

# Municipal Short Duration

## Portfolio Highlights

### Strategy Overview

Research driven managers with an active, bottom-up approach, focusing on total return while providing downside protection. Through the use of proprietary software, integration of AI technology, and depth of veteran portfolio traders with unrivaled access to securities in both the primary and secondary markets, we believe we are well positioned going forward.

### Investment Philosophy

- We believe the municipal market is highly fragmented and value can be added through security selection, yield curve exposure, controlled duration and institutional execution
- Our portfolios are unique and customized to each client. Tax status, residency, income needs and gain/loss management are evaluated at each purchase
- We believe our seasoned team of Portfolio Managers is invaluable in helping to navigate this inefficient marketplace
- Clients have access to the Portfolio Management Team
- Portfolio returns can further be enhanced by forward looking proprietary research, which in turn can lead to opportunistic trading

### Investment Process Highlights

- The team approach focuses on an engaged discussion on every security prior to purchase and regularly monitored for potential credit events
- Quantitative analysis helps to identify opportunities and manage risk, thus ensuring that portfolios are consistent with the strategy's objectives
- ESG considerations are a component of our credit analysis and a natural extension of our philosophy and not simply a list of bolt-on factors
  - **Governance:** good management practices, including transparency & disclosure, and sound financial management
  - **Social and Environmental:** management of material, social, and environmental risk, and track record of implementing policies that are apolitical and have a balanced focus across all constituencies.

## Management Team

### KRISTIAN LIND

20 Years of Industry Experience

### PETER MOUKIOS

38 Years of Industry Experience

## Investment Performance (%)\*

	Annualized Returns						For periods ended 3/31/22
	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception (6/1/09)
Total Portfolio Return (Gross of Fee)	-2.68	-2.68	-2.20	0.75	1.12	1.18	1.40
ICE BofA 1-3 Year US Municipal Securities Index	-2.33	-2.33	-2.19	0.64	0.98	0.92	1.19

## Credit Quality (%)<sup>1</sup>

	Municipal Short Duration
AAA	15.18
AA	40.25
A	34.82
BBB	3.19
Short-Term <sup>‡</sup>	3.78
Cash	2.78
<b>Average Quality<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>Aa2/Aa3</b>

## Duration Distribution (%)\*

	Municipal Short Duration
0-1 Year	27.80
1-2 Years	24.95
2-3 Years	25.05
3-4 Years	15.85
4-5 Years	3.38
5-6 Years	2.07
6+ Years	0.90

## Portfolio Characteristics\*

	Municipal Short Duration	Index <sup>1</sup>
Average Maturity (Years)	2.13	5.22
Effective Maturity (Years)	2.04	1.77
Effective Duration (Years)	1.95	1.98
Average Convexity	0.07	0.05
Average Yield to Maturity	2.07	2.02
Average Yield to Worst	2.04	1.92
Average Coupon	2.31	4.46
Average Current Yield	2.30	4.29
Average Price	100.26	103.89
# of Holdings	357	3,698

## Sector Weightings (%)\*

Revenue Bonds	76.36
General Obligations	15.11
Pre-Refunded Bonds	4.09
Treasury	1.66
Cash	2.78

Source: FactSet and Neuberger Berman.

<sup>‡</sup> Prere or Short-Term Rated

<sup>†</sup> For simplicity, levels within each rating designation have been placed into a generic rating following the commonly used S&P ratings system. As an example, a bond with a Moody's rating of Aa3 would be reflected as "AA."

