Appleton Partners Municipal Laddered Strategies

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 \$13.3 billion as of 3.31.2025

INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY & PROCESS

STRATEGY OVERVIEW AND OBJECTIVE

- Seeks to provide consistent, tax-exempt income through a high quality, laddered municipal bond portfolio
- Exclusively invests in high investment grade tax-exempt municipal bonds with maturities of 1-5 years or 1-10 years
- Looks to reduce interest rate volatility by holding bonds to maturity and reinvesting proceeds in a manner that maintains the overall portfolio maturity structure
- Will not invest in callable bonds or bonds subject to AMT

INVESTMENT PROCESS EMPHASIZES:

- Credit Approval Process and Security Selection
- Customized Portfolio
 Construction
- Focus on Liquidity
- Technology and Intra-System Communication

Rigorous fundamental credit analysis can lead to attractive investment opportunities

In-house risk metrics drive internal credit ratings

Proprietary research seeks to identify potential upgrades and protect against credit deterioration

Approved credits are based on historical spread analysis, issuer liquidity and credit metrics, and geographic and sector diversification

Limit trading to reinvestment of cash from maturities, management of client cash needs, and/or sale of securities due to perceived credit weakening

INVESTMENT GUIDELINES & TARGET PORTFOLIO¹ CHARACTERISTICS

	Target Portfolio Characteristics ¹	1-5 Year Ladder	1-10 Year Ladder
1 – 5 Years or 1 – 10 Years	Average Maturity	2.43 Years	4.80 Years
Passive Strategy – Low Turnover	Average Duration	2.21 Years	4.11 Years
High Investment Grade, Minimum A- credit rating at time of purchase	Average Coupon	5.00%	5.00%
National or State Preference: CA, NY, MA	Yield to Maturity	2.85%	3.07%
5-10	Current Yield	4.77%	4.65%
30 – 60 days	Average Price	\$104.80	\$107.64
\$250,000	Average Annual Turnover	20%	10%
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¹Target Portfolio data and characteristics as of 3.31.25

²% of state exposure dependent on availability of bonds in state of residence. 100% in-state exposure for certain states upon request.

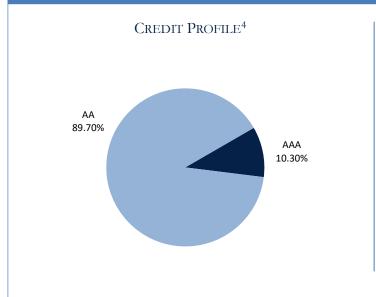
Yield is a moment-in-time statistical metric for fixed income securities that helps investors determine the value of a security, portfolio or composite. YTW and YTM assume that the investor holds the bond to its call date or maturity. YTW and YTM are two of many factors that ultimately determine the rate of return of a bond or portfolio. Other factors include re-investment rate, whether the bond is held to maturity and whether the entity actually makes the coupon payments. Current Yield strictly measures a bond or portfolio's cash flows and has no bearing on performance. For calculation purposes, Appleton uses an assumed cash yield which is updated on the last day of each quarter to match that of the Schwab Municipal Money Fund.

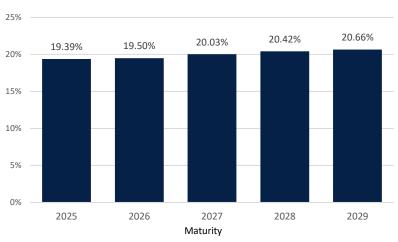


¹The Target Portfolio was constructed to most closely resemble the one that Appleton Partners would attempt to construct for prospective clients in this strategy as of the date of record noted on this piece. The ultimate portfolio characteristics may differ initially and over time from the portfolio shown based on client specific objectives and market driven conditions. Client performance may vary based on many factors. It should not be assumed that all of Appleton's client accounts have the same characteristics, holdings, concentrations or performance results.

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1- 5 YEAR MUNI LADDER TARGET PORTFOLIO³ PROFILE



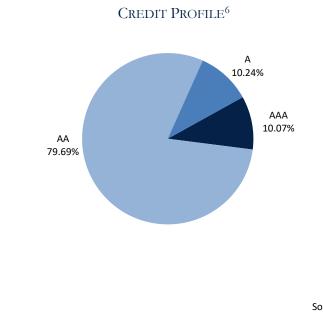


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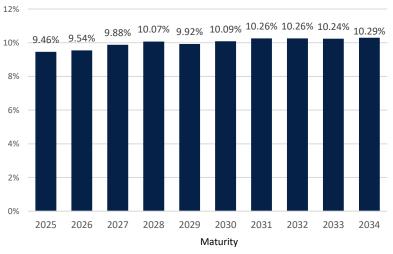
Source: Appleton Partners, Inc.

³Target Portfolio data and characteristics as of 3.31.25 ⁴Credit Profile: AAA includes cash and pre-refunded bonds; Credit rating for each security is determined by taking the higher rating of S&P and Moody's.

1- 10 YEAR MUNI LADDER TARGET PORTFOLIO⁵ PROFILE



MATURITY PROFILE



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