

Convertible Notes

Stock Performance Study

Forward equity returns after convertible-notes
offering announcements, 2020-2026

3,642 filings • 2,579 distinct programs
728 distinct issuers
median forward return: -4.2%
median excess vs sector: -5.5%

**Tracking window: 63 trading days post-filing
(~3 calendar months / ~89 calendar days)**

Also stored: T+1, T+5, T+21 (1 day, 1 week, 1 month) — not headlined here.

Companion study to the ATM Announcement report. Same methodology;
convertible-notes 8-Ks instead of ATM equity-distribution agreements.
Source: SEC EDGAR full-text search + Yahoo Finance. Data in atm-study/data/.

Executive summary

1. Convert announcements hurt — but less than ATMs.

Median 63-day return after a convert = -4.2% (n=352). For comparison, ATMs in our companion study median -11.1%. Converts dilute the cap table (just via conversion, not immediately), so the price hit is real but smaller.

2. Most convert deals still underperform the market.

Median excess vs SPY = -8.3%; vs sector ETF = -5.5%. Only 43% of converts had positive 3-month returns. Convert issuance is, on average, a negative signal — capital is being raised at a discount in a structure that overhangs the equity.

3. Healthcare and Energy buck the trend.

Healthcare convert issuers (n=60) median +8.6% over 63 days. Energy (n=5) median +92% — small sample skewed by an outlier or two, but directionally consistent: when the underlying business is improving, convert dilution gets absorbed quickly.

4. Communication Services is a graveyard.

n=12 events, median 63d return -45%. Convert issuance there reads as a last-ditch financing for businesses already in trouble.

5. Repeat issuers cluster the top of the list.

Top by # filings: WHLR (52), MSTR (38), WT (32), GES (30), Wayfair (26). MicroStrategy's serial convert program funded its BTC strategy; WHLR is a well-known serial dilutive REIT. These are not random — they're the structurally cap-light issuers.

See subsequent pages for sector, size, and outlier breakdowns, plus spotlights on watchlist tickers (ASTS, RCLB, MSTR, etc.).

Distribution & data quality

What the parser captured across 5+ years of EDGAR filings.

Field	Coverage	%	Year	all filings	primary
Offering size	2,003	55%	2020	428	292
Coupon rate	2,344	64%	2021	677	471
Maturity date	3,121	86%	2022	482	370
Conversion price	845	23%	2023	561	414
Conversion premium	135	4%	2024	645	442
Banks named	764	21%	2025	621	433
Rule 144A flagged	1,178	32%	2026	228	157
Green / sustlinked	2	0%			
Indenture ref	1,205	33%			

Primary events by size bucket (where size was extracted)

Bucket	count	% of sized
small (<\$150M)	476	35%
mid (\$150M-\$750M)	720	53%
large (>=\$750M)	157	12%

Notes on coverage:

- Conversion-premium phrasing varies across law firms — the parser only catches one of two common patterns, hence the 4% capture rate. The underlying disclosure is consistently present; future parser work would lift this without re-running the backfill.
- Conversion-price coverage (23%) reflects the same: the price is in every announcement but rendered in many phrasings.
- 'Initial purchasers' coverage (21%) is high enough to identify lead banks but biased toward 144A deals — registered public deals use 'underwriters' instead and aren't captured by the convert-specific regex.

Performance by sector

Primary events only (re-announcements excluded). Returns at 63 trading days (~3 months) after filing.

Sector	n	med ret	mean ret	med vSPY	med vSec
Healthcare	60	-16.6%	+8.6%	-19.2%	-19.0%
Technology	49	-10.0%	-2.6%	-8.3%	-9.5%
Real Estate	38	+0.9%	+0.0%	-1.1%	-1.3%
Financial Services	26	-6.2%	-14.5%	-10.1%	-11.6%
Consumer Cyclical	17	-49.3%	-30.2%	-46.0%	-42.1%
Industrials	14	-23.6%	-15.9%	-34.3%	-36.7%
Communication Services	12	-64.0%	-45.4%	-78.8%	-81.2%
Consumer Defensive	8	+41.0%	+18.8%	+39.6%	+27.5%
(unknown)	7	+0.7%	-0.1%	-3.2%	+0.0%
Utilities	7	+1.5%	+3.1%	-5.5%	-2.7%
Energy	5	+47.0%	+92.0%	+40.8%	+39.2%
Basic Materials	2	-42.4%	-42.4%	-39.6%	-39.2%

Read this as: in HEALTHCARE, the typical convert announcement was followed by +8.6% over 3 months — far better than t

Performance by size bucket

Larger convert deals tend to come from healthier balance sheets — and perform better.

