

# Invesco Short Duration High Yield Municipal Fund

Q1 2025

# 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)

1,246.83

# Portfolio managers

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

# Manager perspective and outlook

- Municipal markets experienced a volatile start to the year as proposed tariff policies dominated the news and caused greater uncertainty among investors. Investment grade, high yield and taxable municipals returned -0.22%, 0.82% and 2.99% for the quarter, respectively.<sup>1</sup>
- The US Federal Reserve (Fed) maintained its transitional stance, leaving the federal funds rate unchanged during the quarter. The Fed cited indicators showing economic activity has continued to expand at a solid pace and unemployment has stabilized at a low level. The Fed's future decisions will be based on incoming data, the evolving outlook and the balance of risks, with a continued commitment to a 2% inflation target and maximum employment.<sup>2</sup>
- Municipal fund net flows were positive for the full quarter, totaling \$9 billion, but did turn negative in March.<sup>3</sup>
- First quarter new issuance totaled \$122 billion, higher than usual for the start of the year.1
- We believe state budgets are sound. Credit fundamentals remain strong with overall upgrades outpacing downgrades, primarily driven by rating activity in the local government sector.<sup>4</sup>
- Given Fed rate cuts predicted for 2025 and steady new issuance, we see opportunities in the municipal bond market due to high absolute yields and strong fundamentals.
- We rely on our seasoned credit research staff to capitalize on marketplace dislocations to add value during these uncertain times.

#### Top holdings (% of total net assets) 1.72 District of Columbia Tobacco Settlement Financing Corp 6.75 05/15/2040 1.31 California Community Choice Financing Authority 4.00 05/01/2053 0.96 Illinois Finance Authority 8.00 06/01/2032 0.88 Commonwealth of Puerto Rico 5.63 07/01/2027 0.83 PEFA Inc 5.00 09/01/2049 0.82 Children's Trust Fund 5.50 05/15/2039 0.81 County of Broward FL 5.00 10/01/2045 0.71 Illinois Finance Authority 5.00 11/15/2038 0.71 **New York Transportation** Development Corp 5.00

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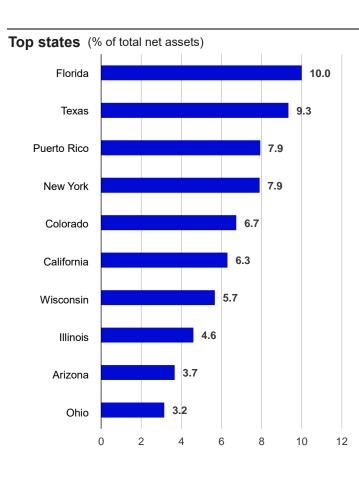
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# Portfolio positioning

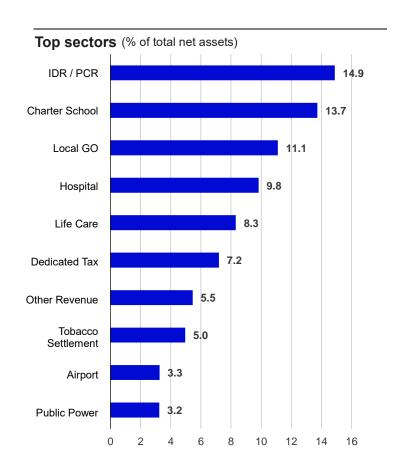
**Yield Curve and Duration Positioning:** Overall, we maintain a constructive outlook on duration and are looking to selectively add longer duration securities to the fund when appropriate and according to prospectus guidelines. We maintain an overweight in the shorter maturity segment of the yield curve 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 higher education, hospital and industrial development revenue/pollution control revenue (IDR/PCR) sectors.

**Credit Conditions:** We maintain a positive view on fundamentals in the municipal market as upgrades of credit ratings have continued to outpace downgrades. Various sectors have been under pressure due to federal funding uncertainty, sticky inflation and higher labor costs. We are monitoring these sectors closely and continue to rely on our extensive bottom-up research capabilities to find pockets of opportunity.



