

ASSET PRESERVATION ADVISORS

MUNICIPAL BOND PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

CARING FOR CLIENT PORTFOLIOS, BOND BY BOND

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SINCE OUR FOUNDING IN 1989, ASSET PRESERVATION ADVISORS (APA) HAS SPECIALIZED IN DELIVERING THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF CUSTOMIZATION AND ACTIVE MANAGEMENT OF MUNICIPAL BOND PORTFOLIOS FOR REGISTERED INVESTMENT ADVISORS, FAMILY WEALTH OFFICES AND INSTITUTIONAL CLIENTS.



APA ADVANTAGE

10.7B ASSETS UNDER

MANAGEMENT AS OF 3/31/2025

26 DEDICATED PROFESSIONALS

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE AVERAGE EXPERIENCE 25-4-YEARS

CREDIT RESEARCH GROUP

CAREER ANALYST EXPERTISE

TRADING TEAM

CAPTURING MARKET INEFFICIENCIES

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

CONTINUOUS OVERSIGHT



APA ADVANTAGE

DEDICATED TO MUNICIPAL BOND MANAGEMENT

Our dedication to one sector of the market, municipal bonds, allows us to focus our resources and strengthen our capabilities in credit research, trading and overall portfolio management.

We believe our size is an advantage, allowing us to be more nimble in the secondary market.

EMPHASIS ON SEPARATELY MANAGED CUSTOMIZED PORTFOLIOS

APA believes that investors are better served owning individual bonds rather than mutual funds. This allows for customization to meet their specific objectives and risk tolerance parameters.





The same investment philosophy and process has been utilized since our inception. We believe in maintaining a consistent set of principles to meet our clients' objectives.



INTEGRITY AND COMMITMENT TO SERVICE

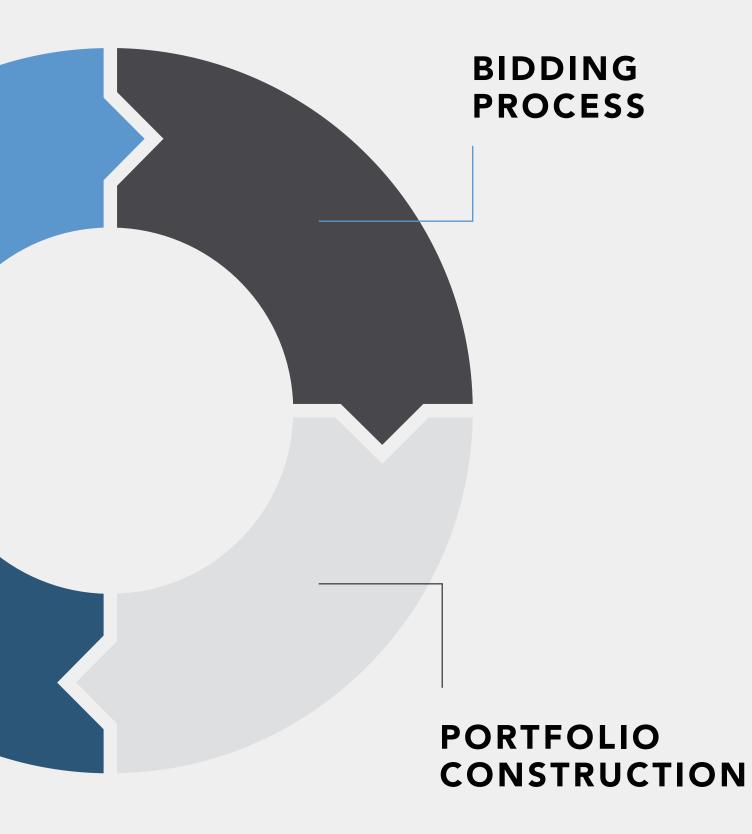
We strive to deliver the highest level of client service. Our investment team is always available to talk or meet with advisors and their clients.



APA is covered by more than 140 national and regional broker-dealers. We compete with dealers in the bidding process in an effort to capitalize on market inefficiencies. We believe our managed portfolios benefit from our purchasing methods, which eliminate the mark-up of the broker-dealer sales process.

