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HIGHLIGHTS

Calamos Convertible Fund has posted double-digit gains during 1H 2020.

Active management and continually rebalancing has been a key driver of performance.

The Fund has a long history of participating in equity upside with less exposure to downside.

We believe the Fund is well positioned for a climate of economic recovery and volatile but upwardly moving equity markets.

CALAMOS CONVERTIBLE FUND (CICVX):

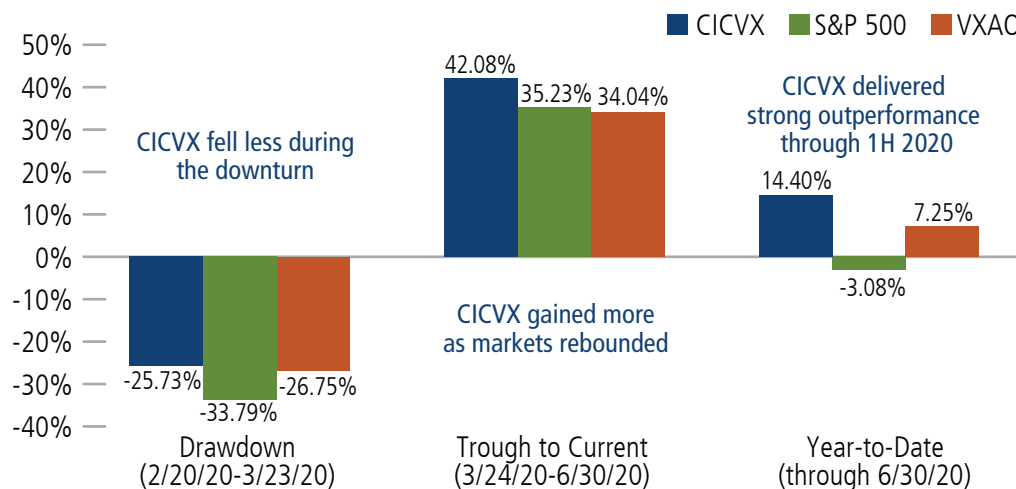
Mid-Year Performance Update

With active management, convertible securities provide compelling opportunities for enhancing returns and managing risk. Drawing on proprietary processes and experience established over decades, Calamos Convertible Fund has delivered strong returns through the difficult markets of 2020, as well as over multiple market cycles.

Through 2020’s unprecedented market volatility, Calamos Convertible Fund (CICVX) has benefited from a highly active approach focused on balancing upside participation while mitigating downside.

Although the S&P 500 Index is still in negative territory, CICVX has returned 14.04% year to date. In addition, CICVX’s year-to-date gain is nearly double that of the ICE BofA All U.S. Convertibles Index (VXA0). As shown in Figure 1, this year-to-date outperformance was supported by relative strength in both up and down markets. The fund declined less than the indexes during the selloff and gained more since the stock market troughed in late March.

FIGURE 1. CICVX: YEAR-TO-DATE OUTPERFORMANCE VS. EQUITY AND CONVERTIBLE MARKETS



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Active Management Has Been Key to YTD Outperformance

Convertible securities combine stock and bond characteristics. A convertible bond can be exchanged—or converted—into a specific number of shares of common stock of the issuer’s company. Convertible bonds are technically classified as debt instruments because they pay interest and have a maturity date.

These hybrid features offer innovative ways to pursue lower-volatility equity participation or to enhance a traditional fixed income portfolio. However, as we have observed in the past, it is not simply the inclusion of a convertible that matters, it is how convertibles are managed to achieve a specific goal.

The characteristics of convertibles change, and at times quite rapidly, as we have seen this year. Levels of equity and fixed income sensitivity change over time, both for an individual convertible as well as for the convertible universe as a whole.