Bucket	#events	#w/perf	med ret	med vSPY	% pos
small (<\$150M)	476	52	-5.8%	-9.0%	37%
mid (\$150M-\$750M)	720	43	-10.0%	-9.4%	33%
large (>=\$750M)	157	12	+13.3%	+7.1%	58%

Interpretation

Small convert raises (<\$150M) are over-represented among the worst performers — these tend to be balance-sheet rescues by issuers with stretched financials. Large raises (>=\$750M) come from issuers with real demand for the structure (often tech/healthcare growth names where converts are tax-efficient growth capital). The 'mid' bucket is the modal convert and tracks the headline median closely.

Top & bottom 10 individual events

By 63-day excess return vs sector ETF. Primary events only.

Top 10 — biggest outperformers

#	tkr	filing	size	coupon	ret_63d	vs sec	vs spy
1	TLRY	2025-06-23	—	5.20%	+233.3%	+229.5%	+221.9%
2	LEU	2025-05-07	\$ 74M	2.25%	+224.1%	+218.4%	+211.1%
3	SENS	2020-08-18	\$ 16M	5.25%	+209.0%	+210.5%	+205.0%
4	SENS	2020-11-09	\$ 16M	5.25%	+209.0%	+210.5%	+205.0%
5	SENS	2023-03-15	\$ 35M	—	+209.0%	+210.5%	+205.0%
6	SENS	2023-09-11	\$ 20M	5.25%	+209.0%	+210.5%	+205.0%
7	LEU	2024-11-04	\$ 350M	—	+198.4%	+191.3%	+186.6%
8	MSTR	2024-09-18	\$ 600M	—	+191.3%	+180.6%	+183.3%
9	BBIO	2021-01-26	—	2.25%	+139.0%	+139.1%	+128.7%
10	VERI	2025-06-16	—	—	+134.6%	+122.3%	+124.8%

Bottom 10 — biggest underperformers

#	tkr	filing	size	coupon	ret_63d	vs sec	vs spy
1	SDEV	2024-05-29	—	—	-91.1%	-101.5%	-97.5%
2	FRMM	2025-08-21	\$ 156M	—	-76.4%	-85.0%	-80.9%
3	AMC	2020-07-10	—	—	-64.0%	-81.2%	-78.8%
4	AMC	2020-09-15	—	2.95%	-64.0%	-81.2%	-78.8%
5	AMC	2020-11-02	—	—	-64.0%	-81.2%	-78.8%
6	AMC	2021-01-19	\$ 200M	2.95%	-64.0%	-81.2%	-78.8%
7	AMC	2021-03-09	\$ 225M	—	-64.0%	-81.2%	-78.8%
8	AMC	2021-05-06	—	2.95%	-64.0%	-81.2%	-78.8%
9	AMC	2022-03-01	\$ 950M	—	-64.0%	-81.2%	-78.8%
10	TONX	2023-01-31	\$ 6M	—	-70.4%	-80.6%	-71.8%

Most active issuers

Companies with the most convert filings (announce + close + amends combined).

tkr	all prim 144A			avg coup	avg size
WHLR	52	28	0	7.00%	\$ 77M
MSTR	38	15	17	0.93%	\$ 841M
WT	32	18	15	4.50%	\$ 182M
GES	30	26	3	2.70%	\$ 41M
W	26	10	14	2.66%	\$ 587M
WK	26	24	2	1.14%	\$ 265M
DY	24	15	1	0.75%	\$ 347M
PENN	24	23	1	2.75%	\$ 341M
PRFT	24	18	4	0.64%	\$ 289M
ALRM	23	22	2	2.25%	\$ 500M
DKS	23	17	0	5.48%	\$ 433M
FWONA	23	19	4	3.15%	\$ 605M
RH	23	15	0	5.38%	\$ 333M
TTGT	23	15	5	0.12%	\$ 222M
CAKE	22	21	1	0.52%	\$ 265M
AXDX	20	10	2	3.29%	\$ 91M
FLYYQ	20	15	0	4.38%	\$ 285M
SPWR	20	12	2	7.91%	\$ 56M
TLRY	20	15	0	5.20%	\$ 75M
ICPT	19	11	9	2.96%	\$ 308M
OIS	19	17	2	2.94%	\$ 95M
TDAY	19	17	1	5.69%	\$ 648M
WOLF	18	13	6	1.87%	\$ 993M
MARA	17	7	12	1.23%	\$ 427M
ZD	17	13	2	3.01%	\$ 392M

Names you'll recognise

MSTR (MicroStrategy) — 38 filings funding the bitcoin treasury strategy. Most are amendments / closes of the same convert series. Convert structure lets MSTR raise large amounts cheaply; equity holders accept the dilution because of the BTC β .

