

# Nuveen Intermediate Duration Municipal Bond Fund

Marketing communication | As of 30 Sep 2024

- The Fund underperformed the benchmark S&P Municipal Bond Intermediate Index during the quarter.
- Interest rates fell in the quarter as the Federal Reserve's (Fed) much-anticipated first interest rate cut materialized in September. Shorter maturity yields fell by more than longer maturity yields, normalizing the Treasury yield curve after a two-year inversion. Municipal bonds participated in the rally, and the municipal yield curve also steepened, driving positive performance in the quarter.
- The primary detractors from relative performance were mixed results from the portfolio's duration and yield curve positioning, along with an energy stock hedge position amid elevated price volatility in the energy sector and fluctuating valuations for Vistra Vision private equity (acquired during a restructuring).

## Portfolio review

There were no material changes to the portfolio's overall duration and credit quality positioning. As the yield curve steepened, the Fund continued to take a measured approach to managing its tax-exempt income generation, evaluating

opportunities with a long-term view. The Fund remained selective and opportunistic, particularly as credit spreads on average have narrowed, in seeking relative value when price dislocations or wider spreads were presented.

## Contributors

The Fund's overall longer duration profile relative to the benchmark benefited performance as interest rates declined.

An overweight to lower rated, higher yielding bonds was a small positive contributor. In the quarter, there was little differentiation between the performance of high grade and lower rated bonds.

The Fund partially exited a portion of its Brightline exposure during the quarter on terms that were favorable to the Fund's performance.

A position in Hawaii Electric was a standout performer. The bonds had sold off sharply following the 2023 Maui wildfires, but began to recover on improved sentiment regarding the company's potential liability.

## Detractors

The portfolio's overall longer duration was favorable, but its yield curve positioning was disadvantageous in a yield curve steepening environment. Specifically, the Fund's overweight to zero to 2-year maturities, the weakest performing segment, detracted.

The Fund's relative underperformance was also driven by an energy stock hedge position amid elevated price volatility in the energy sector and fluctuating valuations for Vistra Vision private equity (acquired during a restructuring). As part of Nuveen's agreement to sell its position in Vistra Vision to Vistra Corp. which is expected to close on 31 December 2024, the Fund will begin receiving payments over the next two years, which the Fund intends to reinvest into municipal bonds. Despite the recent short-term performance drag, the private equity position was a long-term positive contributor to total returns over the four years since the shares were acquired in the restructuring of its predecessor company.

The Fund held a short position in a basket of energy stocks to help manage risk against a potentially meaningful downturn in the equity position. With the Vistra Vision agreement in place, the Fund worked toward exiting the hedge position, but it detracted from performance late in the quarter.

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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	
									Gross	Net
Class I	29 Nov 76	1.81	9.48	0.28	1.43	2.49	5.31	3.06	0.45	0.45
Class A without sales charge	13 Jun 95	1.65	9.16	0.07	1.23	2.30	3.82	2.77		
Class A with max. 3.0% charge	13 Jun 95	-1.36	5.90	-0.95	0.62	1.98	3.72	2.77		
S&P Municipal Bond Intermediate Index		2.82	8.96	0.38	1.47	2.40	1.97			

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.

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**Overall Morningstar Ratings™**  
*Category: 262 Muni National Interm funds*  
**CLASS I** ★★★★★

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### Credit quality (%)

	Fund net assets
U.S. Guaranteed	2.2
AAA	12.1
AA	32.2
A	28.9
BBB	10.9
BB	4.5
B	0.3
CCC	0.3
Not Rated	8.6

### Fund description

The Fund invests primarily in investment-grade intermediate-term municipal bonds with a targeted weighted average effective duration between 4.5 and 7 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** | 33 years industry experience

**Stephen J. Candido, CFA** | 28 years industry experience

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### Glossary

A **basis point** is one one-hundredth of one percentage point, or 0.01%. For example, 25 basis points equals 0.25%. The **S&P Municipal Bond Intermediate Index** contains all bonds in the S&P Municipal Bond Index that mature between 3 and 14.999 years. **It is not possible to invest directly in an index.**

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