# INTERMEDIATE MUNICIPAL BOND STRATEGY



1Q 2023 Strategy Fact Sheet

# **Investment Objective**

To provide tax-free current income and consistent, long-term performance with less risk through active, risk averse management.

# Performance (%)

Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

ANNUALIZED RETURNS	QTR	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years	10 Years
Int. Muni Bond (Gross)	1.27	1.49	0.69	1.79	1.44	1.74
Int. Muni Bond (Net)	1.19	1.13	0.34	1.44	1.08	1.38
ICE BofA/ML 1-10 A-AAA Muni Index	1.74	1.62	0.45	1.64	1.29	1.53

All periods longer than 12 months are annualized. Source: OP-os

PRODUCT COMPOSITION (%)						
AAA - Pre-refunded*	0					
AAA - Credit Support**	18					
AAA	21					
AA	61					

<sup>\*</sup> Escrowed with U.S. Governments

<sup>\*\*</sup> Credit support from permanent school fund, bond insurance companies or other entities

< 1 Year	20
1-3 Years	25
3-5 Years	39
5-7 Years	13
7-10 Years	3

Data source: Bloomberg, GPS

# **TAXABLE EQUIVALENT YIELDS**

	AA G.O. Municipals	Taxable Equivalent 37%	Taxable Equivalent 35%	Treasuries	Industrial A Corporates
1 YR	2.56	4.06	3.94	4.62	4.61
2 YR	2.49	3.96	3.84	4.03	4.48
3 YR	2.38	3.78	3.66	3.79	4.37
4 YR	2.33	3.70	3.58	3.70	4.32
5 YR	2.33	3.70	3.58	3.58	4.31
7 YR	2.37	3.76	3.64	3.54	4.33
10 YR	2.50	3.96	3.84	3.47	4.45
15 YR	3.21	5.10	4.94	3.55	4.74
20 YR	3.43	5.44	5.27	3.80	4.91

Data source: Bloomberg

Vaughan Nelson's fixed income management is based on the premise that active, risk-controlled management, founded on research-driven analysis, can uncover relative values that over the long-term produce returns with less risk.

· Headquarters: Houston, TX

• Founded: 1970

Firm assets: \$14.2 billion\*

\* Number includes assets where Vaughan Nelson Investment Management does not have full unconditional trading authority. The assets consist of model portfolio relationships with third party platforms and totaled \$2.1 billion as of 3/31/2023.

#### **INVESTMENT TEAM**

#### Michael Hanna

- Director, Fixed Income Investments
- Senior Portfolio Manager, Fixed Income Investments
- Began investment career in 1998
- Joined Vaughan Nelson in 2005
- MBA, Rice University, 2005
- BA, University of Texas, 1997

#### **Blanca Garza**

- Portfolio Manager, Fixed Income Investments
- Began investment career in 1993
- Joined Vaughan Nelson in 1998
- MBA, University of St. Thomas, 1996
- BA, University of Houston-University Park, 1989

### **EXPAND YOUR FIXED INCOME HORIZONS**

Core Fixed Income	Average Effective Duration	Average YTM
Generate attractive risk- adjusted returns through investments in U.S. Treasury, government agencies and investment grade corporate fixed income.	5.9	4.4%

## Intermediate Fixed Income

Generate attractive risk-adjusted returns through investments in U.S. Treasury, government agencies and investment grade corporate fixed income: Maturity range 0 to 10 years.

## **Limited Maturity Fixed Income**

Maximize total return while preserving capital through investments in U.S. Treasury and government agency fixed income securities: Maturity range 0 to 5 years.

1.1

4.7%

# INTERMEDIATE MUNICIPAL BOND COMPOSITE RETURNS, NOTES AND DISCLOSURES

January 1, 2012 through March 31, 2023

Performance data shown represents past performance and is not a guarantee of, and not indicative of, future results.

Year	Composite	Composite	ICE BofA ML 1-10 Yr. A-AAA Muni Index	Number of Portfolios	Dispersion	Composite Assets at End-of-Period	Ttl. Firm Assets (ex. model assets)	Entity Assets*	Std Dev Composite	Std Dev Benchmark
	(Gross)	(Net)			(Std Dev)	(\$MM-USD)	(\$MM-USD)	(\$MM-USD)	(3-Yr Annizd)	(3-Yr Annizd)
YTD 2023	1.27%	1.19%	1.74%	8	N/A	45	12,187	14,244	2.92%	4.11%
2022	-2.67%	-3.01%	-4.51%	9	1.51%	51	11,720	13,566	2.83%	3.93%
2021	0.19%	-0.17%	0.17%	9	0.08%	66	13,490	15,481	1.93%	2.37%
2020	3.59%	3.24%	3.82%	8	1.05%	73	12,690	14,052	2.08%	2.41%
2019	4.69%	4.31%	5.08%	8	0.72%	76	11,346	13,064	1.67%	1.72%
2018	1.17%	0.80%	1.60%	8	0.13%	80	10,078	11,425	2.49%	2.23%
2017	3.67%	3.31%	2.58%	7	0.37%	84	11,675	13,172	2.61%	2.22%
2016	-0.31%	-0.68%	-0.05%	6	0.16%	81	11,572	12,912	2.58%	2.15%
2015	3.05%	2.69%	2.10%	6	0.38%	81	11,316	12,469	2.45%	1.89%
2014	3.36%	2.99%	3.43%	7	0.53%	54	9,943	11,057	2.33%	1.93%
2013	-1.67%	-2.01%	0.28%	6	N/A	42	9,243	10,258	2.69%	2.18%
2012	2.99%	2.63%	2.89%	5 or fewer	N/A	6	7,273	8,071	2.30%	2.19%

