

# U.S. Convertible Market Snapshot

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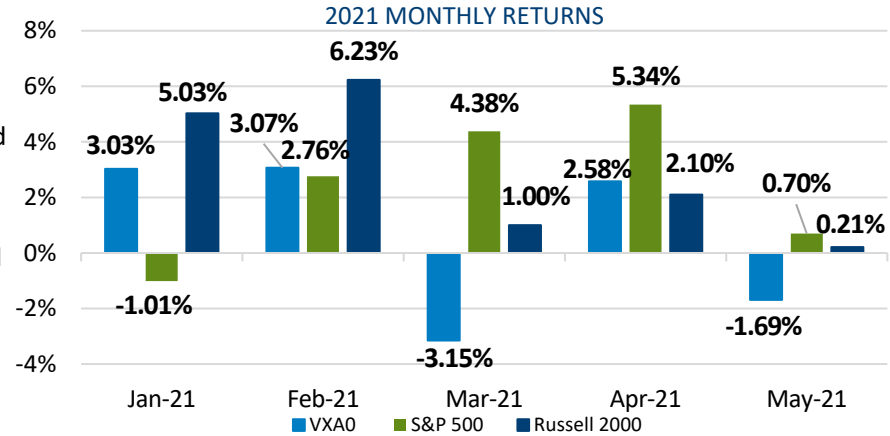
## OVERVIEW

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May was a microcosm of many year-to-date trends that we have had within the convertible market. Growth-focused issuers continued to display heightened volatility as they were hit hard during the beginning of the month, then rallied to end the month. Global new issuance volume of \$11 billion, \$6 billion of which was from the U.S., was off the record levels seen recently but remains solid overall and exceeds typical supply this time of year. From a return perspective, some of the strongest gains were found among the smaller economic sectors such as Energy and Materials.

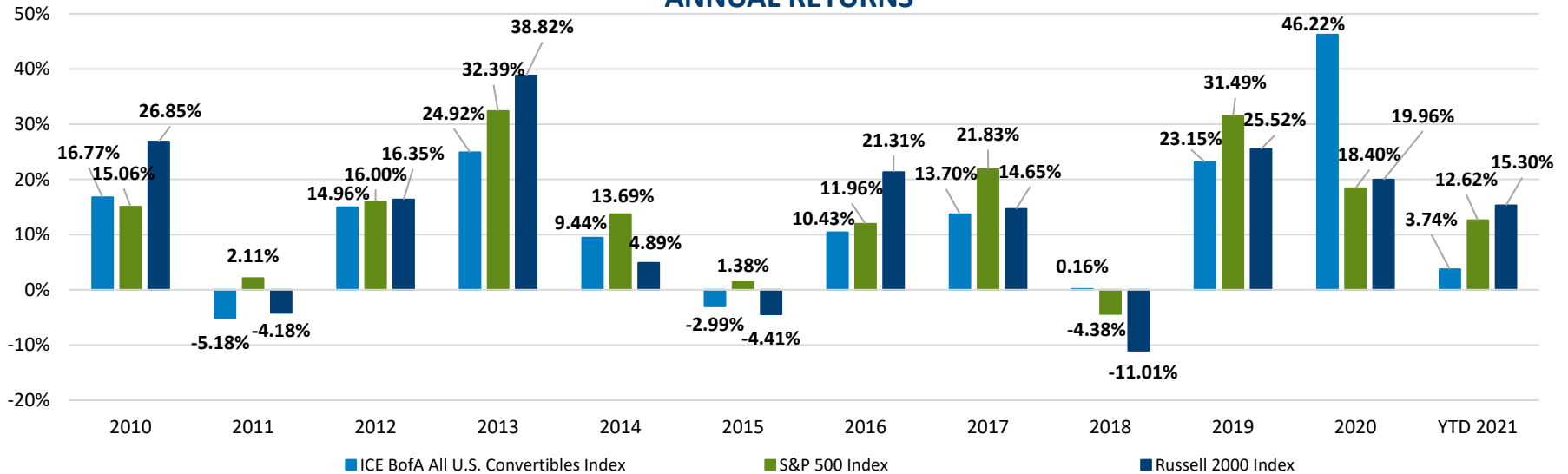
We think the consistent trend through all the short-term movements continues to be the expansion of the convertible market, which can help set the stage for long-term performance. As we often say, the flipside of volatility can be opportunity, and the structural risk/reward of convertibles can be an attractive way to enhance returns by investing in tomorrow's market leaders while managing risk.

