

# **Investment Grade Municipal Bond**

| As of 31 December 2023

# Firm

Abner Herrman & Brock Asset Management (AHB), founded in 1981, is an independently owned investment advisory firm in Jersey City, NJ. AHB provides tax-efficient, custom SMA solutions and has more than \$1.8 billion in assets under management.

# **Strategy Overview**

The Municipal Bond strategy aims to deliver above average, total return, tax-exempt current income with an emphasis on preservation of principal. The strategy is an intermediate term, active management approach employing a laddered portfolio structure. The team combines its macroeconomic outlook with fundamental research to identify attractive credits and manage duration for anticipated changes in the yield curve.

### Customization

- State-specific, state preference, or national portfolios
- Maturity restrictions
- Income requirements
- Tax loss harvesting
- No AMT

# Average annualized total returns (%)

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Gross	3.43	0.06	1.74	2.01
Net	2.97	-0.38	1.28	1.52
Bloomberg 5-Year				
Muni Index	4.31	-0.28	1.75	1.87

Performance data shown represents past performance that does not predict or guarantee future results. Performance shown is based on the composite. The value of the portfolio will fluctuate based on the value of the underlying securities.

### **Risk Management**

Quantitative credit screening provides ongoing monitoring of holdings to ensure issuers maintain creditworthiness. The Municipal Bond strategy avoids sectors with non-essential cash flow sources, such as airports, hospitals, sports/convention stadiums and senior living centers. Portfolios are diversified by municipal sector, issuer, and geographic region.

### **Investment Team**

Team Managed: 25 years average experience

# **Relationship Specialist:**

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Duration	4.9 years
Average Effective Maturity	4.1 years
Average Final Maturity	5.7 years
Average Coupon	3.9%
Yield to Maturity	3.4%
Number of Holdings	20-40

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General Obligation	

Sector Allocation (%)

#### Credit Quality (%)

General Obligation	60	AAA	20
General Revenue	20	AA	74
Water and Sewer	9	<u>A</u>	6
Utility	7		
Education	4		

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Municipal Fixed Income

2023

Managed Account

Separately

#### Performance Composite Returns as of December 31, 2023 Composite Composite BBG BBG Composite Gross Composite Net BBG Muni 5 Yr. Period Gross Net Muni 5 Yr. Muni 1-10 Yr. 6% 3.43% 2.97% 4.31% 4.60% 4% 1-Year 2% 0% 1.75% 5-Year 1.74% 1.28% 1.96% -2% -4% 10-Year 2 01% 1 52% 1 87% 2 19% -6% 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022

Year	Composite Gross	Composite Net	BBG Muni 5 Yr.	BBG Muni 1-10 Yr.	Composite Dispersion	Composite 3 Yr. Std. Dev.	BBG 5 Yr. Muni 3 Yr. Std. Dev.	BBG 1-10 Yr. Muni 3 Yr. Std. Dev.	Total Firm Assets (\$mm)	Composite (\$mm)	Composite # of Accounts
2023	3.43%	2.97%	4.31%	4.60%	0.50%	4.91%	4.98%	4.96%	1,908	404	245
2022	-3.81%	-4.22%	-5.26%	-4.84%	1.34%	4.07%	4.53%	4.38%	1,621	355	335
2021	0.69%	0.24%	0.34%	0.54%	0.39%	2.00%	2.88%	2.75%	1,715	266	212
2020	3.58%	3.11%	4.29%	4.23%	0.63%	2.10%	2.89%	2.76%	1,652	278	216
2019	5.07%	4.55%	5.45%	5.62%	0.68%	1.57%	2.00%	1.88%	1,983	320	246
2018	1.56%	1.05%	1.69%	1.64%	0.41%	2.19%	2.57%	2.50%	1,914	344	267
2017	3.28%	2.73%	3.14%	3.49%	0.81%	2.12%	2.59%	2.50%	1,959	342	280
2016	-0.02%	-0.52%	-0.39%	-0.10%	0.63%	2.10%	2.43%	2.41%	1,627	303	282
2015	2.49%	2.00%	2.43%	2.45%	0.62%	1.76%	2.10%	2.11%	1,449	339	287

# Disclosures

Definition of Firm - Abner, Herrman & Brock LLC (AHB) is an independent registered investment adviser established in 1981. The firm is exclusively in the business of investment management across a variety of asset classes and strategies.

**Compliance Statement** - Abner, Herrman & Brock LLC (AHB) claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS\*) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS standards. AHB has been independently verified for the periods January 1, 1993, through December 31, 2023. A copy of the verification report(s) is/are available upon request. A firm that claims compliance with GIPS standards must establish policies and procedures for complying with all the applicable requirements of GIPS standards. Verification provides assurance on whether the firm's policies and procedures related to composite and pooled fund maintenance, as well as calculation, presentation, and distribution of performance, have been designed in compliance with the GIPS standards and have been implemented on a firm-wide basis. Verification does not provide assurance on the accuracy of any specific report.

**Composite Description** - AHB Municipal Bond Composite contains fully discretionary fee-paying accounts invested in tax-exempt bonds. The Municipal bond composite is a blend of intermediate-term, tax exempt, investment grade general obligation and essential service revenue bonds invested in laddered maturities. Accounts included in the composite that have a market value less than 1.0% of total assets. The AHB Municipal Bond Composite was created January 1, 1993, and the inception is December 31, 2023, the minimum account size for this composite was \$100,000. Beginning January 1, 2023, the minimum account size for this composite pure gross returns do not reflect the deduction of any trading costs, fees, or expenses, and are presented only as supplemental information. Net returns are reduced by all actual fees incurred. Beginning January 1, 2000, this composite was redefined to include only fully discretionary, fee-paying separately managed accounts. For non-wrap accounts were reduced by only management fees.

Management Fees - The managed account fee is a bundled fee that may include any combination of management, transaction, custody and other administrative fees. Wrap fee schedules are provided by independent wrap sponsors and are available upon request from the respective wrap sponsor. Fee schedule 0.30-0.40%. Actual fees may vary from sponsor to sponsor. The reader is referred to the ADV II for a full disclosure of the fee schedule.

**Composite Dispersion** - The annual composite dispersion presented is an equal-weighted standard deviation, calculated for the accounts in the composite the entire year. Risk statistics are calculated using net of fee returns. Individual accounts may vary due to restrictions, substitutions, and other factors.

**Benchmark** - The benchmark for this composite is the Bloomberg 5 Year Municipal Bond Index, which measures the performance of the tax-exempt bond market in its four main sectors. Beginning January 1, 2018, the Bloomberg 1-10 Year Municipal Bond Index is shown as additional information only. The asset mix of the Municipal Bond accounts may not be precisely comparable to the presented indices. Presentation of index data does not reflect a belief by the Firm that the Bloomberg 5 Year Municipal Bond Index or any other index, constitutes an investment alternative to any investment strategy presented in these materials or is necessarily comparable to such strategies.

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Three-Year Standard Deviation – The three-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite and the benchmark over the preceding 36-months period and is calculated using net of fees returns.