WHLR (Wheeler REIT) — 52 filings; a serial small-cap dilutive issuer.

W (Wayfair), PENN, GES — repeat issuers with healthier underlying businesses; converts are growth capital, not rescue capital.

Watchlist spotlight

Convert history for tickers you've flagged interest in. ATM equivalent: `build_space_section()` in the ATM report.

tkr	name	filings	primary	w/ret	med ret_63d
RKLB	Rocket Lab Corp	2	1	1	+41.7%
BKSY	BlackSky Technology Inc.	1	1	1	+32.7%
ASTS	AST SpaceMobile, Inc.	13	4	4	+22.4%
MSTR	Strategy Inc	38	15	14	+8.4%
SPCE	Virgin Galactic Holdings, I	4	2	2	-32.0%
LUNR	Intuitive Machines, Inc.	1	1	0	—
PL	Planet Labs PBC	1	1	0	—
JOBY	Joby Aviation, Inc.	1	1	0	—
WHLR	Wheeler Real Estate Investm	52	28	0	—
PENN	PENN Entertainment, Inc.	24	23	0	—
W	Wayfair Inc.	26	10	0	—

ASTS — every convert filing detected

date	size	coup	maturity	144A	re	ret63d
2025-01-22	\$ 148M	—	2032-12-31	Y	P	-0.3%
2025-01-27	\$ 460M	4.25%	2032-03-01	Y	R	+26.6%
2025-07-03	—	4.25%	2032-12-31	N	P	+45.1%
2025-07-24	—	—	2032-12-31	Y	R	+18.8%
2025-07-29	\$ 575M	2.375%	2032-10-15	Y	R	+49.7%
2025-07-31	—	4.25%	2032-12-31	N	R	+50.6%
2025-10-21	—	4.25%	2036-12-31	Y	P	+48.0%
2025-10-24	\$ 1,000M	2.0%	2036-01-15	Y	R	+51.1%
2025-10-29	—	4.25%	2032-12-31	Y	R	+38.9%
2026-02-11	—	4.25%	2036-12-31	Y	P	-22.8%
2026-02-17	\$ 1,000M	2.25%	2036-04-15	Y	R	—
2026-02-20	—	2.25%	2036-12-31	Y	R	—
2026-02-23	—	4.25%	2032-12-31	N	R	—

RKLB — every convert filing detected

date	size	coup	maturity	144A	re	ret63d
2024-02-02	—	4.25%	2029-12-31	Y	P	+41.7%
2024-02-07	\$ 100M	4.25%	2029-02-01	Y	R	+41.7%

Healthcare — convert top & bottom 10

n=60 • ETF=XLV • median ret_63d=-16.6% • median vs sector=-19.0% • 43% positive

Top 10 — biggest outperformers vs XLV

#	tkr	filing		size	coup	ret_63d	vs sec	vs spy
1	TLRY	2025-06-23		—	5.20%	+233.3%	+229.5%	+221.9%
2	SENS	2020-08-18	\$	16M	5.25%	+209.0%	+210.5%	+205.0%
3	SENS	2020-11-09	\$	16M	5.25%	+209.0%	+210.5%	+205.0%
4	SENS	2023-03-15	\$	35M	—	+209.0%	+210.5%	+205.0%
5	SENS	2023-09-11	\$	20M	5.25%	+209.0%	+210.5%	+205.0%
6	BBIO	2021-01-26		—	2.25%	+139.0%	+139.1%	+128.7%
7	TLRY	2023-05-31	\$	22M	5.20%	+59.3%	+53.4%	+50.9%
8	LXRX	2020-09-24	\$	63M	5.25%	+55.3%	+45.8%	+45.0%
9	LXRX	2020-10-29		—	5.25%	+55.3%	+45.8%	+45.0%
10	TLRY	2025-04-25	\$	9M	5.20%	+42.9%	+44.4%	+26.8%

