CONVERTIBLES: FOR AN EQUITY OR BOND ALLOCATION

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How do convertibles fit in an asset allocation?

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Convertibles work particularly well in a rising rate environment.

Convertibles can work a couple different ways in the asset allocation. The most common is as a strategic part of the equity allocation as a way to reduce risk. Typically, convertibles over a whole market cycle can perform similar or even better than the equity market with a substantial reduction in volatility.

Convertibles also can work well as a tactical part of the asset allocation to reduce interest rate risk in the bond allocation. Convertibles tend to perform well in a rising rate environment. In fact, in most rising rate environments, convertibles are up while the bond market is down. While they're the risky part of the fixed income allocation [convertibles] offer a nice way to reduce interest rate risk in a fixed income portfolio.



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Convertible securities consist of the potential for a decline in value during periods of rising interest rates and the risk of the borrower to miss payment.



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