

ABOUT APPLETON

- 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 \$12.6 billion as of 12.31.2023

STRATEGY OVERVIEW AND OBJECTIVE

- High quality municipal-based strategy that also incorporates US Treasuries, US government agency securities, corporates, and taxable municipal exposure in a manner tailored to client profile and objectives
- Maturity range of 2 – 12 years
- Seeks to preserve and grow capital, produce high after-tax income and competitive returns, and enhance portfolio diversification
- Strategic asset allocation will typically average 60% muni and 40% taxable +/- 15%, with investment in each asset class based on client profile and opportunities at the time of portfolio build out
- Accounts typically hold 25 – 30 positions, with average annual turnover of 15 – 25%
- Research intensive process can be tailored to address clients' state preference, tax needs, and risk profile

INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY & PROCESS

Appleton's tax-exempt and taxable portfolio managers and analysts work closely together to assess relative asset class and security value and build carefully crafted, diversified portfolios.

Client Profile and Investment Guidelines

- State of Residency
- Tax Rate
- Crossover Analysis
- Strategy Allocation Targets

Security Specific & Market Analysis

- Credit Quality
- Valuation
- Liquidity
- Yield Curve Positioning

- Customized portfolios strive to capture after tax yield advantages
- Seeks to Reduce Risk and Enhance Portfolio Efficiency Through Diversification

INVESTMENT GUIDELINES

Maturity Range	2 – 12 Years
Duration Range	4.0 – 5.5 Years
Credit Quality	Investment Grade
Tax Policy	Transactions executed with consideration of client's tax needs. Municipal holdings consider the client's state of residence
Issuer Diversification	5% position target at time of purchase, with the exception of US Treasury and GSE Debt
Benchmark	50/50 Blend of Bloomberg Managed Money Short/Intermediate 1-10 Year & Bloomberg Intermediate US Govt/Credit Index

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

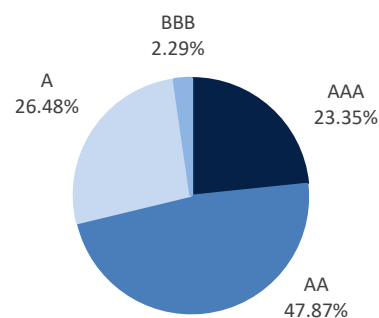
PORTFOLIO OPTIMIZATION:

- 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 CHARACTERISTICS¹

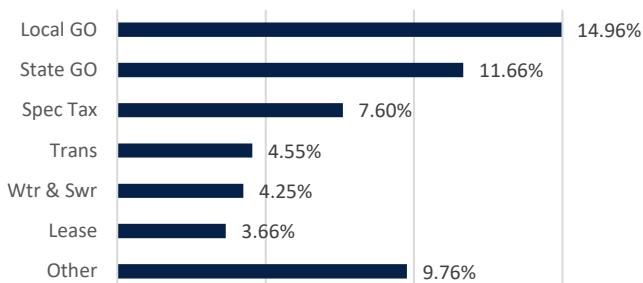
CREDIT PROFILE²

	API	BENCHMARK
Maturity	5.67 Years	4.87 Years
Duration	4.16 Years	4.09 Years
Coupon	4.34%	3.82%
Price	\$106.98	\$103.22
Yield to Worst	3.28%	3.39%
Yield to Maturity	3.50%	3.45%
Current Yield	4.03%	3.65%

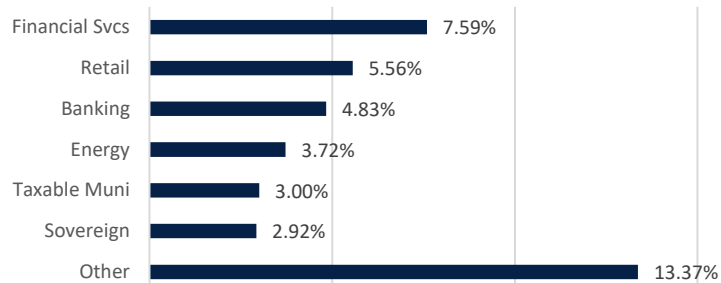


TOP SECTOR PROFILE

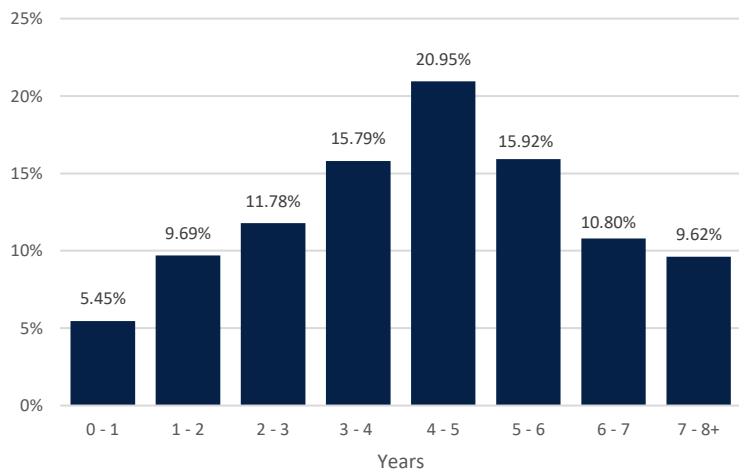
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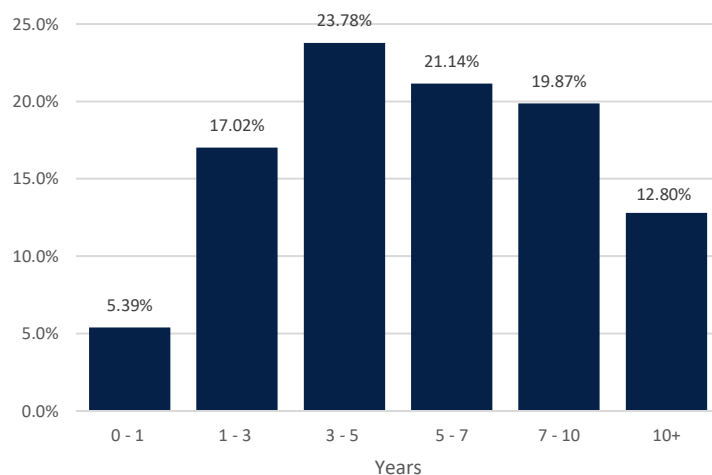
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DURATION PROFILE



MATURITY PROFILE



Sources: Appleton Partners, Inc.

¹Composite data and characteristics as of 12.31.23

²Credit Profile: AAA includes cash, pre-refunded bonds, and US Treasuries; Credit rating for each security is determined by taking the higher rating of S&P and Moody's.

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