

A Sub-Fund of Morgan Stanley Investment Funds

Global Convertible Bond Fund

HIGH YIELD TEAM

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Performance Review

In the one month period ending 31 December 2024, the Fund's Z shares returned -1.31% (net of fees)¹, while the benchmark returned -1.82%.

Financials and industrials were the Fund's top-performing sectors relative to the benchmark in December. Relative outperformance in both sectors was driven by favorable security selection. The primary individual contributor in the financials sector was a lack of exposure to a cryptocurrency exchange platform. The company's bonds fell as bitcoin modestly pulled back in December after its strong performance in October and November. In industrials, the primary individual contributor was an overweight position in a multinational airline based in Europe. The company reported strong quarterly earnings in November and its bonds continued to perform well in December as travel demand remained strong.

Information technology was the Fund's only sector to generate negative relative returns during the month. Relative underperformance in the sector was driven by challenging security selection and an overweight position. The top detractor from a holdings perspective was an off-benchmark position in a provider of digital asset compute technology. The company was negatively impacted by the pullback in bitcoin in December.

Market Review

Global convertible bonds sold off along with other risk assets in December. The Federal Reserve's (Fed) December reduction in short-term interest rates was fully anticipated; however, Fed commentary regarding a more cautious path forward was viewed as hawkish, which caused U.S. equity markets to sell off and Treasury yields to climb. Ultimately, global convertible bonds outperformed global equities and bonds during the month. The FTSE Global Focus Convertible (USD Hedged) Index declined -1.82% during the month, while the MSCI All Country World Index and the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Credit Index fell -2.37% and -2.00%, respectively. New issuance was strong again in December, with the U.S. accounting for a large majority of new paper during the month. The asset class also continued to see crypto-related issuers come to market again during the month. In total, \$12.0 billion priced in December, bringing total issuance in 2024 to \$119 billion.²

Strategy and Outlook

We remain constructive on the global convertible bond market as we enter 2025. Technicals are strong, as convertible bonds have maintained a balanced profile, interest rates remain relatively high, equity valuations increased in 2024, and corporations continue to have financing needs. New convertible bond issuance was strong in 2024 and we expect that to continue as global central banks continue to modestly cut interest rates and as bonds issued during the COVID-19 pandemic mature. Finally, volatility should pick up in the new year as geopolitical tensions and regional tensions remain present and markets digest the policies of the incoming Trump administration.

Global equities delivered strong returns again in 2024. Similar to 2023, returns were driven by a small cohort of large-cap technology companies that typically do not issue convertible bonds. Additionally, approximately 26% of the FTSE Global Focus Convertible (USD Hedged) Index total return in 2024 was driven by a single issuer, MicroStrategy Inc., which benefited from the large rally in bitcoin in the latter part of the year.³ We are optimistic that strong equity performance will likely become more broad-based, which should ultimately lead to greater diversification in global convertible bond returns.

Global convertible bond supply was strong in 2024, and we believe new issuance will be strong once again in 2025 due to continued relatively high interest rates as well as a pending maturity wall in the asset class. Many central banks have taken substantially similar paths to lower interest rates over the last several quarters; however, with potentially stickier inflation in certain regions and diverging growth backdrops in certain developed market economies, these paths may diverge in 2025. For example, after cutting interest rates three times in the last four months of the year, the Fed's dot plot is only indicating two rate cuts in 2025. There is also a pending maturity wall in the asset class as bonds issued during the 2020 frenzy come due. Approximately \$51 billion and \$69 billion in bonds are maturing in 2025 and 2026, respectively, which represents about one-third of total bonds outstanding.² Further, the majority of convertible bonds coming due in the next two years are out of the money, which means a conversion remains highly unlikely.² We believe that a slower reduction in interest rates from global central banks, as well as a slew of bonds that will likely need to be refinanced rather than converted, should lead to another strong year for the global convertible bond primary market.

¹ Source: Morgan Stanley Investment Management Limited. Data as of 31 December 2024.

² Source: Bank of America. Data as of 31 December 2024.

³ Source: Morgan Stanley Investment Management. Data as of 31 December 2024.

