

# Invesco Short Duration High Yield Municipal Fund

Q4 2023

# Key takeaways



# **Fund performance**

Invesco Short Duration High Yield Municipal Fund Class A shares underperformed its style-specific index, the Custom Short Duration High Yield Municipal Index.



# Seeking attractive opportunities through collaborative management

Invesco Municipal Bond team uses a collaborative management approach. Relying on our size and experience, we seek to identify the best opportunities to achieve potentially better outcomes for shareholders.



## Analysis focused on creditworthiness

Our team uses a bottom-up fundamental credit process focused on creditworthiness of individual issuers with an overlay of macroeconomic factors to capitalize on market inefficiencies. Our process has been time tested over full market cycles.

# Investment objective

The fund seeks federal tax-exempt current income and taxable capital appreciation.

# **Fund facts**

Fund AUM (\$M)

1,289.85

# Portfolio managers

Jack Connelly, John Schorle, Julius Williams, Mark Paris, Tim O'Reilly

# Manager perspective and outlook

- Despite the rapid interest rate hikes of 2022 and 2023, the US economy continued to grow, benefiting from continued consumer strength.
- Municipal bonds ranked as one of the best performing asset classes for 2023, with November and December accounting for the majority of the annual total return.
- The US Federal Reserve (Fed) held the federal funds rate steady at 5.50% in November and December. The Fed acknowledged that growth has slowed and inflation has eased as it pivoted to a transitional stance regarding future rate hikes.<sup>1</sup> The announcement sparked a decline in rates, with municipals outperforming Treasuries during the rally.
- Despite the performance rebound, municipal fund outflows were \$11 billion in the fourth guarter and \$17 billion for 2023.<sup>2</sup>
- Fourth quarter new issuance was \$99 billion, 39% higher than the fourth quarter of 2022.<sup>3</sup> Total new issuance for 2023 was \$369 billion, in line with last year.
- Municipal issuers have taken advantage of federal pandemic aid and healthy tax receipts to build solid credit foundations. In 2023, Moody's Investors Service and S&P Global Ratings upgraded more than 1,400 ratings and downgraded less than 350 — an upgrade/downgrade ratio of 4 to 1.4
- With Fed rate hikes likely behind us, we believe high absolute yields, low issuance, strong fundamentals, and investor migration out of cash will present positive opportunities for municipal bonds.

# Top holdings

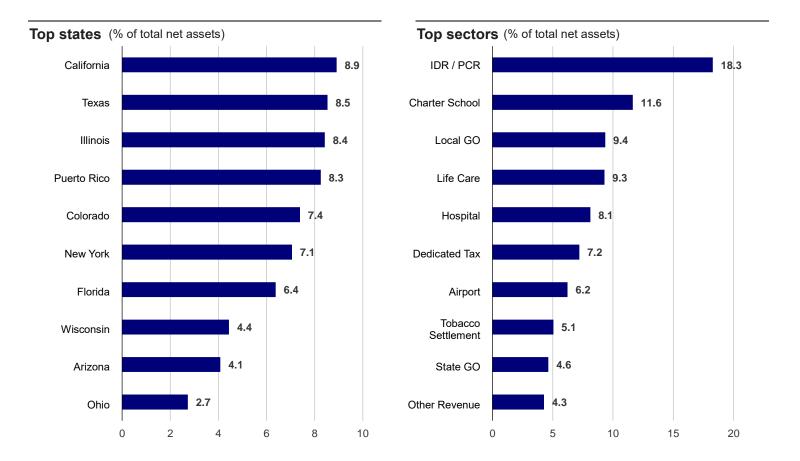
(% of total net asset)	
District of Columbia Tobacco Settlement Financing Corp 6.75 05/15/2040	1.86
California Community Choice Financing Authority 4.00 05/01/2053	1.64
Chicago Board of Education 5.00 12/01/2042	1.14
Children's Trust Fund 5.50 05/15/2039	0.91
Illinois Finance Authority 8.00 06/01/2032	0.90
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico 5.63 07/01/2027	0.85
PEFA Inc 5.00 09/01/2049	0.78
Pennsylvania Higher Educational Facilities Authority 5.25 09/01/2050	0.78
County of Broward FL 5.00 10/01/2045	0.77
Illinois Finance Authority 5.00 11/15/2038	0.67

# Portfolio positioning

**Yield Curve and Duration Positioning:** Overall, we maintain a constructive outlook for duration and are looking to selectively add longer duration securities to the fund when appropriate and according to prospectus guidelines. We maintain an overweight in the shorter maturity segment of the yield curve given the fund's short duration mandate.

