

Manning & Napier Fund, Inc.

Diversified Tax Exempt Series



September 30, 2024

Investment Objective

To provide as high a level of current income exempt from federal income tax as the Advisor believes is consistent with the preservation of capital.

Investment Strategy

The Series invests primarily in municipal bonds that provide income exempt from federal income tax.

Portfolio Managers

Name	Experience
Marc Bushallow, CFA®	24 years industry 19 years firm
Elizaveta Akselrod	24 years industry 19 years firm

Sector Allocation (%)

	Series	Bloomberg Municipal 1-15 Year Bond Index
General Obligation Bonds	46.88	31.18
Revenue Bonds	43.91	65.96
Pre-Refunded Bonds	3.39	2.77
Cash	2.40	--
Other	3.42	0.08

What You Should Know About Investing

All investments involve risks, including possible loss of principal. There is an inverse relationship between bond prices and interest rates; as interest rates rise, bond prices (and therefore the value of bond funds) fall. Likewise, as interest rates fall, bond prices and the value of bond funds rise. The income earned by the Series may be subject to the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT), depending on your tax situation.

Fund Information

	Ticker	Cusip	Inception	Minimum Investment*	Gross Expenses	Net Expenses
Class A	EXDVX	563821677	02/14/1994	\$2,000	0.63%	0.63%

*May be waived for certain qualified retirement plans and discretionary investment accounts of the Advisor.

Annualized Performance

	QTD	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Inception
Class A	2.34%	1.50%	7.51%	-0.12%	1.10%	1.39%	3.29%
Bloomberg Municipal 1-15 Year Bond Index	2.61%	1.96%	8.47%	0.44%	1.46%	2.24%	--

Performance data quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. Performance for periods greater than one year is annualized. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate, so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be higher or lower than that quoted; investors can obtain the most recent month-end performance at www.manning-napier.com or by calling (800) 466-3863.

30-Day SEC Yield

(as of 09/30/2024)

	Yield
Class A	2.24%

If fees had not been waived, the 30-day SEC Yield (as of 09/30/2024) would have been 2.24% for Class A.

Effective Duration Breakdown

	Series	Bloomberg Municipal 1-15 Year Bond Index
<1 Year	12.95%	4.57%
1-3 Years	16.47%	27.38%
3-5 Years	19.05%	24.67%
5-7 Years	23.86%	20.88%
7-10 Years	24.81%	20.98%
10+ Years	--	1.51%
Unknown	2.86%	--

Credit Quality Distribution

	Series	Bloomberg Municipal 1-15 Year Bond Index
AAA	34.26%	20.37%
AA	51.15%	53.76%
A	14.01%	20.34%
BBB	--	4.02%
NR/Not Available	0.58%	1.52%

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Fund Characteristics

	Series	Bloomberg Municipal 1- 15 Year Bond Index
Average Effective Duration	4.83y	4.67y
Average Effective Maturity	8.96y	5.47y
Fund Assets	\$241M	--
Yield to Maturity	3.36%	3.44%
Number of Holdings	144	46,095
Annual Turnover	20%	--
5Y Turnover	25%	--

Fund Commentary

Financial markets continued their push higher as they largely shrugged off a gradually slowing economy with the help of the Federal Reserve officially pivoting to rate cuts and the expectation for those cuts to continue. We saw the beginnings of a rotation and broadening out of the equity market away from the dominance of mega-capitalization tech companies that has defined the past year and a half. Within bond markets, the start of the rate cut cycle led broadly to rates falling across the yield curve and prices rising, with long bonds being the most impacted. That stated, yields fell less on municipal bonds than on taxable bonds, causing them to underperform over the quarter.

The Diversified Tax-Exempt Series posted positive absolute returns for the quarter and slightly underperformed on a relative basis. Underperformance was largely driven by an underweight to the belly of the curve (i.e., securities with a maturity of 3-7 years) as rates fell the most there.

In terms of positioning, we remain roughly neutral from a duration perspective when compared to the benchmark. Furthermore, we continue to have a relatively higher quality tilt as we do not believe we are being adequately compensated for the additional credit risks assumed.

Our view for markets is that while risks appear broadly balanced to the upside and downside, we are expecting volatility moving forward. While the economy's resilience through a period of disinflation and interest rate normalization has likely decreased the odds of a recessionary outcome soon, we continue to believe that risks to both the economy and markets remain in place with an election on the horizon, a cooling job market, rising geopolitical conflict around the world, and elevated security valuations.

Definitions

Duration: A measure of the sensitivity of a fixed income security's price to changes in interest rates. It indicates the expected life of the security and how much its price will change with a 1% change in interest rates. Securities with shorter durations are generally less affected by interest rate changes than those with longer durations.

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Credit quality ratings: are measured on a scale that generally ranges from AAA (highest) to D (lowest). Not Rated (NR) is used to classify securities for which a rating is not available. Credit quality ratings reflect the median of Moody's Investors Services and Standard & Poor's ratings. Data obtained from Bloomberg.

The "Other" category contains securities such as ETFs and others that cannot otherwise be classified.

The Bloomberg Municipal 1-15 Year Bond Index covers the USD denominated long term, tax exempt bond market, with maturities of 1-15 years, including state and local general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, insured bonds and pre-refunded bonds. The Index returns do not reflect any fees or expenses. Index returns provided by Bloomberg. Index data referenced herein is the property of Bloomberg Finance L.P. and its affiliates ("Bloomberg"), and/or its third party suppliers has been licensed for use by Manning & Napier. Bloomberg and its third party suppliers accept no liability in connection with its use. Data provided is not a representation or warranty, express or implied, as to the ability of any index to accurately represent the asset class or market sector that it purports to represent and none of these parties shall have any liability for any errors, omissions, or interruptions of any index or the data included therein. For additional disclosure information, please see: <https://go.manning-napier.com/benchmark-provisions>.

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