

# US Convertible Market Snapshot

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US convertibles posted their strongest monthly return since November 2020, with the ICE BofA US Convertible Index surging +10.46% in April. The rally was broad-based but led decisively by AI and technology names: AI infrastructure converts soared +17.9% versus non-AI converts at +5.6%, while AI technology converts jumped +28.1% and tech hardware & equipment converts rocketed +36.6%. The strong April performance pushed YTD returns to +14.57%, well ahead of the S&P 500's +5.70% YTD gain.

Global convertible new issuance activity remained robust, with \$11.6 billion brought to market in April, led by \$6.9 billion in the US, propelling the 2026 YTD global issuance total to \$65.4 billion—a record pace. April issuance was dominated by information technology and energy. In BofA's Global Convertibles Investor Survey, 75% of respondents expected convertibles to lead all other asset classes on a risk-adjusted basis over the next 12 months—the highest conviction reading in four years. Continued AI and infrastructure spending, along with strong secondary market liquidity, are expected to pique investor interest and support issuance in the months ahead.

## Convertibles versus Equities

### Monthly Returns (%)

	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26
<b>VXA0</b>	3.3	4.0	2.8	1.7	3.8	3.1	-0.7	-0.4	4.6	1.7	-2.5	10.5
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	6.3	5.1	2.2	2.0	3.7	2.3	0.2	0.1	1.5	-0.8	-5.0	10.5
<b>Russell 2000</b>	5.3	5.4	1.7	7.1	3.1	1.8	1.0	-0.6	5.4	0.8	-5.0	12.2

### Annual Returns (%)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	YTD 2026
<b>VXA0</b>	10.4	13.7	0.2	23.2	46.2	6.3	-18.7	12.9	11.1	18.0	14.6
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	12.0	21.8	-4.4	31.5	18.4	28.7	-18.1	26.3	25.0	17.9	5.7
<b>Russell 2000</b>	21.3	14.6	-11.0	25.5	20.0	14.8	-20.4	16.9	11.5	12.8	13.2

## Convertibles versus Fixed Income

### Monthly Returns (%)

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<b>VXA0</b>	3.3	4.0	2.8	1.7	3.8	3.1	-0.7	-0.4	4.6	1.7	-2.5	10.5
<b>Bbg High Yield Corp</b>	1.7	1.8	0.5	1.2	0.8	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.2	-1.2	1.7
<b>Bbg US Agg Bond</b>	-0.7	1.5	-0.3	1.2	1.1	0.6	0.6	-0.1	0.1	1.6	-1.8	0.1

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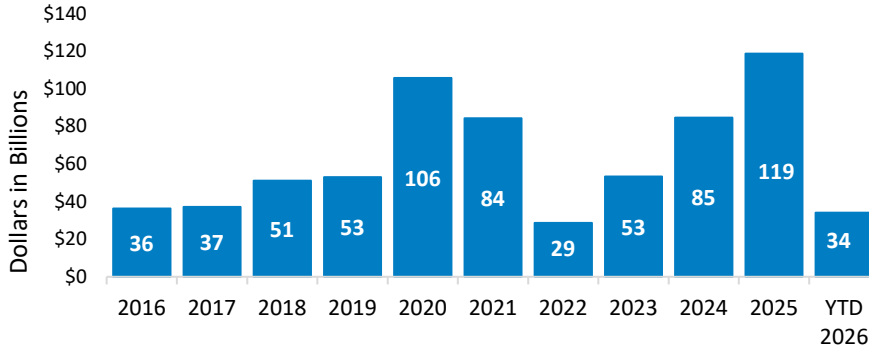
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<b>Bbg HY Corporate</b>	17.1	7.5	-2.1	14.3	7.1	5.3	-11.2	13.4	8.2	8.6	1.2
<b>Bbg US Agg Bond</b>	2.6	3.5	0.0	8.7	7.5	-1.5	-13.0	5.5	1.3	7.3	0.1
<b>Morningstar Fund Categories</b>											
<b>High Yield Bond</b>	13.2	6.4	-2.8	12.5	4.8	4.7	-10.4	11.8	7.5	8.0	1.2
<b>Long-Term Bond</b>	5.3	9.7	-3.5	18.4	14.2	-0.7	-24.0	8.7	-1.0	7.3	-0.3
<b>Interm Core Bond</b>	3.2	3.8	-0.5	8.3	7.5	-1.5	-13.3	5.5	1.7	7.1	0.1
<b>Short-Term Bond</b>	2.0	1.7	0.9	4.6	3.7	0.0	-5.2	5.8	5.0	6.0	0.6
<b>Bank Loan</b>	9.2	3.5	-0.3	7.4	1.1	4.2	-2.6	12.0	8.4	5.2	0.7

