

# Thrivent Mid Cap Value Fund

## Q1 2025 Commentary

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## Management



Fund:

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2020

Industry: 2001 Firm: 2013



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## **Executive Summary**

- For the quarter, Thrivent Mid Cap Value Fund underperformed its benchmark due to negative stock selection.
- Performance was negative in 6 out of 11 sectors, led by Industrials and Consumer Staples.
- For the year, the Fund's underperformance versus the benchmark was driven by negative performance in 6 out of 11 sectors.
- The Fund is taking advantage of market volatility, driven by an uncertain business environment, to replace low conviction holdings with higher quality companies that are trading at a discount.

### Performance factors

Thrivent Mid Cap Value Fund underperformed its benchmark, Russell Midcap Value Index, during the quarter driven by negative stock selection. Performance was negative in 6 out of 11 sectors led by Industrials and Consumer Staples. Performance was positive in Healthcare and Energy.

In Industrials, anticipated recovery of the trucking cycle continues to be pushed out which hurt the performance of Werner and JB Hunt. Similarly, Robert Half underperformed as expectations for a rebound in the temporary staffing market were also postponed. Both industries are in prolonged downcycles that we believe will improve unless we go into a recession.

In Consumer Staples, J&J Snack Foods underperformed due to cost input inflation, especially in eggs and cocoa, which drove a margin shortfall in the quarter. They implemented additional price increases to restore margins.

The Healthcare and Utilities sectors contributed positively to performance in the quarter. In Healthcare, the diversified and defensive business of Johnson & Johnson helped performance as other stocks sold off. In Utilities, Duke Energy and Alliant Energy outperformed as regulated utilities rallied in a risk-off market environment. Investors were also rewarded for these utilities' improving earnings growth profile.

On a trailing 12-month basis, performance was negative versus the benchmark with unfavorable selection in 6 out of 11 sectors.

### Portfolio outlook

The US economy is displaying mixed signals with stronger manufacturing activity and moderating inflation, yet consumer confidence remains weak. Uncertainty around tariffs and government budget cuts have caused businesses to delay or reduce purchase decisions. Weaker business and consumer sentiments are causing increased stock market volatility.

The Fund does not invest based on top-down macroeconomic forecasts but instead focuses on generating alpha through bottom-up stock selection. The Fund is taking advantage of market volatility to sell or trim lower-conviction holdings while simultaneously reinvesting the proceeds in higher quality companies that have sold off.

Average annualized returns (%)	3 months	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception
Thrivent Mid Cap Value Fund — S share	-3.70	-3.70	-0.68	3.86	18.65	N/A	13.47
- Expense ratio: net 0.90%, gross 1.42%; Incept. date 2/28/2020							
Russell MidCap Value Index	-2.11	-2.11	2.27	3.78	16.70	7.62	
S&P MidCap 400 Value Index	-3.70	-3.70	3.32	5.14	19.26	8.42	
Morningstar Mid-Cap Value Avg	-1.65	-1.65	1.45	4.80	17.58	7.53	

**Top 10 Holdings** (excluding derivatives and cash) 19.24% of Fund, as of Feb 28 2025: U.S. Bancorp: 2.31%, M&T Bank Corp: 2.09%, MSC Industrial Direct Co Inc: 1.99%, Allstate Corp: 1.89%, Carlyle Grp, Inc.: 1.88%, NiSource, Inc.: 1.85%, Axalta Coating Syst, Ltd.: 1.83%, Devon Energy Corp: 1.82%, Hexcel Corp: 1.80%, Coterra Energy, Inc.: 1.78%

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Russell Midcap® Value Index measures the performance of U.S. medium-capitalization value-oriented equities.

S&P Midcap 400 Value Index measures the performance of U.S. medium-capitalization value-oriented equities.

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