

# Thrivent High Yield Portfolio

**Ticker** QTHYPX **Inception** Nov. 2, 1987

Objective Thrivent High Yield Portfolio seeks to achieve a higher level of income, and secondarily growth of capital.

# Portfolio key points

Thrivent High Yield Portfolio seeks high current income, and secondarily growth of capital.

#### "Core B" philosophy

A diversified portfolio of high yield bonds, overweighted to B-rated securities to take advantage of their favorable characteristics, aims to provide the highest yield with the lowest sensitivity to interest rate changes. Securities with a B rating are more vulnerable to default than BB, but less so than CCC-rated issues.

# Thorough, fundamental research

Seven experienced credit analysts seek to identify issues with the best potential return within each credit rating and industry, placing emphasis on established companies with strong cash flows and a potential for an improving credit profile.

#### A collaborative approach

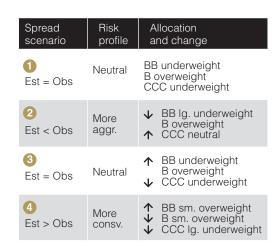
The portfolio manager collaborates with the analysts on industry selection used to position the Portfolio. Analyst views, informed by expertise and fundamental research, are taken into consideration when determining industry allocation in the Portfolio.

# Positioning the portfolio: a hypothetical example

The high yield credit market is dynamic and our portfolio management will update the Portfolio's risk profile based on the current and expected market environment. Estimated spreads are the output of a model that considers multiple economic factors.

#### Hypothetical spreads: estimated vs. observed





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# Management



Paul J. Ocenasek, CFA
Senior Portfolio Manager
Industry since: 1987
Thrivent since: 1997
Portfolio since: 1997



Paul S. Tommerdahl, CFA Senior Portfolio Manager Industry since: 2008 Thrivent since: 2016 Portfolio since: 2023

"We have a great team of very experienced credit analysts here at Thrivent that can be leveraged to generate ideas for various portfolios. We believe it is important to foster a culture that values the input of the professionals closest to the assets they cover."

# Portfolio construction: "Core B" approach

Thrivent High Yield Portfolio aims to have strong total returns through a greater allocation to B-rated bonds than its peers.

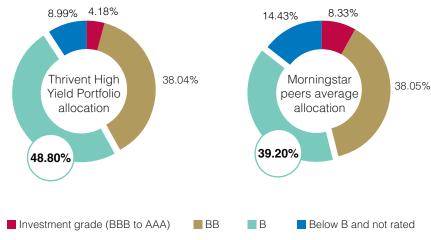
#### Why emphasize B-rated bonds?

Our experienced management team believes that B-rated bonds can exhibit both favorable yields and interest rate sensitivity. B-rated bonds have historically lower rates of default than CCC-rated bonds and lower downgrade rates than BB-rated bonds over longer time periods.

# When constructing the portfolio, management focuses on:

- Credit selection
- Diversification
- Liquidity

### Allocations as of Jan. 31, 2023



Thrivent High Yield Portfolio is part of the Morningstar High Yield Bond category.

Source: Morningstar

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