

## **Navigate Municipal Bond Markets with a Strategic Approach**

The Navigator Tax-Free Fixed Income Core strategy is designed to maximize total return by investing actively across the tax-free spectrum of U.S. fixed income sectors and securities. This strategy is intended to act as the core portion of an investor's bond allocation.

### **Maximize Total Return**

Goal: Provide a high level of total return by investing in the various segments of the municipal bond markets.

The portfolio seeks to add value by owning investments that employ a strong relative value, liquidity, and risk management discipline, enabling the portfolio to capitalize on liquidity events, yield curve inefficiencies, and undervalued segment opportunities within the municipal bond markets.

### **Take an Active Approach**

Goal: Navigate all market environments with a flexible and adaptable approach.

We believe that active management supported by in-depth, internally generated research is the best way to pursue riskadjusted performance results with greater consistency and lower volatility of returns.

### **Deliver Income**

Goal: Provide broad municipal fixed income exposure to help investors generate income.

We focus on the key sources of return in municipal fixed income across market cycles and seek to identify market inefficiencies in the valuation of risk and reward in order to generate income across changing interest rate environments.

The strategy seeks to identify opportunities across the municipal bond market. It strives to maximize total return while minimizing overall risk.



#### Target Opportunities across Municipal Markets

The portfolio focuses delivering income with lower risk than the general municipal bond market, which has a comparably longer duration. We incorporate interest rate hedged municipal bonds to protect against interest rate risk and portfolio losses.

#### **Investment Universe**

- Investment Grade Municipal Bonds (Short, Long & Intermediate Term)
- High Yield Municipal Bonds
- Duration Neutral Municipal Bonds

#### Objective

The strategy seeks to deliver total return (income and capital appreciation) with greater consistency and lower volatility than the benchmark over a full market cycle.

Past performance not indicative of future results. Returns greater than one year are annualized. Please see attached disclosures. Pure gross returns do not include the deduction of transaction costs, and are shown as supplemental information. The net 3.00% performance is shown because 3.00% is the highest possible industry standard platform fee.

Top Ten Holdings	Wgt. (%)
VANGUARD MUN BD FD INC TAX-EXEMPT BD	50.97%
SPDR SER TR NUVN BRCLY MUNI	29.47%
SPDR SERIES TRUST NUV HGHYLD MUN	19.56%

Top 10 holdings only shown above. Holdings as of 6/30/2022, and subject to change. This is not a recommendation to buy or sell a particular security. Please see attached disclosures. A complete list of holdings is available upon request.

Performance (as of 6/30/2022)	Portfolio (Pure Gross)*	Portfolio (Net of 3.0%)**	Benchmark
MTD	-1.84	-2.09	-0.31
3 Months	-3.87	-4.60	-0.42
YTD	-10.14	-11.50	-5.50
1 Year	-9.72	-12.41	-5.34
3 Year	-0.34	-3.29	0.15
5 Year	1.71	-1.29	1.17
7 Year	2.32	-0.70	1.49
10 Year	2.60	-0.43	1.62
Since Inception (As of 5/1/2008)	3.50	0.45	2.78
Cumulative Return	62.90	6.57	47.43
Risk Measures			
Standard Deviation	4.78	4.78	3.06
Beta	1.18	1.18	1.00
Alpha	0.36	-2.61	0.00
Sharpe Ratio	0.64	0.01	0.74
R Squared	56.94	56.94	100.00
Calendar Year Performance			
2021	3.54	0.48	0.34
2020	3.64	0.58	4.29
2019	8.40	5.22	5.45
2018	0.74	-2.24	1.69
2017	7.32	4.17	3.14
2016	0.47	-2.50	-0.39
2015	3.35	0.30	2.43
2014	9.18	5.98	3.19
2013	-2.45	-5.34	0.81
2012	8.57	5.38	2.96
2011	9.01	5.81	6.93
2010	2.85	-0.18	3.40
2009	17.29	13.87	7.40

<sup>\*</sup>Pure gross returns do not include the deduction of transaction costs, and are shown as supplemental information.

RIsk statistics are calculated against the BBgBarc Municipal 5 Yr. Bond.

