

Municipal Ladder (1-7 Years) Managed Account

BENCHMARK:

Bloomberg Municipal Bond 1-5 Year Blend Index

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

Name	Industry	Start Date
Robert Miller <i>Senior Portfolio Manager</i>		1988
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All investing involves risks, including the possible loss of principal. Bond values fluctuate in response to the financial condition of individual issuers, general market and economic conditions, and changes in interest rates. Changes in market conditions and government policies may lead to periods of heightened volatility in the bond market and reduced liquidity for certain bonds held in the portfolio. In general, when interest rates rise, bond values fall and investors may lose principal value. Interest rate changes and their impact on the portfolio can be sudden and unpredictable. A portion of the strategy's income may be subject to federal, state, and/or local income taxes or the alternative minimum tax. Any capital gains distributions may be taxable. Bond laddering does not ensure a profit or protect against loss in a declining market.

Investment objective

Our team's objective for the strategy is to provide stable, tax-efficient income and limited volatility of principal by investing in a diversified portfolio of high quality, investment-grade municipal bonds with laddered maturities between 1-7 years. We utilize a disciplined relative value approach, seeking opportunities from changing market trends, pricing inefficiencies, and intensive credit analysis to provide stable income.

Investment process

- Our institutional approach to the municipal market begins with bonds that have been researched and selected by our deeply-resourced team of professionals for credit quality, sector selection and geographic diversification.
- Next, we use our access to institutional inventory and pricing to provide investors with lower cost trading than may be available to retail investors.
- Ongoing, we monitor the holdings in the portfolio on a daily basis to ensure the portfolio's characteristics remain in target ranges.

Portfolio architecture

The strategy is structured to provide a portfolio of a minimum of 7 holdings that have been vetted by our analytical team and will have a maturity date that corresponds with each of the seven 1-year periods following the inception date of the portfolio. The structure is designed to minimize duration swings in changing market conditions and give specific yield curve exposure.

Supplemental information

Annualized returns (%)							
	3 months ¹	YTD ¹	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
Composite — Pure Gross ² (incept 10-1-21)	-0.68	0.88	0.88	0.74	-	-	0.71
Composite — Net ³	-1.05	-0.63	-0.63	-0.76	-	-	-0.80
Bloomberg Municipal Bond 1-5 Year Blend Index	-0.55	1.86	1.86	0.64	-	-	0.58

Credit quality⁴ (%)

Rating	Portfolio	Benchmark
AAA/Aaa	14.63	16.60
AA/Aa	71.29	57.72
A/A	14.08	22.23
BBB/Baa	0.00	3.42
Not rated	0.00	0.02

Sector allocation⁴ (%)

	Portfolio	Benchmark
General obligation bonds	14.41	32.13
Prerefunded bonds	0.00	5.08
Revenue bonds	85.59	62.80

Maturity distribution^{4,5} (%)

	Portfolio
0-1 year	0.00
1-3 years	0.00
3-5 years	0.00
5-10 years	100.00
10-20 years	0.00
20+ years	0.00
Cash & equivalents	0.00

Portfolio characteristics

Statistic	Portfolio	Benchmark
Average Maturity	6.21 years	4.41 years
Duration	4.04 years	2.69 years
Average Current Yield	4.50%	4.45%
Yield To Worst	3.02%	3.19%

Performance is historical and does not guarantee future results. For more information, please refer to the attached GIPS composite report. Sector weightings, portfolio characteristics, holdings, and return and risk characteristics are based on a representative account within the Allspring Global Investments composite. Allspring Global Investments provides the sub-advisory services for the Allspring Funds Management retail managed account product.

1. Returns of less than one year are not annualized. 2. The gross performance data is a pure gross-of-fees return and does not reflect the deduction of any management fees or transaction costs. 3. The net return is calculated based on the gross returns reduced by a typical 1.5% maximum annual wrap fee that could be charged to an account. 4. Credit quality, sector allocation and maturity distribution may not add up to 100% due to rounding. 5. Maturity Distribution reflects Time to Final Maturity rather than Effective Time to Maturity as we believe this characteristic provides a more relevant measure.



GIPS® Composite Report

Period	"Pure" Gross Annual Return (%)	Net Annual Return (%)	Primary Index Return (%)	Composite 3-Yr Std. Dev. (%)	Primary Index 3-Yr Std. Dev. (%)	Internal Dispersion (%)	Number of Accounts	Composite Assets (\$-mm)	Total Firm Assets (\$-mm)
2024	0.88	-0.63	1.86	3.94	3.73	0.21	47	22.76	458,112
2023	3.56	2.01	3.76	N/A	N/A	N/A	10	6.27	432,838
2022	-2.12	-3.58	-3.55	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	25.98	374,321
10/01/21-12/31/21	0.06	-0.31	-0.03	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	48.24	483,747

Primary Index: Bloomberg Municipal Bond 1-5 Year Blend

**"Pure" gross annual returns do not reflect the deduction of any expenses, including trading costs. "Pure" gross returns are supplemental to the net returns.

Source: Allspring Global Investments

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The Municipal Ladder (1-7 Years) Managed Account Composite (Composite) contains accounts without a state preference mandate investing in municipal securities of states, territories, and possessions of the United States that pay interest exempt from federal income tax, but not necessarily federal alternative minimum tax. The strategy seeks to provide stable income and capital preservation by investing in highly rated issues and is structured to minimize market swings in changing market conditions. The portfolio managers' investment process starts with a top-down, macroeconomic outlook to determine portfolio duration and yield curve positioning as well as industry, sector and credit quality allocations. In combination with top-down macroeconomic approach, the portfolio managers conduct intensive research on individual issuers to uncover solid investment opportunities, especially looking for bonds whose quality may be improving. Security selection is based on several factors including, among others, improving financial trends, positive industry and sector dynamics, improving economic conditions, specific demographic trends and value relative to other securities. The strategy is designed to have relatively low turnover, however securities may be sold due to changes in credit characteristics or outlook, as well as changes in portfolio strategy or cash flow needs, and such sales will increase relative turnover. Investment results are measured versus the Bloomberg Municipal Bond 1-5 Year Blend (1-6) Index. The portfolios in this discipline have been sub-advised by Allspring Global Investments, LLC since inception. The Composite creation and inception date is October 1, 2021. Since inception, wrap accounts represent 100% of the Composite assets.

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