



AB MUNICIPAL INCOME PORTFOLIO

Separately Managed Accounts

Market Overview

The third quarter was a tale of two halves—with municipals continuing to perform well during the first half of the quarter, but taking a breather toward the end as the US Federal Reserve (the Fed) indicated the tapering of its asset purchase program is imminent. Also, the dot plot revisions pointed to an increase in the number of Federal Open Market Committee members who expect that it may be appropriate to raise short-term rates next year. Municipals posted negative returns as 10-year AAA-rated municipal yields rose 15 basis points. For the quarter, the Bloomberg Municipal Index returned –0.27%, bringing the index's year-to-date returns to 0.79%.

Inflows into the municipal market remained very strong for the quarter with investors adding \$31 billion in new money to the market. The tailwind of strong demand has been a consistent theme all year, with 2021's \$92 billion of net flows on pace to shatter the prior calendar year record set back in 2019. While this tailwind has driven sizable municipal outperformance year to date, it has also driven certain parts of the market, particularly AAA/AA-rated bonds, to become expensive. In response to these valuations, municipal buyers became more selective, causing municipals to cheapen as the quarter progressed. As a result, 10-year municipal/Treasury ratios increased from 68% to 74% during the quarter.

However, a trend that remained during the third quarter was the continued outperformance in municipal credit. Once again, the additional income of lower-rated bonds proved beneficial, with BBB-rated and high-yield indices returning 0.11% and 0.38%—outperforming the AAA-rated index, which returned –0.41%. To be fair, the market did experience some modest spread widening in certain idiosyncratic issuers, like the New York Metropolitan Transit Authority, and sectors, including Higher Education, toward the end of the quarter. Most importantly, we view this spread widening as a reflection of spreads being too tight in certain sectors and not reflective of weakening fundamentals—which continue to be strong across the asset class.

Portfolio Performance

The AB Municipal Income Portfolio outperformed its benchmark, the Bloomberg Municipal Index, for the quarter. Entering the period, the Strategy was to underweight duration, move to an overweight in municipal credit and a modest allocation to inflation protection. All three Portfolio positions were positive contributors to performance, with inflation protection and our short-duration positioning adding the

most, as both yields and inflation breakevens rose during the quarter. Security selection was a detractor from overall performance, as selections within local government, housing and special tax sectors detracted the most.

Outlook

Two primary concerns on the mind of fixed-income investors are inflation and rising rates. With Core Consumer Price Index (CPI) rising 4.0% for the year ending August 2021, investors are understandably concerned. However, we believe this jump in inflation is transitory and expect price increases to decelerate as pandemic-induced supply constraints gradually ease, allowing supply to catch up to demand and taking the pressure off prices. While inflation has the potential to drive yields higher, so too does the unwinding of easy monetary policy. Once again, fears around rising rates center on the rapidly recovering US economy, which, as soon as November, may warrant the tapering of purchases in the Fed's quantitative-easing (QE) program. However, we don't foresee a "taper tantrum," for two reasons. First, the Fed has learned from its mistake in 2013 when it surprised the markets with a change in monetary policy, triggering a dramatic spike in yields. This time, the central bank has laid the groundwork well in advance to avoid surprises. Second, as the Fed steps back from the bond-market buying, US banks are likely to increase their bond purchases to meet their increased need for income.

Tapering will be the first step on a long path toward the normalization of monetary policy. The Fed will likely slow the pace of its asset purchases gradually and still be buying bonds well into 2022. Once QE purchases stop entirely, the Fed will continue reinvesting coupons and maturing bonds, making it a major player in bond markets for years to come. Once it reaches this steady state, we expect the Fed to keep the policy rate at zero for several months before eventually embarking on rate hikes. The result over the next year or two should be a gradual rise in US bond yields, with 10-year US Treasury yields climbing modestly higher by year-end 2022.

As a result, we continue to position our portfolios to protect and defend as rates push higher, while also being opportunistic as opportunities present themselves. While the anticipated strong growth and higher inflation should continue to drive interest rates higher, we do anticipate a continued strong technical environment in municipals that should help mitigate the price impact of rising rates. The market is forecasted to experience a net-supply decline of \$10 billion during the fourth quarter, which should continue to provide a positive tailwind. Furthermore, with a plethora of cash still on the

sidelines, a rise in yields would be welcomed by many, and used as a buying opportunity. To take advantage of any dislocation, we have built more liquidity in portfolios today through recently adding more shorter-term high-grade municipals. We are maintaining our short duration position versus our benchmark and remain overweight municipal credit, which we would expect to outperform over a prolonged rising-rate environment. Municipal default rates have not strayed from their long-term averages during the COVID-19 pandemic. In fact, many issuers have experienced credit-rating

upgrades in 2021. The long-term cumulative default rate of municipals remains extremely low at just 0.2%.

When rates are moving higher, excess yield tends to win. Investors should look to bonds that come with excess spread or yield to provide protection as rates tick higher. Additionally, we are maintaining a modest weight in tax-efficient CPI swaps to give the Portfolio further insulation against rising inflation and interest-rate fears.

