

MANAGED ACCOUNT SOLUTIONS

COLUMBIA 5 TO 10 YEAR MUNICIPAL LADDER SMA STRATEGY

Investment Approach

The strategy seeks to generate tax-free income consistent with a portfolio of laddered, municipal securities. We develop the strategy through a top-down/bottom-up process and primarily focus on identifying relative value opportunities within the ladder structure and in credit quality. We emphasize investment grade bond (BBB- or higher) in the maturity space (4-11 years) allowed by the ladder strategy and pursue opportunities we feel offer the best balance of credit fundamentals and incremental yield. Central to our investment philosophy is identifying relative value opportunities and managing risk.

Investment Process



Municipal market provides opportunities

- We believe the muni market is fragmented, inefficient and provides opportunities to actively manage credit and interest rate risks in order to drive superior long-term results through our focus on income, independent credit research and unique team approach.

Top-down / Bottom-up analyses

- Investment process is a combination of top-down macro and bottom-up fundamental analyses primarily focused on identifying relative value opportunities along the yield curve and in credit quality.
- Top-down macro review assists in setting portfolio target weightings and includes an analysis of the interest rate environment, growth expectations, inflation, unemployment, Federal Reserve policy, monetary and fiscal policy, the political environment and a variety of economic data.
- Fundamental bottom-up credit analysis, conducted by our credit research team, consists of a thorough review of each security. Our rigorous bottom-up security selection process focuses on providing attractive tax-exempt income and returns from a variety of issuers, sectors and geographic locations and avoiding potential pitfalls, all based on relative-value analysis.

Focus on yield curve positioning and credit quality

- The portfolio's maturity/duration, quality, sector, coupon, call structure and geography are analyzed and we set target weightings for their contribution to a five-to-ten year ladder structure, based on our market outlook and risk analysis. We primarily focus on identifying relative value opportunities within the ladder structure and in credit quality. The investment team pursues those opportunities offering the best balance of credit fundamentals and incremental yield for inclusion in the portfolio.

Portfolio Management

Deborah Vargo	38 years experience
Bill Callagy	12 years experience

Distinguishing Features

- Extensive investment experience from our team of tenured portfolio managers, research analysts and traders.
- Dedicated municipal-only trading desk.
- Focus on risk management and downside risk mitigation.
- Credit research team provides independent, in-depth, fundamental credit analysis and surveillance.
- Columbia Threadneedle is a large player in the municipal market and participates in the corresponding benefits.

There is no guarantee the objective will be achieved or that any return expectations will be met.

Past performance does not guarantee future results, and investing involves risk including the risk of loss of principal.

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Sector Allocation (% of assets)

■ Portfolio Weight	
Local General Obligation	26.2
Municipal Power	11.7
Turnpike/Bridge/Tollroad	11.5
State Appropriated	10.8
Education	10.5
Water & Sewer	8.9
Hospital	8.8
Transportation	8.6
Cash & Equivs	3.0

Portfolio Characteristics

Average maturity (years)	7.47
Average duration (years)	5.68
Average credit quality [†]	AA-
Average coupon (%)	4.53
Yield-to-worst (%)	1.05

Credit Rating (% net assets)[†]

AA	65.2
A	31.8
Cash & Equivs	3.0

Duration Distribution (% net assets)

3-5 years	8.8
5-7 years	76.7
7-10 years	11.5
Cash & Equivs	3.0

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