Bottom 10 — biggest underperformers vs XLV

#	tkr	filing		size	coup	ret_63d	vs sec	vs spy
1	ICU	2023-03-16		—	—	-69.9%	-64.8%	-77.3%
2	BNGO	2024-05-28	\$	20M	—	-50.5%	-60.0%	-56.8%
3	BNGO	2023-10-11		—	—	-46.0%	-54.4%	-55.6%
4	TLRY	2025-02-06	\$	22M	5.20%	-58.5%	-50.0%	-52.0%
5	VCNX	2020-07-31	\$	9M	—	-41.6%	-48.0%	-53.2%
6	RCKT	2020-06-08	\$	8M	5.75%	-44.3%	-47.9%	-37.4%
7	RCKT	2021-04-27		—	6.25%	-44.3%	-47.9%	-37.4%
8	BACK	2024-05-01	\$	14M	—	-50.0%	-47.5%	-51.2%
9	EBS	2020-08-07		—	—	-44.1%	-47.3%	-51.8%
10	CGC	2020-07-10		—	6.10%	-37.2%	-46.0%	-42.1%

Technology — convert top & bottom 10

n=49 • ETF=XLK • median ret_63d=-10.0% • median vs sector=-9.5% • 31% positive

Top 10 — biggest outperformers vs XLK

#	tkr	filing	size	coup	ret_63d	vs sec	vs spy
1	MSTR	2024-09-18	\$ 600M	—	+191.3%	+180.6%	+183.3%
2	VERI	2025-06-16	—	—	+134.6%	+122.3%	+124.8%
3	BZAI	2025-01-17	—	—	+81.3%	+68.0%	+73.4%
4	BZAI	2025-04-15	\$ 9M	—	+81.3%	+68.0%	+73.4%
5	MSTR	2024-08-01	\$ 800M	2.25%	+63.6%	+54.4%	+56.4%
6	ASTS	2025-10-21	—	4.25%	+48.0%	+47.4%	+45.1%
7	MSTR	2024-10-30	\$ 1,010M	0.62%	+40.3%	+41.0%	+36.9%
8	ASTS	2025-07-03	—	4.25%	+45.1%	+33.6%	+37.8%
9	MSTR	2024-03-06	\$ 600M	—	+36.0%	+31.7%	+30.8%
10	MSTR	2025-02-10	—	—	+21.0%	+24.4%	+24.3%

Bottom 10 — biggest underperformers vs XLK

#	tkr	filing	size	coup	ret_63d	vs sec	vs spy
1	FRMM	2025-08-21	\$ 156M	—	-76.4%	-85.0%	-80.9%
2	TONX	2023-01-31	\$ 6M	—	-70.4%	-80.6%	-71.8%
3	MSTR	2025-10-06	\$ 1,000M	0.62%	-56.1%	-58.2%	-59.4%
4	ONDS	2022-10-26	\$ 34M	—	-49.0%	-58.1%	-55.7%
5	INSG	2020-10-01	—	5.50%	-52.4%	-58.1%	-60.1%
6	FRMM	2020-11-12	—	15.00%	-65.4%	-51.3%	-58.7%
7	FRMM	2021-02-18	—	15.00%	-65.4%	-51.3%	-58.7%
8	ASTS	2026-02-11	—	4.25%	-22.8%	-46.7%	-30.4%
9	VERI	2025-11-06	\$ 46M	1.75%	-46.9%	-46.2%	-50.8%
10	DVLT	2025-03-31	—	—	-22.4%	-44.1%	-33.1%

Real Estate — convert top & bottom 10

n=38 • ETF=XLRE • median ret_63d=+0.9% • median vs sector=-1.3% • 50% positive

Top 10 — biggest outperformers vs XLRE

#	tkr	filing	size	coup	ret_63d	vs sec	vs spy
1	MFA	2022-09-27	—	6.25%	+23.9%	+19.7%	+18.4%
2	ABR	2020-07-31	—	—	+13.0%	+16.7%	+13.3%
3	MFA	2021-05-06	\$ 100M	—	+10.4%	+11.9%	+6.7%
4	CTO	2022-02-25	\$ 11M	—	+6.7%	+11.2%	+13.9%
5	TWO	2021-02-01	—	6.25%	+22.7%	+9.6%	+14.1%
6	TWO	2021-03-10	—	—	+22.7%	+9.6%	+14.1%
7	TWO	2021-05-05	—	—	+22.7%	+9.6%	+14.1%
8	TWO	2022-02-09	—	—	+22.7%	+9.6%	+14.1%
9	TWO	2022-11-08	—	6.25%	+20.0%	+8.8%	+13.0%
10	RC	2021-12-21	\$ 110M	7.00%	+1.8%	+8.1%	+5.7%