**Sector Allocations:** We maintain an overweight position in revenue bonds relative to state and local general obligation bonds. Within the revenue bond segment, the fund's largest exposures are in the industrial development revenue/pollution control revenue (IDR/PCR), charter school and continuing care retirement community sectors.

**Credit Conditions:** We maintain a positive view on fundamentals in the municipal market as upgrades of credit ratings continue to outpace downgrades. The health care sector has been affected most by higher inflation and labor costs. However, we have relied on our extensive bottom-up research capabilities to find pockets of opportunity in the sector.



### Portfolio characteristics\* **Fund** BM Option adjusted 4.32 5.58 duration (years) Weighted average 11.60 maturity (years) 30-day SEC 3.81 yield (Class A shares) Tax equivalent 6.44 30-day SEC yield (Class A shares) 30-day SEC N/A unsubsidized yields (Class A shares) Number of 752 positions Alternative 20.96 min. tax exposure (%)

Quality breakdown (% total)	
Net cash & equiv.	-2.0
Prere/ETM	0.3
AAA	0.8
AA	4.3
A	16.8
BBB	13.6
BB	19.9
В	2.5
Below B	1.1
Not Rated	42.8

# Performance highlights

The fourth quarter was marked by a rally in the municipal market in November and December. This caused yields in the 2-year and 5-year segments of the municipal yield curve to fall by 1.14% and 1.13%, respectively. As a result, all sectors of the municipal market had positive returns. The fund's overweight in the industry development revenue/pollution control revenue sector contributed the most to relative return. The fund's shorter duration and emphasis on the shorter maturity segment of the yield curve was disadvantageous as rates fell during the quarter.

# Contributors to performance

Contributors to relative return this quarter included the following:

The fund's overweight exposures in the airport and higher education sectors added to relative return for the quarter. The fund's overweight exposure in credits rated A and BBB added to relative performance during the quarter.

# **Detractors from performance**

Detractors from relative return this quarter included the following:

The fund's underweights in the dedicated tax and multi-family housing sectors detracted from relative performance. The fund's underweight exposure in bonds with effective durations longer than 10 years detracted from performance relative to the index during the quarter.

# Standardized performance (%) as of December 31, 2023

		Quarter	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since inception
Class A shares inception: 09/30/15	NAV	4.72	4.03	4.03	-0.05	1.32	-	2.51
	Max. Load 2.5%	2.10	1.42	1.42	-0.90	0.81	-	2.19
Class R6 shares inception: 04/04/17	NAV	4.80	4.37	4.37	0.25	1.61	-	2.75
Class Y shares inception: 09/30/15	NAV	4.67	4.29	4.29	0.17	1.56	-	2.76
Custom Invesco Short Duration High	rield Municipal Index	5.78	6.55	6.55	0.49	2.69	3.49	-
Total return ranking vs. Morningstar High Yield Muni category (Class A shares at NAV)		-	-	88% (173 of 192)	18% (34 of 187)	76% (140 of 176)		-

Expense ratios per the current prospectus: Class A: Net: 0.91%, Total: 0.91%; Class R6: Net: 0.60%, Total: 0.60%; Class Y: Net: 0.66%, Total: 0.66%.

Performance quoted is past performance and cannot guarantee comparable future results; current performance may be lower or higher. Visit invesco.com for the most recent month-end performance. Performance figures reflect reinvested distributions and changes in net asset value (NAV). Investment return and principal value will vary so that you may have a gain or a loss when you sell shares. Returns less than one year are cumulative; all others are annualized. Performance shown prior to the inception date of Class R6 shares is that of Class A shares and includes the 12b-1 fees applicable to Class A shares. Index sources: Invesco, RIMES Technologies Corp. Had fees not been waived and/or expenses reimbursed in the past, returns would have been lower. Performance shown at NAV does not include the applicable front-end sales charge, which would have reduced the performance.

Class Y and R6 shares have no sales charge; therefore performance is at NAV. Class Y shares are available only to certain investors. Class R6 shares are closed to most investors. Please see the prospectus for more details.

# Performance highlights (cont'd)

Calendar year total returns (%)										
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Class A shares at NAV	-	-	2.49	7.76	2.00	7.56	-0.58	5.68	-9.17	4.03
Class R6 shares at NAV	-	-	2.49	8.09	2.26	7.82	-0.30	6.01	-8.95	4.37
Class Y shares at NAV	-	-	2.74	8.03	2.26	7.83	-0.33	5.94	-9.02	4.29
Custom Invesco Short Duration High Yield Municipal	-	2.06	3.08	3.61	3.84	7.64	4.57	4.21	-8.61	6.55

Unless otherwise specified, all information is as of 12/31/23. Unless stated otherwise, Index refers to Custom Invesco Short Duration High Yield Municipal Index.

