

## Hartford Municipal Short Duration Fund

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

**Morningstar® Category** Muni National Short

**Inception Date** 05/29/2015

**Lipper Peer Group** Short Municipal Debt

### 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 a touch below the long-term historical average for the first time since January 2020. New issuance began strongly but slowed down as the quarter progressed due to expected volatility around the November election and multiple holiday schedules. The Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond Short 1-5 Year Index returned 0.33% 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 Short Duration Fund (I Share) outperformed the Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond Short 1-5 Year Index and Lipper Short Municipal Debt peer group average during the quarter
- The Fund's security selection within investment grade (IG) municipals was the primary driver of relative outperformance. Security selection within IG revenue bonds was the primary contributor, particularly the transportation, health care, and education. Security selection within IG local and state GO bonds also contributed
- The Fund's out of benchmark allocation to high yield also had a positive impact on relative results over the period, particularly within health care and sales tax issuers.
- The Fund's duration\* and yield curve positioning had a positive impact on relative performance

### 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 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.

### Portfolio Managers from Wellington Management

#### Timothy D. Haney, CFA

Senior Managing Director  
Fixed-Income Portfolio Manager  
Professional Experience Since 1988

#### Brad W. Libby

Managing Director  
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Professional Experience Since 1996

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

### Top Ten Holdings (%)

State of Texas	3.84
New York City Water & Sewer System	3.74
Metropolitan Transportation Auth, NY, Rev	3.20
Sales Tax Securitization Corp., IL	2.85
Massachusetts Dev Finance Agency, Rev	2.82
State of Illinois, GO	2.25
New Mexico Mortgage Finance Auth	1.99
Kendall Kane & Will Counties, IL, Unified School Dist, GO	1.95
Metropolitan Pier & Exposition Auth, IL	1.88
Regional Transportation Dist.	1.69
<b>Percentage Of Portfolio</b>	<b>26.21</b>

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.

Class	Performance (%)		Average Annual Total Returns					Expenses <sup>1</sup>	
	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	SI	Gross	Net
A	1.04	2.58	2.58	2.62	1.90	—	1.85	1.10%	0.70%
A with 4.5% Max Sales Charge	—	—	-2.04	1.06	0.97	—	1.02	—	—
F	1.02	2.78	2.78	2.86	2.15	—	2.10	0.80%	0.40%
I	1.00	2.71	2.71	2.82	2.12	—	2.07	0.82%	0.47%
Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond Short 1-5 Year Index	0.33	2.82	2.82	2.75	1.98	—	—	—	—
Morningstar Category	0.62	2.28	2.28	2.21	1.67	—	—	—	—
Lipper Peer Group	0.44	1.81	1.81	1.94	1.43	—	—	—	—

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**Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond Short 1-5 Year 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 six years engineered for the tax-exempt bond market. Indices are unmanaged and not available for direct investment.

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<sup>1</sup>Expenses as shown in the Fund's most recent prospectus. Gross expenses do not reflect contractual expense reimbursement arrangements. Net expenses reflect such arrangements in instances when they reduce gross expenses. These arrangements remain in effect until 2/28/21 unless the Fund's Board of Directors approves an earlier termination.

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