



# Core Municipal Bond

## Management Team

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## Objective

Seeks to provide a high level of tax-free income, after-tax return, and a lower level of price volatility than long-term bonds

## Highlights

- The Municipal Bond team follows a disciplined, research-driven, risk-managed process to seek attractive relative value within the investment grade municipal universe
- Portfolio managers and credit research analysts select securities based on a rigorous internal quantitative and qualitative review. Security selection seeks to exploit sector, state and individual security relative value opportunities
- Interest rate risk is managed by targeting duration exposure within close proximity to the benchmark
- The maturity structure is actively adjusted relative to the benchmark to take advantage of current and anticipated changes to the shape of the yield curve
- Tax implications, including tax loss harvesting, can play an integral role in the relative value analysis conducted to evaluate investment alternatives
- Typical Portfolio Construction
  - Typical range of maturities: 1 – 17 Years
  - Typical average duration: 5.5 – 6.5 Years
  - Credit Quality: Investment Grade, Average AA
  - Sectors: Core Municipal

## Benchmark

Bloomberg Managed Money  
Intermediate Bond Index

Facts	
Strategy inception	9/1/91
Composite inception	4/1/95
Strategy assets	\$3,816.8M
Composite assets	\$492.1M

Portfolio Characteristics	Composite	Index
Average maturity	6.36 yrs	6.57 yrs
Average duration	6.07 yrs	5.91 yrs
Average acquisition yield	3.35%	-
Average yield	3.37%	3.21%
Average credit quality	AA2	AA2

Effective December 31, 2024, the Medium Duration (10 Year) Municipal Bond Composite changed its name to the Core Municipal Bond Composite. Diversification does not ensure a profit or guarantee against a loss.

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## Composite Performance (%) as of December 31, 2024

	CUMULATIVE RETURN		ANNUALIZED TOTAL RETURN				
	3 MO	YTD	1 YEAR	3 YEAR	5 YEAR	10 YEAR	SINCE INCEPTION
<b>GROSS</b>	-1.18	0.56	0.56	-0.65	0.79	2.12	4.46
<b>NET</b>	-1.26	0.24	0.24	-0.97	0.47	1.79	4.07
<b>BENCHMARK</b>	-1.52	-0.32	-0.32	-0.76	0.73	2.10	4.55

## Calendar Year Performance (%)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
<b>GROSS</b>	0.56	5.30	-7.40	0.92	5.11	7.61	1.14	5.00	0.18	3.60
<b>NET</b>	0.24	4.97	-7.70	0.60	4.78	7.27	0.82	4.67	-0.14	3.19
<b>BENCHMARK</b>	-0.32	5.69	-7.22	0.38	5.70	7.10	1.22	5.65	-0.12	3.76

Performance data shown represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Current performance may be lower or higher than quoted. Returns are shown in US dollars and are annualized for one and multi-year periods. Gross returns are net of trading costs. Net returns are gross returns less effective management fees.

There is no guarantee that the investment objective will be realized or that the strategy will generate positive or excess return. Average Yield is Yield to Worst. Duration and Maturity for equity securities are deemed to be zero. Indices are unmanaged and do not incur fees. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.



ASSET ALLOCATION (%)		
	Composite	Index
Revenue bonds	58.0	42.1
General obligation bonds	28.3	42.9
Other	11.8	14.9
Cash & Equivalents	1.8	-

SECTOR DISTRIBUTION (%)		
	Composite	Index
Local GO	23.5	22.4
Leasing	10.9	8.3
Hospital	10.6	-
Special Tax	10.1	14.2
Electric	9.9	5.1
Education	9.0	8.9
Transportation	9.0	8.6
Water & Sewer	7.9	10.9
State GO	4.8	20.5
Prerefunded	1.7	0.7
Other	1.5	0.3

TOP TEN STATE POSITIONS (%)		
	Composite	Index
California	19.3	18.8
Texas	11.0	11.6
New York	9.1	19.0
Florida	8.0	2.5
Illinois	4.1	1.6
Washington	3.8	5.1
Colorado	3.6	1.5
Arizona	3.1	1.0
Massachusetts	2.7	3.5
Michigan	2.6	1.0

CREDIT QUALITY (%)		
	Composite	Index
US Treasuries	-	-
AAA	23.1	38.7
AA	64.2	61.3
A	10.2	-
BAA	0.6	-
BA	-	-
B	-	-
CAA & Lower	-	-
Not Rated	-	-
Cash & Equivalents	1.8	-

MATURITY DISTRIBUTION (%)		
	Composite	Index
0 to 2 Yrs.	6.9	6.6
2 to 4 Yrs.	8.5	12.3
4 to 6 Yrs.	7.4	13.2
6 to 8 Yrs.	6.7	14.0
8 to 10 Yrs.	10.1	13.8
10 to 15 Yrs.	31.9	29.6
15 Yrs. or more	28.5	10.4

DURATION DISTRIBUTION (%)		
	Composite	Index
0 to 2 Yrs.	12.1	7.6
2 to 4 Yrs.	15.2	14.5
4 to 6 Yrs.	12.7	23.1
6 to 8 Yrs.	26.5	36.1
8 to 10 Yrs.	33.1	17.4
10 to 15 Yrs.	0.4	1.3

## KEY RISKS

Credit Risk, Issuer Risk, Interest Rate Risk, Liquidity Risk, Prepayment Risk and Extension Risk. Investing involves risk including possible loss of principal.

*Due to rounding, Sector, Credit Quality, Duration and Maturity distribution totals may not equal 100%. Credit Quality reflects the highest credit rating assigned to individual holdings of the composite among Moody's, S&P or Fitch; ratings are subject to change. Cash & Equivalents may include unsettled trades, fees and/or derivatives. Asset Allocation, "Other" includes sector not represented by General Obligation bonds, Revenue bonds, or Cash & equivalents. Sector Distribution, "Other" generally includes cash and sectors that are not included in the top 10 sectors by market weight. Municipal markets may be volatile and can be significantly affected by adverse tax, legislative or political changes and the financial condition of the issuers of municipal securities. Fixed income securities may carry one or more of the following risks: credit, interest rate (as interest rates rise bond prices usually fall), inflation and liquidity.*

*The Composite includes all discretionary accounts with market values greater than \$5 million managed by Loomis Sayles with guidelines prescribing investment in primarily U.S. Dollar denominated municipal bonds with target duration of 6 to 8 years and has a benchmark of the Bloomberg 10 Year Municipal Bond Index or similar index which reflect the Composite investment strategy and duration target. Taxable securities may comprise a portion of the portfolio's investment allocation, typically less than 25%. The Composite inception date is April 1, 1995. The composite was created in 2003. For additional information on this and other Loomis Sayles strategies, please visit our website at www.loomisayles.com.*