The Custom Invesco Short Duration High Yield Municipal Index consists of 60% S&P Municipal Bond High Yield Index, 40% S&P Municipal Bond Short Index. An investment cannot be made directly in an index.

The Global Industry Classification Standard was developed by and is the exclusive property and service mark of MSCI, Inc. and Standard & Poor's.

### About risk

All or a portion of the fund's otherwise tax-exempt income may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax.

The fund may use leverage to seek to enhance income, which creates the likelihood of greater volatility of the fund's shares and may also impair the ability to maintain its qualification for federal income tax purposes as a regulated investment company.

An issuer may be unable to meet interest and/or principal payments, thereby causing its instruments to decrease in value and lowering the issuer's credit rating.

Derivatives may be more volatile and less liquid than traditional investments and are subject to market, interest rate, credit, leverage, counterparty, and management risks. An investment in a derivative could lose more than the cash amount invested.

Certain of the municipalities in which the Fund invests, including Puerto Rico, currently experience significant financial difficulties. Puerto Rico's economic problems increase the risk of investing in Puerto Rican municipal obligations, including the risk of potential issuer default, heightens the risk that the prices of Puerto Rican municipal obligations, and the Fund's net asset value, will experience greater volatility. See the prospectus for more information.

Interest rate risk refers to the risk that bond prices generally fall as interest rates rise and vice versa.

Junk bonds have greater risk of default or price changes due to changes in the issuer's credit quality. Junk bond values fluctuate more than high quality bonds and can decline significantly over a short time.

The Fund may hold illiquid securities that it may be unable to sell at the preferred time or price and could lose its entire investment in such securities.

Securities which are in the medium- and lower-grade categories generally offer higher yields than are offered by higher-grade securities of similar maturity, but they also generally involve more volatility and greater risks, such as greater credit risk, market risk, liquidity risk, management risk, and regulatory risk.

The fund may invest in municipal securities issued by entities having similar characteristics, which may make the fund more susceptible to fluctuation.

Municipal securities are subject to the risk that legislative or economic conditions could affect an issuer's ability to make principal and/or interest payments.

There is no guarantee that the Fund's income will be exempt from federal and state income taxes.

The fund is subject to certain other risks. Please see the current prospectus for more information regarding the risks associated with an investment in the fund.

The opinions expressed are those of the fund's portfolio management, are based on current market conditions and are subject to change without notice. These opinions may differ from those of other Invesco investment professionals.

The investment techniques and risk analysis used by the portfolio managers may not produce the desired results.

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www.standardandpoors.com and select 'Understanding Credit Ratings' under Rating Resources 'About Ratings' on the homepage; www.ratings.moodys.com and select 'Rating Methodologies' under Research and Ratings on the homepage; www.fitchratings.com and select 'Ratings Definitions Criteria' under 'Resources' on the homepage. Then select 'Rating Definitions' under 'Resources' on the 'Contents' menu.

The fund holdings are organized according to the Global Industry Classification Standard, which was developed by and is the exclusive property and service mark of MSCI Inc. and Standard & Poor's.

- \* 30-day SEC yield is based on a 30-day period and is computed by dividing the net investment income per share earned during the period by the maximum offering price per share on the last day of the period. 30-day SEC unsubsidized yield reflects the 30-day yield if the investment adviser were not waiving all or part of its fee or reimbursing the fund for part of its expenses. Total return would have also been lower in the absence of these temporary reimbursements or waivers. Option adjusted duration is a measure, as estimated by the fund's portfolio managers, of a bond fund's price sensitivity to changes in interest rates. It takes into account mortgage prepayments, puts, adjustable coupons and potential call dates. Tax equivalent 30-day SEC yield quoted above is based on the 2023 top federal tax rate of 40.8%, including the 3.8% tax on earned income under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, as applicable. Had fees not been waived and/or expenses reimbursed, the yield would have been lower. Weighted average maturity is a measure, as estimated by the fund's portfolio managers, of the length of time the average security in a bond fund will mature or be redeemed by its issuer. It takes into account mortgage prepayments, puts, adjustable coupons and potential call dates.
- 1. Source: US Federal Reserve
- 2. Source: Lipper
- 3. Source: Bloomberg L.P.
- 4. Source: Bank of America

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