CONVERTIBLE STRATEGY

LAFFERITENGLER

4th Quarter 2023

INVESTMENTS

PORTFOLIO STRATEGY

The Laffer Tengler Convertible Strategy is a bottom up, value driven discipline that utilizes convertible bonds and convertible preferred stocks to seek out opportunities for maximizing total return while dampening volatility associated with equity markets.

A two-pronged analysis is conducted on potential candidates. The first prong of the analysis focuses on the convertible security and evaluates its classification (yield alternative, total return alternative, and equity alternative), horizon analysis, theoretical value, and investment value, along with real research analysis. The second prong focuses on the underlying common stock associated with the convertible security and stresses analysis of the company fundamentals generated by internal 12 Factor Analysis research, as well as external research.

The investment process uses a disciplined approach in analyzing changes to any combination of the following areas: company earnings, convertible valuation, and fundamental valuation.

INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

- · Risk-controlled equity exposure utilizing convertible securities
- · Value-based, fundamental security selection
- Enhanced income opportunities
- Focus on credit quality
- · Diversification across many sectors

MORNINGSTAR RATINGS

Inception Date	1/3/2006
Morningstar Category	US SA Convertibles
Morningstar Rating Date	12/31/2023

Time Period	Morningstar Rating	Funds in Category
Overall	***	29
3 Yr	****	29
5 Yr	***	29
10 Yr	***	26

This rating was awarded by Morningstar as of December 31st, 2023, based on a weighted average of the three-, five-, and ten-year ratings through December 31st, 2023. Laffer Tengler Investments, Inc. does not compensate Morningstar to be provided a rating; however, we do pay Morningstar to obtain other products and services available from them or their affiliates. Additional information about the Morningstar Rating system, including the calculation methodology, can be found at https://www.morningstar.com/content/dam/marketing/shared/research/methodology/771945_Morningstar_Rating_for_Funds_Methodology.pdf

CURRENT GROSS YIELD: 2.9%

COMPOSITE CHARACTERISTICS: 5 YEARS

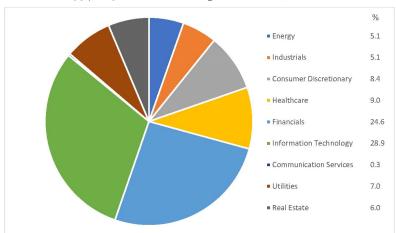
Time Period: 1/1/2019 to 12/31/2023

Calculation Benchmark: ICE BofA All US Convertible TR USD

	Strategy	Benchmark
Alpha	0.19	0.00
Beta	0.62	1.00
Standard Deviation	11.41	16.08
Up Capture Ratio	62.74	100.00
Down Capture Ratio	57.58	100.00
Information Ratio (arith)	-0.43	
Correlation	0.88	1.00
Avg. Delta	49.10	
Avg. Credit Rating	BBB	
Avg. Conversion Premium	46.73%	
Avg. Years-to-Maturity	4.93	

EQUITY SECTORS (GICS)

Portfolio Date: 12/31/2023 Source: Laffer Tengler Investments, Inc.



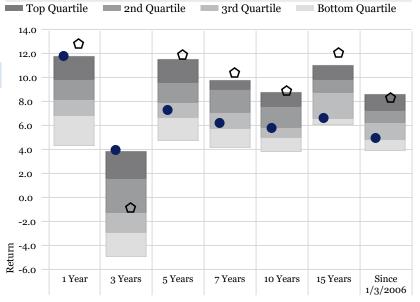
TOP 10 HOLDINGS

Portfolio Date: 12/31/2023

Name	Portfolio Weighting %
Pioneer Natural Resources Company 0.25%	5.11
Wells Fargo & Co $71/2$ % Non Cum Perp Conv Pfd Shs -A- Series -L-	4.35
Bank of America Corp 7 1/4 % Non-Cum Perp Conv Pfd Shs Series -L-	4.15
Apollo Global Management Inc 6.75% PRF CONVERT 31/07/2026 USD 50 - Ser A	4.15
Ares Capital Corp. 4.63%	3.91
DexCom Inc 0.25%	3.67
NRG Energy, Inc. 2.75%	3.51
Western Digital Corp. 1.5%	3.45
Prospect Capital Corp. 6.38%	3.42
Microchip Technology Incorporated 0.13%	3.27

NET ANNUALIZED RETURN VS. PEER GROUP

As of Date: 12/31/2023 Peer Group (5-95%): Separate Accounts - U.S. - Convertibles



• Laffer Tengler Convertible Strategy

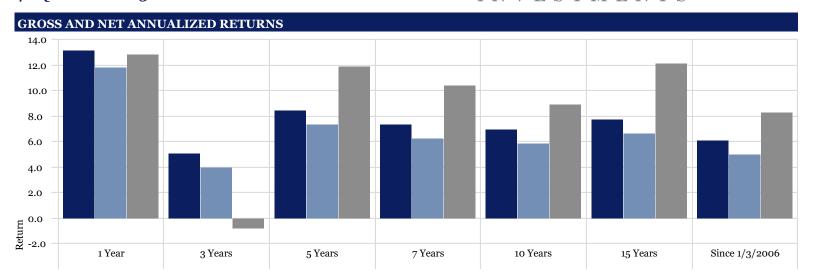
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■ Laffer Tengler Convertible Strategy (Gross)

Laffer Tengler Convertible Strategy (Net)

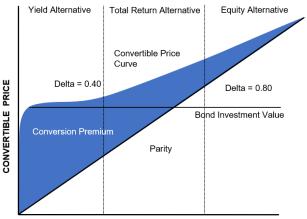
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ANNUALIZED GROSS RETURNS												
	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years	15 Years	Since 1/3/2006					
Laffer Tengler Convertible Strategy	13.12	5.09	8.46	7.33	6.96	7.74	6.06					
ICE BofA All US Convertible Index	12.87	-0.82	11.93	10.42	8.90	12.12	8.32					

ANNUALIZED NET RETURNS													
	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years	15 Years	Since 1/3/2006						
Laffer Tengler Convertible Strategy	11.84	3.97	7.36	6.25	5.89	6.67	5.00						
ICE BofA All US Convertible Index	12.87	-0.82	11.93	10.42	8.90	12.12	8.32						

GROSS AND NET CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS																			
		2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Dotum	Gross	13.12	-10.99	15.26	11.16	16.33	-2.74	12.42	8.96	-1.66	11.43	13.56	6.93	-0.31	7.63	19.85	-23.63	7.22	15.05
Return	Net	11.84	-12.03	14.24	10.16	15.19	-3.71	11.31	7.88	-2.64	10.33	12.44	5.88	-1.30	6.57	18.68	-24.41	6.16	13.91
Benchn	nark	12.87	-18.71	6.34	46.22	23.15	0.15	13.70	10.43	-2.99	9.44	24.92	14.96	-5.18	16.77	49.13	-35.73	4.53	12.83

CONVERTIBLE PRICE BEHAVIOR



UNDERLYING STOCK PRICE

CONVERSION PREMIUM: The amount by which the market price of a convertible exceeds its conversion value. The premium can provide an indication of how strongly the price of a convertible will track price movements in the underlying asset. Convertibles with low premiums are normally more price sensitive to movements in the underlying equity than those with high premiums.

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