Bottom 10 — biggest underperformers vs XLRE

#	tkr	filing	size	coup	ret_63d	vs sec	vs spy
1	ACR	2020-08-04	—	4.50%	-20.6%	-35.7%	-32.5%
2	ACR	2021-02-18	—	4.50%	-20.6%	-35.7%	-32.5%
3	ACR	2021-08-17	\$ 150M	4.50%	-20.6%	-35.7%	-32.5%
4	BHR	2021-05-18	—	4.50%	-17.7%	-29.9%	-25.8%
5	FOR	2024-11-01	—	3.75%	-25.6%	-24.9%	-31.7%
6	TWO	2025-05-13	\$ 115M	6.25%	-11.8%	-13.4%	-22.0%
7	TWO	2024-07-30	—	—	-3.9%	-11.7%	-11.4%
8	CTO	2025-04-03	—	3.88%	-6.4%	-8.9%	-22.4%
9	INN	2021-01-12	\$ 288M	1.50%	-10.8%	-8.1%	-11.2%
10	ABR	2021-05-07	—	—	+5.1%	-5.9%	-0.1%

Financial Services — convert top & bottom 10

n=26 • ETF=XLF • median ret_63d=-6.2% • median vs sector=-11.6% • 35% positive

Top 10 — biggest outperformers vs XLF

#	tkr	filing	size	coup	ret_63d	vs sec	vs spy
1	TRIN	2020-12-09	—	6.00%	+8.5%	+7.8%	+12.1%
2	TRIN	2021-08-23	—	6.00%	+8.5%	+7.8%	+12.1%
3	TRIN	2021-11-04	—	6.00%	+8.5%	+7.8%	+12.1%
4	ARCC	2022-02-09	\$ 600M	3.20%	-12.0%	+6.6%	+1.9%
5	ARCC	2022-01-03	—	3.75%	+3.0%	+6.4%	+7.1%
6	ARCC	2022-04-05	—	4.62%	-8.9%	+5.6%	+4.4%
7	GSBD	2020-11-24	—	4.50%	+1.0%	+0.2%	-3.4%
8	GSBD	2021-02-12	—	4.50%	+1.0%	+0.2%	-3.4%
9	GSBD	2021-05-13	—	4.50%	+1.0%	+0.2%	-3.4%
10	GSBD	2021-08-13	—	4.50%	+1.0%	+0.2%	-3.4%

Bottom 10 — biggest underperformers vs XLF

#	tkr	filing	size	coup	ret_63d	vs sec	vs spy
1	SDEV	2024-05-29	—	—	-91.1%	-101.5%	-97.5%
2	ASST	2025-09-22	\$ 100M	4.25%	-78.1%	-79.6%	-80.4%
3	SDEV	2023-04-27	—	—	-47.1%	-55.0%	-58.3%
4	RIOT	2024-12-09	\$ 500M	—	-34.8%	-30.6%	-26.3%
5	UPST	2021-08-20	\$ 575M	0.25%	-25.3%	-24.7%	-22.0%
6	UPST	2024-09-19	\$ 334M	2.00%	-25.3%	-24.7%	-22.0%
7	UPST	2024-11-15	—	1.00%	-25.3%	-24.7%	-22.0%
8	SDEV	2024-07-29	—	—	-16.7%	-24.6%	-23.3%
9	RIOT	2025-02-24	—	0.75%	-14.4%	-13.0%	-11.7%
10	TREE	2020-07-24	\$ 500M	0.50%	-3.6%	-12.6%	-10.3%

Consumer Cyclical — convert top & bottom 10

n=17 • ETF=XLY • median ret_63d=-49.3% • median vs sector=-42.1% • 18% positive

Top 10 — biggest outperformers vs XLY

#	tkr	filing	size	coup	ret_63d	vs sec	vs spy
1	CCL	2020-09-15	\$ 2,800M	5.75%	+31.4%	+26.0%	+23.8%
2	CCL	2020-07-01	\$ 2,012M	5.75%	+26.9%	+18.9%	+16.6%
3	CCL	2020-08-07	—	5.75%	+26.9%	+18.9%	+16.6%
4	LCID	2021-12-14	\$ 150M	1.25%	-12.3%	-23.5%	-23.3%
5	EMPD	2022-08-22	\$ 27M	—	-41.6%	-28.4%	-37.8%
6	NVVE	2024-11-01	—	—	-16.5%	-31.2%	-22.6%
7	NVVE	2024-12-20	—	—	-43.2%	-32.4%	-39.7%
8	WKHS	2020-07-20	—	—	-49.3%	-42.1%	-46.0%
9	WKHS	2020-10-16	\$ 200M	4.50%	-49.3%	-42.1%	-46.0%
10	WKHS	2021-10-06	—	—	-49.3%	-42.1%	-46.0%

