

Manning & Napier Fund, Inc.

Diversified Tax Exempt Series



March 31, 2025

Investment Objective

To provide as high a level of current income exempt from federal income tax as the Advisor believes is consistent with the preservation of capital.

Investment Strategy

The Series invests primarily in municipal bonds that provide income exempt from federal income tax.

Portfolio Managers

Name	Experience
Marc Bushallow, CFA®	24 years industry 19 years firm
Elizaveta Akselrod	24 years industry 19 years firm

Sector Allocation

	Series	BB Municipal 1-15 Yr
General Obligation Bonds	51.61%	33.44%
Revenue Bonds	38.88%	60.86%
Pre-Refunded Bonds	--	2.15%
Cash	--	--
Other	9.51%	3.55%

What You Should Know About Investing

All investments involve risks, including possible loss of principal. There is an inverse relationship between bond prices and interest rates; as interest rates rise, bond prices (and therefore the value of bond funds) fall. Likewise, as interest rates fall, bond prices and the value of bond funds rise. The income earned by the Series may be subject to the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT), depending on your tax situation.

Fund Information

	Ticker	Cusip	Inception	Minimum Investment	Gross Expenses	Net Expenses
Class A	EXDVX	563821677	02/14/1994	\$2,000	0.42%	0.42%

Minimum investment may be waived for certain qualified plans and discretionary investment accounts of the Advisor.

Annualized Performance

	QTR	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Inception (02/14/1994)
Class A	0.18%	0.18%	1.00%	1.13%	0.55%	1.26%	3.20%
BB Municipal 1-15 Yr	0.39%	0.39%	1.57%	1.93%	1.26%	1.99%	2.60%

Performance data quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. Performance for periods greater than one year is annualized. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate, so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be higher or lower than that quoted; investors can obtain the most recent month-end performance at www.manning-napier.com or by calling (800) 466-3863.

30-Day SEC Yield

(as of 03/31/2025)

	Yield
Class A	2.94%

If fees had not been waived, the 30-day SEC Yield (as of 03/31/2025) would have been 2.94% for Class A.

Effective Duration Breakdown

	Series	BB Municipal 1-15 Yr
Cash (<0)	3.29%	--
<1 Year	7.98%	3.57%
1 - 3 Years	18.70%	25.46%
3 - 5 Years	17.43%	24.05%
5 - 7 Years	21.23%	22.15%
7 - 10 Years	31.36%	22.96%
10 + Years	--	1.81%

Credit Quality Distribution

	Series	BB Municipal 1-15 Yr
AAA	30.36%	20.27%
AA	54.25%	53.67%
A	14.49%	20.73%
NR	0.90%	1.44%

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Fund Characteristics

	Series	BB Municipal 1-15 Yr
Average Effective Duration	5.20y	4.90y
Average Effective Maturity	9.32y	--
Fund Assets (\$M)	\$204M	--
Number of Holdings	148	--
Annual Turnover	11%	--
5 Yr Avg Turnover	21%	--

Fund Commentary

Fixed income markets were broadly positive for the quarter as investors grappled with a mix of tariff-related uncertainty, inflation concerns, and signs of economic depression, which ultimately caused bond yields to fall. As a result, longer-term bonds generally outperformed. Furthermore, both investment grade and high yield corporate credit spreads modestly widened, though they remained relatively tight on a historical basis. In contrast to taxable bonds, municipal bond yields generally rose during the quarter due to a seasonal pickup in supply.

The Diversified Tax-Exempt Series posted positive absolute returns for the quarter but slightly underperformed on a relative basis. Relative underperformance was primarily due to exposure to longer-dated securities.

In terms of positioning, we incrementally increased duration throughout the quarter as value came into the long end of the yield curve. In general, we continue to have a relatively higher quality tilt than the broad market as we do not believe we are being adequately compensated for the additional credit risks assumed.

In the days following quarter end, the market environment has significantly changed as the tariff levels announced by the new administration were greater than markets had anticipated, and the US and China engaged in a game of retaliatory escalation. The result has been a dramatic sell-off in risk assets (i.e., equities and credit).

As we write this commentary, markets are constantly reacting to new news coming out of the White House (e.g., pausing higher tariffs for 90 days - though keeping a 10% base in place - with targeted countries excluding China). With all of the uncertainty occurring, the one thing we are certain of is that we expect markets to remain highly volatile.

While it is painful, volatility tends to breed opportunity. Furthermore, we came into the quarter rather conservatively positioned given elevated valuations and our belief that we were late in the economic cycle. As such, we believe that we are well suited to incrementally add risk to the portfolio as valuations become more compelling and individual opportunities present themselves.

Definitions

Duration: A measure of the sensitivity of a fixed income security's price to changes in interest rates. It indicates the expected life of the security and how much its price will change with a 1% change in interest rates. Securities with shorter durations are generally less affected by interest rate changes than those with longer durations.

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The "Other" category contains securities such as ETFs and others that cannot otherwise be classified.

The Bloomberg Municipal 1-15 Year Bond Index (Benchmark) covers the USD denominated long term, tax exempt bond market, with maturities of 1-15 years, including state and local general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, insured bonds and pre-refunded bonds. The Index returns do not reflect any fees or expenses. Index returns provided by Bloomberg. Index data referenced herein is the property of Bloomberg Finance L.P. and its affiliates ("Bloomberg"), and/or its third party suppliers has been licensed for use by Manning & Napier. Bloomberg and its third party suppliers accept no liability in connection with its use. Data provided is not a representation or warranty, express or implied, as to the ability of any index to accurately represent the asset class or market sector that it purports to represent and none of these parties shall have any liability for any errors, omissions, or interruptions of any index or the data included therein. For additional disclosure information, please see: <https://go.manning-napier.com/benchmark-provisions>.

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