ISSUE IDENTIFICATION & DUE DILIGENCE

ACTIVE MANAGEMENT & CREDIT MONITORING





FOCUS ON HIGH-QUALITY INVESTMENT-GRADE BONDS WITH INTERMEDIATE MATURITIES

ACTIVELY SEEK

BIDS/OFFERS ON BONDS THAT MEET OUR CREDIT, MATURITY, & SPREAD REQUIREMENTS

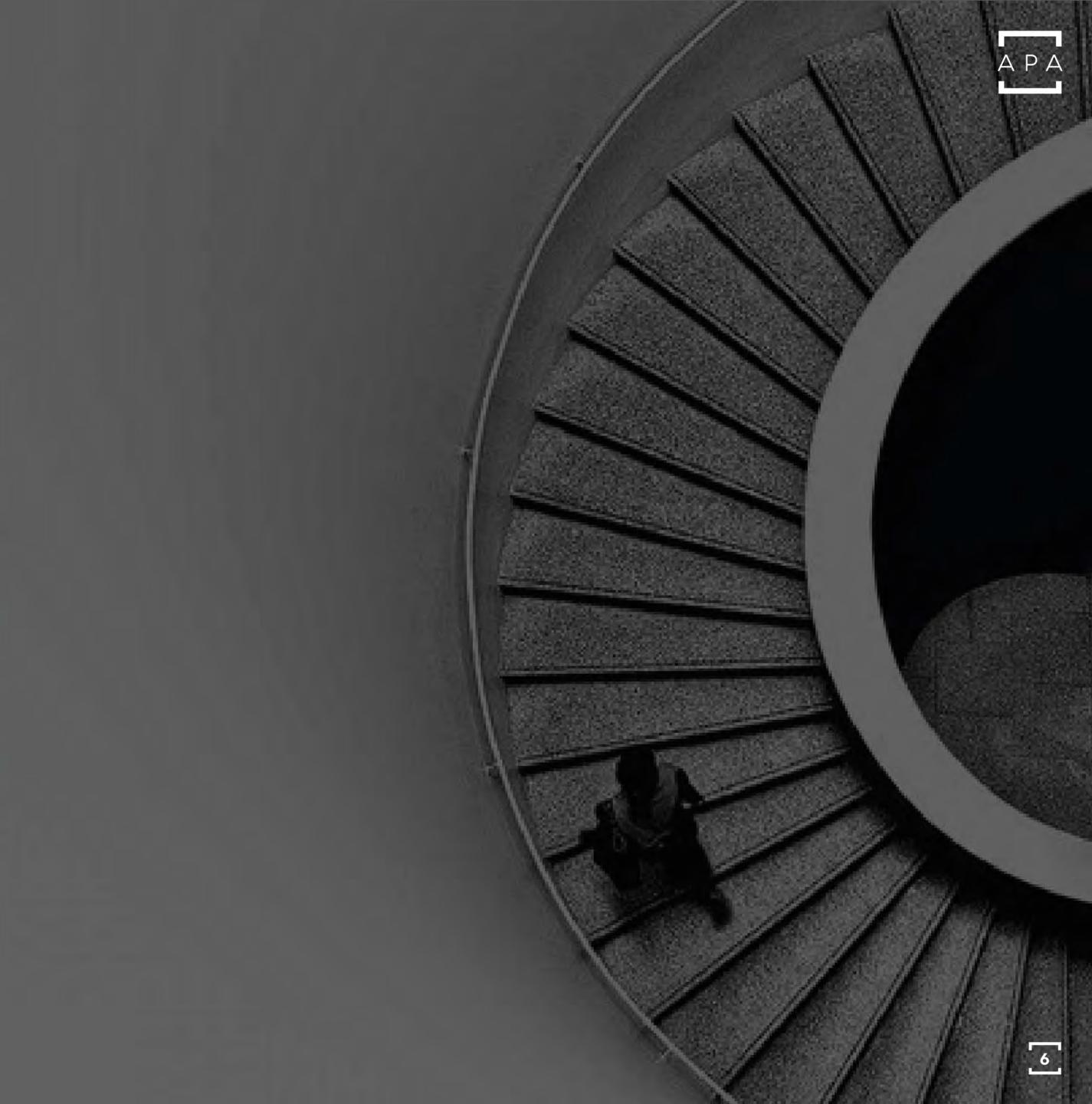
CUSTOMIZED

BOND SELECTION FOR EACH PORTFOLIO