## VXA0 vs. S&P 500 vs. RUSSELL 2000



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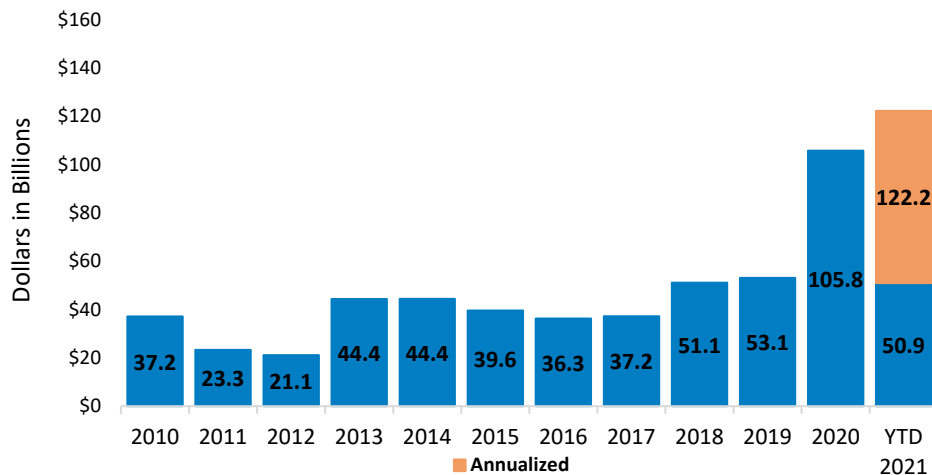
## ANNUAL RETURNS



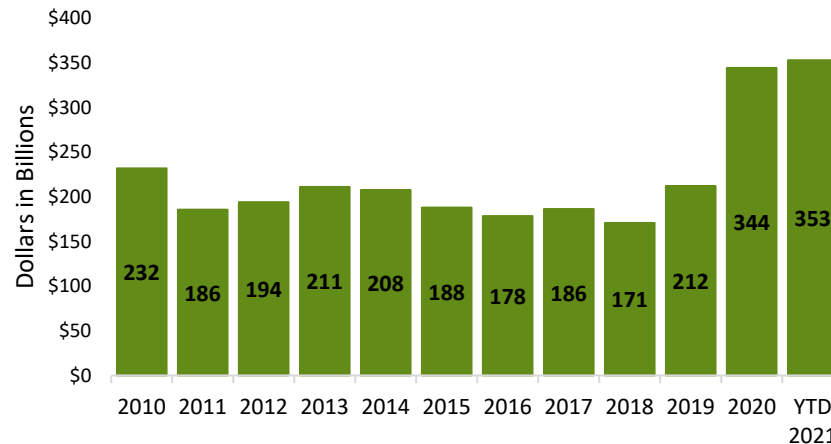
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## U.S. Convertible Market ISSUANCE



