



# Aspiriant Risk-Managed Municipal Bond Fund

## RMMBX | Q2 2024

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### Investment Objective

The Aspiriant Risk-Managed Municipal Bond Fund ("RMMBX" or the "Fund") seeks total return on investment through income exempt from regular federal income taxes and through capital appreciation.

### Description

- The Fund invests at least 80% of its total assets in municipal securities that pay income that is exempt from regular federal personal income tax.
- The Fund may invest in all types of municipal securities, including general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, and participation interests in municipal leases.
- The Fund may invest significantly in high yield municipal securities, which are securities rated below investment grade. The adviser may change the Fund's exposures from time-to-time, which in turn results in higher or lower levels of risk.

Fund Statistics	
Inception Date <sup>1</sup>	8/1/2008
Fund Size (Billions)	\$1.26
# of Holdings <sup>2</sup>	937
% Assets in Top 10 Holdings	22.15%
Net Expense Ratio <sup>3</sup>	0.46%
Direct Net Expense Ratio <sup>3</sup>	0.34%
Yield to Maturity <sup>4</sup>	4.55%

Morningstar Statistics*	
Category	US Fund Municipal National Intermediate
Rating Overall (as of 6/30/24)	★★★★★
Investments in Category	285
Criteria	Risk-Adjusted Return
Fee Level	Below Average

### Key Characteristics

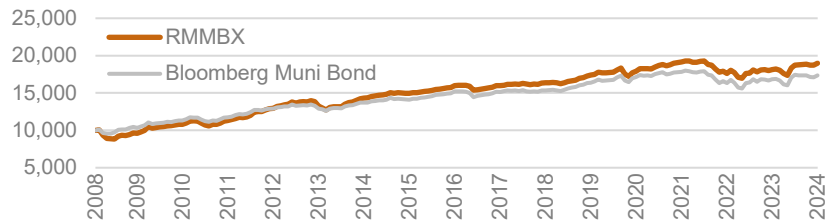
- **Distinct Investment Opportunities** – The Fund employs reputable sub-advisers and managers that bring value to the portfolio.
- **Flexibility** – The Fund has flexibility investing in all types of municipal securities and credit exposures depending on the market environment.
- **Risk-Managed Approach** – The Fund has the ability to employ risk-hedging strategies and the adviser is very focused on downside risk.

### Annualized Returns

	QTD	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	Since Inception
RMMBX	0.67%	4.60%	-0.29%	1.77%	2.87%	4.11%
Bloomberg Muni Bond	-0.02%	3.21%	-0.88%	1.16%	2.39%	3.53%

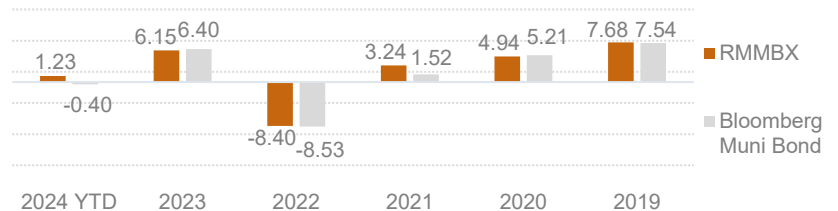
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### Growth of \$10,000 Since Inception



The chart illustrates the net performance of a hypothetical \$10,000 investment made in the Fund since inception. Figures include reinvestment of capital gains and dividends, but do not reflect the effect of any applicable redemption fees which would lower these figures. An investor cannot invest in an index. This chart is not intended to imply any future performance of the Fund. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.

### Calendar Year Returns (%)



Net 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 net performance may be lower or higher than the performance information quoted. To obtain performance information current to the most recent month-end, please call 1.877.997.9971. The performance returns for the Fund reflect a fee waiver in effect. In absence of such waiver, the net returns would be reduced.

The Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index ("Bloomberg Muni Bond") does not incur fees. The volatility and performance of the index will be different than an investor's experience in the Fund. Bloomberg Muni Bond is an uninvestable, unmanaged index that is a rules-based, market-value-weighted index engineered for the long-term tax-exempt bond market. The index has four main sectors: general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, insured bonds and pre-refunded bonds. <sup>1</sup>The Fund commenced operations on 7/1/2015, after the conversion of a private fund (the "Private Fund") into shares of the Fund. The performance prior to 7/1/2015 is for the Private Fund, which commenced operations on 8/1/2008. The Private Fund was not registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 and was not subject to certain restrictions under that Act, but if the Private Fund had been registered, it is possible the performance may have been adversely affected. The Fund's objectives, policies, guidelines and restrictions are, in all material respects, equivalent to those of the Private Fund. <sup>2</sup>Excludes cash and cash equivalents. <sup>3</sup>As of 8/1/2023. The net expense ratio applicable to investors is 0.46%. Direct net expense ratio does not include acquired fund fees and expenses which were reported to be 0.12%. <sup>4</sup>Yield to Maturity is the total return anticipated on a bond, if the bond is held until the end of its lifetime. It is expressed as an annual rate. \*Please reference Summary of Terms and Additional Disclosures.

Sub-Advisers / Funds

Nuveen Asset Management, LLC

Nuveen Asset Management, LLC ("Nuveen") is a sub-adviser of the Fund. Nuveen provides customized investments that match client needs and seeks to provide returns that are consistent and research-driven.

Allspring Global Investments, LLC

Allspring Global Investments, LLC ("Allspring"), formerly, Wells Capital Management, Inc., is a sub-adviser of the Fund. Allspring is a relative-value manager that applies a bottom-up credit research team approach to constructing risk-managed tax-exempt portfolios.

MacKay Shields, LLC

MacKay Shields, LLC ("MacKay") is a sub-adviser of the Fund and also manages two limited partnerships<sup>6</sup> within the Fund. MacKay is a fundamental relative-value bond manager that applies both a top-down overlay and bottom-up credit research in the construction of U.S. tax-exempt and taxable municipal portfolios.

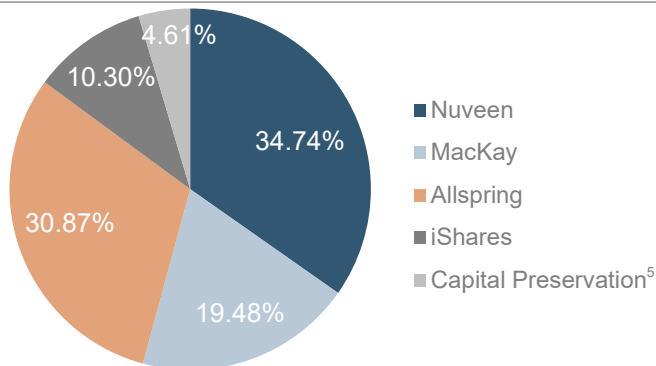
iShares National Muni Bond ETF

The iShares National Muni Bond ETF ("iShares") seeks to track the investment results of an index composed of investment-grade U.S. municipal bonds.

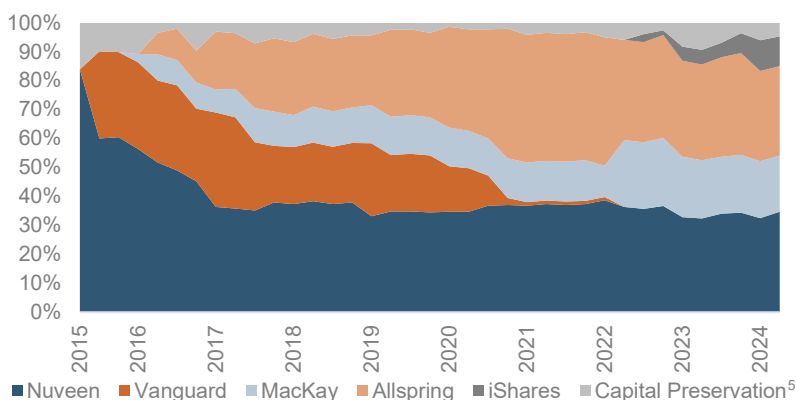
Bond Credit Quality <sup>7,8</sup>	
AAA	9.43%
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A	26.27%
BBB	13.22%
Below Investment Grade	8.25%
NR (Not Rated)	0.20%
Average Duration (years) <sup>9</sup>	5.99
Average Maturity (years) <sup>9</sup>	16.04