While volatility was relatively low for most of 2024, we expect volatility to pick up in 2025. Tensions between Russia and Ukraine and in the Middle East, as well as European budgetary concerns, are some of the known risks as we enter the new year; however, policies enacted by the incoming Trump administration present unknown risks and potential sources of volatility. Most of the proposed policies from the incoming administration are pro-growth, which should benefit convertible bond issuers, particularly U.S.-based small-cap issuers. However, these policies may actually be inflationary, which could ultimately offset their positive impacts. Additionally, European and Asian issuers may be negatively impacted by Trump's pro-U.S. focus. Despite the fact that U.S. convertible bonds performed well during Trump's first administration,² there is little certainty around which policies will be enacted and which counter-policies other regions and countries will enact in response. We believe this is an additional source of potential volatility that convertible bonds can benefit from in 2025.

For further information, please contact your Morgan Stanley Investment Management representative.

Fund Facts

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| Launch date | 17 July 2002 |
| Base currency | U.S. dollars |
| Benchmark | Primary- FTSE Global Focus Convertible (USD Hedged) Index |

Calendar Year Returns (%)

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.

| | YTD | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|-------------------|------|------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| Class Z Shares | 5.89 | 5.89 | 12.57 | -124.7 | 3.88 | 22.30 | 14.82 | -3.67 | 6.04 | 1.77 | 0.49 |
| Blended Benchmark | 8.62 | 8.62 | 9.84 | -16.00 | -1.11 | 22.84 | 13.10 | -3.01 | 6.00 | 1.59 | 3.83 |

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Share Class Z Risk and Reward Profile

- The fund may be impacted by movements in the exchange rates between the fund's currency and the currencies of the fund's investments.
- The value of bonds are likely to decrease if interest rates rise and vice versa.
- The value of financial derivative instruments are highly sensitive and may result in losses in excess of the amount invested by the Sub-Fund.
- Issuers may not be able to repay their debts, if this happens the value of your investment will decrease. This risk is higher where the fund invests in a bond with a lower credit rating.
- The fund relies on other parties to fulfill certain services, investments or transactions. If these parties become insolvent, it may expose the fund to financial loss.
- Sustainability factors can pose risks to investments, for example: impact asset values, increased operational costs.
- There may be an insufficient number of buyers or sellers which may affect the fund's ability to buy or sell securities.
- There are increased risks of investing in emerging markets as political, legal and operational systems may be less developed than in developed markets.

- Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. Returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may lose all or a substantial portion of his or her investment.
- The value of the investments and the income from them will vary and there can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objectives.
- Investments may be in a variety of currencies and therefore changes in rates of exchange between currencies may cause the value of investments to decrease or increase. Furthermore, the value of investments may be adversely affected by fluctuations in exchange rates between the investor's reference currency and the base currency of the investments.

Please refer to the Prospectus for full risk disclosures, available at www.morganstanleyinvestmentfunds.com. All data as of 31.12.2024 and subject to change daily.

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(USD Hedged) Index was renamed to **Refinitiv Convertible Global Focus (USD Hedged) Index**. Effective 30th June 2024, the **Refinitiv Convertible Global Focus (USD Hedged) Index** was renamed to the **FTSE Global Focus Convertible (USD Hedged) Index**.

The **FTSE Convertible Global Focus USD Hedged Index (Index)** formerly known as **Refinitiv Convertible Global Focus USD Hedged Index** is derived from the FTSE Convertible Global Index (Global Index) using Regional Market Capitalization, Percentage Price, and Premium criteria. It aims to represent a sub-set of the Convertible market by selecting a sub-set of constituents from the Global Index with a common set of defined characteristics representing issues with what is termed a "balanced" profile. The Index is a market weighted index with a minimum size for inclusion of \$500 million (US), €375 million (Europe), 22 billion Yen (Japan), \$275 million (Asia ex-Japan), and \$275 million (Other) of Convertible Bonds with an Equity Link.

ICE BofAML G300 Global Convertible Index - Local Currency is a global convertible index composed of companies representative of the market structure of countries in North America, Europe and the Asia/Pacific region. It is composed of securities denominated in their respective local currencies.

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A blended benchmark has been used because there has been a change in benchmark during the reporting period shown.

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