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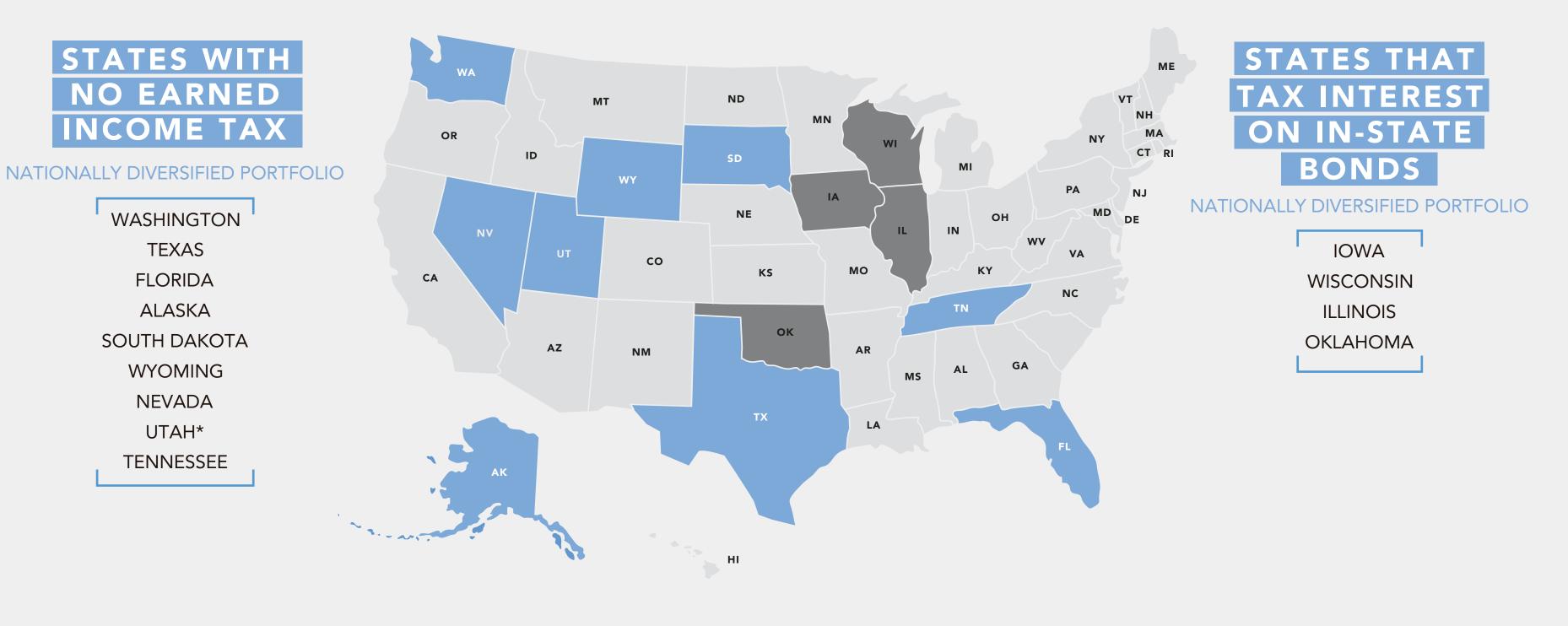
MONITORING OF CREDIT QUALITY & FUNDAMENTALS

TAX EFFICIENCY IS EMPLOYED THROUGH ACTIVE MANAGEMENT



APA FOCUSES ON TAILORING PORTFOLIOS TO MEET THE UNIQUE INVESTMENT GOALS AND TAX SENSITIVITIES OF EACH CLIENT.

