# Municipal Bond Program



#### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Sierra Municipal Bond Program seeks to produce satisfying long-term returns while limiting downside risk. The interest income from municipal bonds is tax-free at the federal level, providing a valuable benefit for clients in relatively high-income tax brackets. Returns are created from interest income as well as fluctuations in bond prices. The Program diversifies a client's account among at least four (often up to ten) municipal bond mutual funds. Each holding is monitored daily and during declines, a proprietary trailing stop discipline is implemented with the goal of limiting drawdowns. The Program will be fully invested when there are many Buy signals and will, at times, be fully in cash when the universe of municipal bond mutual funds is showing Sell signals.

## **Top Holdings**

FUND	TICKER	WEIGHT
Nuveen High Yield Municipal Bond I	NHMRX	20.1%
BlackRock High Yield Municipal Instl	MAYHX	20.1%
PIMCO High Yield Municipal Bond I	PHMIX	20.0%
JPMorgan Tax Free Bond I	PRBIX	19.9%
Robinson Tax Advantaged Income Instl	ROBNX	19.8%
Total of Program		99.9%

Percentages have been rounded and may not total to 100%.

Benchmark: Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond Index

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#### SENIOR INVESTMENT TEAM



Kenneth L. Sleeper MBA, PhD Co-Founder, Portfolio Manager, Co-Chief Investment Officer Started in Industry: 1984



Ryan Harder, CFA Chief Investment Strategist & Portfolio Manager Started in Industry: 1998



Doug Loeffler, MBA, CFA, CAIA Executive Vice President, Portfolio Manager Started in Industry: 1988

## **Asset Allocation**

■ Fixed Income	100.0%		
Tax Free Municipal Bonds	100.0%		

2.12%

## **QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE - AFTER FEES**

	MUNICIPAL BOND PROGRAM				
	FIRST QUARTER	SECOND QUARTER	THIRD QUARTER	FOURTH QUARTER	FULL YEAR
2023	0.85%	-1.39%	-2.11%	8.56%	5.69%
2022	-2.60%	-3.16%	0.06%	2.16%	-3.58%
2021	-0.07%	2.33%	-0.69%	0.22%	1.78%
2020	-1.48%	2.64%	0.60%	2.82%	4.60%
2019	2.48%	1.82%	1.32%	0.17%	5.90%
2018	-1.26%	1.25%	-0.14%	-1.14%	-1.30%

BENCHMARK			
FULL YEAR			
6.40%			
-8.53%			
1.52%			
5.21%			
7.54%			
1.28%			
2.09%			

#### AVERAGE ANNUAL RETURNS

Average annualized compounded returns:

				PERIODS OVER A YEAR ARE ANNUALIZED				
ANNUALIZED RETURNS	QTD	YTD	1 YEAR	3 YEARS	5 YEARS	10 YEARS	15 YEARS	SINCE INCEPTION
Municipal Bond Program	8.56%	5.69%	5.69%	1.22%	2.82%	_	_	2.12%
Benchmark	7.89%	6.40%	6.40%	-0.40%	2.25%	_	_	2.09%

Portfolio holdings and asset allocations are subject to change.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

**Trailing Stop Discipline ("Discipline").** This proprietary Discipline has the objective of limiting the magnitude for portfolio drawdowns. The Discipline is based on a manual process that defines sell levels/signals for security holdings in decline, as measured by its price falling below the recent high of its lower band. These are not market orders. Sierra Investment Management utilizes this Discipline directly in the management of non-affiliated holdings. Sierra Investment Management invests in its affiliated Sierra Mutual Funds ("Funds") and the Discipline is applied at the Underlying Funds level, not on the Funds themselves. Please see our Form ADV Part 2A for information on conflicts of interest that exist as a result ofSierra Investment Management investing in affiliated Funds.

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Investors cannot invest directly in an index. These unmanaged indexes do not reflect management fees and transaction costs that are associated with some investments.

#### IMPORTANT DISCLOSURES

The currency used to express performance is USD. Returns include the reinvestment of all income. Net-of-fee returns are calculated using the highest-tiered advisory fee rate of 1.8%. The annual advisory fee is applied on a monthly basis, by deducting 1/12th of the advisory fee rate from the monthly gross returns. The advisory fee includes transaction costs, investment management fees, and certain custodial costs. Because clients will have different fee arrangements and specific investments in the strategy may be made at different times, net performance for any individual client will vary from the net performance as stated herein.

### SOURCE OF PERFORMANCE:

The source of performance is based on a composite incepted on January 1, 2018. A portion of the Municipal Bond Program may be allocated to proprietary mutual funds managed by an affiliate of Sierra Investment Management.

Past performance is not indicative of future results. All investments involve risk, including loss of principal.

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