

ASSET PRESERVATION
ADVISORS

# MUNICIPAL BOND PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

Q2 2025

CARING FOR CLIENT PORTFOLIOS, BOND BY BOND



SINCE OUR FOUNDING IN 1989, ASSET PRESERVATION ADVISORS (APA) HAS SPECIALIZED IN DELIVERING THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF CUSTOMIZATION AND ACTIVE MANAGEMENT OF MUNICIPAL BOND PORTFOLIOS FOR REGISTERED INVESTMENT ADVISORS, FAMILY WEALTH OFFICES AND INSTITUTIONAL CLIENTS.

### **WE ARE SPECIALISTS**



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ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT AS OF 6/30/2025

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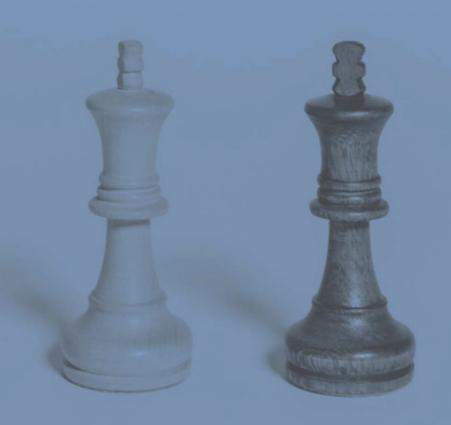
DEDICATED PROFESSIONALS

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE AVERAGE EXPERIENCE

25+

YEARS

### **APA ADVANTAGE**



#### CREDIT RESEARCH GROUP

CAREER ANALYST EXPERTISE

#### TRADING TEAM

CAPTURING MARKET INEFFICIENCIES

#### PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

CONTINUOUS OVERSIGHT



### **APA ADVANTAGE**



#### DEDICATED TO MUNICIPAL BOND MANAGEMENT

Our dedication to one sector of the market, municipal bonds, allows us to focus our resources and strengthen our capabilities in credit research, trading and overall portfolio management.



#### **BOUTIQUE SIZE**

AGILITY

We believe our size is an advantage, allowing us to be more nimble in the secondary market.



#### PROVEN INVESTMENT DISCIPLINE

The same investment philosophy and process has been utilized since our inception. We believe in maintaining a consistent set of principles to meet our clients' objectives.



# EMPHASIS ON SEPARATELY MANAGED CUSTOMIZED PORTFOLIOS

APA believes that investors are better served owning individual bonds rather than mutual funds. This allows for customization to meet their specific objectives and risk tolerance parameters.

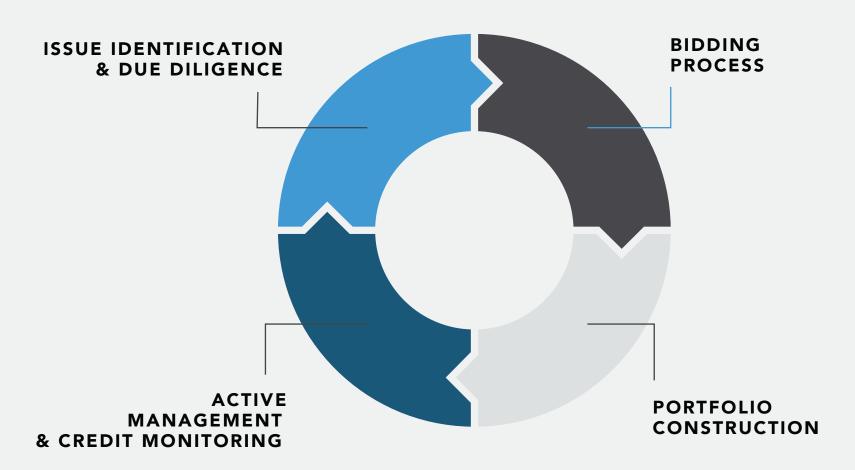


# INTEGRITY AND COMMITMENT TO SERVICE

We strive to deliver the highest level of client service. Our investment team is always available to talk or meet with advisors and their clients.



APA is covered by more than 140 national and regional broker-dealers. We compete with dealers in the bidding process in an effort to capitalize on market inefficiencies. We believe our managed portfolios benefit from our purchasing methods, which eliminate the mark-up of the broker-dealer sales process.



