

Fund Commentary

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Morningstar Category

High Yield Fixed Income

Inception Date

December 18, 2014 (Series MF)
December 18, 2014 (Series F)

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Market Overview

The global economy was characterized by divergent growth trajectories during the reporting period, driven by the geopolitical conflict in the Middle East and energy price shocks. In the United States, the first-quarter Gross Domestic Product growth rate rose to 2.1%, while the labour market remained broadly stable and the unemployment rate declined slightly to 4.2% in June. Headline inflation rose to 4.2% in May on higher energy prices and continues to hold above the U.S. Federal Reserve's (Fed) 2% target rate. The Fed held its federal funds rate steady in the 3.50% to 3.75% range but signaled a commitment to price stability and indicated a more hawkish tilt. The Eurozone economy shrank by 0.1% in the first quarter, however, the European Central Bank prioritized sticky inflation by lifting its policy rate by 25 basis points to 2.4% in June. Canadian economic growth stalled in the first calendar quarter of 2026, but early data is projecting a rebound in the second quarter. The Bank of Canada held its interest rate steady at 2.25% to balance recessionary risks against elevated energy costs.

The Bank of Japan raised its policy rate by 25 bps to a 31-year high of 1% in June, to manage persistent energy cost pressures on production and employment. Emerging market (EM) returns were strongly positive across asset classes over the quarter, supported by higher real yields and improving policy frameworks. South Korea and Taiwan benefited from their positioning in artificial intelligence (AI)-driven value chain trade, while Brazil, Mexico and Argentina benefitted from the trade in commodities and near-shoring of supply chains.

Global bond markets delivered positive returns during the period, primarily due to a combination of lower yields in select economies, and strong corporate credit fundamentals resulting in tightening credit spreads. U.S. Treasury yields faced upward pressure from higher inflation and tighter monetary policies from select major central banks. Within fixed income markets, credit sectors outperformed sovereign bonds, due to compression of credit spreads, rising yields along with resilient corporate fundamentals, and the negative impact of record government borrowing on sovereign debt. Global investment-grade (IG) underperformed high-yield (HY) corporate bonds, on a relative basis, as a risk on environment favoured higher beta categories.

Additionally, floating-rate loans, which was the second highest performing category, generated positive returns by capturing higher coupon income amid rising Treasury yields, completely insulated from interest rate risk.

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Annualized Performance in CAD, Net of Fees	3 Mo.	1 Yr.	3 Yr.	5 Yr.	10 Yr.	PSD ⁺
AGF Global Convertible Bond Fund - Series MF	13.4%	27.6%	16.1%	6.2%	9.0%	7.6%
AGF Global Convertible Bond Fund - Series F	13.7%	28.9%	17.3%	7.2%	9.9%	8.4%
Benchmark*	15.9%	30.3%	18.1%	7.1%	10.9%	9.5%

Source: AGF Investments. One cannot invest directly in an index. **Past performance is not indicative of future results.** *Bloomberg Global Convertibles Index. Effective December 1, 2016, AGF Global Convertible Bond Fund ("the Fund") benchmark (Bloomberg Global Convertibles Index) is presented in U.S.-dollar terms. This change, from Canadian- to U.S.-dollar performance, has been applied retroactively to the Fund's performance start date. U.S.-dollar performance is more reflective of the client experience given the currency exposure and hedging policies of the fund. Series MF MER: 1.92%, Series F MER: 0.89%, as of March 31, 2026. *Performance Start Date (PSD): January 8, 2015 (Series MF); January 12, 2015 (Series F). Benchmark PSD reflects the PSD of Series MF.

For the quarter ended June 30, 2026, AGF Global Convertible Bond Fund underperformed the Bloomberg Global Convertibles Composite Index. Category allocation was a contributor and security selection was also a contributor to performance during the period.

The Fund's largest category contribution came from an out-of-benchmark allocation to Equity, resulting from past conversion events. The Fund's largest category detractor came from an overweight allocation to Cash.

Within Sectors, security selection was a contributor. Security selection effects in Technology and Consumer non-Cyclicals were the largest contributors, but were partially offset by negative effects in Financial Institutions and Transportation.

From a regional standpoint, an overweight allocation to Western Europe and Asia Pacific was a contributor, as well as the security selection within North America. On the other hand, security selection in Western Europe detracted from performance.

Market Outlook

The Fund Manager remains selective with a disciplined strategy focused on quality issuers of convertible bonds with strong fundamentals and capable of supporting debt servicing, along with a focus on tactical delta management and sector positioning. The asset class's relatively low duration profile and positive correlation with equity markets could provide meaningful hedging benefits in a rising yield environment, while taking advantage of global growth trends.

Global convertible bonds continue to offer an attractive investment case, as global Central Banks' policies are likely to diverge as they begin to shift towards more hawkish messaging. Additionally, issuance trends have remained strong, showcasing relative strength in the category. We can expect interest rates in Canada and the U.S. to be dependent on economic growth through the second half of the year, considering the central banks' willingness to look through higher inflationary pressures and their higher-for-longer stance. The fund manager remains constructive on the asset class, but has de-risked the portfolio in expectation of a pullback in the coming months, as markets digest new geopolitical risks and their impact on global growth.

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