

Thrivent Multidimensional Income Fund

Q3 2021 Commentary

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Management



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Fund since: 2018



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Executive summary

- Thrivent Multidimensional Income Fund posted a net return of 0.18% in the third quarter.
- Alternatives returned 2.08% during the quarter and were the largest positive contributor within the Fund.
- The alternative sectors have performed well during the economic recovery, but some valuation metrics are starting to approach recent historical highs.

Performance factors

Thrivent Multidimensional Income Fund posted a net return of 0.18% in the third quarter which underperformed the Morningstar Multisector Bond category average. High yield bonds and preferred securities returned 0.26% and 0.27%, respectively, and were the largest positive contributors to Fund performance over the quarter.

Emerging Market bonds and opportunistic equities experienced volatility during the quarter and had negative contributions to overall Fund returns.

Throughout the quarter, the allocation to opportunistic equities and convertible bonds decreased. Additionally, the allocation to high yield bonds, preferred securities, and Treasury bonds increased. This was the result of a small rebalance toward assets with more attractive risk-adjusted return potential.

Thrivent Multidimensional Income Fund posted a net return of 13.47% over the last 12 months which outperformed the Morningstar Multisector Bond category average. The alternatives sector was the largest contributor over this period. Additionally, the allocation to high yield bonds made a significant positive contribution to total fund return. Both high yield bonds and the alternative sectors benefitted from the ongoing economic recovery.

Portfolio outlook

Thrivent Multidimensional Income Fund is positioned with about 49% of the Fund invested in alternative sectors. While some valuation metrics have reached recent historical highs, particularly within closed-end funds, the alternative sectors still offer attractive opportunities for income. We will continue to be selective in this space, as we try to allocate only to investments with the best relative risk-adjusted income potential.

About 43% of the Fund is invested in high yield bonds and emerging market debt. While overall yield levels have come down, the high yield bond sector should continue to perform well as the economic recovery continues. This sector has relatively limited duration risk as compared to other sectors of the fixed income market so a potential gradual increase in rates is less of a risk factor.

The remaining 8% of the fund is invested in Treasury securities and cash, which will likely be reduced as more opportunities in the alternative sectors are uncovered.

Thrivent Multidimensional Income Fund performance

Class S shares | For the period ending September 30, 2021

Average annualized returns (%) Periods less than one year are not annualized.	3 months	YTD	1 year	3 years	Since inception Feb. 28, 2017
Thrivent Multidimensional Income Fund Class S share; Expense ratio: net 1.17%, ¹ gross 1.68%	0.18	5.24	13.47	6.53	5.37
Morningstar Multisector Bond Average²	0.26	2.20	6.31	2.12	—
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index³	0.05	-1.55	-0.90	5.36	—

¹The Adviser has contractually agreed, for a period of one year from the date of the most recent prospectus, to waive certain fees and/or reimburse certain expenses associated with the Fund. Refer to the Fees & Expenses table in the Fund's [prospectus](#). If this waiver had not been in effect, performance would have been lower.

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²The Morningstar average represents the average total return annualized when greater than one year for all reported funds in the category. Morningstar averages do not include sales charges/fees. If included, returns would have been lower.

³Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index measures the performance of U.S. investment grade bonds.

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