Bottom 10 — biggest underperformers vs XLY

#	tkr	filing	size	coup	ret_63d	vs sec	vs spy
1	GMBL	2021-06-01	—	—	-41.3%	-54.6%	-44.4%
2	WKHS	2020-07-20	—	—	-49.3%	-42.1%	-46.0%
3	WKHS	2020-10-16	\$ 200M	4.50%	-49.3%	-42.1%	-46.0%
4	WKHS	2021-10-06	—	—	-49.3%	-42.1%	-46.0%
5	WKHS	2022-04-06	—	—	-49.3%	-42.1%	-46.0%
6	WKHS	2023-12-28	—	—	-49.3%	-42.1%	-46.0%
7	WKHS	2024-05-10	—	—	-49.3%	-42.1%	-46.0%
8	WKHS	2024-07-18	—	—	-49.3%	-42.1%	-46.0%
9	WKHS	2024-08-23	—	—	-49.3%	-42.1%	-46.0%
10	WKHS	2024-10-01	—	—	-49.3%	-42.1%	-46.0%

Note: sector has only 17 events with sector returns, so top and bottom 10 overlap. The full ranking is shown twice (best→worst and worst→best)

Industrials — convert top & bottom 10

n=14 • ETF=XLI • median ret_63d=-23.6% • median vs sector=-36.7% • 29% positive

Top 10 — biggest outperformers vs XLI

#	tkr	filing	size	coup	ret_63d	vs sec	vs spy
1	EOSE	2023-01-19	—	—	+77.2%	+73.5%	+70.8%
2	RKLB	2024-02-02	—	4.25%	+41.7%	+33.1%	+37.9%
3	BKSY	2025-07-22	\$ 185M	8.25%	+32.7%	+30.6%	+25.6%
4	AXON	2022-12-05	\$ 200M	—	+20.5%	+18.3%	+20.2%
5	PLUG	2024-03-13	—	3.75%	-13.1%	-13.9%	-18.3%
6	PLUG	2020-06-09	—	5.50%	-14.2%	-21.3%	-21.2%
7	SPCE	2022-01-13	\$ 425M	—	-29.9%	-33.3%	-36.7%
8	SMHI	2022-10-05	\$ 35M	4.25%	-21.0%	-40.1%	-41.0%
9	SPCE	2025-12-09	\$ 203M	2.50%	-34.1%	-42.3%	-31.9%
10	KSCP	2022-10-11	—	—	-26.2%	-46.2%	-37.3%

Bottom 10 — biggest underperformers vs XLI

#	tkr	filing	size	coup	ret_63d	vs sec	vs spy
1	KITT	2022-09-15	\$ 37M	—	-66.0%	-73.8%	-69.5%
2	KITT	2024-11-05	\$ 37M	—	-66.0%	-73.8%	-69.5%
3	OLOX	2024-01-16	—	—	-70.5%	-69.3%	-71.9%
4	EOSE	2021-07-07	—	—	-53.3%	-52.6%	-48.4%
5	KSCP	2022-10-11	—	—	-26.2%	-46.2%	-37.3%
6	SPCE	2025-12-09	\$ 203M	2.50%	-34.1%	-42.3%	-31.9%
7	SMHI	2022-10-05	\$ 35M	4.25%	-21.0%	-40.1%	-41.0%
8	SPCE	2022-01-13	\$ 425M	—	-29.9%	-33.3%	-36.7%
9	PLUG	2020-06-09	—	5.50%	-14.2%	-21.3%	-21.2%
10	PLUG	2024-03-13	—	3.75%	-13.1%	-13.9%	-18.3%

Note: sector has only 14 events with sector returns, so top and bottom 10 overlap. The full ranking is shown twice (best→worst and worst→best)

Communication Services — convert top & bottom 10

n=12 • ETF=XLC • median ret_63d=-64.0% • median vs sector=-81.2% • 8% positive

Top 10 — biggest outperformers vs XLC

#	tkr	filing	size	coup	ret_63d	vs sec	vs spy
1	CDLX	2020-09-22	\$ 230M	1.00%	+7.0%	+1.3%	+1.7%
2	SNAL	2023-08-30	—	—	-5.3%	-11.8%	-13.7%
3	AMC	2024-07-22	\$ 225M	—	-17.4%	-24.5%	-23.1%
4	BZFD	2021-06-24	\$ 150M	7.00%	-40.4%	-44.0%	-41.3%
5	BZFD	2021-12-09	\$ 150M	8.50%	-40.4%	-44.0%	-41.3%
6	AMC	2020-07-10	—	—	-64.0%	-81.2%	-78.8%
7	AMC	2020-09-15	—	2.95%	-64.0%	-81.2%	-78.8%
8	AMC	2020-11-02	—	—	-64.0%	-81.2%	-78.8%
9	AMC	2021-01-19	\$ 200M	2.95%	-64.0%	-81.2%	-78.8%
10	AMC	2021-03-09	\$ 225M	—	-64.0%	-81.2%	-78.8%

