



# APA Short-Term Tax-Exempt Strategy

SHORT-TERM MATURITY, TAX-EXEMPT MUNICIPAL BOND PORTFOLIOS

## STYLE

Short Term Composite

## BENCHMARK

ICE BofA 0-1 Year US Treasury Notes & Bonds

## INCEPTION

Sept 30, 2003

## STRATEGY AUM

\$228M

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Tailor portfolios to meet the client's specific liquidity needs and tax objectives
- 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
- Customization for state preference tax-exempt portfolios

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

**Alternative Approach:** for more conservative investors seeking slightly higher yields at lower risk than longer-duration bonds

**Identify Undervalued Sectors:** through intensive fundamental credit research

**Customized Portfolios:** designed to meet client specific requirements

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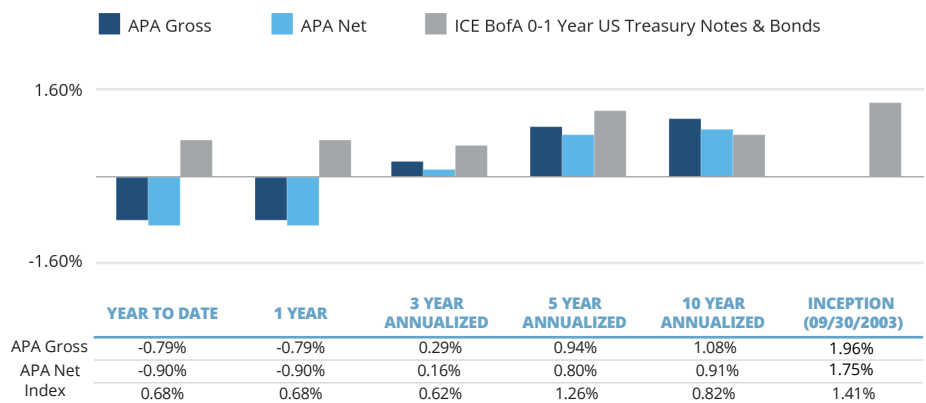
## OBJECTIVE

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.

