Monthly Fund Commentary



Hartford Municipal Opportunities Fund

Tickers: A: HHMAX C: HHMCX F: HHMFX I: HHMIX Y: HHMYX

What Happened?

- Renewed inflation worries driven by tariffs along with Germany's fiscal announcement sent long-duration developed-sovereign yields sharply higher. Most spread sectors produced negative total returns and underperformed government bonds on an excess-return basis.
- Municipal bonds, as measured by the Bloomberg Municipal 1-15 Year Blend (1-17) Index, returned -1.26% during the month. The ratio of 10-year AAA general obligations (GOs) to 10-year Treasuries increased from 68.4% to 77.4%, remaining below the long-term historical average of 88% over the last 20 years.¹
- March 2025 total volume increased 7% to \$41 billion from \$39 billion a year prior. Tax-exempt issuance increased by 4% to \$37.5 billion from \$36 billion in the previous year, while taxable issuance rose 2% to \$2.2 billion from \$2.1 billion in 2024.²

Overall Morningstar Rating™ (I-Share)*

*★★★ 260 Products

Muni National Interm Category Based on Risk-Adjusted Returns as of 3/31/25

Portfolio managers from Wellington Management and years of experience

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Performance Highlights

Contributors

• Security selection within investment-grade revenue bonds was the primary contributor to performance, specifically in healthcare, transportation, and special tax.

Detractors

 Duration and yield-curve positioning detracted from benchmark-relative returns as we were overweight long partials, and yields rose across the AAA Municipal GO curve.

Month End Performance (%) (I-Share) as of 3/31/25



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¹Source: Bloomberg | ²Source: The Bond Buyer

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

Spreads are the difference in yields between two fixed-income securities with the same maturity, but originating from different investment sectors.

Yield curve is a line that plots interest rates of bonds having equal credit quality but differing maturity dates; its slope is used to forecast the state of the economy and interest-rate changes.

Current Insight and Positioning From Wellington Management

- Fundamentals are broadly positive as issuers have strong reserves after generous direct and indirect Federal support coming out of the pandemic; those reserves have been coming down over the last 18 months, but remain significantly higher than they've been historically.
- Many municipal sectors have natural outlets for inflationary pressures, but the more labor-constrained sectors such as
 healthcare and state and local governments could be more challenged because expense pressures are mounting as new
 collective bargaining agreements are signed. Potential changes to the tax code bears watching.
- We expect municipals to behave defensively in the event of a downturn given their high quality and strong balance sheets.
- We think tax-exempt municipal valuations, as proxied by the Muni/TSY ratio, are attractive relative to recent history. Municipal bond all-in yields look attractive relative to comparable quality corporates across all maturities.
- While expectations for 2025 issuance are elevated, we expect demand to remain robust, particularly if rates stabilize or move lower.

Municipal Sector Exposure (%) as of 3/31/25

Revenue Bonds	80
General Obligation Bonds	16
Cash, Cash Offsets & Cash Equivalents	3
Pre-Refunded Debt	1
Other Municipal Bonds	0
Other Non-Municipal Bonds	0

Credit Exposure¹ (%) as of 3/31/25

Aaa/AAA	12
Aa/AA	34
A	34
Baa/BBB	6
Ba/BB	4
В	0
Caa/CCC or lower	0
Not Rated	7
Cash & Cash Offsets	2

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# of Holdings	781
# of Issuers	266
Dividend Frequency	Monthly
Holdings Characteristics	
Effective Duration	5.11 yrs.

\$1.9 billion

Net Assets

Top Ten States (%) as of 3/31/25

Illinois	12
Texas	11
New York	10
California	6
Alabama	5
Massachusetts	5
Michigan	4
Pennsylvania	4
Florida	3
Georgia	3

Characteristics are subject to change. Percentages may be rounded.

¹Credit exposure is the credit ratings for the underlying securities of the Fund as provided by Standard and Poor's (S&P), Moody's Investors Service, or Fitch and typically range from AAA/Aaa (highest) to C/D (lowest). If S&P, Moody's, and Fitch assign different ratings, the median rating is used. If only two agencies assign ratings, the lower rating is used. Securities that are not rated by any of the three agencies are listed as "Not Rated." Ratings do not apply to the Fund itself or to Fund shares. Ratings may change.

Average Annual Total Returns (%) as of 3/31/25

								Expenses ¹	
Class	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	SI	Gross	Net
A	0.28	0.28	2.11	1.84	1.37	2.09	2.36	0.66%	0.66%
A with 4.5% Max Sales Charge	_	_	-2.48	0.29	0.44	1.62	2.10	_	_
F	0.36	0.36	2.43	2.17	1.69	2.39	2.65	0.35%	0.35%
	0.21	0.21	2.31	2.01	1.57	2.32	2.61	0.45%	0.45%
Υ	0.34	0.34	2.32	2.06	1.59	2.32	2.61	0.44%	0.44%
Benchmark	0.39	0.39	1.57	1.93	1.26	1.99	_	_	_
Morningstar Category	-0.08	-0.08	1.70	1.58	1.22	1.74	_	_	_

Morningstar® Category Muni National Interm

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

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