

SSI Investment Management Hedged Convertible Opportunity Strategy

Inception: April 1, 2001

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Leverage

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Benefits

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- Low volatility and the ability to produce positive returns in both advancing and declining market environments
- Equity risk is reduced through the utilization of hedging techniques
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Securities Utilized

- Convertible bonds
- Convertible preferreds
- Offsetting short equity positions

Return Expectation

- 3 Month T-Bill* + 600 bps

Risk Controls

- Manage equity exposure
- Manage credit quality
- Manage duration
- Maintain diversification

About SSI

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- Founded in 1973
- Registered Investment Advisor
- \$2.18 Billion AUM
- 28 Employees
- 11 Investment Professionals

Developments

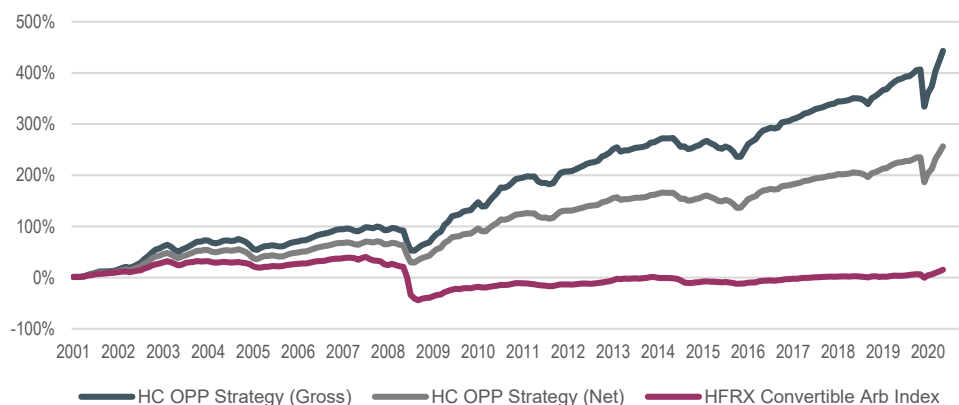
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The SSI Convertible Opportunity Strategy had a strong August, gaining approximately 3.97% (gross of fee). Valuations continued to improve, amid favorable investor sentiment toward convertibles. The strategy benefited from volatility among convertible issuers and positive trends in the credit markets. Yields remain attractive with the standstill yield (yield-to-maturity) averaging over 4%. New issuance was strong in August, totaling \$10.7 billion. This brings the year-to-date total to \$85.4 billion, which is the highest level since 2007.

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Long-term Performance (preliminary as of August 31, 2020)

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	Annualized Performance						
	AUG 2020	YTD 2020	1YR	3YRS	5YRS	10YRS	Annualized Since Inception (4/1/2001)
SSI HC Opp (Gross)	3.97%	8.92%	11.58%	8.76%	8.97%	7.73%	9.11%
SSI HC Opp (Net)	3.73%	7.79%	9.76%	7.16%	7.34%	5.83%	6.77%
HFRX Conv. Arb. Index	2.97%	8.84%	11.43%	5.07%	4.77%	3.31%	0.74%
3 Month T-Bill*	0.01%	0.55%	1.18%	1.68%	1.15%	0.61%	1.39%

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Compliance Statement

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Definition of the Firm

SSI was established in 1973 and is a Registered Investment Advisor based in Los Angeles, CA. SSI manages assets in domestic and global capital markets. SSI applies quantitative disciplines and fundamental research in its management of alternative and traditional portfolios for institutional and high net-worth investors. SSI manages separate accounts, a limited partnership, and acts as sub-advisor to mutual funds and an ETF. Effective June 1, 2019, Resolute Investment Managers, Inc. has a majority interest in SSI, however, SSI continues to operate independently. SSI does not have any subsidiaries. SSI acquired the assets of Frole, Revy Investment Co., Inc. ("Frole, Revy") and its composites as of March 1, 2009.

Policies

SSI's policies for valuing portfolios, calculating performance, and preparing compliant presentations are available upon request.

The Composite & Benchmark

The SSI Hedged Convertible Opportunity Strategy composite was created on April 1, 2001 and invests long in a diversified portfolio of convertible bonds/preferreds and short the underlying common stocks to attempt to achieve an absolute return. We expect to use leverage all or most of the time within this strategy. The composite contains fully discretionary accounts including those no longer with the firm. Interest rebates on short sales and coupon interest on convertible bonds/preferreds comprise a consistent and important component of the return. SSI has historically used the FTSE 3 Month Treasury Bill ("3 Month T-Bill"), formerly called 90 Day T-Bill (name change as of 8/1/2018 when Citigroup's 90 Day T-Bill was acquired by London Stock Exchange Group - LSEG) as the benchmark for its Hedged Convertible Opportunity Strategy (4/1/2001 – 12/31/2016), however, as of 1/1/2017 the benchmark was retroactively changed to the HFRX Convertible Arbitrage Index. HFRX Convertible Arbitrage Index includes strategies based on a realized spread between related instruments in which one or multiple components of the spread is a convertible fixed income instrument. SSI believes a performance comparison versus the HFRX Convertible Arbitrage Index is appropriate as the portfolios in the new benchmark better match the characteristics of SSI's Hedged Convertible Opportunity Strategy than the FTSE 3 Month Treasury Bill. The volatility of this strategy may be materially different although we expect it to be generally lower than the volatility of the HFRX Convertible Arbitrage Index due to SSI's lower leverage and hedging techniques as well as other potential differences. The return, if any, above the HFRX Convertible Arbitrage Index is typically dependent upon SSI's discretionary management. Any other indices shown are not necessarily comparable to SSI's Hedged Convertible Opportunity Strategy. These are widely recognized market indices that are shown for informational purposes only. The composite name was formally known as SSI Hedged Convertible Market Neutral Leveraged Strategy from 4/1/2001 – 6/30/2008 and on 7/1/2008 the new composite name became the SSI Hedged Convertible Opportunity Strategy.

