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## Managed Accounts

# Short-Term Municipal Fixed Income

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#### **Investment Process**

- BlackRock's Fixed Income Investment approach blends top-down and bottom-up investment ideas
- · Investment Teams are responsible for research, analysis, security selection and execution
- Rick Rieder as Chief Investment Officer of Fixed Income, Fundamental Portfolios, leads the investment strategy meetings
- Portfolio teams are each independently accountable for asset allocation and portfolio construction

#### **BlackRock Investment Teams** Bottom-Up Idea Generation & Research Investment Grade Leveraged Finance Non-US Rates, Sovereigns Corporates · Municipals Securitized Assets & Currencies **Investment Strategy Meetings Investment Strategy Meetings Market Outlook Meeting** Portfolio Strategy Meeting Asset Allocation Trade Ideas Intra-Sector & Security Selection Duration/Curve Decisions Focus Topics Sector Rotation Portfolio Teams Top-Down — Themes & Portfolio Construction Mortgages · Global/Non-Dollar Mutual Fund Financial Institutions Inv. Grade Corporates/ Alternatives Long Duration Institutional Multi-Sector · SMA Multi-Sector Leveraged Finance Municipals Private Investors

### **Investment Strategy**

This investment strategy seeks total return derived primarily from coupon interest, and secondarily, capital appreciation. It generally invests in investment grade municipal securities. It also may invest in mutual funds and other pooled investment vehicles, which may pay fees and expenses to BlackRock that are in addition to the fees payable to BlackRock for managing the account. These portfolios are expected to have durations of one to four years. An investor selecting this strategy may risk some loss of principal. More detailed information on this strategy is available upon request.

### **Model Portfolio Characteristics**

Short Duration

	Short-Term Municipal Fixed Income	Barclays Managed Money Municipal Short Term Index (1-5 Yr.)
Average Duration	2.9 years	2.9 years
Average Maturity	3.2 years	3.1 years
Average Yield to Maturity	2.00%	1.88%

#### **Quarterly Composite Performance (% Returns)**

		Short-Term Municipal Fixed Income Composite (Gross)	Benchmark*
YTD	0.4	1.7	1.6
3/31/18	-0.3	0.0	-0.1
6/30/18	0.3	0.7	0.7
9/30/18	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2
12/31/18	0.8	1.1	1.2

\*Currently (since 1/1/12): Barclays Managed Money Municipal Short Term Index (1-5 Yr.) From 10/1/04 – 12/31/11: Barclays Custom Short-Term Municipal Fixed Income Index. Prior to 9/30/04: Short Term Muni Index

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#### Average Annual Total Composite Returns (%)

		Short-Term Municipal Fixed Income Composite (Gross)	Benchmark*
1 Year	0.4	1.7	1.6
3 Year	-0.3	1.0	1.0
5 Year	-0.2	1.1	1.1
10 Year	0.4	1.7	1.9
Since Inception (1/1/04)	0.9	2.1	2.3

#### Historical Composite Performance (% Yearly Total Returns)

	Short-Term Municipal Fixed Income Composite (Net)	Short-Term Municipal Fixed Income Composite (Gross)	Benchmark*
2018	0.4	1.7	1.6
2017	0.1	1.4	1.6
2016	-1.3	-0.1	-0.2
2015	-0.1	1.2	1.4
2014	-0.1	1.2	1.1
2013	-0.5	0.8	1.2
2012	0.2	1.4	1.6
2011	2.1	3.4	3.5
2010	0.1	1.4	1.4
2009	3.6	4.9	5.7

All data as of 12/31/18 and shown in USD.

The firm claims compliance with GIPS®. For a complete list and description of the firm's composites and/or a presentation that adheres to the GIPS standards, contact SMAMarketing@blackrock.com.

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#### **Important Notes**

The value of the portfolio will fluctuate based on the value of the underlying securities. Two main risks related to fixed income investing are interest rate risk and credit risk. Typically, when interest rates rise, there is a corresponding decline in the market value of bonds. Credit risk refers to the possibility that the issuer of the bond will not be able to make principal and interest payments. Municipals - This strategy invests in municipal securities. Municipal securities are subject to the risk that legislative changes and local and business developments may adversely affect the yield or value of the strategy is investments in such securities. An investment in any municipal portfolio should be made with an understanding of the risks involved in investing in municipal bonds; such as interest rate risk, credit risk and market risk, including the possible loss of principal. The value of the portfolio will fluctuate based on the value of the underlying securities. Clients should contact their tax advisor regarding the suitability of tax-exempt investments in their portfolio. If sold prior to maturity, municipal securities are subject to gain/losses based on the level of interest rates, market conditions and the credit quality of the issuer. Income may be subject to the alternative minimum tax (AMT) and/or state and local taxes, based on state of residence.

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The **Bloomberg Barclays Managed Money Municipal Short Term Index** is a rules-based, market-value weighted index comprised of publicly traded municipal bonds that cover the U.S. dollar denominated short term tax exempt bond market, including state and local general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, insured bonds, and pre-refunded bonds.

The **Bloomberg Barclays Custom Short-Term Municipal Index** contains a limited number of securities, consists of laddered, fixed coupon interest bearing municipal securities that are noncallable, rated AA or better at time of inclusion, not subject to the Alternative Minimum Tax, and have maturities between one and five years. No more than 10% of the Index will be allocated to securities issued from issuers within the same state.

The **Short Term Muni Index** is composed of 75% BofA ML Municipal Large Cap Index, 1-3 Years and 25% BofA ML Municipal Large Cap Index, 3-7 Years, which are sub-indexes of the BofA ME Municipal Large Cap Index, 1-3 Years tracks the performance of Municipal investment grade debt of U.S. municipals having at least one year and less than three years remaining term to maturity. The BofA ML Municipal Large Cap Index, 3-7 Years tracks the performance of Municipal investment grade debt of U.S. municipals having at least three years and less than seven years remaining term to maturity.

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