Within a state-specific portfolio, APA generally targets an in-state allocation of approximately 50-80%. However, this can be adjusted to meet a client's custom mandate.



*Utah does not tax bonds issued within the state, and also does not tax bonds issued in states that do not tax Utah bonds (WA, TX, FL. AK, SD, WY. NV. TN). New Hampshire only taxes interest and dividend income.

Source: APA March 2025





APA reviews each credit on a continuous basis, employing both a top-down and bottom-up approach to determine a proprietary credit opinion and rating. Within the rigorous credit review process, there are several main inputs that help shape APA's propriety research which are used to identify bonds that we believe offer above market value for their rating category. Some examples are outlined in the table below.

CREDIT REVIEW PROCESS KEY INPUTS

GENERAL OBLIGATIONS

Use of Funds

Tax Base (assessed value)

Economy (unemployment, etc.)

Wealth (median household income, poverty, etc.)

Top Ten Taxpayers

General Fund Reserves (as % of expenses)

Liquidity (days' cash on hand)

Debt Levels (as % of full value and per capita)

Fixed Costs (pensions and OPEBs)

APA'S DEDICATED CREDIT RESEARCH GROUP FOCUSES ON MAINTAINING THE INVESTMENT APPROACH OUR FIRM HAS RELIED ON FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS; AN EMPHASIS ON ASSET PRESERVATION WHILE EVALUATING THE RISK/REWARD IN EXPLOITING MARKET INEFFICIENCIES.

| ESSENTIAL SERVICE REVENUE BONDS | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| Use of Funds | | | | |
| Net Assets | | | | |
| Operating Margins | | | | |
| Debt Service Coverage | | | | |
| Total Operating Revenues | | | | |
| Taxpayer Concentration | | | | |
| Liquidity (days' cash on hand) | | | | |
| Debt Ratios (long-term debt to capital) | | | | |
| Covenants (bondholder protections) | | | | |



MUNIS VS. CORPORATES: A SIDE-BY-SIDE COMPARISON

| | MUNICIPAL SECURITIES | CORPORATE SECURITIES | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|
| MARKET SIZE ¹ | \$4.0 TRILLION | \$10.6 TRILLIO | | |
| NO. OF SECURITIES | ~1,000,000 | ~47,000 | | |
| DAILY TRADING VOLUME | \$13.0 BILLION | \$1,444 BILLION | | |
| NEW ISSUANCE VOLUME | \$389 BILLION | \$1,958 BILLION | | |
| DEFAULT RATES ² | 0.09% | 2.21% | | |

Sources: MSRB, Federal Reserve, FINRA, SIFMA, Moody's and Bloomberg.

Note: Calendar year 2023 data unless otherwise noted. ¹As of October 24, 2024. ²According to Moody's Investment-Grade, 10-year cumulative default rates average over the period 1970-2023.