<sup>5</sup>The capital preservation segment (cash and cash alternatives) is intended to preserve capital, generate income and provide liquidity. The segment is not guaranteed by the FDIC, or any government agency, and may lose value. <sup>6</sup>MacKay Municipal Opportunities Fund, L.P. and MacKay Municipal Credit Opportunities Fund, L.P. <sup>7</sup>As a percentage of invested assets. Excludes cash, cash equivalents and closed-end fund investments. <sup>8</sup>Ratings shown are the highest rating given by one of the following national rating agencies; S&P, Moody's or Fitch. Credit ratings are subject to changes. AAA, AA, A, and BBB are investment grade ratings. Those below BBB are below investment grade ratings. <sup>9</sup>Excludes closed-end fund investments. **Average Duration** is a time measure of a bond's interest-rate sensitivity, based on the weighted average of the time periods over which a bond's cash flows accrue to the bondholder. Time periods are weighted by multiplying by the present value of its cash flow divided by the bond's price. (A bond's cash flows consist of coupon payments and repayment of capital.) **Average Maturity** is the weighted average of the maturities of the underlying bonds. The measure is computed by weighing each bond's maturity by its market value with respect to the portfolio.

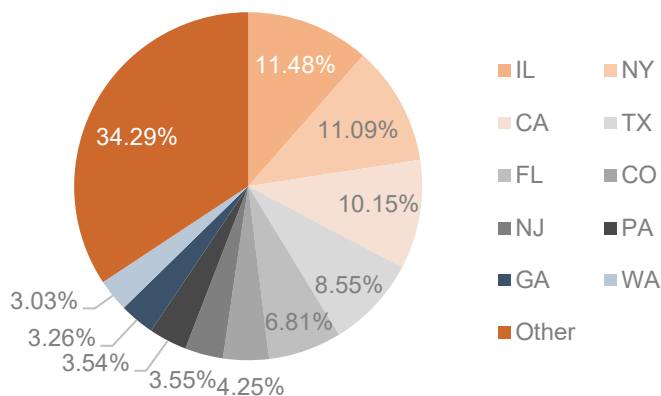
Strategy Allocations<sup>2</sup>



Historical Allocation<sup>2</sup>



State Allocations<sup>7</sup>



## Return Statistics: Since Inception

	RMMBX	Benchmark
Return	4.11%	3.53%
Sharpe Ratio	0.57	0.50
Average Gain	1.06%	1.02%
Average Loss	-1.18%	-1.15%
Up Capture Ratio	104.41	100.00
Down Capture Ratio	95.23	100.00

## Risk Statistics: Since Inception

	RMMBX	Benchmark
Standard Deviation	5.39%	4.96%
Beta	1.01	1.00
Average Drawdown	-3.83%	-3.38%
Max Drawdown	-12.45%	-13.19%
Tracking Error	1.92	0.00
R <sup>2</sup>	87.28	100.00

## Fund Performance Comparison and Summary

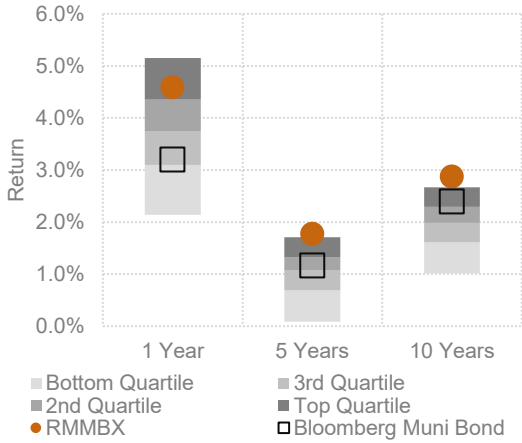
RMMBX returned 0.67% net during the second quarter, compared to its benchmark, the Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index, which returned -0.02%.