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2. Index: ICE BofA 1-3 Year US Municipal Securities Index

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	Composite		Benchmark	No. of Accounts	Composite				3 Year Standard Deviation	
	Total Return (% Gross of Fees)	Total Return (% Net of Fees)	Custom Blend (%)		Market Value (\$, m)	Total Firm Assets (\$, bn)	% of Firm Assets	Internal Dispersion	Composite (%)	Custom Blend (%)
YTD Mar-2022	-2.68	-2.78	-2.33	21	123.2	--	--	--	1.46	1.40
2021	0.52	0.12	0.34	25	143.4	460.5	0.03	0.15	1.01	1.05
2020	2.44	2.03	2.16	27	142.9	405.4	0.04	0.26	0.97	1.10
2019	3.12	2.70	2.88	18	96.5	355.8	0.03	0.19	0.68	0.87
2018	1.69	1.28	1.76	21	122.8	304.1	0.04	0.07	0.74	0.97
2017	1.45	1.04	0.99	17	93.2	295.2	0.03	--	0.66	0.87
2016	0.51	0.11	0.33	7	49.6	255.2	0.02	0.05	0.54	0.68
2015	0.96	0.56	0.76	10	622.3	240.4	0.26	0.09	0.39	0.43
2014	1.17	0.76	0.72	14	799.7	250.0	0.32	0.07	0.40	0.38
2013	1.41	1.00	1.07	10	862.6	241.7	0.36	0.14	0.45	0.45
2012	1.77	1.36	1.03	≤ 5	742.8	205.0	0.36	--	0.62	0.59

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### Composite Description

The Municipal Short Duration Composite (the "Composite") includes the performance of all fee-paying Municipal Short Duration portfolios with a minimum \$2,000,000 managed on a fully discretionary basis by the municipal team. The Municipal Short Duration strategy is designed for investors whose portfolios have been constructed to provide effective after tax returns. The strategy is primarily invested in investment grade municipal fixed income securities with maturities of up to 10 years, with an average duration of approximately 1.6 years, and have a maximum cash weight of 10%. The Composite creation and performance inception date is June 2009. A complete list of Neuberger Berman's composites is available upon request.

### Primary Benchmark Description

he benchmark is the ICE BofA 1-3 Year US Municipal Securities Index (the "Index"). The Index is a subset of the ICE BofA US Municipal Securities Index including all securities with a remaining term to final maturity less than 3 years. The index tracks the performance of US dollar denominated investment grade tax-exempt debt publicly issued by US states and territories, and their political subdivisions, in the US domestic market. Qualifying securities must have at least one year remaining term to final maturity, at least 18 months to final maturity at the time of issuance, a fixed coupon schedule and an investment grade rating (based on an average of Moody's, S&P and Fitch). Minimum size requirements vary based on the initial term to final maturity at time of issuance. Securities with an initial term to final maturity greater than or equal to one year and less than five years must have a current amount outstanding of at least \$10 million. Securities with an initial term to final maturity greater than or equal to five years and less than ten years must have a current amount outstanding of at least \$15 million. Securities with an initial term to final maturity of ten years or more must have a current amount outstanding of at least \$25 million. The call date on which a pre-refunded bond will be redeemed is used for purposes of determining qualification with respect to final maturity requirements. Original issue zero coupon bonds are included in the Index. Taxable municipal securities, 144 securities and securities in legal default are excluded from the Index.

### Reporting Currency

Valuations are computed and performance is reported in U.S. Dollars.

### Fees

Composite Gross of Fee returns are the return on investments reduced by any trading expenses incurred during the period. Composite Net of Fee returns are the Gross of Fee returns reduced by model investment advisory fees.

### Fee Schedule

The annual investment advisory fee, generally payable quarterly, is as follows: 0.40% on the first \$5mn; 0.30% on the next \$15mn; 0.275% on the next \$30mn; 0.25% on the next \$100mn; 0.20% on the next \$100mn; 0.15% on the next \$250mn; 0.12% thereafter.

### Internal Dispersion

Internal dispersion is calculated using the asset-weighted standard deviation of annual gross returns of those portfolios that were in the Composite for the entire year. Internal dispersion is not calculated if the Composite does not contain at least 6 portfolios for the entire year.

### Annualized Standard Deviation

The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the Composite and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period. The standard deviation is not required for periods prior to 2011.

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