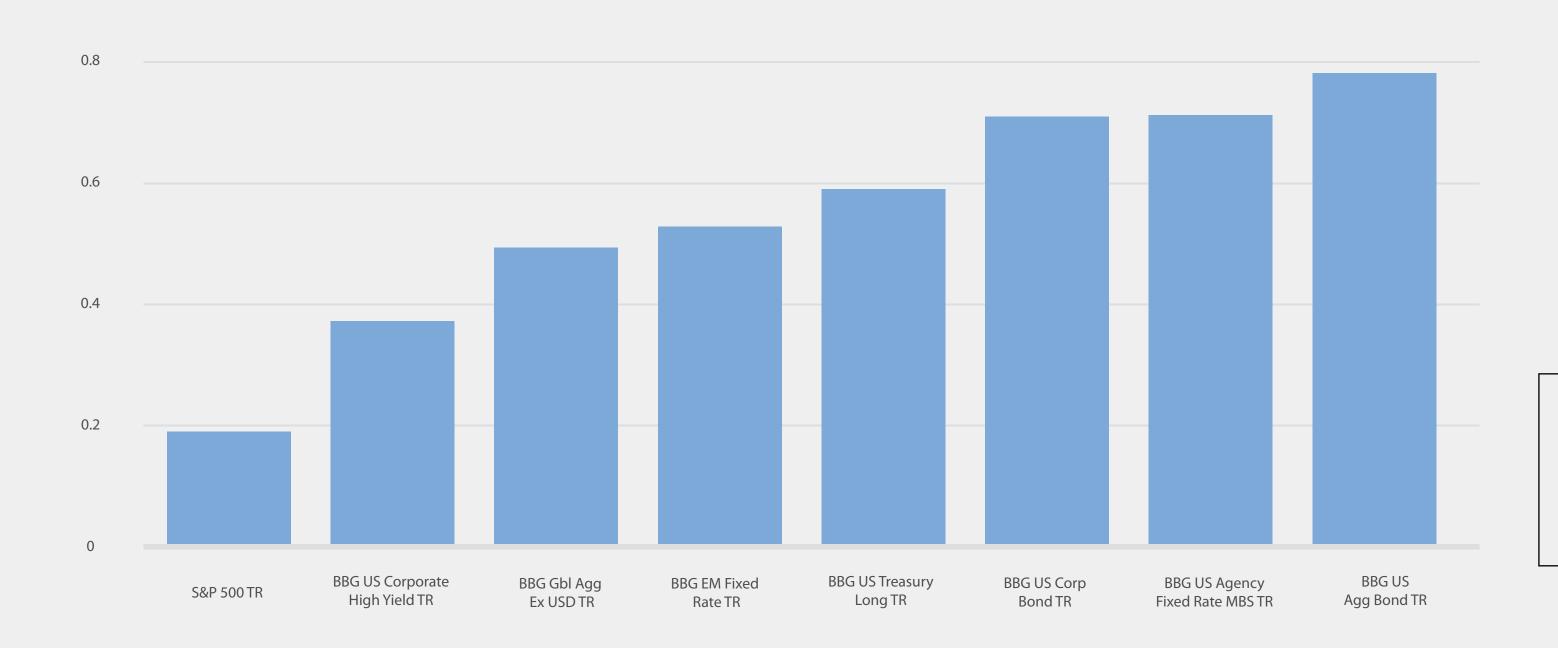




ASSET CLASS CORRELATION

Correlation with municipal bonds, January 2003-December 2023

HISTORICALLY, MUNIS HAVE HAD A LOW CORRELATION WITH TAXABLE BONDS AND WITH THE S&P 500 INDEX.



