

**INVESTMENT OVERVIEW**

The Fund seeks to provide a high level of current interest income exempt from federal income taxes consistent with the preservation of capital by primarily investing in a diversified portfolio of municipal bonds with varying maturities. Issuers are selected based on sector and geographic opportunity presented by regions experiencing economic stability.

**KEY FEATURES**

**Tax-Exempt Income** — Strives to generate income free from federal income taxes

**High-Quality Focus** — Emphasis on higher-rated tax-exempt municipal bonds, gauging each security by issue type, credit quality, and bond structure, with a focus on essential service issuers

**Extensive Research** — Macroeconomic and market trends provide context for fundamental credit research to identify the most attractive bond potential, with sector exposures set by relative valuations

SHARE CLASSES	Ticker	CUSIP
I Shares	HXBIX	92828W288
A Shares	HXBZX	92828W312
C Shares	PXCZX	92828W296

**FUND INFORMATION**

Inception Date (Class I)	02/23/96
AUM (\$ millions)	57.9
Number of Holdings	90
Dividends	Daily
Morningstar Category	Muni National Interm
Index	ICE BofA 1-22 Year US Municipal Securities Index

The Index shown represents the Fund's performance index, which may differ from the Fund's regulatory index included in the Fund's Prospectus.

**AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS (%) as of 03/31/2024**

	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception
<b>Class I</b>	0.03	0.03	2.63	-0.57	1.29	2.22	4.20
<b>Class A NAV</b>	-0.03	-0.03	2.38	-0.81	1.04	1.97	3.66
<b>Class A POP</b>	-2.78	-2.78	-0.43	-1.73	0.48	1.68	3.53
<b>Index</b>	-0.24	-0.24	2.94	-0.05	1.66	2.46	3.94

**ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (%)**

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
<b>Class I</b>	4.96	-7.76	1.27	4.49	6.80	0.80	4.68	-0.16	2.64	8.30
<b>Index</b>	5.65	-6.74	1.23	4.77	6.89	1.36	4.53	0.24	3.07	7.46

Performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so that shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. Please visit [virtus.com](http://virtus.com) for performance data current to the most recent month end.

**Class I Shares have no sales charges and are not available to all investors.** The fund class gross expense ratio is 0.83%. The net expense ratio is 0.58%, which reflects a contractual expense reimbursement in effect through 1/31/2025.

**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.** The fund class gross expense ratio is 1.08%. The net expense ratio is 0.83%, which reflects a contractual expense reimbursement in effect through 1/31/2025.

**Other share classes may have sales charges. See [virtus.com](http://virtus.com) for details.**

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.

Index: The ICE BofA 1-22 Year US Municipal Securities Index is a subset of the ICE BofA US Municipal Securities Index including all securities with a remaining term to final maturity less than 22 years, 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.

Since inception performance for the index reflects a start date of 1/30/2001, the same date as the inception of the Fund's Class A Shares. Class I inception date: 2/23/1996.

**MORNINGSTAR RATINGS**

Time Period	# of Stars	# of Funds
Overall	★★★★	261
3 Year	★★★	261
5 Year	★★★	238
10 Year	★★★★	177

Morningstar ratings are based on risk-adjusted returns. Strong ratings are not indicative of positive fund performance.

**INVESTMENT ADVISER**

Virtus Investment Advisers, Inc.

**INVESTMENT SUBADVISER**



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**PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

**Dusty Self**

Industry start date: 1992  
 Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2022

**Phillip Hooks, CFA**

Industry start date: 2005  
 Start date as Fund Portfolio Manager: 2024

