

FOURTH QUARTER 2024

THE MACKAY ADVANTAGE

MacKay Shields

- \$151 Billion AUM¹
- Experienced boutique investment teams
- Specialty fixed income expertise across global fixed income markets including municipal bonds, structured credit, corporate credit and emerging markets debt
- Acquired by New York Life Insurance Company in 1984

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT TEAM

Municipals

Robert DiMella, CFA
Co-Head Municipal Bond Team,
Executive Managing Director
36 Years Experience

John Loffredo, CFA
Vice Chairman and Co-Head
Municipal Bond Team,
Executive Managing Director
38 Years Experience

Peter Bartlett
Senior Managing Director
47 Years Experience

Robert Burke, CFA
Managing Director
40 Years Experience

Mike Petty
Senior Managing Director
39 Years Experience

David Dowden
Managing Director
36 Years Experience

Scott Sprauer
Senior Managing Director
33 Years Experience

1. As of December 31, 2024,
includes MacKay Shields LLC and
its subsidiaries.

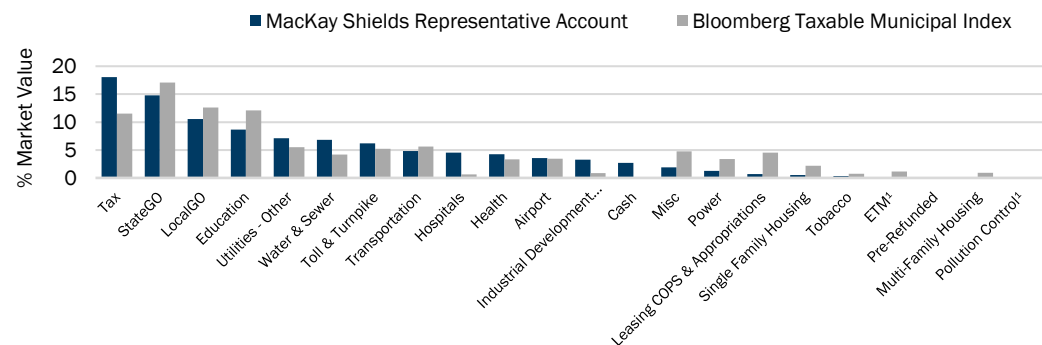
Municipal Taxable strategy principally invests in taxable municipal bonds that are rated investment grade. Portfolios are both buy and hold and actively traded, high credit quality with a bias toward longer duration. Some portfolios may allocate between taxable and tax-exempt municipal bonds based on relative value considerations.

Representative Account Characteristics

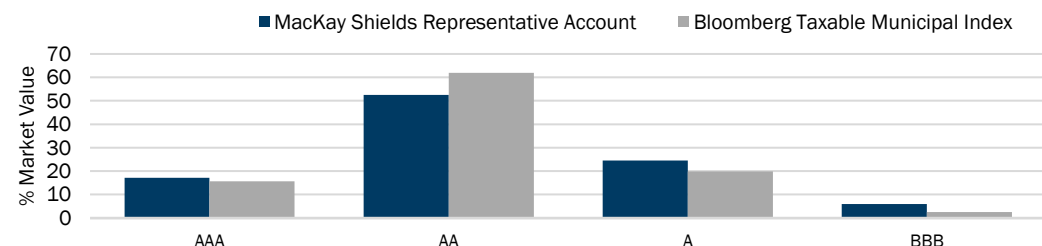
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Characteristics	MacKay Shields Representative Account	Bloomberg Taxable Municipal Index
Modified Duration to Worst (Years)	7.8	7.7
Yield to Worst	5.2%	5.4%
No. of Obligor	129	—

MacKay Shields Sector Breakdown vs. Bloomberg Taxable Municipal Index (% Market Value)



Quality Breakdown² (%)



1. ETM: Escrow to maturity; IDR: Industrial Development Revenue; PCR: Pollution Control Revenue

2. Quality ratings split high if rated by more than one nationally recognized rating agency. This total may exceed 100% during periods where the portfolio owns Non-Rated (NR) securities. NR securities are allocated an internal rating by MacKay Shields. Bloomberg Credit Rating disclosure: For rated securities, credit quality for index classification purposes is assigned as the middle rating of Moody's, S&P and Fitch; when a rating from only two agencies is available, the lower is used; when only one agency rates a bond, that rating is used.

