

# Strategic Municipal Bond Fund

Inst: STRIX | Admin: VMPYX | A: VMPAX | C: DHICX | R6: VMPRX

## Asset class: Municipal Fixed Income

OVERALL MORNINGSTAR RATING™,†



Out of 209 Muni National Short funds. An investment's Overall Morningstar Rating™, based on its risk-adjusted return, is a weighted average of its applicable 3-, 5-, and 10-year Ratings.

### THE FUND

The Allspring Strategic Municipal Bond Fund seeks tax-free income by principally investing in a diversified portfolio of municipal securities.

### FUND STRATEGY

- Uses both bottom-up credit research and top-down macroeconomic analysis.
- Seeks to generate excess performance by actively managing the four key elements of total return: duration, yield-curve positioning, sector and credit-quality allocation, and security selection.
- Uses a relative-value approach based on extensive credit analysis that seeks opportunities from changing market trends and pricing inefficiencies to generate excess returns.

### FUND MANAGERS

Name	Yrs experience
Nicholas Venditti, CFA	17
Robert Miller	35
Terry Goode	29

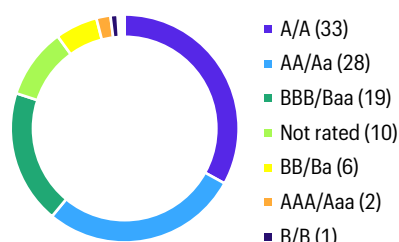
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Expense ratios (%)	Gross	Net
Institutional Shares	0.47	0.47
Administrator Shares	0.74	0.68
Class A Shares	0.79	0.79
Class C Shares	1.54	1.54
Class R6 Shares	0.42	0.42

## Competitive advantages

- Rigorous fundamental credit research: Research is conducted through a comprehensive team effort in which all members operate as credit analysts for each of the credits that they cover. This empowers the team to act opportunistically in the marketplace.
- Open work environment: The team benefits from an open work environment in which investment management professionals in varying capacities interact continuously throughout the day. This includes partnerships with economists and taxable fixed-income teams who provide valuable perspective and information in measuring markets and anticipating shifts in the tax-free markets, which are often preceded by shifts in the taxable markets.
- Disciplined research and risk management: The team's disciplined credit analysis and proprietary risk management model allow portfolio managers to move down in credit without compromising the investment process.

## Credit quality (%)<sup>1</sup>



## Maturity distribution (%)

Maturity distribution	Fund	Bloomberg Short-Intermediate Municipal Bond Index <sup>2</sup>
0 - 1 year	27	6
1 - 3 years	23	35
3 - 5 years	20	25
5 - 10 years	21	34
10 - 20 years	8	0
20+ years	1	0

The percentages of the fund's portfolio with the ratings depicted in the chart are calculated based on total investments of the fund. If a security was rated by all three rating agencies, the middle rating was used. If rated by two of three rating agencies, the lower rating was used, and if rated by one of the agencies, that rating was used. Credit quality and maturity distribution are subject to change and may have changed since the date specified. Maturity distribution reflects effective maturity, which considers the likelihood of a bond being called. Percent total may not add to 100% due to rounding.

## Annual Returns

Total returns (%)	3 Month	YTD	Annualized			
			1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y
Institutional Shares	0.55	0.55	3.49	0.35	1.49	2.02
Administrator Shares	0.50	0.50	3.27	0.14	1.27	1.81
Class A Shares	0.47	0.47	3.15	-0.01	1.16	1.69
<i>Including sales charge</i>	-3.59	-3.59	-0.94	-1.38	0.33	1.27
Class C Shares	0.29	0.29	2.38	-0.75	0.41	1.08
<i>Including sales charge</i>	-0.71	-0.71	1.38	-0.75	0.41	1.08
Class R6 Shares	0.57	0.57	3.54	0.37	1.52	1.95
Bloomberg Short-Intermediate Municipal Bond Index <sup>2</sup>	-0.36	-0.36	2.07	-0.04	1.34	1.80
Lipper Short Municipal Debt Funds <sup>3</sup>	0.39	0.39	2.86	0.60	1.05	0.93

*Figures quoted represent past performance, which is no guarantee of future results, and do not reflect taxes that a shareholder may pay on an investment in a fund. Investment return, principal value, and yields of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Performance shown without sales charges would be lower if sales charges were reflected. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted and assumes the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. Current month-end performance is available at the funds' website, allspringglobal.com. Administrator, Institutional and R6 Class shares are sold without a front-end sales charge or contingent deferred sales charge. For Class A, the maximum front-end sales charge is 4.00%. For Class C, the maximum contingent deferred sales charge is 1.00%. Performance shown without sales charges would be lower if sales charges were reflected. Performance including sales charge assumes the sales charge for the corresponding time period.*

