#### ABOUT APPLETON

Seeks to capture value across the shorter maturity areas of the yield curve by capitalizing on market

inefficiencies and

given rate cycle.

matching the interest

rate sensitivity to the

- · Founded in 1986 and located in Boston, MA
- · 100% employee owned and operated
- Collaborative, team-oriented culture marked by personnel continuity
- Consistent investment philosophy and process emphasizes quality, liquidity and tax efficiency
- · Commitment to separate account management
- Assets Under Management of \$11 billion as of 03.31.2020

## STRATEGY OVERVIEW AND OBJECTIVE

- Investment grade tax-exempt municipal bonds
- Maturity range of 1 6 years
- Seeks to tax efficiently preserve and grow capital while focusing on the shorter end of the muni yield curve with disciplined management of liquidity, interest rate and
- Research intensive, customized process reflecting clients' state preference, tax needs, and risk profile
- Accounts typically hold 20 25 positions with average annual turnover of 20 25%
- State preference or state specific portfolios are available for certain states of residence\*

#### INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY & PROCESS

**Investment Committee sets market** strategy based on interest rates, yield curve structure, economic trends, sector, and technical analysis

Portfolio structure and guidelines are developed accordingly

In-depth issuer

Focus on larger, liquid high investment grade credits

Flexibility to find value across a wide range of issuers and structures

Macro/ Thematic Inputs

> Rigorous **Fundamental Analysis**

specific research

In-house credit risk metrics drive proprietary ratings

Internal research identifies potential upgrades and flags credit risk



- · Customize based on strategy and client specific objectives
- Broad diversification mitigates issuer specific and structural risk
- **Duration targeting minimizes** interest rate risk in context of rate cycle
- Vast broker-dealer network facilitates new issue and secondary market trading

## **INVESTMENT GUIDELINES**

	Maturity Range	1 - 6 Years
	Duration Range	2.25 – 3.25 Years
	Credit Quality	High Investment Grade
	Geographic Diversification	30 – 60% in-state exposure for clients in taxable states*
	Issuer Diversification	5% single position target; 15% exposure to any one obligor
	Benchmark	Bloomberg Barclays Managed Money Short

\*% of state exposure dependent on availability of bonds in state of residence. 100% in-state exposure for certain states upon request.

## DYNAMIC MANAGEMENT & OVERSIGHT

#### ACCOUNT REVIEW:

- Integrated portfolio systems help ensure adherence to client and strategy guidelines
- Proprietary technology links trading, settlement, reconciliation and compliance processes
- Sustained engagement with financial advisors and investors

#### PORTFOLIO OPTIMIZATION:

- Discipline and flexibility in changing markets
- · Rebalance based on evolving client objectives, security specific outlooks, investment markets and global economies
- Sell discipline triggered by credit and relative value changes, yield curve shifts and sector rotation opportunities



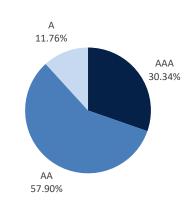




## COMPOSITE CHARACTERISTICS\*

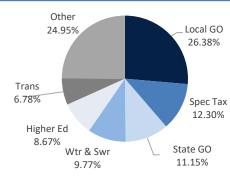
#### **API** BENCHMARK Maturity 3.24 Years 3.00 Years Duration 2.73 Years 2.75 Years 4.78% Coupon 4.73% Price \$110.04 \$110.35 1.29% Yield to Worst 1.22% 1.40% N/A Yield to Maturity **Current Yield** 4.33% 4.30%

# CREDIT PROFILE\*\*

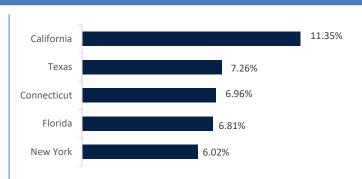


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# TOP SECTOR PROFILE

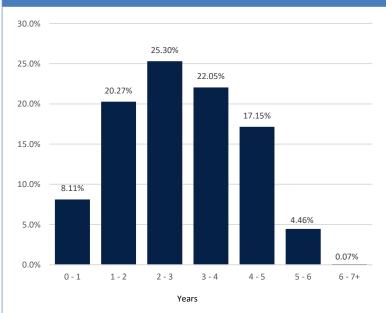


#### TOP STATE EXPOSURE

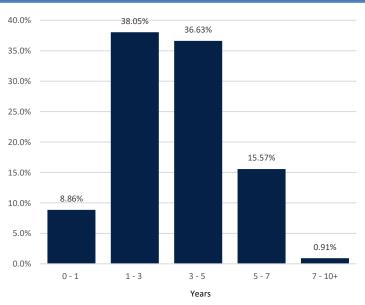


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## DURATION PROFILE



# MATURITY PROFILE



\*Composite data and characteristics as of 03.31.20

\*\*Credit Profile: AAA includes cash and pre-refunded bonds

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