MARCH 31, 2024 Fund Commentary

Hartford Municipal Short Duration Fund

Tickers A: HMJAX C: HMJCX F: HMJFX I: HMJIX

Inception Date 05/29/2015

Morningstar® Category Muni National Short

Lipper Peer Group Short Municipal Debt

Market Overview

United States (US) fixed income markets generated negative total returns during the first quarter, as measured by the Bloomberg Aggregate Index. Stronger-than-expected economic data, including persistent inflation pressures, pushed out the expected timing of Federal Reserve rate cuts. Resilient consumer spending and strong corporate earnings helped propel further spread tightening across most fixed income sectors. The Bloomberg Municipal Short Bond 1-5 Year Index returned -0.19% during the quarter. The ratio of 10-year AAA general obligations (GOs) to 10-year Treasuries increased from 57.9 to 59.8%, remaining below the long-term historical average of 88% over the last 20 years.

Performance Summary

- The Hartford Municipal Short Duration Fund outperformed the Bloomberg Municipal Bond Short 1-5 Year Index over the quarter.
- Security selection in investment-grade revenue bonds and high yield was the primary driver of outperformance. Security selection within investment-grade revenue bonds, particularly within housing contributed the most.
- An overweight allocation within high-yield revenue bonds was also additive, with specific contributions from industrial development, health care, and sales tax.
- An underweight exposure to pre-refunded debt slightly detracted from performance.

Positioning & Outlook

- Fundamentals are broadly positive after generous direct and indirect Federal support and coming out of the pandemic.
- Many municipal sectors have natural outlets for inflationary pressures, but the more labor constrained sectors will be more challenged.
- Expect municipals to behave defensively in a downturn given their high quality and strong balance sheets.
- Tax-exempt municipal valuations as proxied by the Muni/TSY ratio are unattractive relative to history. However, municipal bond all-in yields look attractive relative to comparable quality corporates across intermediate and long maturities.
- Despite higher issuance this year, we expect demand to remain robust, particularly if rates begin to trend lower.

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209 Products | Category Based on Risk-Adjusted Returns as of 03/31/2024

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Top Ten Holdings (%)

Main Street Natural Gas, Inc., GA, Rev	3.71
State of Illinois, IL, GO	3.53
Public Finance Auth, WI, Rev	3.16
Black Belt Energy Gas Dist, AL, Rev	2.97
City of Houston, TX, GO	2.77
Metropolitan Transportation Auth, NY, Rev	2.42
Central Texas Turnpike System, TX, Rev	2.35
New Mexico Mortgage Finance Auth, NM, Rev	2.27
Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs, TX, Rev	1.96
Massachusetts Dev Finance Agency, MA, Rev	1.74
Percentage Of Portfolio	26.88

Holdings and characteristics are subject to change. Percentages may be rounded.

***Duration** is a measure of the sensitivity of an investment's price to nominal interest-rate movement.

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Performance (%)

			Average Annual Total Returns —			al Returns —	Expenses ¹ —		
Class	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	SI	Gross	Net
Ā	0.22	0.22	2.33	-0.03	1.02	_	1.19	0.91%	0.69%
A with 4.5% Max Sales Charge	_	_	-2.28	-1.55	0.09	_	0.66	—	—
F	0.40	0.40	2.79	0.28	1.33	_	1.47	0.62%	0.39%
l	0.28	0.28	2.60	0.22	1.25	—	1.42	0.72%	0.46%
Bloomberg Municipal Bond Short 1-5 Year Index	-0.19	-0.19	1.99	0.13	1.11	_	—	_	_
Morningstar Category	0.29	0.29	2.70	0.50	1.13	_	—	_	_
Lipper Peer Group	0.39	0.39	2.86	0.60	1.05	_	—	—	—

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Bloomberg Municipal Bond Short 1-5 Year Index measures the performance of municipal bonds with time to maturity of more than one year and less than five years. Indices are unmanaged and not available for direct investment.

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