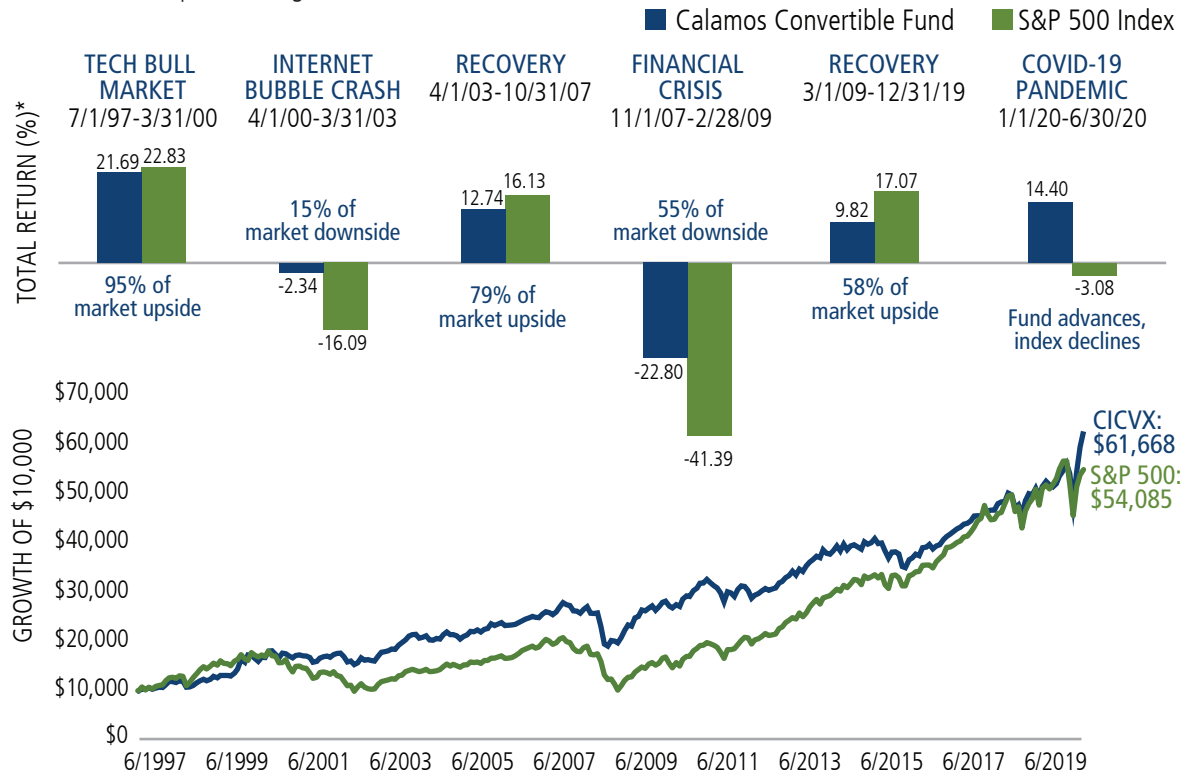
As conditions rapidly evolved through the first half of 2020, we took advantage of volatility to continually adjust CICVX's risk/reward characteristics, always seeking to balance upside participation with downside risk mitigation. When markets became oversold, our team capitalized on opportunities to purchase securities at attractive prices, including those with a higher degree of equity sensitivity. As equity markets have recovered more recently, the team took profits and increased their allocation to convertibles with more balanced equity and fixed income attributes, thereby moderating exposure to potential equity market downside.

CICVX Has a Long History of Managing Equity Risk Through the Decades

CICVX's resilience during down markets and participation in up markets has been demonstrated over time. As shown in Figure 2, the Fund fell less than the equity market during the internet bubble crash and the financial crisis, while participating in upward moving equity markets.

FIGURE 2. CICVX: MANAGING RISK AND CAPTURING UPSIDE OVER MARKET CYCLES

Since I share inception through 6/30/2020



AVERAGE ANNUALIZED TOTAL RETURNS AS OF 6/30/2020	YTD	1-YEAR	3-YEAR	5-YEAR	10-YEAR	20-YEAR	SINCE INCEPTION (6/25/1997)
Calamos Convertible Fund-Class I shares	14.40%	21.70%	13.13%	9.40%	8.82%	6.74%	8.23%
S&P 500 Index	-3.08	7.51	10.73	10.73	13.99	5.91	7.59
ICE BofA VXA0 Index	7.25	15.35	11.71	9.24	10.91	6.40	7.95

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The total expense ratio for Class I shares is 0.92% as of the prospectus dated 2/28/2020.

Outlook for CICVX

Looking forward, we believe Calamos Convertible Fund is well positioned. Convertible securities tend to benefit from volatile but upwardly moving equity markets. As equity markets rise, the embedded option in the convertible becomes more valuable. When equity markets decline, a convertible's income and its bond floor can provide a degree of risk mitigation.

