

Convertibles Can Enhance a Fixed Income Allocation

CALENDAR YEAR TOTAL RETURNS (USD) RANKED FROM BEST TO WORST FOR A RANGE OF FIXED INCOME ASSET CLASSES

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
BEST	Preferreds 15.44%	Preferreds 7.58%	US High Yield 18.26%	Converts 13.70%	Treasury Bills 1.82%	Converts 23.15%	Converts 46.22%	Converts 6.34%	Treasury Bills 1.52%	US High Yield 13.55%
	Converts 9.44%	US Securitized 1.47%	Converts 10.43%	Preferreds 10.58%	US Securitized 0.99%	Preferreds 17.71%	US IG Bonds 9.89%	US High Yield 5.49%	US High Yield -10.55%	Converts 12.87%
	US IG Bonds 7.46%	US Gov't Bonds 0.86%	US IG Bonds 6.11%	Gov't Bonds ex US 8.89%	US Gov't Bonds 0.88%	US IG Bonds 14.54%	Gov't Bonds ex US 9.80%	Preferreds 2.24%	US Securitized -11.67%	Preferreds 10.21%
	US Aggregate 5.97%	US Aggregate 0.55%	US Aggregate 2.65%	US High Yield 7.03%	Converts 0.15%	US High Yield 14.00%	US Gov't Bonds 7.94%	Treasury Bills 0.04%	US Gov't Bonds -12.32%	US IG Bonds 8.52%
	US Securitized 5.88%	Treasury Bills 0.03%	Preferreds 2.32%	US IG Bonds 6.42%	US Aggregate 0.01%	US Aggregate 8.72%	US Aggregate 7.51%	US IG Bonds -1.04%	US Aggregate -13.01%	US Aggregate 5.53%
	US Gov't Bonds 4.92%	US IG Bonds -0.68%	Gov't Bonds ex US 2.09%	US Aggregate 3.54%	Gov't Bonds ex US -0.87%	US Gov't Bonds 6.83%	Preferreds 6.95%	US Securitized -1.04%	Preferreds -14.60%	Treasury Bills 5.14%
	US High Yield 1.86%	Converts -2.99%	US Securitized 1.78%	US Securitized 2.51%	US High Yield -2.37%	US Securitized 6.44%	US High Yield 5.48%	US Aggregate -1.54%	US IG Bonds -15.76%	US Securitized 5.08%
	Treasury Bills 0.02%	Gov't Bonds ex US -4.60%	US Gov't Bonds 1.05%	US Gov't Bonds 2.30%	US IG Bonds -2.51%	Gov't Bonds ex US 4.60%	US Securitized 4.18%	US Gov't Bonds -2.28%	Converts -18.71%	US Gov't Bonds 4.09%
WORST	Gov't Bonds ex US -2.88%	US High Yield -4.93%	Treasury Bills 0.26%	Treasury Bills 0.82%	Preferreds -4.34%	Treasury Bills 2.21%	Treasury Bills 0.54%	Gov't Bonds ex US -9.66%	Gov't Bonds ex US -21.70%	Gov't Bonds ex US 3.39%

Data as of 12/31/23.

Source: Bloomberg and Morningstar. Past performance is no guarantee of future returns.

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US Aggregate, represented by the **Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index**, covers the US.-denominated, investment-grade, fixed-rate, taxable bond market of SEC-registered securities. US High Yield, represented by the **Credit Suisse US High Yield Index**, is an unmanaged index of high yield debt securities. US Government Bonds, represented by the **Bloomberg US Government Index**, is an unmanaged index considered representative of fixed-income obligations issued by the US Treasury, government agencies and quasi-federal corporations. Treasury Bills, represented by the **Bloomberg US Treasury Bill 1-3 Month Index**, is a component of the Short Treasury Index and includes aged US Treasury bills, notes and bonds with a remaining maturity from 1 up to (but not including) 12 months. US IG Bonds, represented by the **Bloomberg US Corporate Investment Grade Index**, consists of publicly issued, fixed rate, nonconvertible, investment grade debt securities. US Securitized, represented by the **Bloomberg US Securitized MBS/ABS/CMBS Index**, includes the MBS, ABS, and CMBS sectors. The index does not reflect fees, brokerage commissions, taxes or other expenses of investing. Government Bonds ex. US, represented by the **ICE BofA Global Government Bond Index, Excluding US**, tracks the performance of investment grade sovereign debt publicly issued and denominated in the issuer's own domestic market and currency. Convertibles are represented by the **ICE BofA All US Convertibles Index (VXA0)**, a gauge of the performance of the US convertible market. Preferreds are represented by the **ICE BofA Fixed Rate Preferred Securities Index**, comprised of investment grade fixed rate US dollar denominated preferred securities issued in the US domestic market.

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