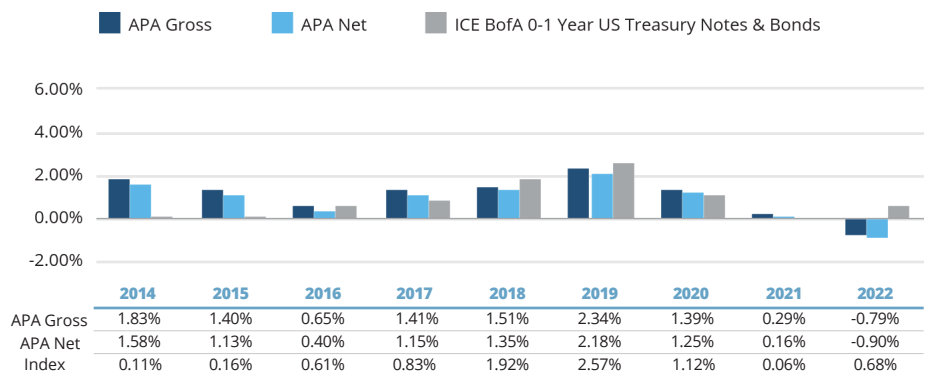
## INVESTMENT PROCESS

- 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 12/31/22



## CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE AS OF 12/31/22



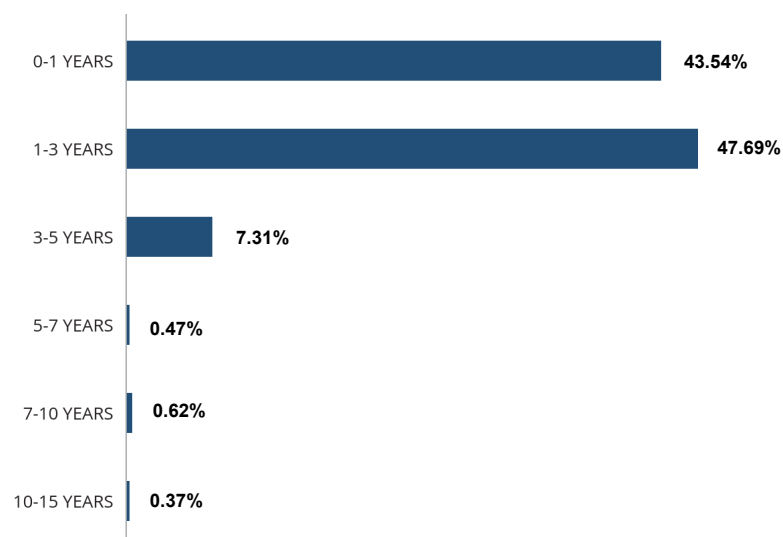
## TOP 10 HOLDINGS AS OF 12/31/22

	RATINGS	DATE OF MATURITY
NEW YORK ST DORM AUTH	Aa3/AA	10/1/2023
MASSACHUSETTS STATE	Aa1/AA	11/1/2023
MICHIGAN FIN AUTH REV	A1/AA	7/1/2026
LAKE CNTY FL SCH BRD FAC CTFS PARTN	PRE	6/1/2024
NEW YORK NY	Aa2/AA	8/1/2026
SALES TAX SECURITIZATION CORP IL	AA-	1/1/2024
KANE CNTY IL SCH DIST NO 129 AURORA WEST SIDE	Aa3/AA	2/1/2024
REGIONAL TRANSN AUTH IL	Aa3/AA	7/1/2023
KENTUCKY ST PPTY & BLDGS COMMN REVS	A1/A-	11/1/2023
UNIVERSITY OKLA REVS	A+	7/1/2026

## TOP 10 STATES AS OF 12/31/22

GA	12.56%	NJ	4.00%
TX	11.85%	WI	3.45%
FL	9.24%	PA	3.36%
NY	7.71%	KY	3.06%
IL	7.25%	MI	2.75%

## MATURITY BREAKDOWN AS OF 12/31/22



## MARKET COMMENTARY FOR 12/31/22

After seeing municipals sell off for the third consecutive month in October, the market quickly turned around over the year's final two months. Stated AAA yields beyond one year moved lower by 49 to 79 bps over November and December, with the most significant move coming from the 5-12 year maturity range. The firming up in the market provided a more constructive environment for executing beneficial tax loss swaps – trades our team was active in executing throughout 2022, with activity picking up over the fourth quarter ahead of year-end. We opened the fourth quarter neutral on strategy duration positioning after allowing duration to drift shorter for much of the year in the face of rising rates. However, with the sharp move in rates that took place in 2022, we have begun to actively extend duration more in line with long-term targets with reinvestment from maturity roll-off and through the execution of swaps, ahead of the technically

strong January period of low new issue supply and elevated coupon and maturity reinvestment demand. This strategy's focus remains on high-quality bonds rated AA and up. However, with municipal credit fundamentals remaining sound, we will look to selectively add A-rated positions as we find opportunities to enhance portfolio yield.

2022 ended with new issue supply of \$387 billion. This was a year-over-year decline of nearly \$100 billion vs. calendar year 2021 and the lowest annual figure since 2018. The drop-off in issuance is attributable to a sharp decline in refunding issuance as interest rates moved higher. New money issuance came in at \$308 billion, a drop of just 4% year over year while refunding supply was down \$83.5 billion, or 52% year over year.

## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS AS OF 12/31/22

Average Maturity	1.38 years
Average Duration	1.06 years
Average Coupon	4.62%
Yield to Worst/TEY**	2.94%/4.96%
Yield to Maturity/TEY**	3.12%/5.27%
Average Credit Quality	Aa3/AA-
Number of Issuers*	15 - 30

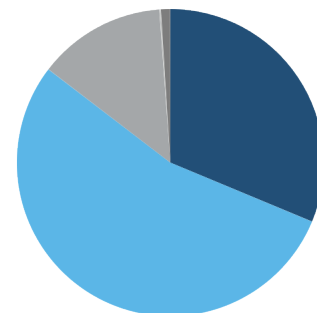
\*For a typical portfolio within this strategy.

\*\*Taxable Equivalent Yield (TEY) assumes the highest current Federal rate of 37% + the 3.8% net investment income tax, from which tax-free income is exempt.

## TOP 5 SECTORS AS OF 12/31/22

Education	30.57%
General Obligation	30.21%
Utilities	13.35%
Medical	9.46%
Transportation	8.18%

## CREDIT QUALITY AS OF 12/31/22



AAA	30.84%	AA	55.38%
A	13.62%	BBB	0.16%
NA	0.00%		



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

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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 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. 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.

The fee schedule for APA's investment advisory services for separately managed accounts in the Composite is 0.25% on net assets under management. Actual investment advisory fees incurred by clients may vary. A complete description of APA's fee schedule can be found in Part 2 of its FORM-ADV which is available at [www.assetpreservationadvisors.com](http://www.assetpreservationadvisors.com) or by calling (404) 261-1333.

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.