



# APA Short-Term Tax-Exempt Strategy

SHORT-TERM MATURITY, TAX-EXEMPT MUNICIPAL BOND PORTFOLIOS

## STYLE

Short-Term Municipal Bond

## BENCHMARK

ICE BofA 0-1 Year US Treasury

## INCEPTION

September 30, 2003

## STRATEGY AUM

\$274.16MM

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Tailor portfolios to meet the client's specific liquidity needs and tax objectives
- Focus on short duration bond structures
- Prudently manage risk by diversifying across many high-quality municipal issuers
- Unlimited access to members of APA's Investment Team
- Active management of portfolio holdings

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Sample Portfolios:** available for standard and custom strategies

**Portfolio Holdings:** will typically hold 15 to 30 securities

**Custom Strategy:** designed to meet client specific requirements

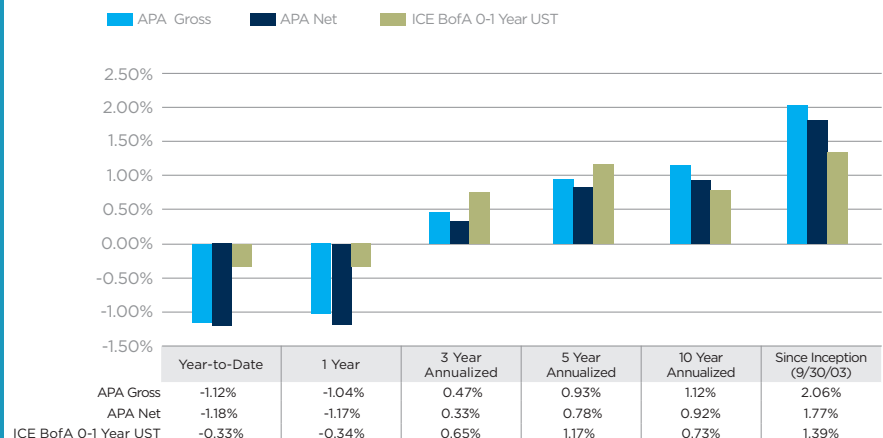
## Objective

APA's Short-Term Tax-Exempt Strategy aims to deliver tax-exempt income with a focus on the preservation of capital. This strategy provides an alternative approach for money-market investors seeking enhanced returns and a high level of liquidity through a diversified exposure to high-quality municipal bonds.

## Investment Process

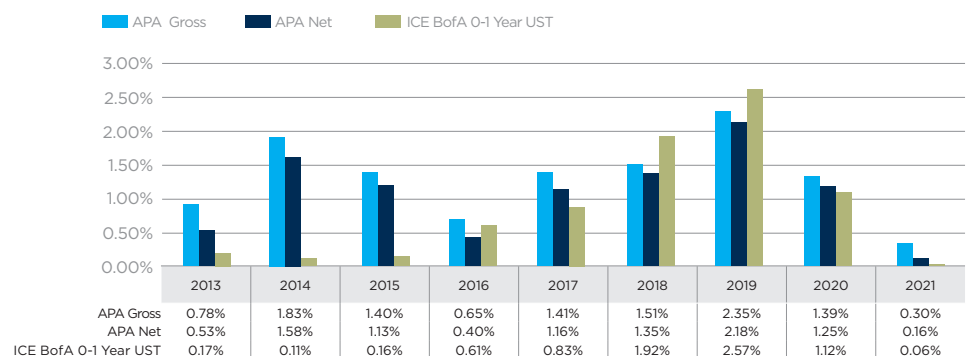
- We combine our fundamental research and investment process to emphasize principal stability, tax-free income, and short-term growth
- Primarily focused on short-term maturities (inside of 3 years)
- Customize portfolios to meet your clients' specific tax objectives, income requirements, risk tolerance and liquidity needs
- Provide ongoing internal analysis of credit quality and underlying fundamentals

## Annualized Performance as of 6/30/22



Periods less than one year are not annualized.

## Calendar Year Performance as of 6/30/22



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## Top 10 Holdings as of 6/30/22

	Rating	Date of Maturity
NEW YORK STATE DORMITORY AUTHORITY	Aa3/AA	10/1/2023
NEW YORK STATE DORMITORY AUTHORITY	A3/A-	7/1/2025
NEW JERSEY ST TRANSN TR FD AUTH	A3/BBB+	12/15/2022
MASSACHUSETTS (COMMONWEALTH OF)	Aa1/AA	11/1/2023
SALES TAX SECURITIZATION CORP ILL	-/AA-	1/1/2024
KANE CNTY ILL SCH DIST NO 129 AURORA WEST SIDE	Aa3/AA	2/1/2024
METROPOLITAN WTR DIST SOUTHN CALIF WTRWKS REV	Aa1/AAA	10/1/2029
REGIONAL TRANSN AUTH ILL	Aa3/AA	7/1/2023
KENTUCKY ASSET / LIABILITY COMMN AGY FD REV	A2/AA	9/1/2025
BALTIMORE MD	Aa2/AA	10/15/2024

## Portfolio Characteristics as of 6/30/22

Average Maturity	1.84 years
Average Duration	1.16 years
Average Coupon	4.41%
Yield to Worst	2.04%
Average Credit Quality	Aa3/AA-
Number of Issuers*	15-30

\*For a typical portfolio within this strategy.

