

Manning & Napier Fund, Inc.

Diversified Tax Exempt Series



December 31, 2025

Investment Objective

To provide as high a level of current income exempt from federal income tax as the Advisor believes is consistent with the preservation of capital.

Investment Strategy

The Series invests primarily in municipal bonds that provide income exempt from federal income tax.

Portfolio Managers

Name	Experience
Marc Bushallow, CFA®	24 years industry 19 years firm
Elizaveta Akselrod	24 years industry 19 years firm

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Sector Allocation

	Series	BB Municipal 1-15 Yr
General Obligations	55.00%	29.66%
Pre-Refunded/Escrowed to Maturity	--	1.29%
Revenue	36.17%	68.99%
US Treasury	3.69%	--
Cash and Equivalents	1.35%	--
Other	3.78%	0.06%

A Word About Risk

All investments involve risks, including possible loss of principal. There is an inverse relationship between bond prices and interest rates; as interest rates rise, bond prices (and therefore the value of bond funds) fall. Likewise, as interest rates fall, bond prices and the value of bond funds rise. The income earned by the Series may be subject to the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT), depending on your tax situation.

Fund Information

	Ticker	Cusip	Inception	Minimum Investment	Gross Expenses	Net Expenses
Class A	EXDVX	563821677	02/14/1994	\$2,000	0.42%	0.42%

Minimum investment may be waived for certain qualified plans and discretionary investment accounts of the Advisor.

Annualized Performance

	QTR	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Inception (02/14/1994)
Class A	1.30%	4.30%	4.30%	2.88%	0.54%	1.55%	3.25%
BB Municipal 1-15Y	1.41%	5.18%	5.18%	3.75%	1.16%	2.27%	2.70%

Performance data quoted represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. Performance for periods greater than one year is annualized. The 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 performance may be higher or lower than that quoted; investors can obtain the most recent month-end performance at www.manning-napier.com or by calling (800) 466-3863.

30-Day SEC Yield

(as of 12/31/2025)

	Yield
Class A	2.79%

If fees had not been waived, the 30-day SEC Yield (as of 12/31/2025) would have been 2.79% for Class A.

Effective Duration Breakdown

	Series	BB Municipal 1-15 Yr
Cash (<0)	4.57%	--
<1 Year	7.14%	5.51%
1 - 3 Years	15.16%	24.16%
3 - 5 Years	28.79%	22.46%
5 - 7 Years	19.92%	21.07%
7 - 10 Years	24.41%	24.73%
10 + Years	--	2.07%

Credit Quality Distribution

	Series	BB Municipal 1-15 Yr
AAA	15.55%	16.19%
AA	75.45%	58.49%
A	8.33%	20.25%
NR	0.66%	1.30%

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Fund Characteristics

	Series	BB Municipal 1-15Y
Average Effective Duration	4.98y	4.82y
Average Effective Maturity	6.97y	5.67y
Fund Assets (\$M)	\$213M	--
Number of Holdings	144	--
Annual Turnover	11%	--
5 Yr Avg Turnover	21%	--

Fund Commentary

Despite a volatile start to the year driven by heightened trade policy uncertainty, global markets finished 2025 on strong footing. Equity markets capped a third consecutive year of double-digit gains, while fixed income delivered solid high single-digit returns. Market performance was underpinned by resilient consumer spending, sustained investment tied to artificial intelligence and digital infrastructure, and an easing monetary policy backdrop that supported risk assets.

Within fixed income markets, municipal bonds outperformed the broader taxable market, as represented by the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index, during the quarter. However, municipals notably underperformed for the year, reflecting record levels of issuance in 2025. Elevated supply was driven in part by uncertainty surrounding the potential treatment of municipal tax exemptions under the administration's "One Big Beautiful Bill." Ultimately, those exemptions remained unchanged, but the surge in issuance weighed on relative performance over the year.

The Diversified Tax-Exempt Series posted positive absolute returns for the quarter but underperformed on a relative basis. Relative underperformance was primarily due to negative selection.

In terms of positioning, we are marginally overweight duration as longer-term bonds remain attractive. Furthermore, we continue to have a relatively higher quality tilt than the broad market as we do not believe we are being adequately compensated for the additional credit risks assumed.

Looking ahead, we believe the interest rate outlook remains uncertain as markets navigate the interplay of persistent inflation, a softening labor market, and the evolving implications of both domestic and international policy decisions. Against this backdrop, we expect elevated market volatility to persist in the near to medium term.

In this environment, our active fixed income approach emphasizes capital preservation and risk management, while selectively identifying opportunities where valuations and fundamentals are more compelling.

We remain confident that our disciplined investment process and flexible toolkit position us well to navigate an increasingly complex and dynamic market landscape.

Definitions

Duration: A measure of the sensitivity of a fixed income security's price to changes in interest rates. It indicates the expected life of the security and how much its price will change with a 1% change in interest rates. Securities with shorter durations are generally less affected by interest rate changes than those with longer durations.

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The "Other" category contains securities such as ETFs and others that cannot otherwise be classified.

The Bloomberg Municipal 1-15 Year Bond Index (Benchmark) covers the USD denominated long term, tax exempt bond market, with maturities of 1-15 years, including state and local general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, insured bonds and pre-refunded bonds. The Index returns do not reflect any fees or expenses. Index returns provided by Bloomberg. Index data referenced herein is the property of Bloomberg Finance L.P. and its affiliates ("Bloomberg"), and/or its third party suppliers has been licensed for use by Manning & Napier. Bloomberg and its third party suppliers accept no liability in connection with its use. Data provided is not a representation or warranty, express or implied, as to the ability of any index to accurately represent the asset class or market sector that it purports to represent and none of these parties shall have any liability for any errors, omissions, or interruptions of any index or the data included therein. For additional disclosure information, please see: <https://go.manning-napier.com/benchmark-provisions>.

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