

MUNICIPAL INVESTMENT COMPANY STRATEGY

Asset Class
Fixed Income

Currency
USD

STRATEGY DESCRIPTION

The Fiera Capital Municipal Investment Company Strategy (ICS) seeks to take advantage of the opportunity for higher yields and historically wide discounts in closed-end funds, while managing risk and controlling execution in a low-volume market. The Fiera Capital team has leveraged its extensive fixed income expertise to develop strategies in both municipal and taxable closed-end funds, presenting investors with tax efficient and taxable options.

STRATEGY HIGHLIGHTS

30-40 funds from investable universe

Seeks broad diversification with allocations that also account for individual fund liquidity characteristics

Active rebalancing aims to take advantage of idiosyncratic trading patterns and capture relative value

May utilize an option purchase strategy to potentially reduce interest rate-related volatility

INVESTMENT PROCESS

Full Universe of Closed-End Funds

The complex nature of the closed-end fund universe requires a specialized approach and detailed analysis to identify relative value

Higher credit risk than core fixed income strategies, with allocations to sub-investment grade and non-rated issues

Screening at fund constituent holdings level for size, credit, and sector exposures

Risk-Screening

Use of leverage to boost yield can result in higher interest rate sensitivity

Interest rate sensitivity analysis to determine what we believe to be true effective duration, optional interest rate hedge strategy

Securities-level research

Low average daily trading volumes call for sophisticated trade execution

Trade strategy designed to source liquidity and minimize the market impact of trading on individual fund share prices

WHY INVEST IN THIS STRATEGY

- Active investment management: A specialized approach and detailed analysis to identify relative value
- Diversified exposure to the municipal or taxable closed-end fund universes
- Attractive after-tax yield
- Focus on securities-level credit research, risk management, liquidity, and sophisticated execution

PERFORMANCE (%)

RETURN PER PERIOD AND ANNUALIZED

	QTD	YTD 2025	2024	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	SI*
Municipal ICS – Gross	1.27%	1.27%	5.90%	4.23%	-0.91%	0.23%	1.67%	3.12%
Municipal ICS –Net	1.11%	1.11%	5.21%	3.56%	-1.56%	-0.42%	1.01%	2.45%
Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index	-0.22%	-0.22%	1.05%	1.22%	1.53%	1.07%	2.13%	2.73%

CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Municipal ICS – Gross	3.54%	-24.23%	6.15%	6.99%	17.67%	-6.32%	5.81%	0.78%	7.76%	17.88%
Municipal ICS –Net	2.87%	-24.74%	5.47%	6.30%	16.91%	-6.93%	5.13%	0.13%	7.07%	17.13%
Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index	6.40%	-8.53%	1.52%	5.21%	7.54%	1.28%	5.45%	0.24%	3.30%	9.05%

*Since Inception: September 30, 2013

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Inherent in any investment is the potential for loss. There can be no assurance that investment objectives or targeted returns will be achieved. Performance results include the reinvestment of dividends and interest. Gross performance results do not reflect the deduction of management fees or other expenses. Net performance results are calculated using the highest total fees and expenses currently charged to any US account using this strategy, including management fees and all other expenses, but excluding custody fees. The actual management fee and expenses paid by an account may be higher or lower. The management fee schedule is as follows: 0.65% per annum, paid quarterly in advance. The full annual fee will be charged in the event that the strategy is liquidated within one year of inception and the cumulative total return net of fees exceeds 3%.

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MUNICIPAL CLOSED-END FUND UNIVERSE

	MUNICIPAL ICS
Number of Funds	100
Market Capitalization	\$48.09 billion
Average Dividend Yield	~6.34%
Funds Trading at Discount	~90
Funds Trading at Discount >5%	~77

SAMPLE PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Total Market Value	\$5,000,000
Average Dividend Yield	6.34%
Modified Duration*	7.2 years
Effective (OA) Duration*	7.2 years
Effective Maturity	20.3 years
Maturity	20.6 years
Average Credit Quality	A1/A+
Average Premium/(Discount)	(6.99%)
Average Fund Leverage	37.64%
Average Expense Ratio	1.61%
Projected Annual Dividend Income	\$317,000

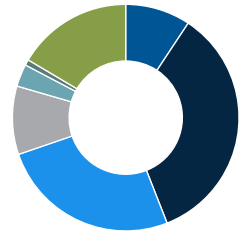
*Excludes leverage

1. Characteristics are weighted averages of a representative \$5 million allocation to the strategy.

Pricing date of March 31, 2025, or most recent fund data. Portfolio Characteristics and Asset Allocations are as of the pricing date noted and are subject to change.

QUALITY DISTRIBUTION

AAA	9%
AA	35%
A	26%
BBB	10%
BB	3%
B	1%
<B/NR	16%
TOTAL	100%



PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

Iraj Kani, PhD, the strategy leader, benefits from more than 25 years of experience. He is Senior Vice President of quantitative strategies and sits on the fixed income investment committee.

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Index Definition: The Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond Index is a rules-based and market value weighted index engineered for the long-term tax-exempt bond market derived from the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index. They must have an outstanding par value of at least \$7 million and be issued as part of transaction of at least \$75 million. The bonds must be fixed rate, have a dated-date after December 31, 1990, and must be at least one year from maturity date. Remarketed issues, taxable municipal bonds, bonds with floating rates, and derivatives, are excluded from the benchmark. Benchmarks are shown for illustrative purposes only. They are not available for direct investment and their performance does not reflect the expenses associated with the management of an actual portfolio or other fees.

Composite Description: The Municipal Investment Company Strategy Composite, (the "ICS Composite"), was created September 30, 2013. The Municipal Investment Company Strategy Composite, ("ICS"), consists of all fully discretionary, fee paying separately managed accounts in the ICS style. The ICS strategy is a tactical, absolute return focused mandate appropriate for investors with seeking income and capital appreciation from municipal closed-end funds. Portfolios are invested a risk-managed selection of municipal closed-end funds. There is no minimum account size for this composite. Composite returns are expressed in U.S. dollars. For comparison purposes, the ICS Composite is measured against the Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond Index.

The sample portfolio is derived from the strategy model which all accounts are managed about and assumes a static \$5,000,000 market value.

Portfolio details, holdings and allocations, and characteristics are as of the date noted and subject to change.

*Information related to Morningstar's Closed-End Fund universe is provided for illustrative purposes only, and may have limitations when used for comparison or other purposes because the Morningstar universe shown may differ substantially from the holdings of any specific client.

All values are as of the as of date stated at the top each page, unless otherwise noted.