Bottom 10 — biggest underperformers vs XLC

#	tkr	filing	size	coup	ret_63d	vs sec	vs spy
1	AMC	2020-07-10	—	—	-64.0%	-81.2%	-78.8%
2	AMC	2020-09-15	—	2.95%	-64.0%	-81.2%	-78.8%
3	AMC	2020-11-02	—	—	-64.0%	-81.2%	-78.8%
4	AMC	2021-01-19	\$ 200M	2.95%	-64.0%	-81.2%	-78.8%
5	AMC	2021-03-09	\$ 225M	—	-64.0%	-81.2%	-78.8%
6	AMC	2021-05-06	—	2.95%	-64.0%	-81.2%	-78.8%
7	AMC	2022-03-01	\$ 950M	—	-64.0%	-81.2%	-78.8%
8	BZFD	2021-06-24	\$ 150M	7.00%	-40.4%	-44.0%	-41.3%
9	BZFD	2021-12-09	\$ 150M	8.50%	-40.4%	-44.0%	-41.3%
10	AMC	2024-07-22	\$ 225M	—	-17.4%	-24.5%	-23.1%

Note: sector has only 12 events with sector returns, so top and bottom 10 overlap. The full ranking is shown twice (best→worst and worst→best)

Consumer Defensive — convert top & bottom 10

n=8 • ETF=XLP • median ret_63d=+41.0% • median vs sector=+27.5% • 75% positive

Top 8 — biggest outperformers vs XLP

#	tkr	filing	size	coup	ret_63d	vs sec	vs spy
1	TPB	2021-02-10	\$ 250M	—	+41.0%	+27.5%	+39.6%
2	TPB	2021-05-05	\$ 250M	2.50%	+41.0%	+27.5%	+39.6%
3	TPB	2023-02-24	—	2.50%	+41.0%	+27.5%	+39.6%
4	TPB	2023-05-03	—	2.50%	+41.0%	+27.5%	+39.6%
5	TPB	2023-08-02	—	2.50%	+41.0%	+27.5%	+39.6%
6	TPB	2023-11-08	—	2.50%	+41.0%	+27.5%	+39.6%
7	BYND	2021-03-05	—	—	-34.9%	-34.6%	-41.7%
8	SDOT	2024-12-04	—	—	-60.3%	-59.6%	-66.3%

Bottom 8 — biggest underperformers vs XLP

#	tkr	filing	size	coup	ret_63d	vs sec	vs spy
1	SDOT	2024-12-04	—	—	-60.3%	-59.6%	-66.3%
2	BYND	2021-03-05	—	—	-34.9%	-34.6%	-41.7%
3	TPB	2021-02-10	\$ 250M	—	+41.0%	+27.5%	+39.6%
4	TPB	2021-05-05	\$ 250M	2.50%	+41.0%	+27.5%	+39.6%
5	TPB	2023-02-24	—	2.50%	+41.0%	+27.5%	+39.6%
6	TPB	2023-05-03	—	2.50%	+41.0%	+27.5%	+39.6%
7	TPB	2023-08-02	—	2.50%	+41.0%	+27.5%	+39.6%
8	TPB	2023-11-08	—	2.50%	+41.0%	+27.5%	+39.6%

Note: sector has only 8 events with sector returns, so top and bottom 10 overlap. The full ranking is shown twice (best→worst and worst→best)

Utilities — convert top & bottom 10

n=7 • ETF=XLU • median ret_63d=+1.5% • median vs sector=-2.7% • 86% positive

Top 7 — biggest outperformers vs XLU

#	tkr	filing	size	coup	ret_63d	vs sec	vs spy
1	TXNM	2024-06-03	—	—	+9.7%	+2.9%	+4.8%
2	LNT	2023-03-03	\$ 500M	3.88%	+0.7%	+1.6%	-5.6%
3	LNT	2025-05-15	\$ 575M	3.25%	+5.5%	-0.9%	-3.8%
4	DUK	2023-04-03	—	—	-2.7%	-2.7%	-10.9%
5	EVRG	2023-12-07	—	4.50%	+6.2%	-3.1%	-5.5%
6	TXNM	2025-05-19	—	—	+0.9%	-4.1%	-7.0%
7	TXNM	2025-12-10	—	—	+1.5%	-9.2%	+4.9%