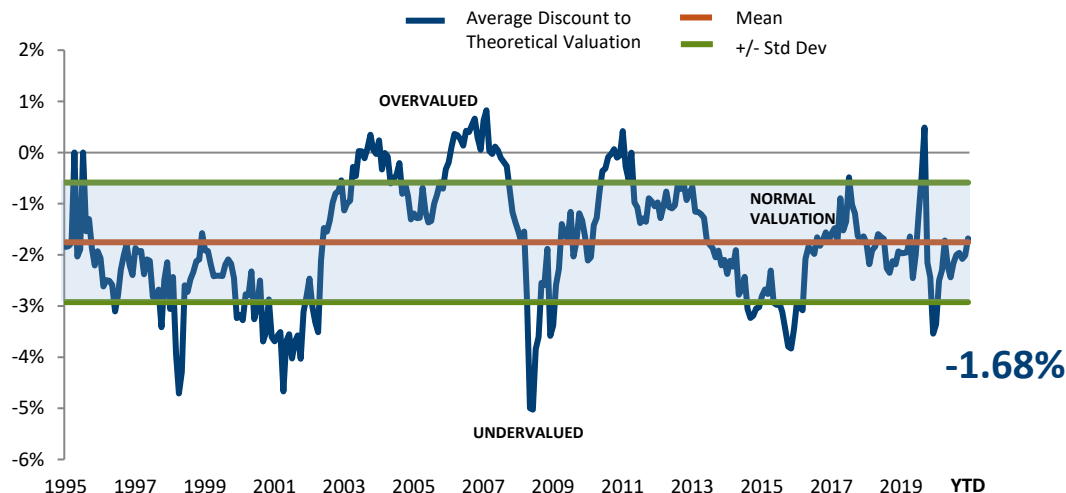
## ASSETS



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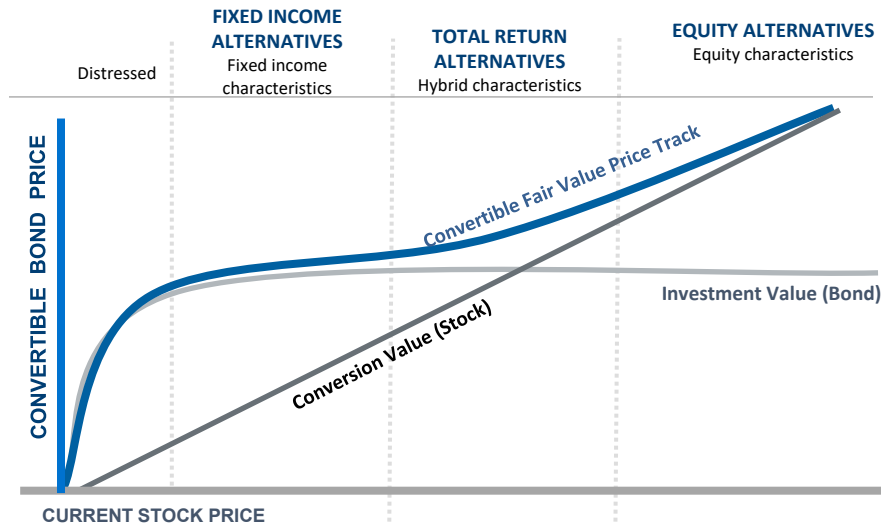
## VALUATION OF THE CONVERTIBLE MARKET

JUNE 30, 1995 TO MAY 31, 2021



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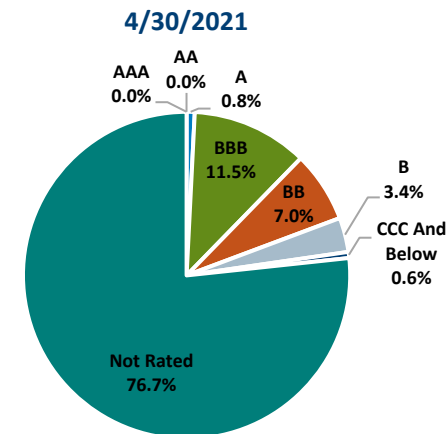
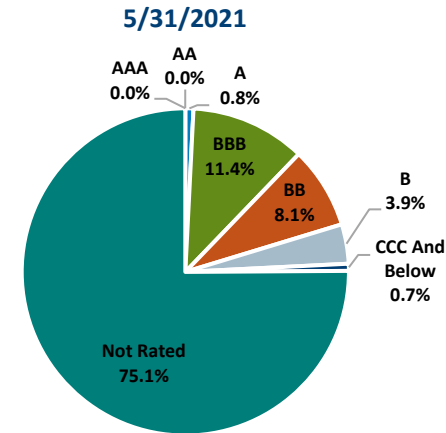
## CONVERTIBLE MARKET COMPOSITION AS OF 5/31/21



	FIXED INCOME ALTERNATIVES	TOTAL RETURN ALTERNATIVES	EQUITY ALTERNATIVES
3/1/2000	19%	28%	53%
2/28/2009	67%	21%	12%
5/31/2021	23%	44%	33%
<b>PREVIOUS MONTH</b>			
4/30/2021	20%	45%	35%

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 U.S. Convertibles Index (VXA0) that fall into each classification. Source: the ICE BofA All U.S. Convertibles Index (VXA0). Data as of 5/31/21.

## CREDIT QUALITY ALLOCATION OF BONDS<sup>1</sup>



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**CONVERTIBLE  
MARKET  
STATISTICS**

5/31/21 ICE BOFA ALL U.S. CONV. INDEX (VXA0)	4/30/21 ICE BOFA ALL U.S. CONV. INDEX (VXA0)
1.8%	1.7%
22.1%	20.4%
50.6%	56.6%

**NEW ISSUES  
STATISTICS**

5/31/21 ICE BOFA ALL U.S. CONV. INDEX - NEW ISSUES (VNEW)	4/30/21 ICE BOFA ALL U.S. CONV. INDEX - NEW ISSUES (VNEW)
1.0%	0.9%
29.5%	30.5%
42.9%	39.8%

Average Current Yield

1.8%

1.7%

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1.0%

0.9%

Average Conversion  
Premium

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20.4%

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Premium

29.5%

30.5%

Average Investment  
Premium

50.6%

56.6%

Average Investment  
Premium

42.9%

39.8%

Source: BofA Global Research, ICE Data Indices, LLC; VXA0 Index, VNEW Index.

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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.

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 U.S. 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.

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**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.

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