### FOCUS ON

HIGH-QUALITY
INVESTMENT-GRADE
BONDS WITH
INTERMEDIATE
MATURITIES

#### ACTIVELY SEEK

BIDS/OFFERS ON BONDS THAT MEET OUR CREDIT, MATURITY, & SPREAD REQUIREMENTS

#### **CUSTOMIZED**

BOND SELECTION FOR EACH PORTFOLIO

#### **CONTINUOUS**

MONITORING OF CREDIT QUALITY & FUNDAMENTALS

### TAX EFFICIENCY

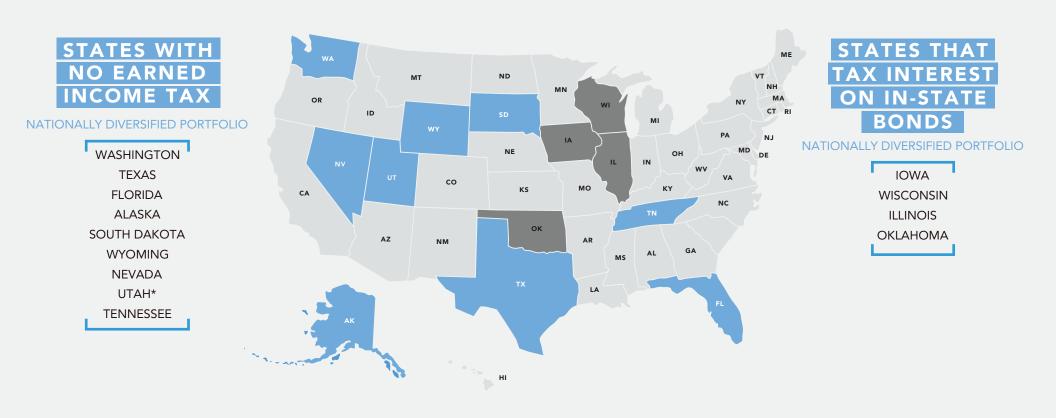
IS EMPLOYED THROUGH ACTIVE MANAGEMENT





### APA FOCUSES ON TAILORING PORTFOLIOS TO MEET THE UNIQUE INVESTMENT GOALS AND TAX SENSITIVITIES OF EACH CLIENT.

Within a state-specific portfolio, APA generally targets an in-state allocation of approximately 50-80%. However, this can be adjusted to meet a client's custom mandate.



Source: APA June 2025



APA'S DEDICATED CREDIT RESEARCH GROUP FOCUSES ON MAINTAINING THE INVESTMENT APPROACH OUR FIRM HAS RELIED ON FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS; AN EMPHASIS ON ASSET PRESERVATION WHILE EVALUATING THE RISK/REWARD IN EXPLOITING MARKET INEFFICIENCIES.

APA reviews each credit on a continuous basis, employing both a top-down and bottom-up approach to determine a proprietary credit opinion and rating. Within the rigorous credit review process, there are several main inputs that help shape APA's propriety research which are used to identify bonds that we believe offer above market value for their rating category. Some examples are outlined in the table below.

### CREDIT REVIEW PROCESS KEY INPUTS

GENERAL OBLIGATIONS
Use of Funds
Tax Base (assessed value)
Economy (unemployment, etc.)
Wealth (median household income, poverty, etc.)
Top Ten Taxpayers
General Fund Reserves (as % of expenses)
Liquidity (days' cash on hand)
Debt Levels (as % of full value and per capita)
Fixed Costs (pensions and OPEBs)

ESSENTIAL SERVICE REVENUE BONDS				
Use of Funds				
Net Assets				
Operating Margins				
Debt Service Coverage				
Total Operating Revenues				
Taxpayer Concentration				
Liquidity (days' cash on hand)				
Debt Ratios (long-term debt to capital)				
Covenants (bondholder protections)				

Source: APA June 2025



### MUNIS VS. CORPORATES: A SIDE-BY-SIDE COMPARISON

	MUNICIPAL CORPORATE SECURITIES SECURITIES		
MARKET SIZE	\$4.0 TRILLION	\$10.6 TRILLION	
NO. OF SECURITIES	~1,000,000	~47,000	
DAILY TRADING VOLUME	\$13.0 BILLION	\$1,444 BILLION	
NEW ISSUANCE VOLUME	\$389 BILLION	\$1,958 BILLION	
DEFAULT RATES <sup>2</sup>	0.09%	2.21%	

Sources: MSRB, Federal Reserve, FINRA, SIFMA, Moody's and Bloomberg.

Note: Calendar year 2023 data unless otherwise noted.

As of October 24, 2024.

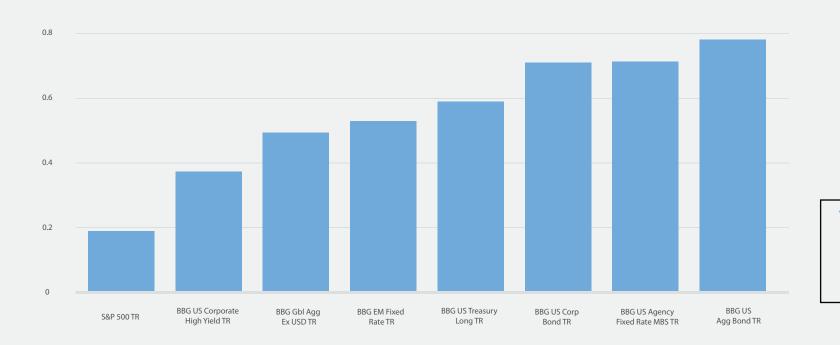
According to Moody's Investment-Grade, 10-year cumulative default rates average over the period 1970-2023.



### **ASSET CLASS CORRELATION**

Correlation with municipal bonds, January 2003-December 2023

HISTORICALLY, MUNIS HAVE HAD A LOW CORRELATION
WITH TAXABLE BONDS AND WITH THE S&P 500 INDEX.