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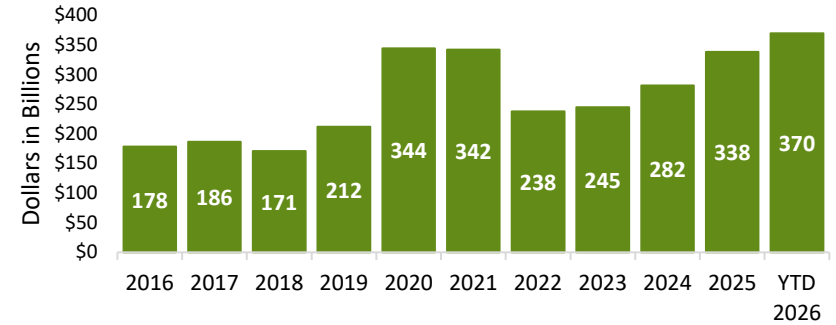
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## Issuance

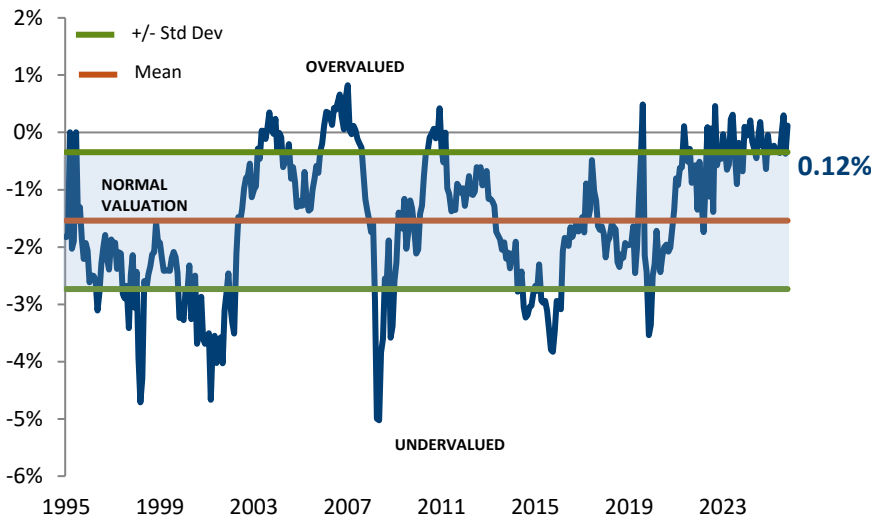


## Assets



## Convertible Market Valuation

(Avg Discount to Theoretical Valuation, 6/30/95 to 4/30/26)



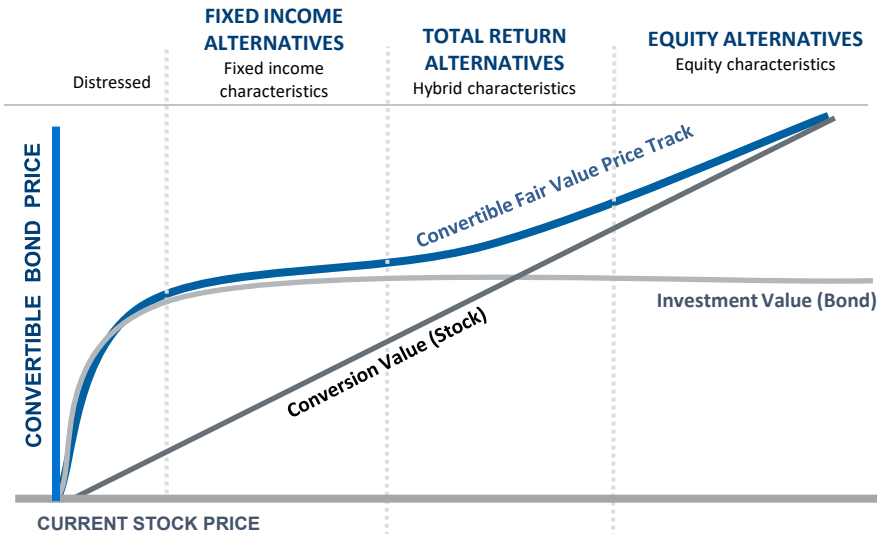
## Market Statistics (VXA0)

	4/30/26	3/31/26
Average Current Yield	2.0%	2.2%
Average Conversion Premium	31.5%	36.2%
Average Investment Premium	47.9%	38.4%

## New Issue Statistics (VNEW)

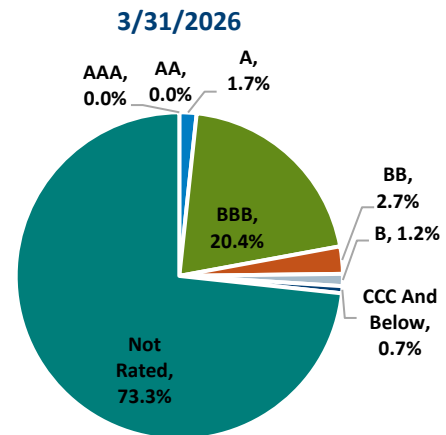
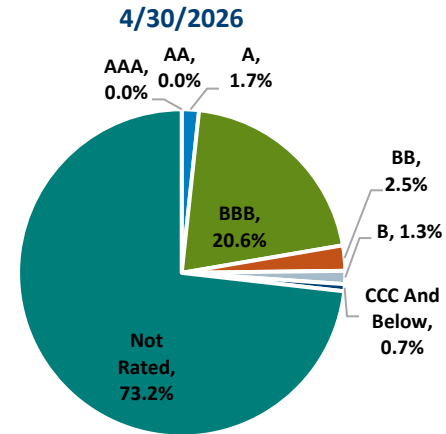
	4/30/26	3/31/26
Average Current Yield	2.0%	2.2%
Average Conversion Premium	36.1%	44.5%
Average Investment Premium	38.8%	27.3%

