

Investment Grade Convertible Strategy

Inception: January 1, 1999



Investment Grade Non-Core Fixed Income

SSI Investment Grade Convertible Strategy is a diversified portfolio of Investment Grade and near Investment Grade convertible securities, seeking enhanced income and equity upside participation while establishing a soft floor that limits downside risk through its debt component.

Benefits

- Investment Team displays exemplary depth, continuity and capacity
- Participation in the appreciation of common stocks
- Less volatility than common stock
- Higher quality bonds less susceptible to economic downturns
- Debt component provides downside protection and the ability to collect interest and principal
- 1.67 up/down capture ratio vs S&P 500 since inception date¹

Strategy Description

- Diversified portfolio of higher quality convertible securities

Securities Utilized

- Investment Grade and near Investment Grade convertible securities

Return Expectation

- Participate in 60% - 70% of the upside returns generated by the S&P 500
- Limit participation to 50% - 60% of the downside returns generated by the S&P 500
- Outperform the ICE BofA Investment Grade Convertible Bond Index (VOS1)²

About SSI

- Headquartered in Los Angeles, California
- Founded in 1973
- Registered Investment Advisor
- \$2.09 Billion AUM
- 28 Employees
- 11 Investment Professionals

Developments

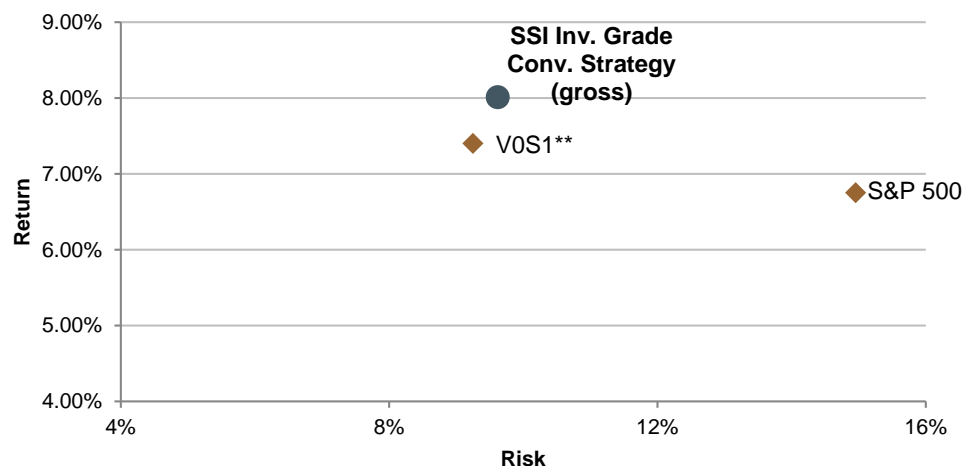
After five consecutive, strong months, the S&P 500 pulled back in September, declining 3.80%. The political environment moved to the forefront as the death of Ruth Bader Ginsburg created a vacancy on the Supreme Court, the first Presidential debate was especially contentious and Congress failed to come to an agreement on a fourth stimulus plan. COVID-19 continues to be a major concern with cases rising in Europe and across some regions of the US. Despite these challenges, economic data continues to be generally positive and estimates of third quarter GDP are rising. Credit spreads widened modestly during the month, while volatility and interest rates were essentially unchanged.

SSI's Investment Grade Convertible Strategy declined approximately 2.96% (gross of fee) in September, which was essentially in line with the ICE BofA Investment Grade US Convertible Bond ex-Mandatory & Preferred Index (VOS1). Year-to-date, the Strategy is now up 2.75% (gross of fee), while the VOS1 Index is down 3.55%. During the month, Industrials and Consumer Discretionary were the best performing sectors in the portfolio, while Energy and Health Care were the weakest. Balanced convertibles outperformed equity sensitive securities and bond substitutes. New issuance was healthy in September, totaling \$6.2 billion. This brings the year-to-date total to \$91.7 billion, which is the highest level since 2007.