Municipal high yield outperformed municipal core issues for the quarter as credit spreads continued to narrow and benchmark interest rates drifted higher. During a volatile quarter, security selection also benefited the Fund. The Fund's allocation to high yield represented approximately 8% of its investments. Core positions and cash accounted for 87% and 5%, respectively, of overall exposures at quarter end. The total Private Funds Composite generated a net return of -0.14% for the quarter.

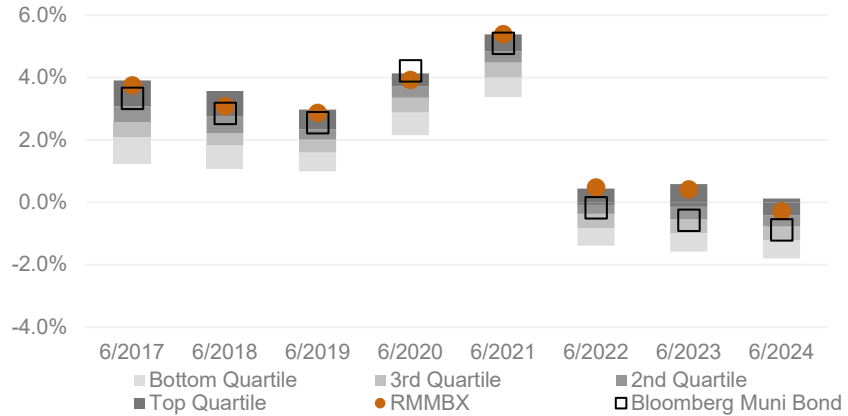
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Performance Relative to Peer Group<sup>10</sup>



