

# Municipal Credit Opportunities

By applying our robust research and tactical management style within a universe of lower rated municipal bonds we aim to provide a high level of sustainable current income. Historically municipal bonds in the BB-A ratings categories have experienced a significantly lower default rate than taxable bonds of similar credit quality. This strategy looks to maximize cash flows by repositioning portfolios when credit opportunities arise.

### Strategy Focus

- Maximize Tax-Free Cash Flow
- Actively Managed
- Credit Driven
- Geographically Diversified

### Key Stats

**\$728**

Strategy Assets (MM)

**7.79**

Effective Duration (Years)

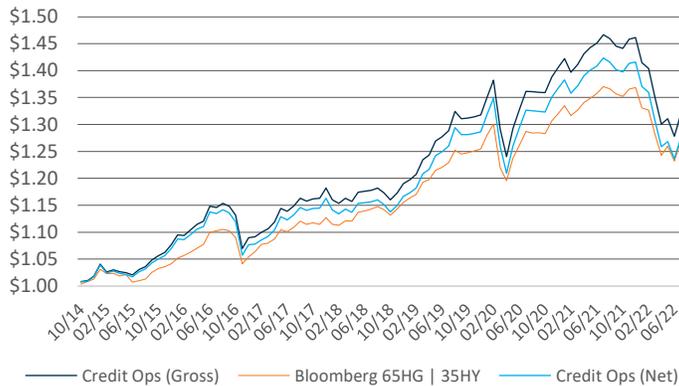
**15.36**

Average Years to Maturity

**A-**

Average Credit Rating

### Growth of \$1 Million

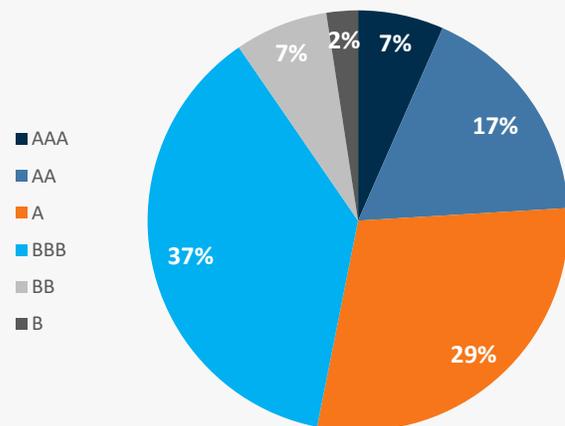


### Annualized Return

|   | QTD   | YTD    | 1 YR    | 3 YR  | 5 YR  | 7 YR  | *Since inception |
|---|-------|--------|---------|-------|-------|-------|------------------|
| Muni Credit Opportunity Composite – Gross | 3.20% | -9.75% | -10.06% | 0.78% | 2.80% | 3.59% | 3.60%            |
| Bloomberg Muni Index – 65HG   35HY        | 3.02% | -7.24% | -7.36%  | 1.07% | 2.73% | 3.32% | 3.09%            |
| Muni Credit Opportunity Composite – Net   | 3.17% | -9.94% | -10.40% | 0.40% | 2.41% | 3.15% | 3.15%            |

\*Inception Date 09/30/14  
Returns less than one year are not annualized. Net of fee performance is net of actual fee. Past performance is not a guarantee of future performance.

### Ratings Distribution



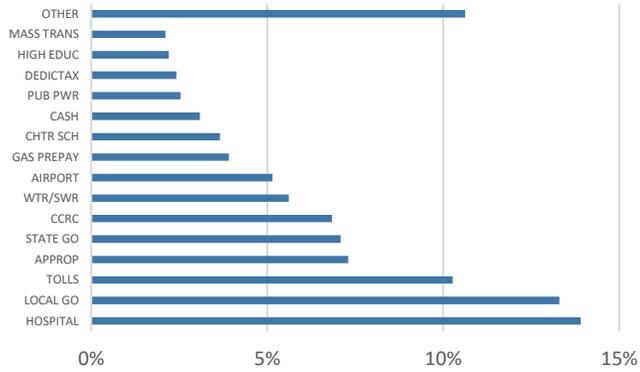
The Ratings Distributions are derived by using a weighted average of all credit ratings in the portfolio. The average is calculated by CIM using NRSRO ratings.