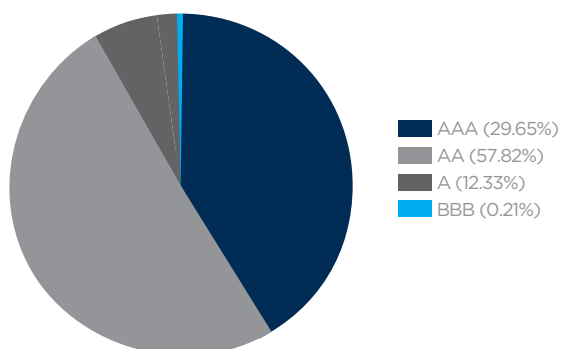
## Top 5 Sectors as of 6/30/22

General Obligation	27.93%
Education	27.33%
Utilities	18.75%
Transportation	9.59%
Medical	7.35%

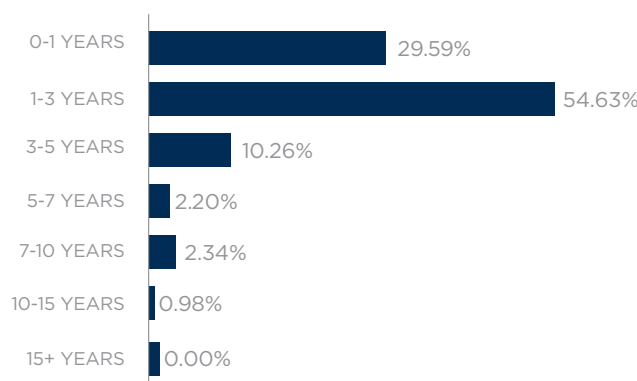
## Top 10 States as of 6/30/22

TX	14.13%	WI	3.98%
GA	9.53%	NJ	3.85%
NY	7.81%	PA	3.62%
IL	5.75%	MA	3.11%
FL	5.03%	WA	2.95%

## Credit Quality as of 6/30/22



## Maturity Breakdown as of 6/30/22



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For comparison purposes, the Composite is measured against the ICE BofA 0-1 Year US Treasury Index. The ICE BofA 0-1 Year US Treasury Index tracks the performance of US dollar denominated sovereign debt publicly issued by the US government in its domestic market with maturities less than a year. The ICE BofA 1-3-Year US Municipal Securities Index is a subset of ICE BofA US Municipal Securities Index including all securities with a remaining term to final maturity less than 3 years. ICE BofA US Municipal Securities Index tracks the performance of US dollar denominated investment grade tax-exempt debt publicly issued by US states and territories, and their political subdivisions, in the US domestic market. The volatility (standard deviation) of the composite may be greater than that of the indices. It is not possible to invest in any index.

Returns are presented gross and net of investment advisory fees and include the reinvestment of all income. Gross returns will be reduced by investment advisory fees and other expenses that may be incurred in the management of the account.

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## **APA Enhanced Short-Term Tax-Exempt Composite**

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Composite Description: Asset Preservation Advisors ("APA") uses a fixed income strategy that purchases high quality short-term municipal bonds. The investment objective of the APA Enhanced Short-Term Tax-Exempt Composite is total return, through income, which is exempt from federal income taxes, while providing liquidity and preservation of principal. Securities selected for these portfolios are typically investment grade issues with an average duration of 0-3.5 years. A small allocation of the portfolio may include lower credit quality issues due to certain credit spread and default risk considerations.