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## Compliant Presentation (as of 12/31/2020)

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#### **Navigator Tax-free Fixed Income Core Composite**

Composite Inception and Creation Date: 5/1/2008

		<u>Note A:</u> Pure Gross Total Return	Net of 3.0%	BBgBarc Municipal 5 Yr. Bond	Internal Dispersion	Number of Portfolios	Composite Assets (in Millions)	Wrap Fee	Total Firm Assets (in Millions)
	1/1/2020 to 12/31/2020	3.64%	0.58%	4.29%	0.12%	78	\$8.614	100%	\$17,305.2
	1/1/2019 to 12/31/2019	8.40%	5.22%	5.45%	0.11%	65	\$5.815	100%	\$14,519.0
	1/1/2018 to 12/31/2018	0.74%	-2.24%	1.69%	0.04%	51	\$4.844	100%	\$10,563.7
	1/1/2017 to 12/31/2017	7.32%	4.17%	3.14%	0.06%	39	\$3.218	100%	\$7,088.8
	1/1/2016 to 12/31/2016	0.47%	-2.50%	-0.39%	0.03%	30	\$1.822	100%	\$4,159.8
	1/1/2015 to 12/31/2015	3.35%	0.30%	2.43%	0.03%	29	\$1.850	100%	\$2,308.7
	1/1/2014 to 12/31/2014	9.18%	5.98%	3.19%	0.03%	37	\$2.418	100%	\$2,082.3
	1/1/2013 to 12/31/2013	-2.45%	-5.34%	0.81%	0.03%	46	\$3.648	100%	\$1,966.6
	1/1/2012 to 12/31/2012	8.57%	5.38%	2.96%	0.08%	64	\$5.673	100%	\$2,337.4
	1/1/2011 to 12/31/2011	9.01%	5.81%	6.93%	0.06%	97	\$9.147	100%	\$2,442.0

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Annualized Since	4.52%	1.44%	3.55%
Cumulative Since	75.08%	19.84%	55.48%

**Note A:** Pure gross-of-fees performance returns are presented as supplemental information and do not reflect the deduction of any trading costs, fees, or expenses. Therefore, returns will be reduced by advisory and other expenses.

\*Internal dispersion is not presented for periods of less than a full year, or for annual periods that include less than 5 accounts for the full year.

Internal dispersion is calculated using the equal-weighted standard deviation of annual pure gross account returns for those accounts included in the composite for the entire year. Prior to 2020, dispersion was calculated using the equal-weighted average deviation of annual pure gross account returns for those accounts included in the composite for the entire year.

## **Compliant Presentation**

## 3-Year Annualized Ex-post Standard Deviation

Year	Composite	Benchmark
2020	5.70%	2.93%
2019	2.22%	2.03%
2018	3.30%	2.60%
2017	3.17%	2.63%
2016	3.37%	2.47%
2015	3.37%	2.13%
2014	3.75%	2.14%
2013	3.92%	2.38%
2012	3.46%	2.42%
2011	4.69%	3.33%

The 3-year annualized ex-post standard deviation measures the variability of the composite's pure gross returns and benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period. It is not required to be presented for periods prior to 2011 or when there are less than 36 monthly composite returns.

Past performance does not guarantee future results. Client account values will fluctuate and may be worth more or less than the amount invested. Clients should not rely solely on this performance or any other performance illustrations when making investment decisions.

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Composite Description: The Navigator Tax-Free Fixed Income Core composite is designed to maximize total return by investing actively across the full maturity and investment grade spectrum of municipal fixed income securities. The strategy seeks to add value through a rigorous investment discipline that identifies market inefficiencies in the valuation of risk and reward, combined with an effort to capitalize upon shifting market themes, yield curve inefficiencies, and undervalued maturities. The portfolio is constructed in an effort to control risk by maintaining composite duration (a measure of interest rate sensitivity) in adherence to the benchmark range of four to seven years. Active management is supported by in-depth, internally generated research looking to pursue superior performance results with greater consistency and lower volatility of returns. The strategy seeks to provide a high level of tax-free total return and current income by investing in municipal bond mutual funds and exchange-traded funds.

Fee Schedule: The maximum total wrap fee is 3.00%. The total wrap fee includes all charges for trading costs, portfolio management, custody, and other administrative fees. Actual fees may differ from the fees used in this presentation depending upon account size, investments, and agreement with the client.