### Portfolio Characteristics

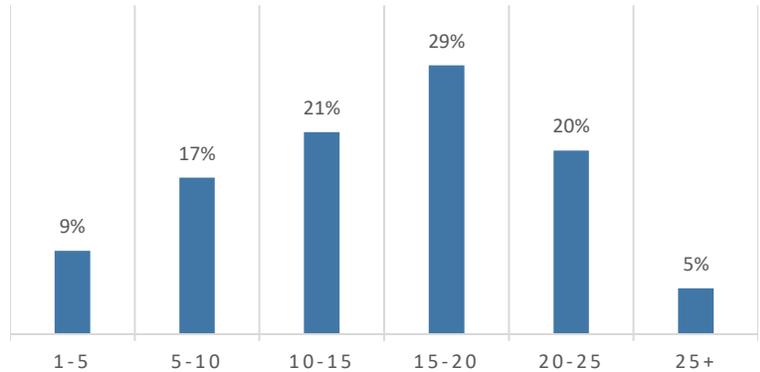
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| Current Yield                      | 4.28% |
| Yield to Maturity                  | 3.90% |
| Yield to Worst                     | 3.48% |
| Taxable Equivalent Yield To Worst* | 5.88% |

\*The taxable equivalent yield represents the yield that must be earned on a fully taxable investment in order to equal the tax-exempt yield of the particular composite. The taxable equivalent yield is calculated by dividing the tax-exempt yield by 1 - the maximum federal income tax rate of 40.8% (37% federal + 3.8% Medicare tax).

## Sector Distribution



## Years to Maturity Distribution



| For the Period Ending | Gross of Fees (%) | Net of CIM Fees (%) | Net of Maximum Wrap Fee | Barc 65/35 Muni Index (%) | Number of Accounts | Wrap Accounts (%) | Composite        | Barc 65/35 Muni Index | Composite Dispersion (%) | Composite Assets (Millions) | Total Firm Assets (Millions) |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
|                       |                   |                     |                         |                           |                    |                   | 3 Yr Std Dev (%) |                       |                          |                             |                              |
| 2021                  | 3.97              | 3.57                | 2.40                    | 3.67                      | 168                | 59                | 6.55             | 5.33                  | 0.52                     | 442                         | 1404                         |
| 2020                  | 6.68              | 6.28                | 5.10                    | 5.2                       | 119                | 51                | 6.63             | 5.34                  | 0.65                     | 342                         | 1048                         |
| 2019                  | 10.72             | 10.30               | 9.15                    | 8.63                      | 94                 | 51                | 3.45             | 2.54                  | 0.55                     | 251                         | 748                          |
| 2018                  | 0.70              | 0.30                | -0.54                   | 2.49                      | 65                 | 47                | 4.83             | 3.8                   | 0.36                     | 152                         | 550                          |
| 2017                  | 8.41              | 7.95                | 7.48                    | 6.93                      | 39                 | 41                | 4.73             | 3.84                  | 0.52                     | 100                         | 440                          |
| 2016                  | 1.22              | 0.65                | -                       | 1.21                      | 10                 | -                 | -                | -                     | 0.55                     | 47                          | 373                          |
| 2015                  | 5.71              | 5.18                | -                       | 2.8                       | ≤ 5                | -                 | -                | -                     | NA                       | 10                          | 283                          |
| *2014                 | 1.84              | 1.71                | -                       | 1.32                      | ≤ 5                | -                 | -                | -                     | NA                       | 4                           | 276                          |

\*September 30, 2014 thru December 31, 2014

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- The composite consists of fully discretionary, fee paying accounts under management, including terminated accounts for the period they were fee paying accounts. The composite's creation and inception date is \*September 30, 2014.
- The US dollar is the currency used to express performance.
- The benchmark for the composite is the Bloomberg Barclays Municipal 65%HG/35%HY Index which measures the performance of the blended US high grade (65%) and high yield (35%) municipal bond universe. It includes approximately 53,638 municipal issuers. It is constructed to provide a comprehensive and unbiased blended municipal bond market barometer. Please note an investor cannot invest directly in an index.
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- Internal dispersion is calculated when five or more portfolios were in the composite for the entire year using the Gross asset-weighted standard deviation of those portfolios that were included in the composite for an entire year. The 3-Year Standard Deviation represents the annualized standard deviation of actual Gross composite and benchmark returns, using the rolling 36-months ended each year-end.
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