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The Composite contains fully discretionary, fee paying accounts with a minimum asset level of \$1MM. For comparison purposes, the Composite is measured against the ICE BofA 0-1 Year US Treasury Index. The ICE BofA 0-1 Year US Treasury Index tracks the performance of US dollar denominated sovereign debt publicly issued by the US government in its domestic market with maturities less than a year. Qualifying securities must have at least one month and less than one-year remaining term to final maturity, a fixed coupon schedule and a minimum amount outstanding of \$1 billion. Callable perpetual securities qualify provided they are at least one year from the first call date. Fixed-to-floating rate securities also qualify provided they are callable within the fixed rate period and are at least one year from the last call prior to the date the bond transitions from a fixed to a floating rate security. Bills, inflation-linked debt and strips are excluded from the Index; however, original issue zero coupon bonds are included in the index and the amounts outstanding of qualifying coupon securities are not reduced by any portions that have been stripped. Securities issued or marketed primarily to retail investors do not qualify for inclusion in the index. The ICE BofAML 1-3-Year US Municipal Securities Index is a subset of ICE BofAML US Municipal Securities Index including all securities with a remaining term to final maturity less than 3 years. ICE BofAML US Municipal Securities Index tracks the performance of US dollar denominated investment grade tax-exempt debt publicly issued by US states and territories, and their political subdivisions, in the US domestic market. Qualifying securities must have at least one-year remaining term to final maturity, at least 18 months to final maturity at the time of issuance, a fixed coupon schedule and an investment grade rating (based on an average of Moody's, S&P and Fitch). Minimum size requirements vary based on the initial term to final maturity at time of issuance. Securities with an initial term to final maturity greater than or equal to one year and less than five years must have a current amount outstanding of at least \$10 million. Securities with an initial term to final maturity greater than or equal to five years and less than ten years must have a current amount outstanding of at least \$15 million. Securities with an initial term to final maturity of ten years or more must have a current amount outstanding of at least \$25 million. The call date on which a pre-refunded bond will be redeemed is used for purposes of determining qualification with respect to final maturity requirements. Original issue zero coupon bonds are included in the Index. Taxable municipal securities, 144a securities and securities in legal default are excluded from the Index. The volatility (standard deviation) of the composite may be greater than that of the indices. It is not possible to invest in any index. On 12/31/2020, APA changed the primary benchmark for the Composite from the ICE BofAML 1-3-Year US Municipal Securities Index to the ICE BofA 0-1 Year US Treasury Index, as certain characteristics of the ICE BofA 0-1 Year US Treasury Index benchmark are more in line with the Composite. Changes applied retroactive to the start of the Composite. Relative to the change in benchmarks, it was decided that, in presentations or any other means by which performance may be presented, the historical data for the previous benchmark would be replaced by historical and current data for the new benchmark (i.e., ICE BofA 0-1 Year US Treasury Index data replaced with the ICE BofAML 1-3-Year US Municipal Securities Index). Leverage, derivatives or short positions are not used in this Composite. The annual composite dispersion is an equal-weighted standard deviation calculated for the accounts in the composite for the entire

year. For this Composite, APA defines a significant cash flow as greater than or equal to 30% of an account's market value at the beginning of the measurement period. Accounts removed from the Composite due to significant cash flows will be excluded until the account meets the Composite's requirements. This significant cash flow policy has been applied for the entire history of the Composite. Effective May 2019 if 80% or more of the external cash flow's value is comprised of in-kind bonds that meet requirements of the strategy, that account is not removed from the Composite. The U.S. Dollar is used to express performance. The APA Enhanced Short-Term Tax-Exempt Composite was created December 31, 2009. The Composite's inception date is September 30, 2003.

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The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite, using gross returns, and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period. The standard deviation is not presented for 2002 through 2010 because monthly composite and benchmark returns were not available and is not required for periods prior to 2011. Prior to January 2010 composite returns were calculated quarterly, therefore monthly returns for the 36-month period ended December 31, 2011 are not available and the standard deviation of the composite and benchmark are not presented.

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	Total Firm	Composite Assets			Annual Performance Results				3 Year Standard Deviation	
Year End	Assets (millions)	USD (millions)	Number of Accounts	% of Wrap Portfolios	Composite Gross <sup>1</sup>	Composite Net	ICE BofA 0-1 Year UST	Composite Dispersion <sup>2</sup>	Composite	ICE BofA 0-1 Year UST
2021	5,321	266	30	3%	0.30%	0.16%	0.06%	0.1%	0.6%	0.5%
2020	4,659	128	32	4%	1.39%	2.45%	1.12%	0.3%	0.6%	0.4%
2019	4,144	120	25	11%	2.34%	2.18%	2.57%	0.4%	0.5%	0.3%
2018	3,710	146	30	0%	1.51%	1.35%	1.92%	0.1%	0.8%	0.2%
2017	3,250	249	49	12%	1.41%	1.16%	0.83%	0.6%	0.9%	0.1%
2016	2,366	243	53	36%	0.65%	0.40%	0.61%	0.3%	0.8%	0.1%
2015	2,029	176	41	36%	1.40%	1.13%	0.16	0.4%	0.7%	0.6%
2014	1,988	136	48	22%	1.83%	1.58%	0.11%	0.7%	0.7%	0.0%
2013	1,914	144	41	27%	0.78%	0.53%	0.17%	0.4%	1.1%	0.1%

<sup>1</sup> Composite Gross Results from 2008 through 2017 and 2020 are supplemental information. The returns are a mix of pure gross and true gross-of-fee results.

<sup>2</sup> Utilizes Gross Returns for Composite Dispersion calculation.

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2012	1,864	174	47	19%	1.63%	1.37%	0.18%	0.8%	1.0%	0.9%
2011	1,928	177	45	24%	4.12%	3.86%	0.31%	1.5%	NA	NA
2010	1,479	122	26	25%	1.27%	1.01%	0.39%	0.6%	NA	NA
2009	1,214	94	22	14%	3.91%	3.65%	4.21%	2.2%	NA	NA
2008	1,108	81	21	13%	3.76%	3.51%	5.16%	0.4%	NA	NA
2007	600	46	7	0%	4.47%	4.21%	4.69%	0.4%	NA	NA
2006	557	75	9	0%	3.77%	3.51%	3.25%	0.8%	NA	NA
2005	465	68	10	0%	2.36%	2.10%	1.41%	1.2%	NA	NA
2004	304	45	5	0%	1.42%	1.16%	1.28%	NA	NA	NA