

**INVESTMENT OVERVIEW**

The Fund seeks to maximize total return through current income that is exempt from federal income taxes, combined with capital appreciation consistent with capital preservation, by investing in investment grade municipal securities. A dynamic, multifaceted investment process balances emphasis across four facets: duration management, yield curve positioning, sector rotation, and security selection.

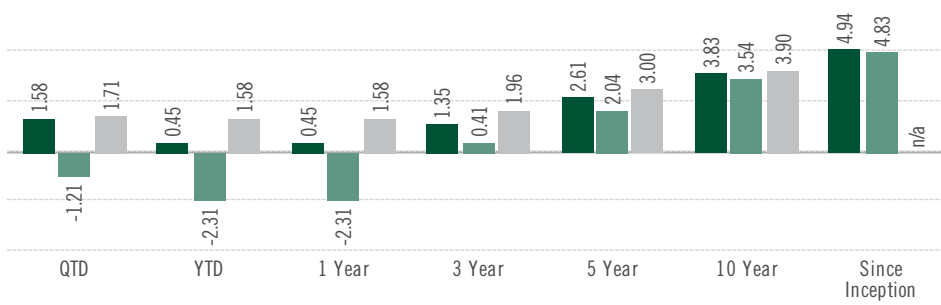
**KEY FEATURES**

- Tax-Exempt Income** — Strives to generate income free from federal income taxes
- Attractive Total Return Potential** — Market inefficiencies may create buying and selling opportunities that facilitate meaningful return potential
- Extensive Fundamental Research** — Bottom-up security selection evaluates factors such as fundamental credit analysis, security structural features, and potential price volatility

**FUND INFORMATION**

	Ticker	CUSIP
A Shares	SISIX	92837F615
I Shares	STTBX	92837F599
Inception Date	06/09/92	
AUM (\$ millions)	322.0	
Number of Holdings	86	
Dividends	Daily	
Morningstar Category	Muni National Interm	
Lipper Category	Intermediate Municipal Debt Funds	
Index	Bloomberg Barclays Municipal 1-15 Yr Blend (1-17) Index	

**AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (%)** as of 12/31/18



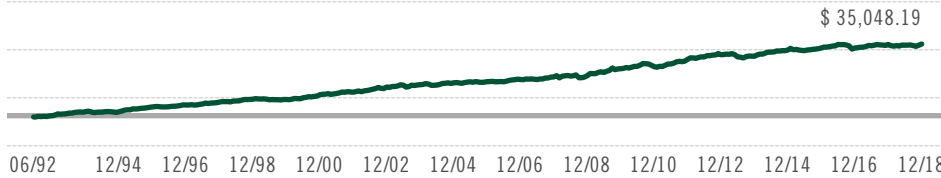
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The fund class gross expense ratio is 1.02%. The net expense ratio is 0.76%, which reflects a contractual expense reimbursement in effect through 4/30/2020. This ratio reflects the direct and indirect expenses paid by the Fund. The net expense ratio minus the indirect expenses incurred by the underlying funds in which the Fund invests is 0.75%. Average annual total return is the annual compound return for the indicated period and reflects the change in share price and the reinvestment of all dividends and capital gains. Returns for periods of one year or less are cumulative returns. Class A shares have a maximum sales charge of 2.75%. A contingent deferred sales charge of 0.50% may be imposed on certain redemptions within 18 months on purchases on which a finder's fee has been paid. POP (Public Offering Price) performance reflects the deduction of the maximum sales charge.

**ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)**

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Fund	0.45	3.65	-0.01	2.11	7.02	-1.63	5.45	9.28	2.68	9.93
Index	1.58	4.33	0.01	2.83	6.36	-1.05	4.74	8.80	2.97	8.88

**GROWTH OF \$10,000**



This chart assumes an initial investment of \$10,000 made on 6/9/1992. As of 12/31/2018 the fund value would have been \$35,048.19. Fund performance assumes reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions and reflects a front end sales charge of 2.75%.

**MORNINGSTAR RATINGS**

Time Period	# of Stars	# of Funds
Overall	★★	259
3 Year	★★★	259
5 Year	★★	228
10 Year	★★	151

Strong ratings are not indicative of positive fund performance.

**INVESTMENT ADVISER**

Virtus Fund Advisers, LLC

**INVESTMENT SUBADVISER**



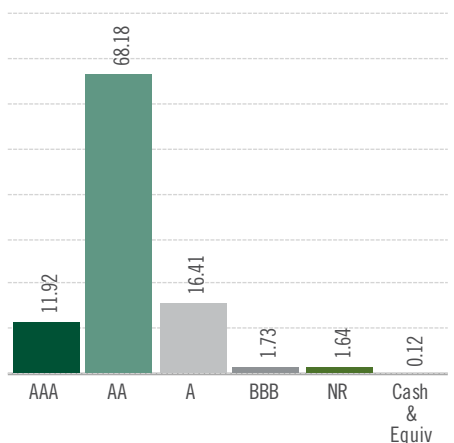
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**PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

**Ronald H. Schwartz CFA**  
Industry start date: 1982  
Start date with Fund: 1992

**Dusty Self**  
Industry start date: 1992  
Start date with Fund: 2018

**RATINGS DISTRIBUTION**



**CHARACTERISTICS**

Characteristic	Fund
Effective Duration	5.78
Modified Duration to Worst	5.18
Weighted Average Maturity	6.22
SEC Yield <sup>1</sup>	1.73

<sup>1</sup> SEC Yield (Class A share only) represents net investment income earned by a fund over a 30-day period, expressed as an annual percentage rate based on the fund's share price at the end of the 30-day period. Performance figures represent a partial waiver/reimbursement of fees where applicable. Without the partial waiver/reimbursement of fees, performance figures would be lower and the SEC Yield would have been: 1.50%.