We are prepared for additional volatility in the markets, due to uncertainty surrounding the upcoming presidential election as well as the course of the pandemic. Overall, however, we expect the economic downturn to be relatively short, and the potential for a V-shaped recovery certainly exists. We are encouraged to see businesses re-opening and people returning to work. There's significant pent-up consumer demand poised for release, saving rates are high, and mortgage rates have fallen. Although we would not be surprised to see inflation rise modestly after 2020, we do not anticipate runaway pressures that would derail recovery. The course of the pandemic remains uncertain, but we believe the U.S. government and the Fed stand ready to provide additional support. These conditions should be supportive for equities, and in turn, for convertible securities.

Our positive outlook for the asset class is also supported by conditions in the convertible market. With \$265.9 billion in assets as of June 30, 2020, the U.S. convertible market provides access to a diverse group of companies. This year, we've seen the market grow by leaps and bounds. Convertible issuance is about access to capital, and access to capital is tied to economic growth. Over recent years, we've seen robust issuance against a backdrop of steady economic expansion.

The convertible market has often been one of the first to open up after periods of stress. This has certainly been the case this year. As companies have sought capital in the wake of this year's economic downturn, we've seen a flood of securities come to market with very attractive terms. Through June 30, 2020, global companies have brought \$92 billion to market, led by the U.S. at \$67 billion—in each case, topping records for issuance in the first half of a calendar year. We've seen an exciting breadth of new issuers, including many that meet our risk/reward criteria. In addition to growth-oriented companies (which have been historically well represented in the convertible market), issuers have also included larger consumer companies and cyclical names seeking to re-emerge as the economy recovers. Many of these companies are choosing to issue convertibles for the first time.

Portfolio Positioning

Selectivity and active management will be extremely important during the coming months. Overall, markets have enjoyed a good bounce back from their lows earlier this year, but there's a significant dispersion among sectors and companies, and many areas are still struggling. The liquidity phase of the crisis has passed, but it will take time to determine which companies will be able to adapt and survive. The pandemic will have near- and long-term impacts on behaviors, which in turn will shape the fortunes of companies and industries as a whole. Political uncertainty is likely to contribute to volatility as the U.S. presidential election approaches, especially given the importance of fiscal policy in these difficult times.

In terms of positioning, we are seeking businesses that can navigate these crosscurrents, such as fundamentally sound companies that are positioned to capitalize on the "at-home" trends that have rapidly taken hold. As a complement to these secular growth themes, we have invested in cyclically oriented companies that can benefit as the economy recovers. From a sector standpoint, the Fund's largest allocations are to technology, consumer discretionary and health care.

Conclusion

We believe that opportunity exists in all markets, including volatile ones, and we look forward to pursuing those opportunities on behalf of the Fund's shareholders. As we discussed in our recent blog post, "[Convertible Securities: A Compelling Choice for Uncertain Times](#)", convertible securities can offer many potential benefits for asset allocation—providing lower volatility equity exposure or serving as a hedge against inflation or rising interest rates. Since 1985, Calamos Convertible Fund has provided investors with a risk-managed way to participate in the opportunity of the asset class. Through the first half of 2020, we believe we have demonstrated the merits of our approach, as we have over the long term.

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John P. Calamos, Sr. is Founder, Chairman and Global CIO of Calamos Investments, a firm he founded in 1977. With origins as an institutional convertible bond manager, the firm has grown into a global asset management firm with major institutional and individual clients around the world. The firm aims to deliver superior risk-adjusted performance through a range of U.S. and global investment strategies including equity, fixed income, convertible and alternative investments.

With 50 years of industry experience, he is often quoted as an authority on risk-managed investment strategies, markets and the economy. He is a frequent speaker at investment seminars and conferences around the world and appears regularly on CNBC, Bloomberg TV and Fox Business Channel. He has written two books: *Investing in Convertible Securities: Your Complete Guide to the Risks and Rewards* and *Convertible Securities: the Latest Instruments, Portfolio Strategies, and Valuation Analysis*.

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The principal risks of investing in the Calamos Convertible Fund include a potential decline in the value of convertible securities during periods of rising interest rates and the possibility of the borrower missing payments. The credit standing of the issuer and other factors may also affect a convertible security's investment value. Synthetic convertible instruments may fluctuate and perform inconsistently with an actual convertible security, and components of a synthetic convertible can expire worthless. The Fund may also be subject to foreign securities risk, equity securities risk, credit risk, high yield risk, portfolio selection risk and liquidity risk.

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