Bottom 7 — biggest underperformers vs XLU

#	tkr	filing	size	coup	ret_63d	vs sec	vs spy
1	TXNM	2025-12-10	—	—	+1.5%	-9.2%	+4.9%
2	TXNM	2025-05-19	—	—	+0.9%	-4.1%	-7.0%
3	EVRG	2023-12-07	—	4.50%	+6.2%	-3.1%	-5.5%
4	DUK	2023-04-03	—	—	-2.7%	-2.7%	-10.9%
5	LNT	2025-05-15	\$ 575M	3.25%	+5.5%	-0.9%	-3.8%
6	LNT	2023-03-03	\$ 500M	3.88%	+0.7%	+1.6%	-5.6%
7	TXNM	2024-06-03	—	—	+9.7%	+2.9%	+4.8%

Note: sector has only 7 events with sector returns, so top and bottom 10 overlap. The full ranking is shown twice (best→worst and worst→best)

Energy — convert top & bottom 10

n=5 • ETF=XLE • median ret_63d=+47.0% • median vs sector=+39.2% • 80% positive

Top 5 — biggest outperformers vs XLE

#	tkr	filing	size	coup	ret_63d	vs sec	vs spy
1	LEU	2025-05-07	\$ 74M	2.25%	+224.1%	+218.4%	+211.1%
2	LEU	2024-11-04	\$ 350M	—	+198.4%	+191.3%	+186.6%
3	LEU	2025-08-13	\$ 650M	—	+47.0%	+39.2%	+40.8%
4	BTU	2022-02-23	\$ 250M	—	+30.1%	+4.4%	+36.5%
5	HNRG	2022-06-15	—	—	-39.3%	-51.6%	-48.4%

Bottom 5 — biggest underperformers vs XLE

#	tkr	filing	size	coup	ret_63d	vs sec	vs spy
1	HNRG	2022-06-15	—	—	-39.3%	-51.6%	-48.4%
2	BTU	2022-02-23	\$ 250M	—	+30.1%	+4.4%	+36.5%
3	LEU	2025-08-13	\$ 650M	—	+47.0%	+39.2%	+40.8%
4	LEU	2024-11-04	\$ 350M	—	+198.4%	+191.3%	+186.6%
5	LEU	2025-05-07	\$ 74M	2.25%	+224.1%	+218.4%	+211.1%

Note: sector has only 5 events with sector returns, so top and bottom 10 overlap. The full ranking is shown twice (best→worst and worst→best)

Methodology

Universe

All US-listed equities present in EDGAR's company_tickers.json at any point 2021-2026 (~21K distinct tickers, ~10K live in any given year). Delistings are tracked explicitly: a ticker dropping from the file flips companies.delisted=1.

Discovery

EDGAR full-text search (EFTS) across four convert-specific phrases:

- 'convertible senior notes'
- 'convertible notes due'
- 'convertible senior secured notes'
- 'convertible subordinated notes'

Hits are 8-K filings only. The ~16,400 raw candidates are reduced to 3,642 convert events after a two-stage content validator: must contain a convert phrase AND reference 'principal amount' AND have at least one transactional signal (coupon rate, maturity year, named initial purchaser, or indenture reference).

Dedup

Per-ticker, 30-day window. The first filing in a window is the primary event (is_reannouncement=0); subsequent filings within 30 days collapse to re-announcements (is_reannouncement=1) — typically the close 8-K or amendments. Performance is computed on primary events.

Field extraction

Regex parsers extract offering size, coupon, maturity date, conversion price, conversion premium, initial purchasers, 144A/green flags, and the indenture reference from the 8-K body text. Coverage varies (4% to 86% per field) because filings use many phrasings for the same facts. Future parser work can lift coverage without re-running the backfill.

Returns

T+0 = anchor date (filing date, or next trading day if filed after 16:00 ET). Forward returns computed at T+1, T+5, T+21, T+63 trading days against the issuer's own adjusted-close, SPY, and the matched SPDR Select Sector ETF. Excess returns = issuer return – benchmark return.

Caveats

Performance coverage is ~10% of events (352/3,642) — yfinance has no data for many delisted small-caps, and recent events haven't yet accumulated a full 63-day forward window. Bias direction is mixed: delisted names skew bad (so missing them flatters the headline); very recent names tend to be smaller (less interesting either way).