



# THRIVENT MID CAP STOCK FUND

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

## Fund Key Points

### 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.

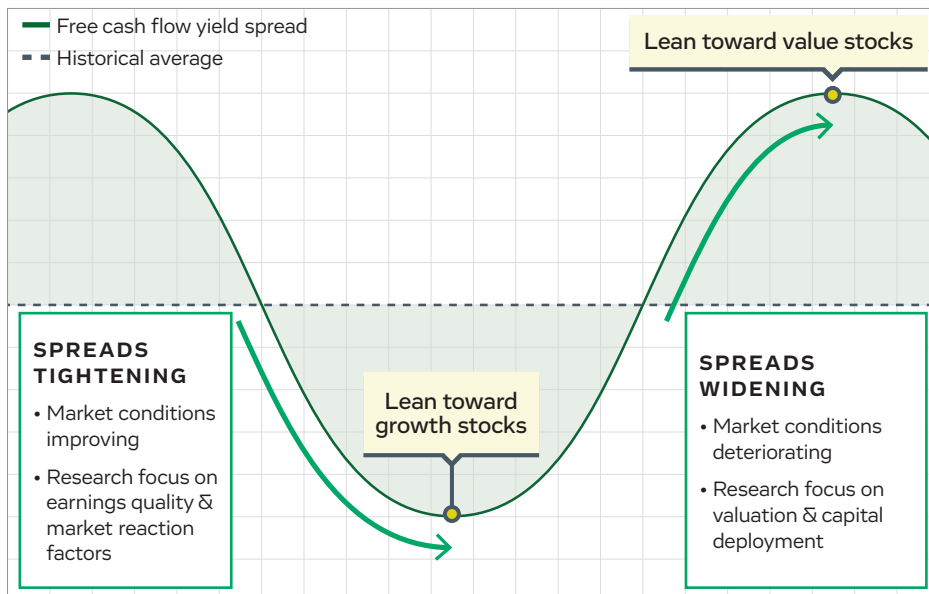
### Style optimization

The fund's research focus shifts based on market conditions. As conditions are deteriorating and nearing the bottom, fund managers emphasize valuation and capital deployment, which eventually tilts the fund 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 fund 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 fund 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.

Charts are for informational purposes only and do not reflect the performance of any specific fund or security.

**FUND OBJECTIVE:** Thrivent Mid Cap Stock Fund seeks long-term capital growth.

## Management



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

Industry Since: 1993  
Thrivent Since: 1994  
Fund Since: 2004

## Key Personnel



**Brett Schwiesow, CFA**  
Portfolio Manager

Industry Since: 1995  
Thrivent Since: 1996  
Fund Since: 2008



**Chad Miller, CFA**  
Portfolio Manager

Industry Since: 2010  
Thrivent Since: 2013  
Fund Since: 2013

“ 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 its appropriate.”

## Why Invest in Mid Cap Equities?

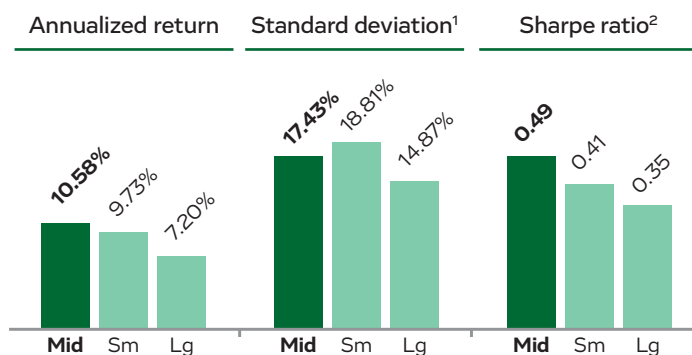
Mid cap equities are often described as the "sweet spot" of equity investing. Typically defined as stocks with a market capitalization between \$5 and \$15 billion, mid cap equities have historically displayed the following characteristics:

- 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

Performance and other information for the Thrivent Mid Cap Stock Fund can be found at [ThriventFunds.com](http://ThriventFunds.com).

## COMPARING MID, SMALL, AND LARGE CAP STOCKS

20 years ending December 2017  
(January 1, 1998 to December 31, 2017)



Mid Cap stocks are represented by the S&P Mid Cap 400<sup>®</sup> Index<sup>3</sup>  
Small Cap stocks are represented by the S&P Small Cap 600<sup>®</sup> Index<sup>4</sup>  
Large Cap stocks are represented by the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index<sup>5</sup>

**Fund Risks:** The Fund primarily invests in securities of mid-sized companies, which often have greater price volatility, lower trading volume, and less liquidity than larger, more established companies. The value of the Fund is influenced by factors impacting the overall market, certain asset classes, certain investment styles, and specific issuers. The Fund may incur losses due to incorrect assessments of investments by its investment adviser.

<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<sup>®</sup> Index** is a market-cap weighted index that represents the average performance of a group of 400 medium capitalization stocks. It has no holdings in common with the S&P 600<sup>®</sup> or S&P 500<sup>®</sup> indices.

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

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

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