**TOP TEN HOLDINGS**

Security	% Fund
State of California, 5.0000% 08/01/2030	5.06
State of California, 5.0000% 08/01/2024	3.55
State of California, 6.5000% 04/01/2033	3.53
State of Washington, 5.0000% 08/01/2024	2.98
County of Cook IL Sales Tax Revenue, 5.2500% 11/15/2036	2.84
State of Ohio, 5.0000% 06/15/2032	2.77
District of Columbia, 5.5000% 12/01/2030	2.56
Borough of Matanuska-Susitna AK, 6.0000% 09/01/2032	2.31
County of Miami-Dade FL Water & Sewer System Revenue, 5.0000% 10/01/2032	2.16
County of Cook IL Sales Tax Revenue, 5.2500% 11/15/2035	2.14

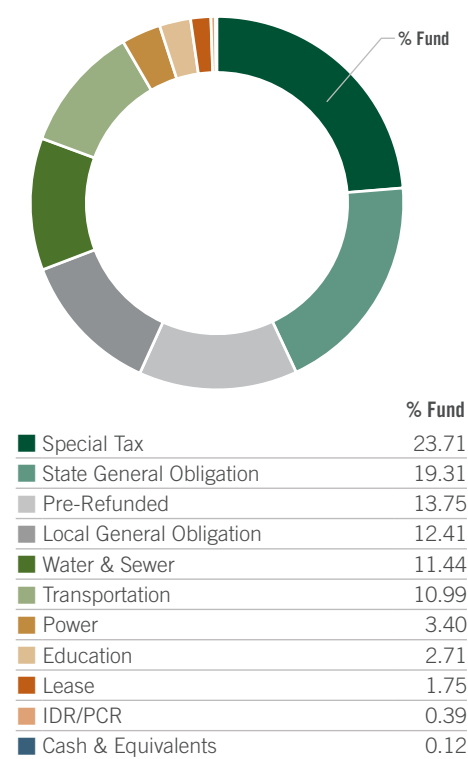
**DISTRIBUTIONS**

Month	NAV at Month-End
October 2018	\$0.021833 11.23
November 2018	\$0.023865 11.34
December 2018	\$0.022696 11.45

**RISK STATISTICS (3 YEAR)**

	Fund	Index
Alpha	-0.59	n/a
Beta	0.99	1.00
R <sup>2</sup>	0.94	1.00
Sharpe Ratio	0.12	0.33
Standard Deviation	2.96	2.89

**SECTOR ALLOCATIONS**



Holdings and sector weightings are subject to change.

**IMPORTANT RISK CONSIDERATIONS**

**Credit & Interest:** Debt securities are subject to various risks, the most prominent of which are credit and interest rate risk. The issuer of a debt security may fail to make interest and/or principal payments. Values of debt securities may rise or fall in response to changes in interest rates, and this risk may be enhanced with longer-term maturities. **State & AMT Tax:** A portion of income may be subject to some state and/or local taxes and, for certain investors, a portion may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax. **Municipal Market:** Events negatively impacting a municipal security, or the municipal bond market in general, may cause the fund to decrease in value. **Prospectus:** For additional information on risks, please see the fund's prospectus.

**GLOSSARY**

**Effective Duration:** The change in the value of a fixed income security that will result from a 1% change in interest rates while taking into account the way changes in rates will affect the expected cash flows of any bond with an embedded option such as call or prepayment option. This measure assigns a probability to the exercise of a call option, where applicable, based on specified shifts in the yield curve. Duration is expressed as a number of years, and generally, the larger the duration, the greater the interest rate risk or reward for a portfolio's underlying bond prices. **Modified Duration to Worst:** A measure of the sensitivity of the price (the value of principal) of a fixed income investment to a change in interest rates, expressed as a number of years (assuming that a callable security pricing to a call date will be called/redeemed by the issuer on that date). **Weighted Average Maturity:** The length of time until the average security in a fund will mature, be redeemed by its issuer, or paid down over time, which is the case with most securitized assets. **Alpha:** A risk-adjusted measure of an investment's excess return relative to a benchmark. **Beta:** A quantitative measure of the volatility, or systematic risk, of a security or a portfolio in comparison to the market as a whole. **R<sup>2</sup>:** A measure that represents the percentage of a fund or security's movements that can be explained by movements in a benchmark index. **Sharpe Ratio:** A risk-adjusted measure calculated using standard deviation and excess return to determine reward per unit of risk. **Standard Deviation:** Measures variability of returns around the average return for an investment portfolio. Higher standard deviation suggests greater risk.

**INDEX DEFINITION**

Index: The Bloomberg Barclays Municipal 1-15 Yr Blend (1-17) Index is a market capitalization-weighted index of investment grade tax-exempt bonds with maturities of 1-17 years. The index includes investment grade bonds, general obligations, revenue bonds, insured bonds, and pre-refunded bonds. The index is calculated on a total return basis.

The index is unmanaged, its returns do not reflect any fees, expenses, or sales charges, and is not available for direct investment.

**RATINGS DISTRIBUTION METHODOLOGY**

The ratings issued by Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations assess the credit worthiness of a corporation's or government's debt issues. The ratings apply to the fund's holdings and not the fund itself. Standard & Poor's, Moody's, and Fitch ratings are used. If all three agencies have rated the security, then the median rating based on numerical equivalents is used. If only two agencies have rated the security, then the lower of the two ratings is used. If only one agency has rated the security, the rating from that agency is used. Credit ratings are subject to change. AAA, AA, A, and BBB are investment grade ratings; BB, B, CCC, CC, C, and D are below-investment grade ratings.

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