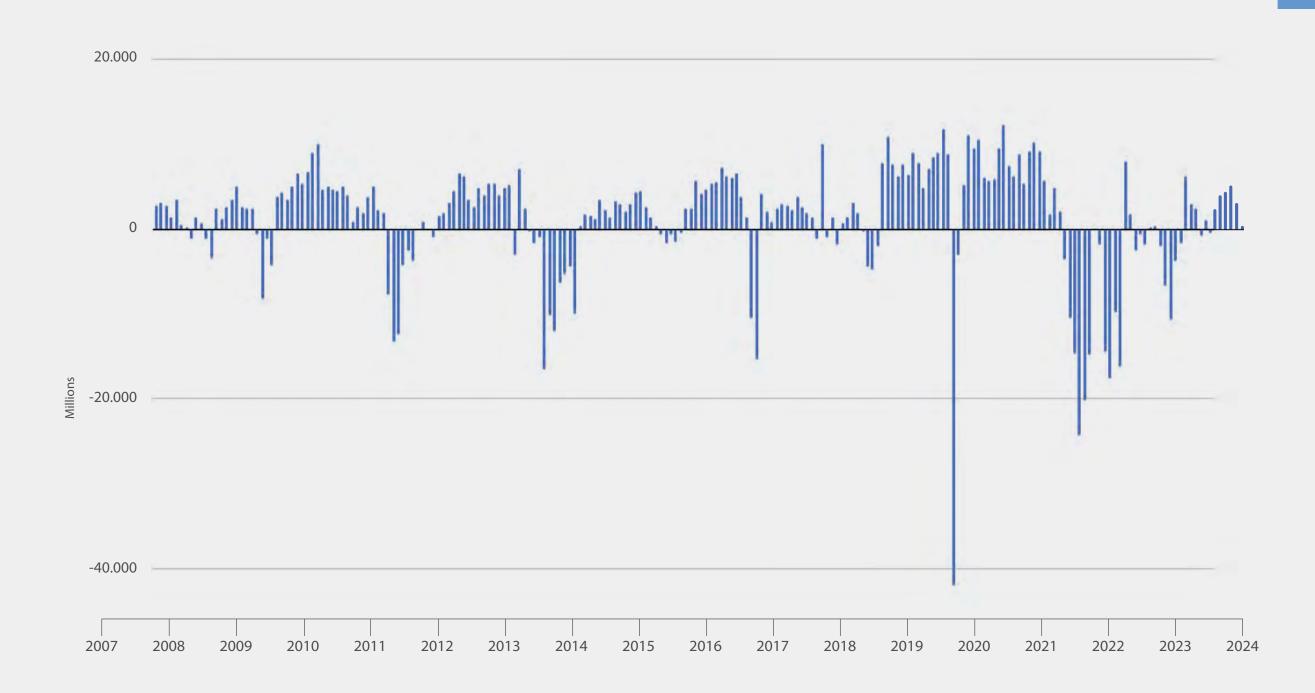


There are approximately 50,000 different state and local governments and other issuing authorities.



ICI MONTHLY MUNICIPAL FUND FLOWS

HISTORICALLY, MUNICIPAL FUND OUTFLOW CYCLES HAVE BEEN FOLLOWED BY PERIODS OF VIGOROUS INFLOWS AND PRICE REBOUNDS.



Source: Fund flows shown monthly between December 2006 and December 2024 according to the Investment Company Institute (ICI). Past performance not indicative of future results. Please see the attached disclosures.



HOW WE CAN HELP



PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS

offered for prospective clients, provided with portfolio review and management recommendations.

SAMPLE PORTFOLIOS

available for any APA Strategy and customizable to meet individual client needs.

TAILORED PORTFOLIOS to meet specific liquidity needs and tax objectives for each individual client.

CUSTOMIZATION

for specific-state tax-exempt portfolios, duration goals, specific liquidity needs, ESG investing, and many other customizable options.





UNLIMITED ACCESS

to APA's Municipal Bond Portfolio Team including direct access to portfolio managers and traders.



OUR FRAMEWORK FOR PRESERVING YOUR HERITAGE

EVALUATE. IDENTIFY. STRATEGIZE. SEARCH. PRESERVE.

AT EVERY STAGE OF OUR PERSONALIZED APPROACH, WE SEEK THE PERFECT COMBINATION THAT MINIMIZES TAXES AND MAXIMIZES CLIENT BENEFITS.



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COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATION

We begin each client relationship with a thorough assessment of your client's financial goals, risk tolerance, and tax needs.

CREDIT RESEARCH GROUP

途 03 CUSTOMIZED STRATEGY

Using the evaluation and tax analysis, we create investment strategies that align with client goals while minimizing tax liabilities.

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WEALTH PRESERVATION, BOND BY BOND

We provide detailed reports and updates on your portfolio, dedicated to safeguarding your wealth, bond by bond.

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

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TAX SITUATION ANALYSIS

We conduct detailed tax analysis to maximize the tax benefits of municipal bond investments.

04 MARKET EXPERTISE

As municipal bond experts, we actively search both primary and secondary markets for unique opportunities that match client specific needs.