### Convertible Market Composition<sup>1</sup>



	FIXED INCOME ALTERNATIVES	TOTAL RETURN ALTERNATIVES	EQUITY ALTERNATIVES
3/1/2000	19%	28%	53%
2/28/2009	67%	21%	12%
4/30/2026	34%	35%	32%
<b>PREVIOUS MONTH</b>			
3/31/2026	39%	34%	27%

### Credit Quality Allocation of Bonds<sup>2</sup>



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**Convertible Securities Risk:** The value of a convertible security is influenced by changes in interest rates, with investment value declining as interest rates increase and increasing as interest rates decline. The credit standing of the issuer and other factors also, may have an effect on the convertible security's investment value.

**Conversion Premium** is the amount by which the market price of a convertible bond or convertible preferred exceeds conversion value, expressed as a percentage. It is a gauge of equity participation. **Current Yield** reflects the dividends and interest earned during the 30-day period ended as of the date stated above after deducting expenses for that same period. **Investment Premium** is the amount that the market price of the convertible is above its investment value, expressed as a percent of the investment value.

The **S&P 500** Index is a market-value weighted index consisting of 500 stocks chosen for market size, liquidity, and industry group representation. It is widely regarded as the standard for measuring US stock-market performance. The **Russell 2000 Index** measures the performance of the 2,000 smallest companies in the Russell 3000 Index, which represents approximately 8% of the total market capitalization of the Russell 3000 Index. You cannot invest directly in an index. The **ICE BofA All US Convertibles Index (VXA0)** measures the return of all US convertibles. The **ICE BofA All US Convertibles Index - New Issues (VNEW)** tracks the US convertible bonds issued in the last six months. **Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index** is a broad-based flagship benchmark that measures the investment grade, US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market. The index includes Treasuries, government related and corporate securities, MBS (agency fixed-rate and hybrid ARM pass-throughs), ABS and CMBS (agency and non-agency). **Bloomberg US Corporate High Yield Index** measures the US corporate market of non-investment grade, fixed-rate corporate bonds. Securities are classified as high-yield if the middle rating of Moody's, Fitch, and S&P is Ba1/BB+/BB+ or below. **Morningstar High Yield Bond Category** funds concentrate on lower-quality bonds, which are riskier than those of higher-quality companies. These portfolios generally offer higher yields than other types of portfolios, but they are also more vulnerable to economic and credit risk. These portfolios primarily invest in US high-income debt securities where at least 65% or more of bond assets are not rated or are rated by a major agency such as Standard & Poor's or Moody's at the level of BB (considered speculative for taxable bonds) and below. **US OE Long-Term Bond:** Long-term bond portfolios invest primarily in corporate and other investment-grade U.S. fixed-income issues and have durations of more than six years. Due to their long durations, these portfolios are exposed to greater interest rate risk. **Intermediate core bond** portfolios invest primarily in investment-grade U.S. fixed-income issues, including government, corporate, and securitized debt, and typically hold less than 5% in below-investment-grade exposures. Their durations (a measure of interest-rate sensitivity) typically range between 75% and 125% of the three-year average of the effective duration of the Morningstar Core Bond Index. **Morningstar Short-Term Bond** Category funds invest primarily in corporate and other investment-grade US fixed-income issues and typically have durations of 1.0 to 3.5 years. Short-term is defined as 25% to 75% of the three-year average effective duration of the MCB1. **US OE Bank Loan:** Bank-loan portfolios primarily invest in floating-rate bank loans instead of bonds. In exchange for their credit risk, these loans offer high interest payments that typically float above a common short-term benchmark such as the London interbank offered rate, or LIBOR.

<sup>1</sup> Active management does not guarantee investment returns and does not eliminate the risk of loss. A convertible bond is a fixed income alternative with "fixed income characteristics" when it is valued at about the same level as a similar non-convertible bond and is not as sensitive to the underlying equity. A convertible bond is a total return alternative with "hybrid characteristics" when it has fixed income characteristics as previously explained but is becoming increasingly sensitive to changes in the underlying equity price. An equity alternative with "equity characteristics" represents a convertible bond that is highly sensitive to movements in the underlying equity. Percentages shown represent the proportion of convertible bonds in the ICE BofA All US Convertibles Index (VXA0) that fall into each classification. Source: the ICE BofA All US Convertibles Index (VXA0).

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