

THE MACKAY ADVANTAGE

Mackay Shields

- \$139 Billion AUM¹
- Experienced boutique investment teams
- Specialty fixed income expertise across global fixed income markets including municipal bonds, structured credit, corporate credit and emerging markets debt
- Acquired by New York Life Insurance Company in 1984

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT TEAM

Edward Silverstein, CFA
Senior Managing Director
29 Years Experience

Thomas Wynn, CFA
Managing Director
41 Years Experience

Mackay Shields' Convertible Team is an equity-oriented convertible bond manager. Our Convertible Bond strategy seeks to maximize total return by outperforming the market and our competition while managing against downside risk. The strategy utilizes full analysis of the capital structure to determine which security provides the best risk/reward trade-off for investment.

Representative Account Characteristics

As of December 31, 2023

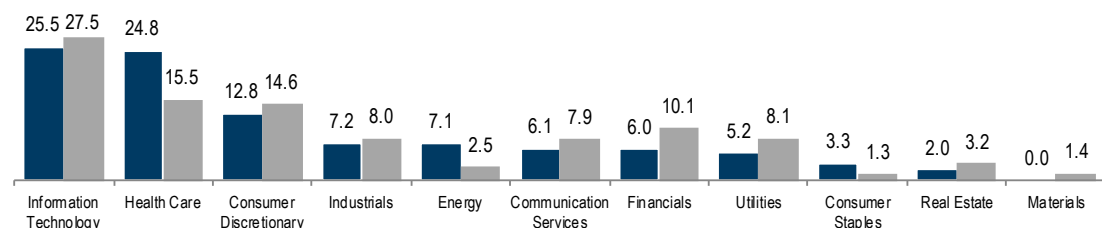
	Mackay Shields Representative Account	ICE BofA All U.S. Convertible Index
Years to Effective Maturity	2.99	n/a
Current Yield	1.25%	1.95%
Yield to Effective Maturity	2.54%	n/a
Delta	0.58 ¹	0.51
Conversion Premium	32.91% ¹	47.67%
Average Quality	BB	BB1 ²
Number of Holdings	105	429

Top 10 Issues³

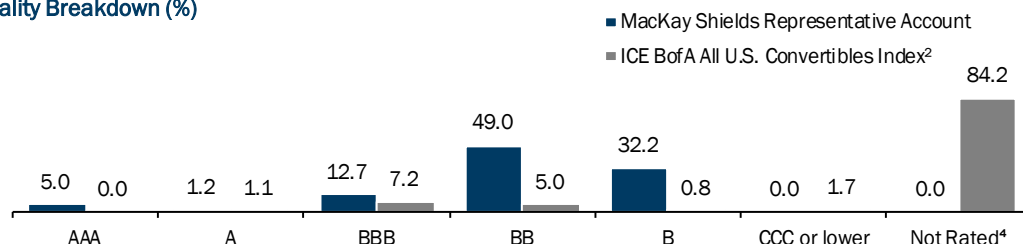
(% of Total Portfolio)

NICE	2.76
Microchip Technology	2.30
BioMarin Pharmaceutical	2.26
Pioneer Natural Resources Company	2.23
Liberty Media	1.93
NRG Energy	1.91
Exact Sciences	1.90
Southwest Airlines	1.76
Palo Alto Networks	1.75
Ford Motor Company	1.75

Mackay Shields Sector Breakdown vs. ICE BofA All U.S. Convertibles Index (% Market Value)



Quality Breakdown (%)



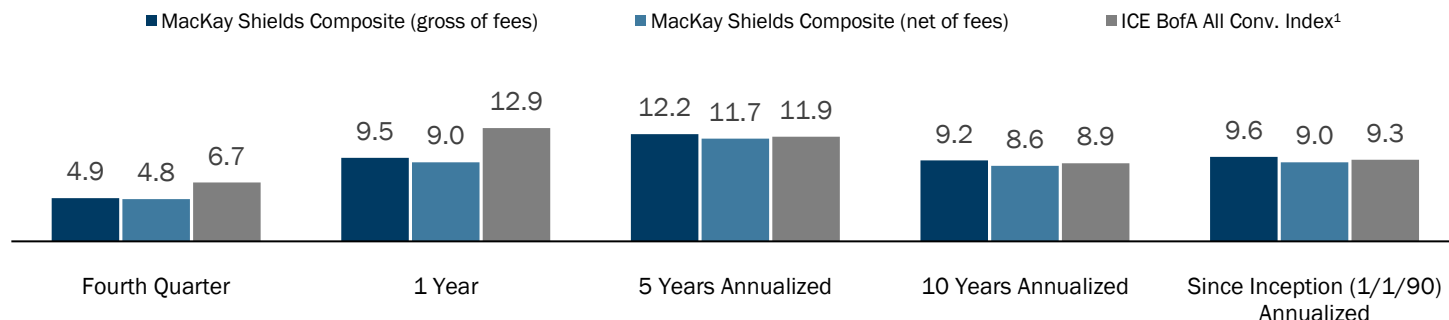
1. ICE BofA Research/Bloomberg
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3. The top ten issuers described above were chosen based on objective non-performance based criteria and do not represent all of the securities in the portfolio. The top ten issuers represent the ten largest holdings as a percentage of the total value of assets under management for the representative account. It should not be assumed that the issuers described above were or will be profitable.
4. Rated securities provided with the S&P rating. Representative account securities rated NR have been provided with Mackay Shields' internal rating.

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1. As of December 31, 2023, includes Mackay Shields LLC and its subsidiaries.

Composite Returns (%)

Period Ending December 31, 2023



Composite Disclosures

Period	MacKay Shields Composite Gross Returns (%)	MacKay Shields Composite Net Returns (%)	ICE BofA All Conv. Index¹ Returns (%)	Composite 3-Yr St Dev (%)	Benchmark¹ 3-Yr St Dev (%)	No. of Accts.	Composite Assets (\$Mil)	Firm Assets (\$Mil)	Internal Dispersion (%)
	Period	Period	Period	Period	Period	Period	Period	Period	Period
2023	9.5	9.0	12.9	11.8	12.7	11	3,504	139,162	1.2
2022	-11.9	-12.3	-18.7	16.5	18.5	12	3,426	128,584	0.9
2021	10.3	9.7	6.3	14.4	16.3	12	4,211	163,646	0.7
2020	35.9	35.2	46.2	15.5	16.7	13	3,548	153,995	3.3
2019	22.9	22.3	23.2	9.1	8.3	15	3,196	131,978	1.8
2018	-1.3	-1.8	0.2	9.0	8.2	11	2,405	107,467	1.0
2017	12.6	12.0	13.7	8.3	7.7	13	2,377	98,098	1.2
2016	12.0	11.4	10.4	8.9	8.7	17	1,967	94,540	1.2
2015	-0.3	-0.8	-3.0	7.9	8.1	16	1,811	89,196	0.9
2014	9.2	8.6	9.4	7.4	7.6	12	2,069	91,626	1.4

1. ICE BofA All Convertibles Index

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The ICE Bank of America All U.S. Convertibles Index

An unmanaged index that consists of convertible bonds traded in the U.S. dollar denominated investment grade and non-investment grade convertible securities sold into the U.S. market and publicly traded in the United States. The Index constituents are market value weighted based on the convertible securities prices and outstanding shares, and the underlying index is rebalanced daily.

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