

# Thrivent Mid Cap Stock Portfolio

**Ticker** QTMCSX  
**Inception** March 1, 2011  
**Objective** Thrivent Mid Cap Stock Portfolio seeks long-term capital growth.

## Portfolio key points

Thrivent Mid Cap Stock Portfolio follows a disciplined, yet flexible, process that uses fundamental, quantitative and technical investment research techniques.

### Thorough research

Analysts focus on a limited number of names, generated by rigorous quantitative screening and fundamental analysis, allowing them to research the companies more thoroughly.

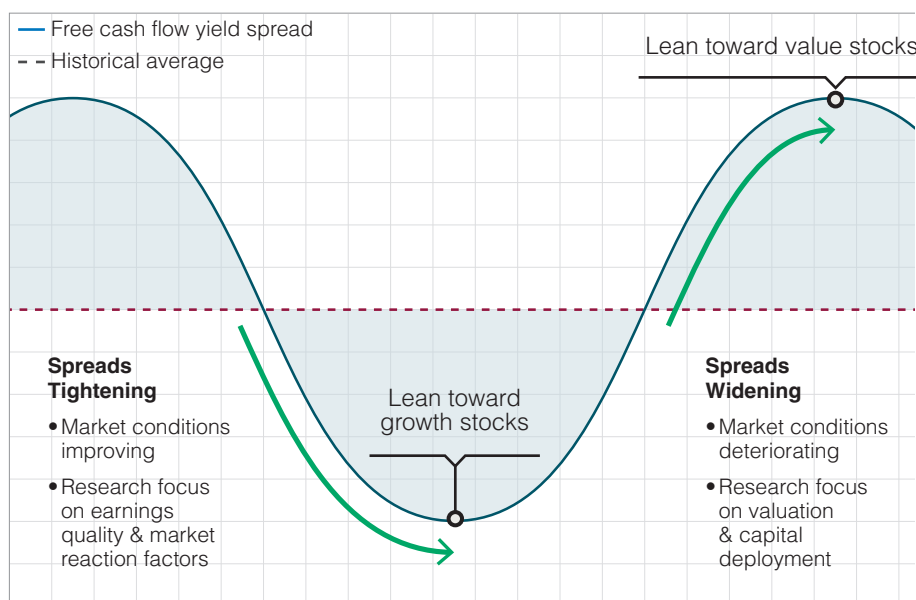
### Style optimization

The Portfolio's research focus shifts based on market conditions. As conditions are deteriorating and nearing the bottom, portfolio managers emphasize valuation and capital deployment, which eventually tilts the Portfolio to value stocks. Then when market conditions are improving and nearing the peak, the focus shifts to earnings quality and market reaction factors, with the Portfolio eventually leaning toward growth stocks.

### Free cash flow indicator

Changes in market conditions are identified by closely monitoring free cash flow yield spreads (defined below). We measure the spread between the companies with the highest yields and the average. An increasing spread generally indicates deteriorating market conditions, while a decreasing spread indicates improving market conditions.

## Free cash flow yield spreads



**Free cash flow** is a financial metric that measures the cash available for distribution to providers of capital, including stock and bond owners, after accounting for the cash necessary to maintain a company's operations. Free cash flow yield is a valuation metric that we calculate by dividing free cash flow by enterprise value (market value of equity & debt + minority interest – cash and investments)—the higher the yield, the better the value.

This concept is applied in the portfolio by taking the average free cash flow yield of stocks in the top quintile of the S&P Mid Cap 400® index minus that of the average. We then translate the spread to standard deviations above and below historical averages to provide additional context. The illustration is a hypothetical visual representation of how the Portfolio can oscillate between leaning toward growth stocks and value stocks based on the changing free cash flow yield spread.

## Management



**Brian J. Flanagan, CFA**  
Senior Portfolio Manager

Industry since: 1993  
Thrivent since: 1994  
Portfolio since: 2004



**Vikram Kaura**  
Senior Portfolio Manager

Industry since: 1999  
Thrivent since: 2017  
Portfolio since: 2022



**J.P. McKim, CFA**  
Senior Portfolio Manager

Industry since: 2010  
Thrivent since: 2019  
Portfolio since: 2022

We have a very disciplined process, and we know that different types of stocks will likely do better in certain market environments, so we give ourselves the ability to shift our research focus when it's appropriate.

## Why invest in mid cap equities?

Mid cap equities are often described as the "sweet spot" of equity investing. Typically defined as stocks with a market capitalization between \$5 and \$15 billion, mid cap equities have historically displayed the following characteristics:

- Favorable historical returns compared to small and large cap equities
- Traditionally less analyst coverage, which indicates a less efficient market with a potentially higher opportunity for fundamental research to add value
- Typically more established companies than those with smaller market capitalizations along with an infrastructure that can support and promote further growth

**Risks:** Medium-sized companies often have greater price volatility, lower trading volume, and less liquidity than larger, more established companies. The Portfolio's value is influenced by a number of factors, including the performance of the broader market, and risks specific to the Portfolio's asset classes, investment styles, and issuers. Securities markets generally tend to move in cycles with periods when security prices rise and periods when security prices decline. The Adviser's assessment of investments may prove incorrect, resulting in losses or poor performance. These and other risks are described in the prospectus.

<sup>1</sup>**Standard Deviation:** A statistical measure of volatility. The higher the standard deviation, the riskier an investment is considered to be.

<sup>2</sup>**Sharpe Ratio:** A measure of return per unit of risk. The higher the ratio, the higher the compensation for the risk assumed with an investment.

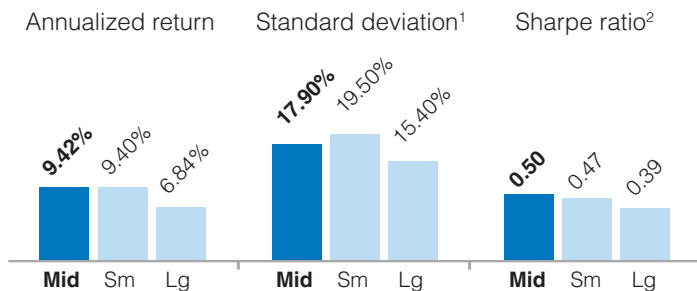
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<sup>3</sup>**S&P Mid Cap 400® Index** is a market-cap weighted index that represents the average performance of a group of 400 medium capitalization stocks.

<sup>4</sup>**S&P Small Cap 600® Index** is a market-cap weighted index that represents the average performance of a group of 600 small-capitalization stocks.

## Comparing mid-, small-, and large-cap stocks since 1999

Jan. 1, 1999 – Dec. 31, 2022



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

Mid Cap stocks are represented by the S&P Mid Cap 400® Index<sup>3</sup>

Small Cap stocks are represented by the S&P Small Cap 600® Index<sup>4</sup>

Large Cap stocks are represented by the S&P 500® Index<sup>5</sup>

Source: Morningstar

<sup>5</sup>**S&P 500® Index** is a market-cap weighted index that represents the average performance of a group of 500 large-capitalization stocks.

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