Thrivent Partner Emerging Markets Equity Portfolio

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Objective Thrivent Partner Emerging Markets Equity Portfolio seeks long-term capital growth.
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Portfolio key points

Thrivent Partner Emerging Markets Equity Portfolio seeks to invest in companies in Emerging Markets that are high-quality companies with strong balance sheets that enjoy a clear and defendable competitive advantage.

Robust portfolio management team

The Portfolio is managed by a team of more than 50 investment professionals with offices throughout the world, from London to Sao Paulo to Singapore. The analysts' research is peer-reviewed to help generate investable company insights.

First-hand fundamental analysis

A robust, proprietary system is used for doing fundamental research on companies. This approach prioritizes a bottom-up investment process with a focus on first-hand research, discipline when looking at risks within a portfolio, and an emphasis on the best ideas within a diversified portfolio.

Environmental, social, and governance (ESG) philosophy

The management team proactively engages company leadership at current holdings to assess risk and promote best practices from an ESG perspective. The investment team believes that actively using their ownership rights by exercising their voting rights will lead to better outcomes for clients.

Harnessing market inefficiencies through fundamental research — Investment process

Idea generation

Universe: 3,000 stocks

Universe

- Analyze current sector coverage
- Current stocks owned
- Initial public offerings (IPOs)

Research

Coverage: ~650 stocks

Due diligence

- Company and industry analysis
- Financials and valuation
- Investment insight and risk

Peer review

Review: ~300 stocks

Peer review challenge

- Company engagement and investment meetings
- Analysts' recommendations and global peer review
- Valuation

Portfolio construction

Winners list: 50 to 80 stocks

Stock selection

- Portfolio construction group
- Risk review
- Team debate
- Model portfolio and sizing

Management

Devan Kaloo
Global Head of Equities, Aberdeen Standard Investments

Industry since: 1993
Aberdeen since: 2000
Portfolio since: 2008

Joanne Irvine
Dep. Head, Global Emerging Mkts, Aberdeen Standard Investments

Industry since: 1995
Aberdeen since: 1996
Portfolio since: 2008

Kristy Fong, CFA
Senior Investment Director, Aberdeen Standard Investments

Industry since: 2003
Aberdeen since: 2004
Portfolio since: 2008

Aberdeen Standard Investments was created in 2017 from the merger of Standard Life PLC and Aberdeen Asset Management PLC. As of December 2020, the firm has $635.2 billion in assets under management.

Source: Aberdeen Standard Investments (www.aberdeenstandard.us)

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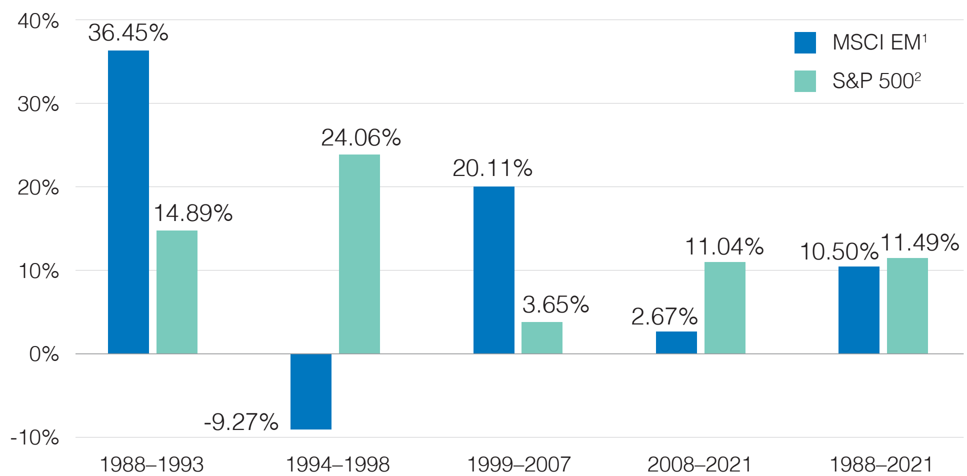
Investment returns over different periods

Investing in Emerging Markets can often lead to long periods of relative under-performance and out-performance compared to the U.S. market as measured by the S&P 500® Index.[2] The chart shows different periods since 1988 and the annual returns for Emerging Markets and the S&P 500.

Adding exposure to Emerging Markets may provide some diversification benefits in the long-term since they often take a different return path than the U.S. stock market.

Compound annual growth rate



This index performance is not indicative of the Portfolio's past or future performance. For Portfolio performance, visit thriventportfolios.com.

Source: Morningstar

[1]**MSCI Emerging Markets Index** is an index which measures the performance of the large- and mid-cap segments of emerging market equity securities.

[2]**S&P 500® Index** is a market-cap weighted index that represents the average performance of a group of 500 large-capitalization stocks.

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

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