PORTFOLIO INFORMATION

Sector Weights ¹	
Local General Obligation	13.0%
State General Obligation	11.8
Special Tax	9.1
Health Care - Not-for-Profit	8.7
Education	6.7
Water & Sewer	6.1
Lease	5.4
Airport/Ports	5.4
Toll Roads/Transit	5.1
Prerefunded	3.5
Revenue - Miscellaneous	3.5
Tobacco	3.2
Electric Utility	3.1
Guaranteed	3.1
Industrial Development	3.0
Senior Living	2.6
Other	6.9

Ratings Allocation ^{1,2}	
Highest of S&P/Moody's/Fitch	
AAA	22.7%
AA	34.6
A	15.2
BBB	13.3
BB & below	5.7
Not Rated	8.6

Portfolio Characteristics ¹	
Modified Duration	4.7 - 4.9 years
Average Maturity	12.4 - 12.6 years
Average Coupon	4.7 - 4.9%
Current Yield	3.9 - 4.1%
Yield to Worst	1.1 - 1.3%

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Market Risk: The market values of the portfolio's holdings rise and fall from day to day, so investments may lose value.

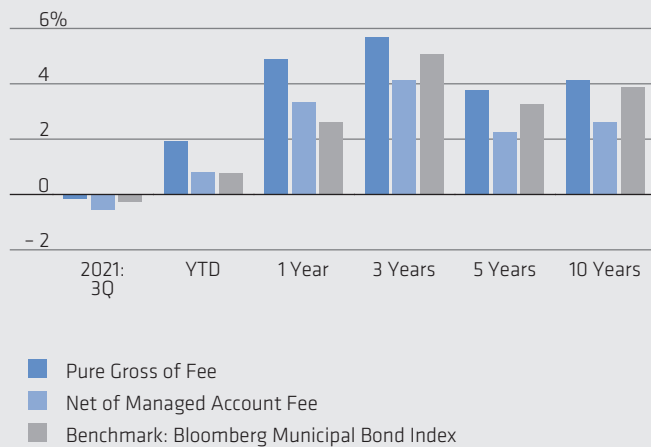
¹ Based on a Municipal Income representative account as of 9/30/21. Portfolio holdings, characteristics and weightings will vary over time. Contact your financial advisor for a complete list of portfolio holdings. These are not recommendations to buy or sell any security.

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Source: AB.

This is supplemental information to the Municipal Income Managed Accounts Composite Performance Disclosure which can be found on the next page.

ANNUALIZED RETURNS (Preliminary)



	Pure Gross of Fee ³	Net of Managed Account Fee	Bloomberg Muni Bond
2021: 3Q	-0.18%	-0.56%	-0.27%
YTD	1.94	0.81	0.79
1 Year	4.88	3.33	2.63
3 Years	5.70	4.14	5.06
5 Years	3.78	2.25	3.26
10 Years	4.15	2.61	3.87

3 Pure gross-of-fees do not reflect the deduction of any expenses, including trading costs, and are presented as supplemental information to net returns. Returns will vary, based on the client's actual portfolio holdings and the actual fees charged to the account. Performance results are shown pure gross of all fees and net of a maximum 1.5% managed account fee, which includes transaction costs, custodial service fees and investment advisory fees. Please see the Composite Performance Disclosure below. **Past performance does not guarantee future results.**

COMPOSITE PERFORMANCE DISCLOSURE

Period	Composite Assets (USD millions)	Composite Accounts at End of Period	Net Return (%)	Pure Gross Return (%) ⁴	Internal Composite Dispersion (%)	Composite 3-Yr Ann ex Post Std Deviation (%)	Benchmark 3-Yr Ann ex Post Std Deviation (%)	Total Firm Assets (USD billions)	Bloomberg Muni Bond (Gross) Unhedged to USD Return (%)	% of Managed Accounts
2020	334.6	186	4.16	5.72	0.69	5.02	3.96	611.5	5.21	100
2019	143.0	112	6.35	7.94	0.50	2.45	2.44	574.4	7.54	100
2018	69.5	57	-0.27	1.22	0.08	3.36	3.35	473.5	1.28	100
2017	60.8	49	4.62	6.19	0.15	3.33	3.30	512.9	5.45	100
2016	23.0	4	-0.78	0.71	0.19	3.33	3.38	444.5	0.25	100
2015	21.1	5	2.23	3.76	0.01	3.40	3.36	432.1	3.30	100
2014	21.0	6	6.17	7.76	0.25	3.52	3.67	440.7	9.05	100
2013	18.0	7	-4.69	-3.26	0.50	3.69	3.96	416.5	-2.55	100
2012	5.0	4	6.45	8.06	NM	NA	NA	395.7	6.78	100
2011	0.3	1	8.08	9.70	NM	NA	NA	336.5	10.70	100
3 Years ⁵			3.37	4.93					4.64	
5 Years ⁵			2.77	4.32					3.91	
10 Years ⁵			3.16	4.71					4.63	

NM Not Meaningful, fewer than two accounts were included in the Composite for the full period. NA Not Applicable, less than minimum time period. 4 Pure Gross Return is supplemental information. 5 Annualized through most recent year-end.

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Accounts over \$10 million in market value may elect to use individual bonds, rather than pooled-vehicles, to invest in these sectors. The Composite seeks a long-term premium relative to its benchmark with moderate sensitivity to risk. As of 12/31/10, 12/31/11, 12/31/12 and 12/31/13, 100%, 100%, 6%, 2% of the Composite assets were in a non-fee paying proprietary account, respectively. From 12/31/14 to 6/30/15, 1% of the Composite assets were in a non-fee paying proprietary account. The creation date of this Composite is January 2011 and the inception date is 9/30/10. For the performance period presented, investment professionals may have changed or departed, none of which in the Firm's view have altered the composite's strategy. 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