## **GIPS NOTES AND DISCLOSURES**

#### **NOTES**

COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION. This composite is comprised of all fee paying, 100% fixed income, discretionary Intermediate Municipal Bond accounts consisting of municipal bond securities with a maturity range of 1-10 years and a duration band of 3.5 to 5.5 years having a minimum of \$2 million under management. The primary benchmark is the ICE Bank of America/Merrill Lynch 1-10 Year A-AAA Muni Index. This index is a subset of the ICE Bank of America/Merrill Lynch U.S. Municipal Index, including all securities with a remaining term to final maturity less than 10 years and rated AAA-A3, inclusive. The composite creation date is December 2008. The inception date is January 2004. FIRM DEFINITION. Vaughan Nelson Investment Management ("Vaughan Nelson") is an equity, fixed-income and balanced portfolio investment manager. Vaughan Nelson is defined as an independent investment advisory firm and is affiliated with Natixis Investment Managers, LLC. FEES. Intermediate Municipal Bond Fee Schedule: .35% on the first \$25 million, .25% on amounts over \$25 million, \$20,000 minimal annual fee. OTHER NOTES. Results for the full historical period are time weighted. Accounts have been valued daily and portfolio returns have been weighted by using beginning-of-month market values plus daily weighted cash flow. The dispersion calculation is based on a dollar-weighted average of gross portfolio returns within the composite for the entire period. The dispersion percent of N/A indicates that the number of portfolios for the entire year were equal to five or fewer or periods of less than one year. The benchmark source is FactSet. The valuation source is Intercontinental Exchange (ICE). Benchmark returns are not covered by the report of independent verifiers.

#### **DISCLOSURES**

BASIS OF PRESENTATION. The attached information and index performance has been developed internally and/or obtained from sources, which Vaughan Nelson believes to be reliable; however, Vaughan Nelson does not guarantee the accuracy, adequacy or completeness of such information, nor does it guarantee the appropriateness of any strategy referred to for any particular investor. This document is provided for informational purposes only and should not be construed as advice or a recommendation for purchase or sale of securities. Past performance is not indicative of future results. Michael Hanna, Director, Senior Portfolio Manager and Matthew Caire, Portfolio Manager have managed the Intermediate Municipal Bond strategy from June 2021, Michael Hanna has managed the Intermediate Municipal Bond strategy from April 2021, and Blanca Garza has managed the Intermediate Municipal Bond strategy since 2004. COMPOSITE NOTES. The composite for each investment strategy has specific criteria in terms of minimum portfolio size, tax status, and discretion. Portfolios meeting the stated criteria are added to the composite as of the first full quarter of investment in that composite's style. Similarly, accounts are removed from the composite after the last full quarter of management under the composite style. A list of all composites and pooled fund investment strategies offered by the firm, with a complete description of each strategy, is available upon request. The composite style results portrayed reflect the reinvestment of dividends, capital gains, and other earnings when appropriate. CALCULATION METHODOLOGY. The composite performance results are time-weighted total returns net of commissions and transaction costs. Valuations and returns are expressed in U.S. dollars. Vaughan Nelson consistently values all portfolios each month on a trade date basis. Additional information regarding policies for valuing portfolios, calculating performance, and the GIPS Report are available upon request. No composite accounts hold foreign denomi

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} Model year-end portfolio totals were as follows: 2022 - \$1.8 billion, 2021 - \$2.0 billion, 2020 - \$1.4 billion, 2019 - \$1.7 billion, 2018 - \$1.3 billion, 2017 - \$1.5 billion, 2016 - \$1.3 billion, 2015 - \$1.2 billion, 2014 - \$1.1 billion, 2013 - \$1.0 billion, 2012 - \$798 million. \\ \end{tabular}$ 

<sup>\*</sup> Number includes assets where Vaughan Nelson Investment Management does not have full unconditional trading authority. The assets consist of model portfolio relationships with third-party platforms and totaled \$2.1 billion as of 3/31/23. This information is supplemental to the Intermediate Municipal Bond GIPS Report.

