

Parametric TABS Municipal Ladders Portfolios

Strategy overview

Investment objective

Seek tax-free income consistent with a portfolio of laddered municipal securities.

Municipal laddered investment approach

Professionally managed, customized laddered bond portfolios may provide greater benefits compared to self-managed bond portfolios. This approach is all the more true due to decline in dealer in the current environment of heightened credit concerns, potentially volatile interest rates, and limited access to municipal bonds.

Professional credit research

- Invest in municipal bonds using Parametric's proprietary credit analysis service.
- Leverage a team of experienced credit analysts who select and monitor municipal bond investments for clients.

Principal Protection

- Seek to minimize impact of interest rate risk by reinvesting maturing bond proceeds at higher interest rates.

Access institutional buying power

- Use relative-value analysis and institutional purchasing power to discover value among primary and secondary markets.
- Experienced traders have access to a national network of over 100 broker-dealers to buy and sell bonds at attractive prices.

Why managed ladders?

Client customization

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| Maturity options | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choose any combination of maturity ranges from 1–20 years |
| Securities per maturity | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Depending on the size of the investment, there can be one or more securities per maturity |
| Credit quality¹ | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choose from a portfolio with a minimum credit rating of AA-, A-, or BBB• BBB credit quality is only available in a National portfolio with a maximum of 30% invested in BBB issuers |
| State concentration | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National• State-specific²: CA, MA, MI, MN, NJ, NY, OH, PA, TX• State preference² (generally 50%): AZ, CA, CO, CT, GA, MA, MI, MN, MO, MD, NC, NJ, NY, OH, OR, PA, TX, VA, UT• State -Best efforts² (generally 20%): FL, HI, IN, KY, LA, SC, TN |
| Coupon income | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choose to reinvest coupon income or receive cash |
| Responsible Investing³ | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leveraging Calvert Research and Management, municipal ladders can be built incorporating an ESG approach |
| Tax-Loss Harvesting³ | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choose to actively harvest losses year-round |

Transition of existing portfolios

- Retain bonds that fit the size, credit quality, and maturity parameters of the client-selected laddered portfolio structure
- Bonds that don't fit will be opportunistically offered over an approximate 60-day period to obtain offered side prices whenever possible

Additional highlights

- Minimum investment: \$250,000
- Approximately equal weighted by maturity, laddered portfolio of diversified municipal bonds
- No bonds subject to the alternative minimum tax
- Seeks to limit capital gains tax and liquidity risk
- No turnover other than maturing bonds, maintenance of client-selected laddered range, and called or downgraded bonds
- Predictable cash flow

Tools for transition

Transition analysis report

For clients with existing municipal portfolios, Parametric can provide a detailed analysis of current holdings and how they would be transitioned to a municipal ladders portfolio.

Sample portfolio report

Get a personalized report detailing the holdings, structure, and credit breakdown of a hypothetical Parametric municipal ladders portfolio. Sample portfolios are customized to client maturity, credit, and state options.



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