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# **Nuveen Limited Term Municipal Bond Fund**

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- The Fund underperformed the benchmark S&P Municipal Bond Short Intermediate Index during the quarter.
- The municipal bond market ended 2024 on a weak note, declining along with the broader fixed income markets in the fourth quarter on sticky inflation readings and expectations for a slower pace of interest rate cuts in 2025. Yield rose across the municipal curve, but less so for high yield municipal bonds, which are less interest rate sensitive, causing credit spreads to compress.
- The Fund's overall longer duration positioning was a headwind during the quarter, but was partially offset by positive performance from its positioning along the yield curve and exposure to lower rated investment grade and below investment grade bonds and sectors.

## **Portfolio review**

The Fund remained active with tactical trading, taking advantage of attractive new issue pricing and secondary market dislocations to buy bonds offering relative value and/or higher income earnings capability. There were no material changes to the Fund's overall positioning. The Fund received a cash inflow this quarter from the settlement of the Fund's Vistra Vision private equity position (acquired in a restructuring). As part of Nuveen's agreement to sell its position in Vistra Vision to Vistra Corp., which closed in December 2024, the Fund received its first principal payment on the last business day of the year.

## Contributors

Credit ratings allocation was the largest driver of relative outperformance. Overweights to A and BBB rated bonds as well as certain below investment grade and non-rated bonds contributed to relative gains. Lower rated bonds outperformed as spreads compressed in the quarter.

Positive performance from the Fund's sector allocations was largely a result of the outperformance of lower rated bonds, as the Fund continued to emphasize revenue-backed sectors over tax-supported sectors. The health care, airports and utilities sector exposures were strong contributors.

## Detractors

The Fund remained with an overall longer duration profile than the benchmark, which was unfavorable to performance as the yield curve steepened.

Security selection detracted in the housing sector, where the Fund favored longer-duration structures, and the tobacco sector, primarily due to Buckeye Tobacco bonds. Holdings in longer duration gas-supply bonds also underperformed. The Fund's Brightline exposure detracted overall. Although some of the Fund's Brightline holdings performed well, the senior lien bonds lagged due to their higher credit quality.

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### Average annualized total returns (%)

	Inception date	QTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception	SEC 30-day yield	Expense ratios		
										<b>Gross</b> 0.43	<b>Net</b> 0.43
									Class I - FLTRX		
Class I	06 Feb 97	-0.66	1.55	0.49	1.24	1.75	3.15	2.61	Class A - FLTDX	0.63	0.63
Class A without sales charge	19 Oct 87	-0.71	1.44	0.31	1.05	1.55	3.90	2.35	Expense ratios are based on the Fund's most recent fiscal year end. The net expense ratio excludes credits earned on the Fund's cash on deposit with the custodian bank, if any. Please see the prospectus for details.		
Class A with max. 2.5% charge	19 Oct 87	-3.18	-1.09	-0.53	0.53	1.29	3.83	2.35			
S&P Municipal Bond Short Intermediate Index		-0.58	1.89	0.55	1.13	1.65	1.41				

Performance data shown represents past performance and does not predict or guarantee future results. Investment returns and principal value will fluctuate so that shares redeemed may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be higher or lower than the performance shown. Total returnsfor a period of less than one year are cumulative. Returns without sales charges would be lower if the sales charges were included. Returns assume reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. For performance current to the most recent month-end visit nuveen.com. Performance shown for benchmark since inception is as of the Fund's oldest share class.

Class I shares have no sales charge and may be purchased by specified classes of investors.

The SEC 30-day yield is computed under an SEC standardized formula and is based on the maximum offer price per share.

#### **Credit quality (%)**

	Fund net assets
U.S. Guaranteed	1.2
AAA	13.1
AA	39.6
A	29.6
BBB	9.0
BB	1.8
В	0.1
Not Rated	5.8

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#### **Fund description**

The Fund invests primarily in investment-grade short- to intermediate-term municipal bonds with a targeted average weighted maturity between three to seven years. A large team of credit analysts seeks value, targeting municipal bond market inefficiencies in pursuit of the Fund's goal to provide investors with as high a level of tax-exempt income as possible while also preserving capital.

#### Portfolio management

Paul L. Brennan, CFA | 34 years industry experience

Steven M. Hlavin | 22 years industry experience

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#### Important information on risk

Mutual fund investing involves risk; principal loss is possible. Debt or fixed income securities such as those held by the Fund, are subject to market risk, credit risk, interest rate risk, call risk, tax risk, political and economic risk, and income risk. As interest rates rise, bond prices fall. Credit risk refers to an issuers ability to make interest and principal payments when due. Below investment grade or high yield debt securities are subject to liquidity risk and heightened credit risk. The Fund's use of inverse floaters creates effective leverage. Leverage involves the risk that the Fund could lose more than its original investment and also increases the Fund's exposure to volatility and interest rate risk.

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#### Glossary

A basis boint is one one-hundredth of one percentage point, or 0.01%. For example, 25 basis points equals 0.25%. The S&P Municipal Bond Short Intermediate Index contains all bonds in the S&P Municipal Bond Index that mature between 1 and 7.999 years. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

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