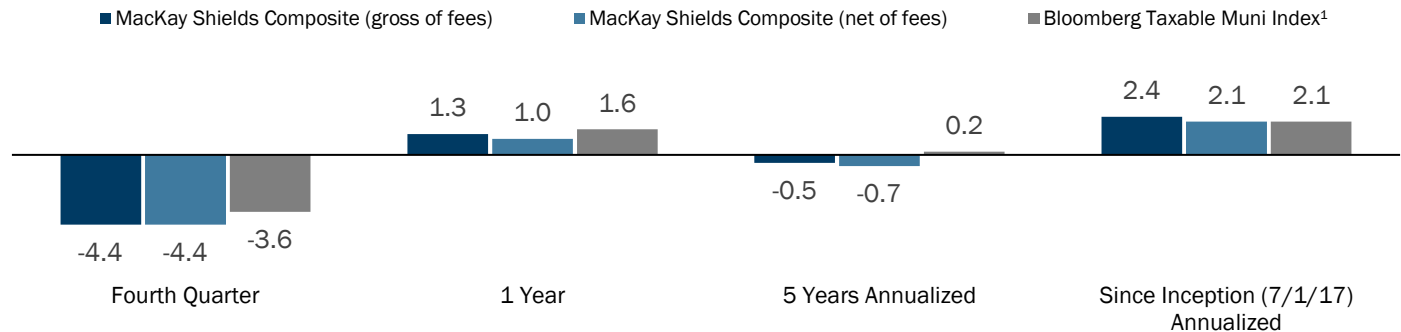
The representative account shown above was selected because it is the oldest municipal account in the composite and not for performance reasons. Due to rounding, items may not sum to 100%. Each client account is individually managed, actual holdings will vary for each client and there is no guarantee that a particular client's account will have the same characteristics. Portfolio holdings are subject to change without notice. Provided as supplemental information to the GIPS reports on the following page.

It is not possible to invest directly into an index.

See last page for additional disclosures, including disclosures related to comparisons to an index.

Composite Returns (%)

Period Ending December 31, 2024



Composite Disclosures

Period	MacKay Shields Composite Gross Returns (%)	MacKay Shields Composite Net Returns (%)	Bloomberg Taxable Muni Index ¹ Returns (%)	Composite 3-Yr St Dev (%)	Benchmark ¹ 3-Yr St Dev (%)	No. of Accts.	Composite Assets (\$Mil)	Firm Assets (\$Mil)	Internal Dispersion (%)
2024	1.3	1.0	1.6	10.7	9.5	8	2,716	150,568	0.5
2023	9.0	8.7	8.8	10.3	9.0	9	2,860	139,163	0.6
2022	-21.1	-21.3	-18.1	10.0	8.9	10	2,918	128,584	1.4
2021	1.4	1.2	0.9	8.0	7.0	9	3,616	163,646	0.6
2020	10.6	10.3	10.5	8.1	6.9	6	2,493	153,995	0.8
2019	13.6	13.3	11.1	N/A	N/A	6	1,310	131,978	1.7
2018	1.3	1.1	0.6	N/A	N/A	≤5	853	107,467	0.2
2017 (Since 7/1)	6.0	5.8	3.7	N/A	N/A	≤5	412	98,098	N/A

1. Bloomberg Taxable Municipal Index

The Municipal Taxable Active Composite includes all discretionary municipal taxable active accounts managed with similar objectives for a full month, including those accounts no longer with the firm. The strategy principally invests in taxable municipal bonds. Accounts within the composite have a tax-exempt municipal bond allowance of up to 20%. The strategy focuses on municipal bonds that are rated investment grade or, if unrated, that we determine to be of comparable quality. Gross-of-fees composite performance reflects reinvestment of income and is a market-weighted average of the time-weighted return, before advisory fees and related expenses, of each account for the period since inception. Net-of-fees composite performance is derived by reducing the monthly gross-of-fees composite by 0.0208%, our highest monthly fee. Policies for valuing investments, calculating performance, and preparing GIPS reports are available upon request. GIPS® is a registered trademark of CFA Institute. CFA Institute does not endorse or promote this organization, nor does it warrant the accuracy or quality of the content contained herein. Performance is expressed in US Dollars. The composite inception date is 7/1/17. The composite creation date is 7/1/18. All portfolios in the composite are fee-paying portfolios. There can be no assurance that the rate of return for any account within a composite will be the same as that of the composite presented. **Past performance is not indicative of future results.**

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Index Descriptions

Bloomberg Taxable Municipal Index

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