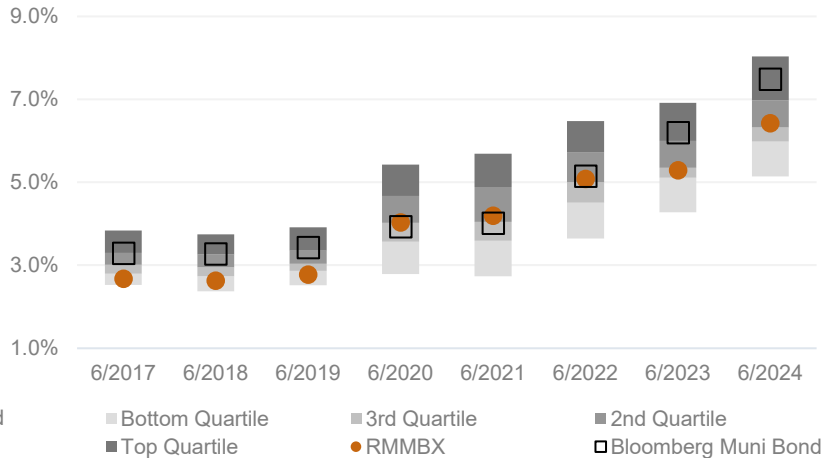
3-Year Return Rolling



Return vs Risk: 5 Year Annualized



3-Year Standard Deviation Rolling



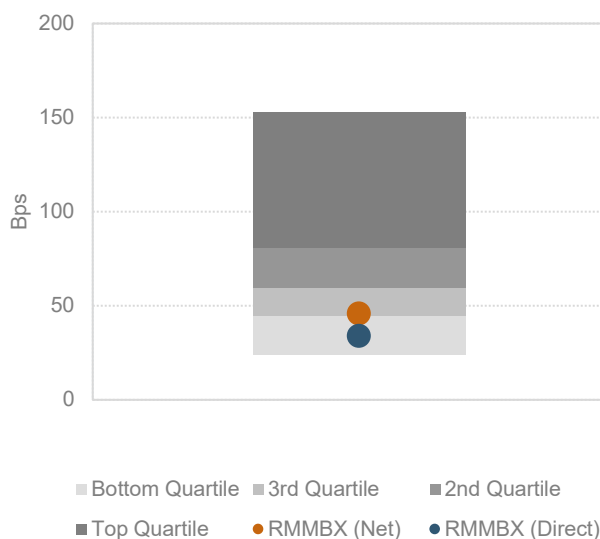
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<sup>10</sup>Peer Group is US Open End Funds in the Morningstar Municipal National Intermediate Category.

## Fund Facts

Ticker Symbol	RMMBX
CUSIP	04537J102
Minimum Purchase Amount	No Minimum Income Quarterly;
Dividends	Capital Gains Annually
12b-1 Fee	None
Redemption Fee	None
Gross Expense Ratio <sup>11</sup>	0.59%
Net Expense Ratio <sup>11</sup>	0.46%
Direct Net Expense Ratio <sup>11</sup>	0.34%
SEC 30-Day Yield <sup>12</sup>	3.34%
Taxable-Equivalent Yield (SEC 30-Day) <sup>12</sup>	5.64%
SEC 30-Day Unsubsidized Yield <sup>12</sup>	3.21%
Distribution Rate on NAV <sup>12</sup>	3.53%

## More Information

1.877.997.9971 [aspiriantfunds.com](http://aspiriantfunds.com)Net Expense Ratio Relative to Peer Group<sup>10,11</sup>

## Monthly Investment Returns

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Fund Annual Return	Bloomberg Muni Bond Annual Return
2024	0.21	0.21	0.13	-0.75	0.00	1.42							1.23	-0.40
2023	2.50	-1.49	1.46	0.21	-0.64	0.70	0.32	-0.86	-2.44	-1.46	5.69	2.25	6.15	6.40
2022	-2.31	-0.49	-2.72	-2.46	0.74	-1.61	2.25	-1.57	-3.56	-0.89	3.82	0.32	-8.40	-8.53
2021	0.86	-1.04	0.62	1.15	0.47	0.42	0.85	-0.19	-0.68	-0.19	0.76	0.18	3.24	1.52
2020	1.74	1.42	-4.45	-1.88	2.82	1.22	1.85	0.00	-0.05	-0.10	1.45	1.01	4.94	5.21
2019	0.60	0.60	1.40	0.59	1.28	0.59	0.68	1.54	-0.28	0.00	0.10	0.33	7.68	7.54
2018	-0.59	-0.40	0.32	-0.20	1.00	0.27	0.20	0.20	-0.40	-0.60	0.61	1.05	1.46	1.28
2017	0.61	0.60	0.40	0.60	1.30	0.00	0.50	0.79	0.00	0.10	-0.20	0.83	5.65	5.45
2016	0.79	0.20	0.44	0.69	0.39	1.41	0.29	0.19	-0.19	-0.77	-3.22	0.24	0.38	0.25
2015	1.28	-0.41	0.33	-0.25	-0.20	-0.16	0.70	0.10	0.60	0.50	0.30	0.62	3.44	3.30
2014	2.69	1.58	0.68	1.42	1.79	0.38	0.27	1.17	0.69	0.72	0.12	0.81	13.01	9.05
2013	1.12	0.48	-0.23	1.23	-0.95	-4.53	-1.70	-2.07	2.49	0.83	-0.13	-0.02	-3.61	-2.55
2012	3.46	0.78	-0.09	1.52	1.55	0.25	2.04	0.65	1.06	0.65	2.12	-1.21	13.47	6.78
2011	-1.22	1.81	0.01	1.81	2.25	0.83	1.04	1.24	1.37	-0.23	0.51	2.02	11.99	10.70
2010	0.30	0.95	0.24	1.01	0.64	0.17	1.41	2.51	0.20	-0.20	-2.38	-2.20	2.57	2.38
2009	4.75	1.21	-0.25	1.27	2.34	-0.62	1.72	2.21	5.39	-1.99	0.57	0.99	18.81	12.91
2008								0.52 <sup>^</sup>	-6.98	-4.75	-0.53	-0.65	-11.99 <sup>^</sup>	-2.86

