

Strategy Overview – Fourth Quarter 2021

Tax-Exempt Fixed Income

The Tax-Exempt Fixed Income strategy is a portfolio of intermediate maturity, investment-grade fixed income securities issued by state and local governments throughout the United States. The strategy focuses on state and local general obligation (GO) and essential-service revenue bonds (REV). Bonds are laddered by maturity with portfolio duration maintained in the short to intermediate range. The strategy offers effective risk management while providing income exempt from federal taxes.

Investment Philosophy

Our long-term, fundamental fixed income philosophy is centered on capital preservation and generating after-tax income

Bond Portfolios Provide:

- Asset diversification
- Volatility control
- Income generation
- Liquidity

Our Process:

- Based on a consistent, disciplined investment approach
- Effective management of portfolio risk attributes

Portfolio Approach

- Our clients' assets are positioned in our top selections and effectively diversified
- Acquiring securities of well-established issuers provide consistency and liquidity

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Performance Objective

- Stable, federal tax-free income generated from portfolio of short and intermediate-term bonds
- Maintain a low volatility portfolio consistent with the benchmark index

Investment Approach

- Market driven, relative value strategy
- Bias toward state and local general obligation and essential-service revenue bonds
- Focused on strong geographic regions with economic stability and favorable demographics

Portfolio Profile

- Maintain a liquid portfolio with municipal bonds rated Single-A or higher
- Non-callable bonds or bonds with narrow call windows
- Laddered exposures maturing in 10 years or less
- Diversified by issuers, geographical locations, and revenue sources

Statistics	RMB Tax-Exempt Fixed Income ¹	ICE BofAML 1-10 Year Municipal Index
Number of Holdings*	1,001	10,087
Average Yield	0.70%	0.63%
Average Duration	3.93	3.44
Average Coupon	3.99%	4.49%
Average Credit Rating	AA+	AA-
Maturity Distribution*		
0-3 Years	30.23%	33.12%
3-5 Years	21.56%	26.07%
5-7 Years	21.14%	18.42%
7+ Years	27.06%	22.40%
Quality Distribution*		
AAA	26.79%	13.88%
AA	71.19%	51.44%
A	1.43%	15.52%
BBB	0.03%	7.61%
No Rating	0.87%	11.54%
Municipal Bond Type*		
General Obligation	82.24%	30.79%
Revenue Bonds	14.94%	55.17%
Certificate Participation	0.00%	0.00%
Pre-Refunded	1.53%	14.03%
Other	1.30%	0.00%

Source: APX, Bloomberg, Barclays, BondEdge. Data as of December 31, 2021.

*Only evaluated on municipal bond holdings. Does not include mutual funds.

¹ RMB Tax-Exempt Fixed Income Composite.

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Tax-Equivalent Bond Yields – Married Filing Jointly (2022)

Municipal Bond Yield	10% Marginal to \$20,550	12% Marginal to \$83,550	22% Marginal to \$178,150	24% Marginal to \$340,100	32% Marginal to \$431,900	35% Marginal to \$647,850	37% Marginal Over \$647,850
0.50%	0.56%	0.57%	0.64%	0.66%	0.74%	0.77%	0.79%
1.00%	1.11%	1.14%	1.28%	1.32%	1.47%	1.54%	1.59%
1.50%	1.67%	1.70%	1.92%	1.97%	2.21%	2.31%	2.38%
2.00%	2.22%	2.27%	2.56%	2.63%	2.94%	3.08%	3.17%
2.50%	2.78%	2.84%	3.21%	3.29%	3.68%	3.85%	3.97%
3.00%	3.33%	3.41%	3.85%	3.95%	4.41%	4.62%	4.76%

Source: Internal Revenue Service Tax Rates

ICE Municipal Bond Index Performance Matrix

Pricing Date: 12/31/2021
Instantaneous Horizon: 12 mo.
Reinvestment Rate: 0.06%

Source: CMS BondEdge – ICE BofAML Municipal Index

Yield Change	ICE MUNI 1-3 YR	ICE MUNI 1-5 YR	ICE MUNI 1-10 YR	ICE US MUNI SECURITIES
-200	4.17	5.75	8.09	11.89
-175	3.71	5.10	7.16	10.51
-150	3.25	4.46	6.22	9.14
-125	2.79	3.82	5.31	7.81
-100	2.34	3.18	4.41	6.48
-75	1.89	2.56	3.52	5.20
-50	1.44	1.93	2.64	3.91
-25	0.99	1.32	1.78	2.65
0	0.55	0.70	0.91	1.39
25	0.11	0.09	0.07	0.14
50	-0.34	-0.52	-0.77	-1.12
75	-0.77	-1.12	-1.60	-2.39
100	-1.21	-1.72	-2.42	-3.66
125	-1.64	-2.31	-3.23	-4.97
150	-2.08	-2.90	-4.04	-6.28
175	-2.51	-3.48	-4.83	-7.64
200	-2.93	-4.06	-5.62	-9.00

Note: The accompanying chart demonstrates the risk and return attributes of various fixed income benchmarks in specified instantaneous parallel interest rate shifts over a stated time horizon. Index returns will vary based on actual changes in interest rates, the yield curve, credit spreads, prepayment factors and other market related inputs. This chart is for illustration purposes only.



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