Use of Leverage, Derivatives, and Shorts

Leverage is utilized in the HC Opportunity Strategy. Leverage is defined as gross longs over capital. The strategy has the ability to be levered up to 3Xs but is generally in the 1.5 – 2Xs range and the use of derivatives is not material. The Strategy is generally fully hedged and involves buying a convertible bond/preferred and shorting the underlying common stock in order to reduce the equity exposure.

Investment Management Fees

Returns are presented gross and net of management fee. Actual results of an individual account may be materially different from the performance shown herein because of differences in inception date, transaction and related costs, investment guideline restrictions, fees and other factors. All performance is based in U.S. dollars and reflect, on a percentage basis for each of the periods indicated: (a) the net increase (decrease) of all SSI Hedged Convertible Opportunity Strategy portfolios during the period, dollar-weighted, including adjustments for unrealized gains and losses, the reinvestment of dividends and other earnings, the deduction of investment costs, the deduction of limited partnership and/or mutual fund costs (if any), time-weighted to adjust for additions and withdrawals, and (b) the net increase (decrease) of the HFRX Convertible Arbitrage Index. The SSI Hedged Convertible Opportunity Fund, SPC which is included in the SSI Hedged Convertible Opportunity Strategy Composite from May 2008 to December 2009, incurred administrative costs that are approximately between two and eight basis points higher per month than the costs of other accounts included in the composite. Effective February 2017 foreign investor withholding tax is treated as a cash flow. Prior to February 2017, it was treated as an expense.

Net performance is reduced by SSI's actual investment management fees which includes performance fees. Gross performance does not include deduction of SSI's investment management or performance fees.

If performance is gross of management fees, client's actual return will be reduced by the management fees and any other expenses which may be incurred in the management of an investment advisory account. See SSI's Form ADV, Part 2A for a complete description of the investment advisory fees customarily charged by SSI. As an example, an account with an initial \$1,000,000 investment on January 1, 2003, earning a recurring 5% semi-annual gross return (10.25% annualized), and paying a .5% semi-annual management fee (1% annual fee) would have grown to \$1,340,096 on a gross of fees basis and \$1,300,392 on a net of fees basis by December 31, 2005 (3 years).

List of Composites

A list of the Firm's composite descriptions and/or compliant presentations are available upon request. Please contact helenm@ssi-invest.com.

Additional Disclosure

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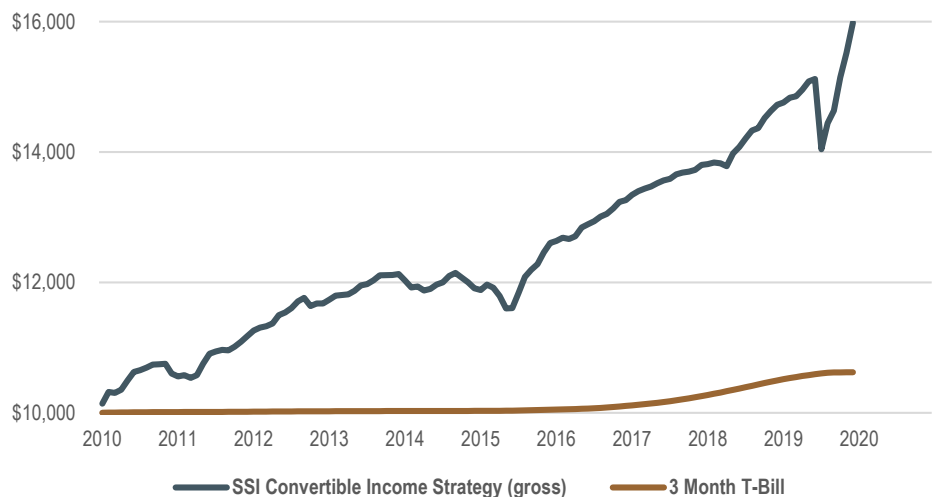
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SSI Convertible Income Strategy – 10 Year Growth of \$10,000

Preliminary performance as of August 31, 2020

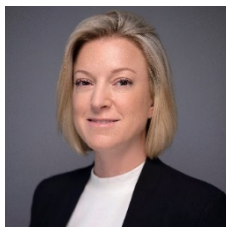


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Net performance for fee paying portfolios is reduced by SSI's actual investment management fees and non-fee paying portfolios are reduced by a 1% annual model fee (1995-2019). Model fees are deducted on a monthly basis. Gross performance does not include deduction of SSI's investment management fees.

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