Benchmark Description: The benchmark is the BBgBarc 5-Year Municipal Bond Index. The BBgBarc 5-Year Municipal Bond Index is the 5 Year (4-6) component of the Municipal Bond index. It is a rules-based, market-value-weighted index engineered for the tax-exempt bond market. The index tracks general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, insured bonds, and pre-refunded bonds rated Baa3/BBB- or higher by at least two of the ratings agencies. Index returns reflect the reinvestment of income and other earnings, are provided to represent the investment environment shown, and are not covered by the report of independent verifiers.

The volatility (beta) of the Composite may be greater or less than its respective benchmarks. It is not possible to invest in these indices.

## **Statistic Descriptions**

Standard Deviation: A statistical measure of dispersion about an average which depicts how widely the returns varied over a certain period of time.

3-Year Standard Deviation: The 3-year annualized standard deviation measures the variability of the composite and the benchmark returns over the preceding 36-month period.

Beta: A measure of systematic risk with respect to a benchmark. Systematic risk is the tendency of the value of the composite and the value of the benchmark to move together. Beta measures the sensitivity of the composite's excess return (total return minus the risk-free return) with respect to the benchmark's excess return that results from their systematic co-movement. It is the ratio of what the excess return of the composite would be to the excess return of the benchmark if there were no composite-specific sources of return. If beta is greater than one, movements in value of the composite that are associated with movements in the value of the benchmark tend to be amplified. If beta is one, they tend to be dampened. If such movements tend to be in opposite directions, beta is negative. Beta is measured as the slope of the regression of the excess return on the composite as the dependent variable and the excess return on the benchmark as the independent variable.

The beta of the market is 1.00 by definition. Morningstar calculates beta by comparing a portfolio's excess return over T-bills to the benchmark's excess return over T-bills, so a beta of 1.10 shows that the portfolio has performed 10% better than its benchmark in up markets and 10% worse in down markets, assuming all other factors remain constant. Conversely, a beta of 0.85 indicates that the portfolio's excess return is expected to perform 15% worse than the benchmark's excess return during up markets and 15% better during down markets.

Alpha: A measure of the difference between a portfolio's actual returns and its expected performance, given its level of risk as measured by beta. A positive alpha figure indicates the portfolio has performed better than its beta would predict. In contrast, a negative alpha indicates the portfolio has underperformed, given the expectations established by beta. Alpha is calculated by taking the excess average monthly return of the investment over the risk free rate and subtracting beta times the excess average monthly return of the benchmark over the risk free rate.

Sharpe Ratio: A risk-adjusted measure developed by Nobel Laureate William Sharpe. It is calculated by using standard deviation and excess return to determine reward per unit of risk. The higher the Sharpe Ratio, the better the composite's historical risk-adjusted performance. The Sharpe ratio is calculated for the past 36-month period by dividing a composite's annualized excess returns by the standard deviation of a composite's annualized excess returns. Since this ratio uses standard deviation as its risk measure, it is most appropriately applied when analyzing a composite that is an investor's sole holding. The Sharpe Ratio can be used to compare two composites directly as to how much risk a composite had to bear to earn excess return over the risk-free rate.

R-Squared: Reflects the percentage of a portfolio's movements that can be explained by movements in its benchmark.

Downside Capture Ratio: Measures a manager's performance in down-markets. A down-market is defined as those periods (months or quarters) in which market return is less than 0. In essence, it tells you what percentage of the down-market was captured by the manager. For example, if the ratio is 110%, the manager has captured 110% of the down-market and therefore underperformed the market on the downside.

Upside Capture Ratio: Measures a manager's performance in up markets relative to the market (benchmark) itself. It is calculated by taking the security's upside capture return and dividing it by the benchmark's upside capture return.

Bull Beta: A measure of the sensitivity of a composite's return to positive changes in its benchmark's return.

Bear Beta: A measure of the sensitivity of a composite's return to negative changes in its benchmark's return.

Best Month: The highest monthly return of the investment since its inception or for as long as data is available.

Worst Month: The lowest monthly return of the investment since its inception or for as long as data is available.

Maximum Gain: The peak to trough incline during a specific record period of an investment or composite. It is usually quoted as the percentage between the peak to the trough.

Maximum Drawdown: The peak to trough decline during a specific record period of an investment or composite. It is usually quoted as the percentage between the peak to the trough.