

HMOP

Hartford Municipal Opportunities ETF

Morningstar® Category Muni National Intermediate

Lipper Peer Group Intermediate Municipal Debt

Inception Date 12/13/2017

Market Overview

United States (US) fixed income sectors generated positive returns over the fourth quarter of 2020. Encouraging vaccine developments propelled market confidence despite growing COVID-19 infections and the United Kingdom's (UK) formal exit from the European Union (EU). Municipal spreads tightened considerably over the fourth quarter to touch below the long-term historical average for the first time since January 2020. New issuance began strong but slowed down as the quarter progressed due to expected volatility around the November election and multiple holiday schedules. The Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond 1-15 Year Blend (1-17) Index returned 1.33% during the quarter. The ratio of 10-year AAA general obligations (GOs) to 10-year Treasuries dropped from 126.1% to 76.3%.

Performance Summary

- The Hartford Municipal Opportunities ETF Fund outperformed the Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond 1-15 Year Blend (1-17) Index and the Lipper Intermediate Municipal Debt peer group average during the quarter
- Security selection within investment grade (IG) revenue bonds and state general obligation (GO) bonds contributed. Overweights to and security selection within IG student loans, port, airport and marina, and special tax were the main contributors within revenue bonds. An out-of-benchmark allocation to high yield revenue bonds also contributed, particularly tobacco, industrial development, and health care.
- Duration* and yield curve positioning detracted from relative performance as the Fund was overweight the long-end of the yield curve while long-end yields rose on the prospect of additional fiscal stimulus.

Positioning & Outlook

- We believe that municipal fundamentals will continue to be challenged by the COVID-19 fallout but remain positive given the prospect of additional stimulus and due to supportive technicals
- Prior federal support has softened or even eliminated the worst of the pandemic fallout. Many sectors received direct aid, while others benefitted indirectly from support for consumers and businesses. To date, support for states and localities for lost revenues has been left out. However, direct federal aid to states and localities is likely to be featured in President-elect Biden's initial stimulus package.
- Issuance will likely to continue to skew to taxable munis, which limits tax-exempt issuance, strengthening tax-exempt valuations. That said, reauthorization of tax-exempt advance refunding or an increase in Treasury rates could change the dynamic and create a surge in tax-exempt supply.

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The portfolio managers are supported by the full resources of Wellington.

Top Ten Holdings (%)

City of West Palm Beach, FL, Utility System Rev	4.17
Massachusetts Dev Finance Agency, Rev	2.14
Public Finance Auth, WI	2.08
Triborough Bridge & Tunnel Auth	2.03
State of Illinois, GO	2.01
Chicago, IL, Transit Auth	1.92
Sales Tax Securitization Corp., IL	1.73
Port of Seattle, WA	1.60
Orange County, FL, Convention Center/Orlando	1.50
New York State Urban Dev Corp. Rev	1.46
Percentage Of Portfolio	20.64

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.

Performance (%)

	QTD	YTD	Average Annual Total Returns				SI
			1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	
HMOP NAV	2.09	5.39	5.39	4.87	—	—	4.94
HMOP Price Return	2.16	5.53	5.53	4.83	—	—	4.99
Bloomberg Barclays Municipal 1-15 Year Blend (1-17) Index	1.33	4.73	4.73	4.23	—	—	—
Morningstar Category	1.92	4.51	4.51	3.99	—	—	—
Lipper Peer Group	1.87	4.29	4.29	3.77	—	—	—

Total Operating Expenses¹: 0.29%

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SI = Since Inception

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Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond 1-15 Year Blend (1-17) Index is a sub-index of the Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond Index. It is a rules-based market value-weighted index of bonds with maturities of one year to 17 years engineered for the tax-exempt bond market. Indices are unmanaged and not available for direct investment.

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¹Expenses are the total annual fund operating expenses as shown in the most recent prospectus.

Investors should carefully consider a fund's investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses. This and other important information is contained in a fund's full prospectus and summary prospectus, which can be obtained by visiting hartfordfunds.com. Please read it carefully before investing.

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