

Convertible Investment Strategy

Inception: January 1, 1983



Non-Core Fixed Income/Low Vol Equity

SSI Convertible Investment Strategy is a diversified portfolio of convertible securities. It is designed to capture broad equity market upside while establishing a soft floor that limits downside risk through its debt component.

Benefits

- Depth and continuity of the Investment Team
- Participation in the appreciation of common stocks
- Less volatility than common stocks
- Typically higher current income than corresponding common stocks
- Debt component provides downside protection and the ability to collect interest and principal
- 1.16 up/down capture ratio vs. S&P 500 since inception¹

Securities Utilized

- Convertible bonds
- Convertible preferreds

Return Expectation

- Participate in 70%-80% of the upside returns generated by the S&P 500
- Limit participation to 60%-70% of the downside returns generated by the S&P 500
- Outperform the ICE BofA All Convertibles Index (VXA0)

Risk Controls

- Emphasize the convex zone
- Manage credit quality
- Manage duration
- Maintain diversification

About SSI

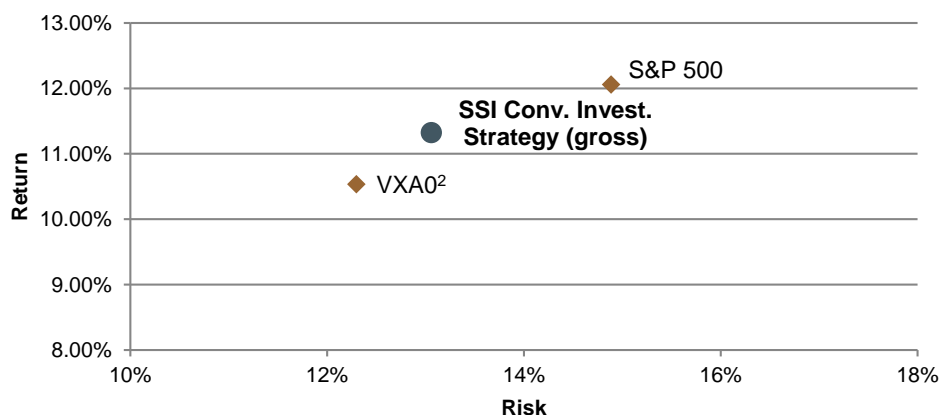
- Headquartered in Los Angeles, California
- Founded in 1973
- Registered Investment Advisor
- \$2.64 Billion AUM
- 28 Employees
- 11 Investment Professionals

Developments

The positive trend in the equity markets continued in August, with the S&P 500 rising 3.04%. Markets were bolstered by strong second quarter earnings and a generally favorable economic backdrop. Although the rise in Covid cases impacted some industries, these effects were widely viewed as temporary by investors. The Federal Reserve continued to be highly accommodative, acknowledging that the tapering of bond purchases would begin relatively soon but also reiterating a commitment to keep short term rates near zero for an extended period. Longer term interest rates moved up slightly, with the yield on the 10-Year US Treasury finishing August at 1.31%. Market volatility declined, as the VIX Index pulled back to 16.5. Growth stocks outperformed value stocks for the third consecutive month.

SSI's Convertible Investment Strategy posted a gain of approximately 1.62% (gross of fee) in August, which trailed the 1.86% return of the ICE BofA All US Convertible Index (VXA0). Leadership was mixed during the month as Consumer Discretionary and Technology were the best performing sectors in the Convert Market, while Telecommunications and Industrials were the weakest. In August, portfolio returns were held back by an underweight in the relatively strong Utilities sector. The Strategy continues to be significantly overweight balanced convertibles, which offer an attractive risk / return profile. New issuance increased to \$5.8 Billion in August, bringing the total for 2021 to a very healthy \$66.2 Billion.

SSI Convertible Investment Strategy
Risk vs. Return Since Inception (1/1/1983)

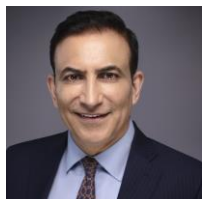


Preliminary Performance as of 8/31/2021

	Annualized Performance						
	AUG 2021	YTD 2021	1YR	3YRS	5YRS	10YRS	Annualized SI (1/1/1983)
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Convertible Invest. (Gross)	1.62	6.97	26.96	21.23	17.74	13.78	11.32
Convertible Invest. (Net)	1.59	6.60	26.28	20.57	17.12	13.22	10.86
VXA0 Index ²	1.86	8.19	26.68	20.79	18.03	13.94	10.53

¹ Source: SSI internal research. Based off of quarterly gross of fee returns (1/1983-6/30/2021). Net Up/Down capture ratio vs. S&P 500: 1.12

² ICE BofA All Convertibles Index (VXA0)

**Ravi Malik, CFA**

Portfolio Manager

27 Yrs. Experience

**Florian Eitner, CFA**

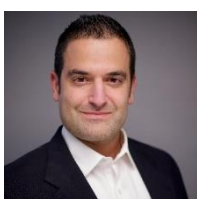
Portfolio Manager

24 Yrs. Experience

**Michael Opre, CFA**

Portfolio Manager

33 Yrs. Experience

**Steve Wachtel, CFA**

Portfolio Manager

21 Yrs. Experience

Investment Professionals

- Four Portfolio Managers on the Convertible Investment Strategy team with an average of 26 years of industry experience and 20 years of managing the Strategy at SSI
- 11 Investment professionals who have been with SSI for an average of 21 years
- 26 Years average experience for investment professionals

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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 will continue 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 Convertible Investment Strategy (composite created January 1983) is invested in convertible bonds and convertible preferred stocks, and do not have credit quality restrictions. The Strategy may hold 144A securities. The composite contains fully discretionary accounts including those no longer with the firm. SSI believes a performance comparison versus the ICE BofA All Convertibles Index (the "VXA0") is appropriate. The VXA0 measures the return of all U.S. convertibles. SSI does not hold all convertibles in the VXA0 and may also hold convertibles that are not included in the VXA0. The Strategy is less diversified than the VXA0. The volatility of this strategy may be greater than the volatility of the VXA0 as the strategy holds a smaller number of positions than the Index. The return, if any, above the VXA0 is dependent upon SSI's discretionary management. Any other indices shown are not necessarily comparable to SSI's Convertible Investment Strategy. These are widely recognized market indices that are shown for informational purposes only. The composite name was formally known as SSI Outright Discretionary Convertible Strategy from 1/1/1983 – 3/31/2016 and on 4/1/2016 the new composite name became the SSI Convertible Investment 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 Convertible Investment 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 VXA0.

Net performance is reduced by SSI's actual investment management fees. 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.

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- 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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