Performance (preliminary as of September 30, 2020)

SSI Investment Grade Convertible Strategy
Risk vs. Return Since Inception

Inception date: 1/1/1999



	Annualized Performance						
	SEPT 2020	YTD 2020	1 YR	3YRS	5YRS	10YRS	Annualized Since Inception (1/1/1999)
SSI Inv. Grade Conv. Strategy (Gross)	-2.96%	2.75%	10.12%	9.16%	12.30%	10.96%	8.01%
SSI Inv. Grade Conv. Strategy (Net)	-3.03%	2.17%	9.28%	8.31%	11.40%	9.95%	7.30%
VOS1 Index ²	-2.97%	-3.55%	3.44%	7.72%	12.39%	10.86%	7.40%

¹Source: SSI internal research. Based off of quarterly gross of fee returns (1/1999-9/2020). Net Up/Down capture ratio vs. S&P 500: 1.52

²ICE BofA Investment Grade US Convertible Bond ex-Mandatory & Preferred Index (VOS1).



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23 Yrs. Experience



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32 Yrs. Experience



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Portfolio Manager
20 Yrs. Experience

Investment Professionals

- Four Portfolio Managers on the Investment Grade Convertible Strategy team with an average of 25 years of industry experience and 19 years of managing the Strategy at SSI
- 11 Investment professionals who have been with SSI for an average of 20 years
- 25 Years average experience for investment professionals

Compliance Statement

SSI Investment Management LLC ("SSI") claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®).

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 Investment Grade Convertible Strategy began January 1, 1999 while the composite was created September 1, 2013 when SSI modified its Investment Grade composite by adding two more Investment Grade composites to properly address the clients varying investment guidelines. Accounts are now in a composite that reflects their investment guidelines. The SSI Investment Grade Convertible Strategy invests in investment grade and up to 25% non-investment grade convertible securities, and may include 144A securities. The composite contains fully discretionary accounts including those no longer with the firm. The composite may include accounts invested in investment grade convertible preferred shares up to generally 25% of the portfolio. SSI believes a performance comparison versus the ICE BofA Investment Grade US Convertible Bond ex-Mandatory & Preferred Index ("V0S1") is appropriate. The V0S1 measures all Investment Grade US Convertible bonds (as stated by ICE BofA). SSI may not hold all convertibles in the V0S1 and may also hold convertibles that are not included in the V0S1. The Strategy may be less diversified than the V0S1. The volatility of this strategy may be greater than the volatility of the V0S1 as the strategy may hold a smaller number of positions than the Index, may include investment grade convertible preferred securities, and non-investment grade convertible securities. The return, if any, above the V0S1 is dependent upon SSI's discretionary management. Any other indices shown are not necessarily comparable to SSI's Investment Grade Convertible Strategy. These are widely recognized market indices that are shown for informational purposes only. The composite name was formally known as SSI Outright Investment Grade Convertible Strategy from 1/1/1999 – 3/31/2016 and on 4/1/2016 the new composite name became the SSI Investment Grade Convertible Strategy.

Use of Leverage, Derivatives, and Shorts

The strategy may invest in synthetic convertible bonds and convertible preferred securities. Synthetic convertible securities are generally issued through an investment bank and may provide exposure to the credit of the bank while being linked to the equity upside of an entity we select, that is generally not connected with the bank. The synthetic convertible securities we employ do not generally involve the use of leverage and generally do not provide leveraged 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 Investment Grade Convertible Strategy portfolios, dollar-weighted, including adjustments for unrealized gains and losses, the reinvestment of dividends and other earnings, the deduction of investment costs except any separate custodial or related fees, time-weighted to adjust for additions and withdrawals, and (b) the net increase (decrease) of the V0S1.

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 (2015-2019). Model fees are deducted on a monthly basis. Gross performance does not include deduction of SSI's investment management 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

- SSI operated under the name of SSI Investment Management, Inc. (1/1/1973-4/30/2019) and as of 5/1/2019 operates as SSI Investment Management LLC.
- When representative portfolio information is shown the representative portfolio is selected by comparing any one (but not limited to) the following criteria: most in line with composite investment objectives /consistency of investment strategy, investment restrictions, fee structure, time frame managed, type of client, size of account.
- Performance prior to January 1, 2000 does not comply with the GIPS standards.
- SSI acquired Frole, Revy and its composites as of March 1, 2009. Prior to the acquisition, Frole, Revy claimed GIPS compliance for the periods of 1983-2008 and was independently verified by Ashland Partners.

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