by relative value analysis

Security selection
- Fundamental research process supported by team of experienced research analysts
- Focused on identifying companies that are de-leveraging and expected to have strong free cash flow throughout the economic cycle

Management

Kent L. White, CFA
VP, Fixed Income Mutual Funds
Industry since: 1999
Thrivent since: 1999
Portfolio since: 2017

Cortney L. Swensen, CFA
Senior Portfolio Manager
Industry since: 2005
Thrivent since: 2011
Portfolio since: 2023

“Our goal of providing income for shareholders is supported by a truly collaborative process highlighting the strengths of Thrivent.”

Investing through the credit cycle

Expansion
- Sustainable growth period
- Leverage increases as M&A, capex, and share buybacks increase
- Risk appetite high
- Credit spreads at cycle tights

Move up in quality: reduce BBB and HY exposure; increase Treasuries and securitized asset exposure

Downturn
- Stalled or negative economic growth
- Corporate earnings deteriorate quickly
- Credit spreads widen
- Default rates rise

Remain defensive, but begin to look for opportunities to add risk

Repair
- Economy and corporate earnings bottom
- Default rates peak
- Leverage reduced by cost cutting, asset sales, equity issuance
- Credit spreads begin to tighten

Add risk: Increase HY and BBB exposure, reduce Treasuries and securitized assets

Recovery
- Economic and corporate earnings growth returns
- Corporate leverage improves
- Disciplined corporate spending behavior
- Tightening credit spreads

Continue to hold overweight positions in BBB and HY corporates, underweights in Treasuries and securitized assets

Risks: Debt securities are subject to risks such as declining prices during periods of rising interest rates and credit risk, or the risk that an issuer may not pay its debt. High yield securities are subject to increased credit risk as well as liquidity risk. The use of derivatives such as futures involves additional risks and transaction costs. Foreign investments involve additional risks, such as currency fluctuations and political, economic and market instability, which may be magnified for investments in emerging markets. To the extent that the financials sector continues to represent a significant portion of the Portfolio, The Portfolio will be sensitive to changes in, and its performance may depend to a greater extent on, factors impacting this sector. U.S. Government securities may not be fully guaranteed by the U.S Government and issues may not have the funds to meet their payment obligations. The value of U.S. government securities may be affected by changes in credit ratings, which may be negatively impacted by rising national debt. The Adviser's assessment of investments may prove incorrect, resulting in losses or poor performance. The Portfolio's value may be affected by factors specific to an issuer within the Portfolio. The London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) is being phased out, which brings uncertainty to instruments tied to it. When bond inventories are low in relation to the market size, there is the potential for decreased liquidity and increased price volatility. Securities markets generally tend to move in cycles with periods when security prices rise and periods when security prices decline. The value of mortgage-related and other asset-backed securities will be influenced by the factors affecting the housing market and the assets underlying such securities. These and other risks are described in the prospectus.

The Portfolio is only available to the public through a variable life or variable annuity product. Contact the applicable insurance company for more information and a contract prospectus which will include information on the additional charges and fees that apply to the specific contract.

Before investing, investors should consider carefully the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of a portfolio and the variable insurance product. This and other important information is contained in the portfolio and variable insurance product prospectuses, which may be obtained from a financial professional or by contacting the applicable insurance company. Read them carefully before investing.

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