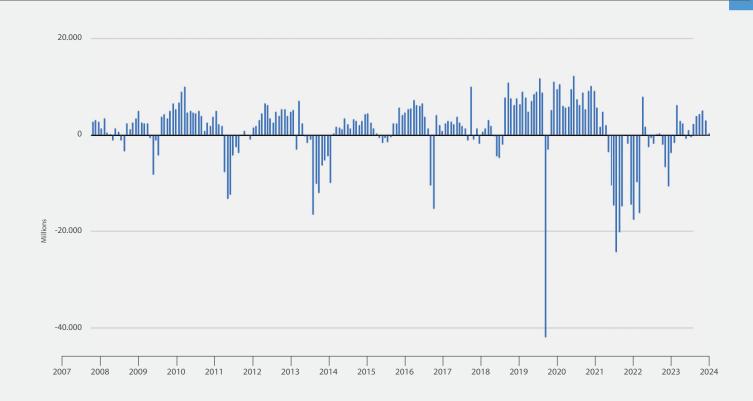
There are approximately 50,000 different state and local governments and other issuing authorities.

Source: Morningstar Direct



### ICI MONTHLY MUNICIPAL FUND FLOWS

HISTORICALLY, MUNICIPAL FUND OUTFLOW CYCLES HAVE BEEN FOLLOWED BY PERIODS OF VIGOROUS INFLOWS AND PRICE REBOUNDS.





### **HOW WE CAN HELP**



#### **PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS**

offered for prospective clients, provided with portfolio review and management recommendations.



#### **CUSTOMIZATION**

for specific-state tax-exempt portfolios, duration goals, specific liquidity needs, ESG investing, and many other customizable options.



#### **SAMPLE PORTFOLIOS**

available for any APA
Strategy and customizable
to meet individual client
needs.



#### TAILORED PORTFOLIOS

to meet specific liquidity needs and tax objectives for each individual client.



#### **UNLIMITED ACCESS**

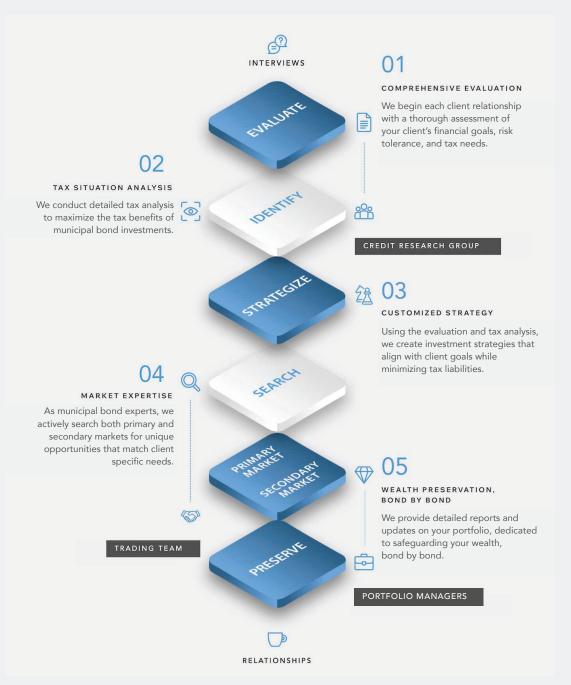
to APA's Municipal Bond Portfolio Team including direct access to portfolio managers and traders.



# OUR FRAMEWORK FOR PRESERVING YOUR HERITAGE

EVALUATE. IDENTIFY.
STRATEGIZE. SEARCH. PRESERVE.

AT EVERY STAGE OF OUR
PERSONALIZED APPROACH, WE
SEEK THE PERFECT
COMBINATION THAT MINIMIZES
TAXES AND MAXIMIZES CLIENT
BENEFITS.





### **TAXABLE-EQUIVALENT YIELD**

## APA FOCUSES ON TAILORING PORTFOLIOS TO MEET THE UNIQUE INVESTMENT GOALS AND TAX SENSITIVITIES OF EACH CLIENT.

Combined Fed + State Tax Rate	Tax-Free Yield							
	2.75%	3.00%	3.25%	3.50%	3.75%	4.00%	4.25%	
	Taxable-Equivalent Yield							
30%	3.93%	4.29%	4.64%	5.00%	5.36%	5.71%	6.07%	
32.5%	4.07%	4.44%	4.81%	5.19%	5.56%	5.93%	6.30%	
35%	4.23%	4.62%	5.00%	5.38%	5.77%	6.15%	6.54%	
37.5%	4.40%	4.80%	5.20%	5.60%	6.00%	6.40%	6.80%	
40%	4.58%	5.00%	5.42%	5.83%	6.25%	6.67%	7.08%	
42.5%	4.78%	5.22%	5.65%	6.09%	6.52%	6.96%	7.39%	
45%	5.00%	5.45%	5.91%	6.36%	6.82%	7.27%	7.73%	
47.5%	5.24%	5.71%	6.19%	6.67%	7.14%	7.62%	8.10%	
50%	5.50%	6.00%	6.50%	7.00%	7.50%	8.00%	8.50%	

For informational purposes only, individual client experience may differ.

### **MEET OUR TEAM**



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### **ABOUT US**

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