Since Inception Return (Annualized)

4.11%

Since Inception Sharpe Ratio

0.57

Since Inception Standard Deviation (Annualized)

5.39%

Since Inception Beta

1.01

<sup>11</sup>As of 8/1/2023. The adviser has contractually agreed to waive its advisory fee from 0.27% to 0.21% and administrative services fee from 0.10% to 0.03% through 7/31/2024. Each arrangement may be terminated only by the Aspiriant Trust's Board of Trustees. The net expense ratio applicable to investors is 0.46%. Direct net expense ratio does not include acquired fund fees and expenses which were reported to be 0.12%.

<sup>12</sup>The SEC 30-Day Yield is computed under an SEC standardized formula and is based on the most recent trailing 30-day period. The Fund's actual distribution rate will differ from the SEC yield, and any income distributions from the Fund may be higher or lower than the SEC yield. The Taxable-Equivalent Yield is the return that is required on a taxable investment to make it equal to the return on a tax-exempt investment. The Taxable-Equivalent Yield is based on the SEC 30-Day Yield on the indicated date and a federal income tax rate of 40.8% (maximum federal income tax rate and the Medicare tax). Distribution Rate on NAV is calculated by annualizing the Fund's most recent distribution per share divided by NAV per share at the end of the period. Distributions may be paid from sources other than ordinary income, such as short-term capital gains, long-term capital gains or return of capital. Investors should consider their own tax rate when investing in municipal bonds. Unsubsidized yields do not reflect fee waivers in effect. <sup>^</sup>Fund's inception (8/1/2008) to date. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. All investments may lose value over time. Performance is annualized for periods greater than one year. Indices are unmanaged and have no fees. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. All Fund performance is quoted net of all fees and expenses which reduce performance. Bloomberg Muni Bond does not incur fees. The volatility and performance of the index will be different than an investor's experience in the Fund.

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An investment in the Fund is subject to risks, and you could lose money on your investment in the Fund. The Fund is exposed to the same risks that are associated with investing in underlying municipal securities owned by the Fund. The Fund is subject to interest rate risk; as interest rates rise, bond prices generally fall. Credit risk arises from an issuer's ability to make interest and principal payments when due, as well as the prices of bonds declining when an issuer's credit quality is expected to deteriorate. Investments in below investment grade or high yield securities are subject to liquidity risk and heightened credit risk. Investments in securities of non-U.S. issuers or U.S. issuers with significant non-U.S. operations may present more risk. The Fund may invest in illiquid securities, which may or may not be sold or disposed of in the ordinary course of business.

The use of derivatives involves substantial financial risks and transaction costs. Certain derivatives may be illiquid. The Fund's use of inverse floaters may magnify the potential for losses. The Fund periodically engages in portfolio leverage and when doing so, assumes a higher level of risk in pursuit of its objectives. Leverage involves the risk that the Fund could lose more than its original investment and also increases the Fund's exposure to volatility, interest rate risk and credit risk.

These and other risk considerations, such as preferred securities, call, counterparty, extension, defaulted securities, income, municipal lease obligations, political and economic, prepayment, restricted securities, tax, zero coupon bond risks, and, as a result of investing in underlying funds, short sale risk, are described in detail in the Fund's prospectus.

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