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#### Portfolio characteristics\* **Fund** BM Option adjusted 4.72 5.04 duration (years) Weighted average 12.14 maturity (years) 30-day SEC 3.96 yield (Class A shares) Tax equivalent 6.69 30-day SEC yield (Class A shares) 30-day SEC N/A unsubsidized yields (Class A shares) Number of 672 positions Alternative 19.09 min. tax exposure (%)

Quality breakdown (%	total)
Net cash & equiv.	0.1
Prere/ETM	0.5
AAA	1.1
AA	6.2
A	11.0
BBB	12.5
BB	17.2
В	2.0
Below B	0.7
Not Rated	48.9

# Performance highlights

The first quarter was marked by rising interest rates and government uncertainty. Market focus was on tariffs and other implications of Trump administration policies. Municipal supply remained elevated during the quarter and topped issuance during the same quarter of last year. This caused yields in the 5-year segment of the municipal yield curve to rise by 0.06% as rates at the shorter end of the yield curve increased.<sup>5</sup> Lower credit quality municipals generally outperformed.

## Contributors to performance

Contributors to relative return this quarter included the following:

Security selection among BB-rated and nonrated bonds added to relative return during the quarter. Security selection among bonds with 4% coupons and bonds from the states of Illinois and Colorado also added to relative return during the quarter. The fund's overweight in A-rated bonds also added to relative return.

# **Detractors from performance**

Detractors from relative return this quarter included the following:

The fund's underweights in AAA-rated and AA-rated bonds detracted from relative performance during the quarter. Security selection within the transportation sector and the states of California and New York also detracted from relative performance during the quarter.

Standardized performance (%) as of March 31, 2025										
·	` '	Quarter	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception		
Class A shares inception: 09/30/15	NAV	0.35	0.35	4.67	1.85	2.59	-	2.86		
	Max. Load 2.5%	-2.13	-2.13	2.06	0.98	2.06	-	2.58		
Class R6 shares inception: 04/04/17	NAV	0.54	0.54	4.92	2.18	2.89	-	-		
Class Y shares inception: 09/30/15	NAV	0.52	0.52	4.93	2.11	2.84	-	3.12		
Custom Invesco Short Duration High	Yield Municipal Index	0.66	0.66	4.19	2.70	3.04	3.09	-		
Total return ranking vs. Morningstar				20%	27%	41%				
High Yield Muni category		-	-	(38 of 195)	(49 of 184)	(76 of 178)		-		
(Class A shares at NAV)				(00 01 190)	(40 01 104)	(10 01 110)				

Expense ratios per the current prospectus: Class A: Net: 0.89%, Total: 0.89%; Class R6: Net: 0.57%, Total: 0.57%; Class Y: Net: 0.64%, Total: 0.64%.

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 (%)										
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Class A shares at NAV	-	2.49	7.76	2.00	7.56	-0.58	5.68	-9.17	4.03	6.14
Class R6 shares at NAV	-	2.49	8.09	2.26	7.82	-0.30	6.01	-8.95	4.37	6.38
Class Y shares at NAV	-	2.74	8.03	2.26	7.83	-0.33	5.94	-9.02	4.29	6.40
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	5.07

Unless otherwise specified, all information is as of 03/31/25. 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.

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#### **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.

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

The Fund invests in obligations, exempt from regular federal individual income taxes, of the governments of U.S. territories, commonwealths and possessions such as Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands. As result, the Fund may be adversely affected by local political, economic, social and environmental conditions and developments, including natural disasters affecting such obligations. Certain municipalities the Fund invests in, such as Puerto Rico, have significant financial difficulties, including risk of default, insolvency or bankruptcy; and may be subject to credit rating downgrades affecting the payment of principal and interest, the market values and marketability of such municipal obligations.

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.

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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 2025 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: Bloomberg, as of March 31, 2025.
- 2. Source: Federal Reserve, as of January 29, 2025.
- 3. Source: Lipper, as of April 1, 2025.
- 4. Source: Standard and Poor's, as of March 31, 2025.
- 5. Source: Thomson Reuters, as of March 31, 2025.

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