# **Thrivent Global Stock Fund**

# Q1 2025 Commentary

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### Management



Senior Portfolio Manager

1990 Industry: Firm 2004 Fund<sup>.</sup> 2013



Senior Portfolio Manager

2008 Industry: Firm: 2000 Fund<sup>.</sup> 2018



Lauri Brunner Senior Portfolio Manager

1993 Industry: Firm 2007 Fund: 2018



David Spangler, CFA Head of Mixed Assets & Market Strategies 1989 Industry: Firm: 2002 Fund 2019

#### **Executive Summary**

- For the latest quarter, the Fund outperformed public benchmark but underperformed Morningstar peer group. Overweight to equity and domestic detracted from performance. Managers in aggregate underperformed.
- For the latest year, the Fund underperformed public benchmark but outperformed Morningstar peer group. Overweight equity and domestic added to performance. Managers in aggregate underperformed.
- For both the quarter and year, overweight large cap technology strongly detracted from performance.

#### Performance factors

For the guarter, the Fund modestly outperformed its public benchmark MCSI All Country World Index (ACWI) Index while underperforming its Morningstar peer group. The approximate 1% overweight equity detracted from performance as equity market performance lagged fixed income by about 5%. The approximate 3% overweight to domestic detracted from performance, however, the majority of the underweight was in emerging markets which materially underperformed developed markets and especially Europe. Overweight mid caps modestly added to performance as the least bad equity market cap segment and the modest underweight to small caps added to performance with small trailing large by more than 5%. Managers in aggregate underperformed their respective benchmarks, due largely to Large Cap Growth. Additional manager underperformance came from fundamental Mid and Small Cap Value along with Emerging Markets and Mid Cap Growth. Outperforming managers include Large Cap Value, guantitative Mid and Small Cap Value along with International Core. Within market factors, the overweight to large cap growth, and the Mag 7 in particular. strongly detracted from performance.

For the trailing 1-year, the Fund underperformed its public benchmark MCSI ACWI Index while outperforming its Morningstar peer group. The first 10 months of the 1-year period were positive owing to strong domestic performance vs International, however, February and March were very poor reversing much of the prior 10 months of outperformance. The approximate 1% overweight equity was positive with equity market performance leading fixed income by about 2%. The approximate 3% overweight to domestic was positive. Overweight mid caps detracted with mid underperforming large by about 6%, but the modest underweight to small caps added to performance as small trailed large by 12%. The largest detractor to performance was the overweight to growth and large cap tech, with the Mag 7 strongly detracting from performance. Managers in aggregate underperformed their respective benchmarks, due largely to Mid Cap Growth, Large Cap Growth, Small Cap Growth and Large Cap Value. Top outperforming managers were International Core, fundamental Small Cap Value and the quantitative Small Cap Value strategies.

## Portfolio outlook

The year began with great optimism for pro-growth policies such as tax cuts, deregulation and reducing the size of the Federal deficit. However, trade wars have cast a pall on the market that was already weakening since mid-February. While economic growth, jobs and retail sales remain firm, the market is forward looking and concerned with the magnitude of tariffs and tariff retaliation causing a material slowing of global growth. We came into the current market volatility moderately overweight risk assets but do not look to sell at the current time. Additionally, we have capacity to add risk, likely in equity, and will look for entry points as we see seller exhaustion and a bottom forming.

We maintain our long-term strategic underweight to international, primarily in Europe and emerging markets. European growth, especially France and Germany, remains significantly challenged and China's stimulus has only modestly supported growth. Trade wars, while challenging for the US, are more challenging for Europe, China, etc. who are materially more dependent on exports.

Our positioning of modestly underweight small caps is supported by their materially higher debt levels than large caps and negative earnings growth. Now with trade wars, small caps are far less capable of navigating tariffs and broken supply chains, supporting our continued underweight. In the event of small cap performance gaining on large caps, we would look to further reduce our small cap positions.

Performance For the	he period ending March 31, 2025	Periods less than one year	r are not annualized.
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Average annualized returns (%)	3 months	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception
Thrivent Global Stock Fund — S share	-0.93	-0.93	5.38	6.19	15.20	8.31	6.48
- Expense ratio: net 0.65%, gross 0.65%; Incept. date 12/29/1997							
MSCI ACWI Index - USD NR	-1.32	-1.32	7.15	6.91	15.18	8.84	
Morningstar Global Large-Stock Blend Avg	-0.34	-0.34	4.75	6.07	13.94	7.96	

Top 10 Holdings (excluding derivatives and cash) 16.04% of Fund, as of Feb 28 2025: Thrivent Core EM Eq Fd: 2.70%, Thrivent Core Sm Cap Value Fd: 1.92%, Microsoft Corp: 1.82%, NVIDIA Corp: 1.79%, Meta Platforms, Inc.: 1.66%, Apple, Inc.: 1.66%, Amazon.com, Inc.: 1.57%, Alphabet, Inc., Class C: 1.45%, Visa, Inc.: 0.78%, Shell plc: 0.69%

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Any indexes shown are unmanaged and do not reflect the typical costs of investing. Investors cannot invest directly in an index.

MSCI All Country World Index - USD Net Returns measures equity market performance in all global developed- and emerging-markets.

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