*The manager has contractually committed through 10-31-2024, to waive fees and/or reimburse expenses to the extent necessary to cap the fund's total annual fund operating expenses after fee waivers at 0.79%(A), 1.54%(C), 0.68%(Admin), 0.47%(I) and 0.42% (R6). Brokerage commissions, stamp duty fees, interest, taxes, acquired fund fees and expenses (if any), and extraordinary expenses are excluded from the expense cap. Prior to or after the commitment expiration date, the cap may be increased or the commitment to maintain the cap may be terminated only with the approval of the Board of Trustees. Without this cap, the fund's returns would have been lower. The expense ratio paid by an investor is the net expense ratio (the total annual fund operating expenses after fee waivers) as stated in the prospectus.*



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Top holdings (%)	Percent
Main Str Nat Gas Inc Ga Gas Supply Rev, 4.00, 8-1-2052	1.45
Raleigh Durham Airport Authority, 3.60, 5-1-2036	1.13
Metropolitan Transn Auth N Y Rev, 4.07, 11-1-2031	1.06
Missouri St Health & Edl Facs Auth Health Facs Rev, 5.00, 5-1-2052	1.02
State of Connecticut, 5.00, 8-1-2029	0.93
City of Dallas (Texas), 5.00, 10-1-2029	0.90
California Cmnty Choice Fing Auth Clean Energy Proj Rev, 5.25, 1-1-2054	0.84
TENDER OPTION BOND TRUST RECEI TENGEN 07/30 ADJUSTABLE VAR, 3.71, 7-1-2030	0.82
LINCOLN CNTY WY POLL CONTROL R, 4.55, 10-1-2044	0.80
Kentucky Inc Ky Pub Energy Auth Gas Suplly Rev, 4.00, 2-1-2050	0.80

Portfolio holdings are subject to change and may have changed since the date specified. The holdings listed should not be considered recommendations to purchase or sell a particular security.

Fund characteristics	Fund	Bloomberg Short-Intermediate Municipal Bond Index <sup>2</sup>
Weighted average effective maturity	5.41 years	4.28 years
Effective duration	3.18 years	3.44 years
Portfolio turnover	13.07%	—
Number of holdings	855	28,074

## Fund information

**Advisor:** Allspring Funds Management, LLC

**Sub-Advisor:** Allspring Global Investments, LLC

**Fund inception date:** 03/21/1985

**Distribution frequency:** Monthly

**Fiscal year-end:** June 30

**Fund assets (\$M):** 1,880.52

**Morningstar category:** Muni National Short

Share class information	Class inception date	30-day SEC		30-day taxable equivalent yield <sup>5</sup>	NAV	YTD high-low NAV	Class assets (\$M)
		30-day SEC yield <sup>4</sup>	30-day SEC unsubsidized yield <sup>4</sup>				
Institutional Shares	11/30/2012	3.23%	3.22%	5.12%	\$8.78	\$8.81/\$8.74	\$1448.21
Administrator Shares	10/6/1997	3.02%	2.96%	4.79%	\$8.78	\$8.80/\$8.74	\$38.35
Class A Shares	12/1/1994	2.79%	2.79%	4.43%	\$8.78	\$8.81/\$8.74	\$350.21
Class C Shares	8/18/1997	2.16%	2.16%	3.43%	\$8.81	\$8.84/\$8.77	\$21.24
Class R6 Shares	7/31/2018	3.28%	3.27%	5.20%	\$8.78	\$8.81/\$8.74	\$22.51

All investing involves risk, including the possible loss of principal. Bond values fluctuate in response to the financial condition of individual issuers, general market and economic conditions, and changes in interest rates. Changes in market conditions and government policies may lead to periods of heightened volatility in the bond market and reduced liquidity for certain bonds held by the fund. In general, when interest rates rise, bond values fall and investors may lose principal value. Interest rate changes and their impact on the fund and its share price can be sudden and unpredictable. Municipal securities risk includes the ability of the issuer to repay the obligation, the possibility of future tax and legislative changes and other factors, that may adversely impact the liquidity and value of the municipal securities in which the fund invests. A portion of the fund's income may be subject to federal, state, and/or local income taxes or the alternative minimum tax. Any capital gains distributions may be taxable. Consult the fund's prospectus for additional information on these and other risks.

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Class A and Class C require a minimum initial investment of \$1000 and minimum subsequent purchase of \$100 for regular accounts.

Note: Not all Share Classes may be available at all firms.

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