TRADING TEAM

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INTERVIEWS

VALUATE

IDENTIFY

ATEGIZE

SEARCH





TAXABLE-EQUIVALENT YIELD

APA FOCUSES ON TAILORING PORTFOLIOS TO MEET THE UNIQUE INVESTMENT GOALS AND TAX SENSITIVITIES OF EACH CLIENT.

| Combined Fed + State Tax Rate | Tax-Free Yield | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| | 2.75% | 3.00% | 3.25% | 3.50% | 3.75% | 4.00% | 4.25% | |
| | Taxable-Equivalent Yield | | | | | | | |
| 30% | 3.93% | 4.29% | 4.64% | 5.00% | 5.36% | 5.71% | 6.07% | |
| 32.5% | 4.07% | 4.44% | 4.81% | 5.19% | 5.56% | 5.93% | 6.30% | |
| 35% | 4.23% | 4.62% | 5.00% | 5.38% | 5.77% | 6.15% | 6.54% | |
| 37.5% | 4.40% | 4.80% | 5.20% | 5.60% | 6.00% | 6.40% | 6.80% | |
| 40% | 4.58% | 5.00% | 5.42% | 5.83% | 6.25% | 6.67% | 7.08% | |
| 42.5% | 4.78 % | 5.22% | 5.65% | 6.09% | 6.52% | 6.96% | 7.39% | |
| 45% | 5.00% | 5.45% | 5.91% | 6.36% | 6.82% | 7.27% | 7.73% | |
| 47.5% | 5.24% | 5.71% | 6.19% | 6.67% | 7.14% | 7.62% | 8.10% | |
| 50% | 5.50% | 6.00% | 6.50% | 7.00% | 7.50% | 8.00% | 8.50% | |

For informational purposes only, individual client experience may differ.





MEET OUR TEAM



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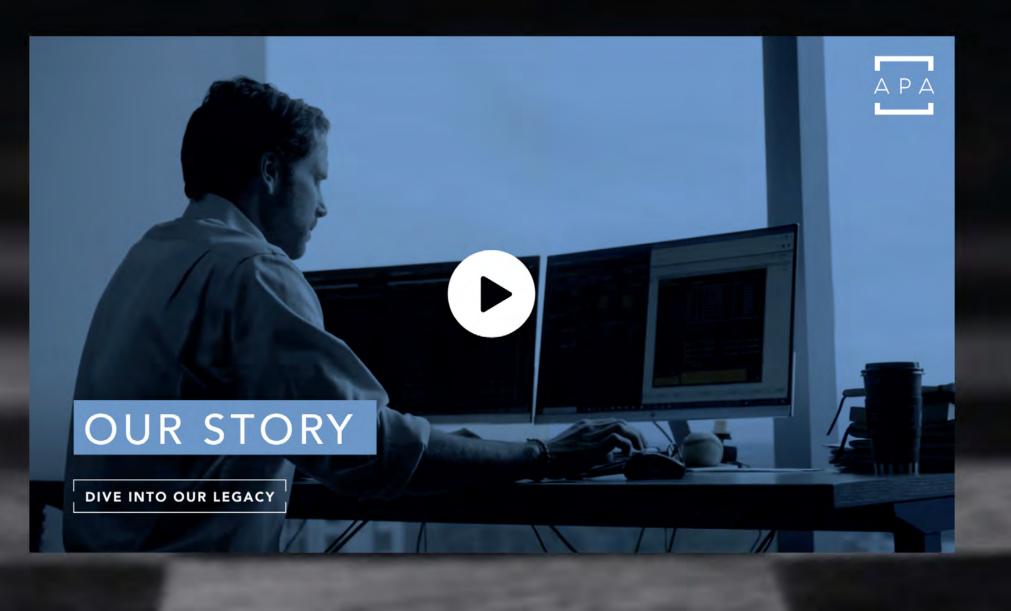


THOMAS WELCH ASSOCIATE TRADER





AT APA, WE BELIEVE THAT EVERY INVESTMENT IS A PROMISE OF THE FUTURE, AND IT'S OUR DUTY TO TURN THAT PROMISE INTO REALITY. OUR BOUTIQUE APPROACH MAKES US YOUR TRUSTED PARTNER. WITH OVER 30 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE MUNICIPAL BOND MARKET, WE ARE CONFIDENT WE WILL FIND THE PERFECT COMBINATION TO MEET YOUR GOALS FOR YOUR CLIENT PORTFOLIOS. WE ARE HERE TO METICULOUSLY CARE FOR EVERY DETAIL. CLIENT BY CLIENT. BOND BY BOND.



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