

SEPARATELY MANAGED ACCOUNTS

# Laddered Municipal Fixed Income 1-5 Year

### **INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

This investment strategy seeks to provide tax-exempt income by investing primarily in investment grade municipal securities that are laddered across consecutive maturities. Upon its maturity, a bond generally will be replaced with a bond having the longest maturity in the strategy's range. 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. An investor selecting this strategy may risk some loss of principal. The principal risks of the strategy are credit risk, liquidity risk, counterparty risk. More detailed information is available upon request.

# **CREDIT RATINGS (%)**



KEY FACTS	
Inception Date	01/31/2015
Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	BBG Municipals
	Managed Money
	Short (1-5) Index

Credit quality ratings on underlying securities of the holdings within the portfolio are received from S&P, Moody's and Fitch and converted to the equivalent S&P major rating category. This breakdown is provided by BlackRock and takes the median rating of the three agencies when all three agencies rate a security, the lower of the two ratings if only two agencies rate a security, and one rating if that is all that is provided. Unrated securities do not necessarily indicate low quality. Below investment-grade is represented by a rating of BB and below. Ratings and portfolio credit quality may change over time.

TOP SECTORS (%)		
	Fund	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>
Utility	20.12%	14.01%
State Tax-Backed - General Obligation	19.90%	22.48%
Transportation	19.86%	6.32%
Local Tax-Backed - General Obligation	10.15%	12.08%
Education	10.07%	6.36%
Local Tax-Backed - Lease Backed	9.61%	1.22%
State Tax-Backed - Dedicated Tax	9.56%	9.38%
Cash	0.72%	0.00%
Other	0.00%	0.06%
Health	0.00%	0.00%
Tobacco	0.00%	0.00%
Housing	0.00%	0.12%
Corporate Muni	0.00%	0.02%
Net Derivatives	0.00%	0.00%
Prerefund/Escrow	0.00%	2.13%
School Districts	0.00%	11.54%
Other Industries	0.00%	0.08%
State Tax-Backed - Lease Backed	0.00%	3.08%
Local Tax-Backed - Dedicated Tax	0.00%	11.12%

Average Annual Composite Performance (Total Return % in USD)			
	Gross	Net <sup>2</sup>	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>
1 Year	3.20	0.11	3.41
3 Year	0.02	-2.48	-0.10
5 Year	1.16	-0.97	1.27
10 Year	n/a	n/a	n/a
Since Inception	1.00	-0.85	1.10

Historical Composite Performance (Total Return % in USD)			
(Total Return	Gross	Net <sup>2</sup>	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>
2023	3.20	0.11	3.41
2022	-3.00	-5.91	-3.62
2021	-0.05	-1.55	0.03
2020	2.45	0.92	3.05
2019	3.32	1.77	3.68
2018	1.56	0.03	1.64
2017	1.36	-0.16	1.57
2016	-0.04	-1.54	-0.20
2015	n/a	n/a	n/a
2014	n/a	n/a	n/a

Quarterly Composite Performance (Total Return % in USD)			
	Gross	Net <sup>2</sup>	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>
YTD	3.20	0.11	3.41
31-DEC-2023	3.45	2.66	4.03
30-SEP-2023	-1.01	-1.76	-1.33
30-JUN-2023	-0.48	-1.24	-0.70
31-MAR-2023	1.24	0.47	1.45

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS	
Effective Duration	2.28 yrs
Weighted Average Yield To Maturity	2.57%
Weighted Average Life to Maturity	2.50 yrs

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#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

<sup>1</sup>The benchmark index shown is Barclays Municipal Managed Money Short Term 1–5 year Index.

<sup>2</sup>Net composite returns are calculated by deducting the highest applicable model wrap fee (3% on an annual basis, or 0.75% quarterly, and prior to 1/1/2022 1.5% on an annual basis, or 0.375% quarterly).

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