

# **TACTICAL MUNICIPAL FUND**

As of June 30, 2021

## INSTITUTIONAL SHARES | **STMEX**

## **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES**

The Fund's two investment objectives are to provide total return (with income contributing a significant part) and to limit volatility and downside risk.

## **BENCHMARK**

Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond Index

#### **BENCHMARK DEFINITION**

The Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond Index is an unmanaged index that is considered representative of the broad market for investment grade tax exempt bonds with a maturity of less than a year.

#### **MORNINGSTAR CATEGORY**

High Yield Muni

#### **PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

Inception Date: December 26, 2018
Total assets (all classes): \$267.6 M
Total number of holdings: 11

## MINIMUM INITIAL INVESTMENT

nst Class \$10,000

## **PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT**

## David C. Wright, JD

Co-Founder & Managing Director Education: JD, University of Chicago; BS, Civil Engineering, Swarthmore College

## Kenneth L. Sleeper, MBA, PhD

Co-Founder & Managing Director
Education: PhD, University of Southern California;
MBA, Business Administration, University of
Southern California

## **Fund Profile**

#### **Experienced Investment Team:**

Managed by an investment team with more than 70 years of collective experience managing private accounts in the same investment style.

#### Well-Proven Risk Limiting Discipline:

Trailing stops are manually implemented under every individual holding, and are manually reviewed daily, in order to moderate any sustained losses to the portfolio.

#### **Access to Institutional Money**

Managers: By utilizing multiple leading institutional money managers, Sierra provides another level of broad diversification and expertise in their investment styles.

## **Top Holdings**

BlackRock High Yield Municipal Instl	17.7%
Invesco Rochester® Municipal Opps Y	16.0%
Invesco High Yield Municipal Y	15.6%
BlackRock Strategic Muni Opps Instl	14.7%
Nuveen High Yield Municipal Bond I	14.3%
City National Rochdale Muni Hi Inc Svc	7.9%
Goldman Sachs High Yield Muni Instl	4.7%
BNY Mellon High Yield Municipal Bond - I	3.4%
AMG GW&K Municipal Enhanced Yield N	3.4%
Robinson Tax Advantaged Income Instl	1.9%
Subtotal	99.6%

## **Fund Risk Disclosures**

The Sierra Tactical Municipal Fund invests in underlying funds and ETFs that may invest in tax-exempt municipal bonds, as well as municipal money market funds. "Tax exempt" refers to the exemption from federal income taxes of the dividends paid by the Underlying Funds, a benefit that will be passes through to shareholders as to ordinary dividends from the Fund. In general, the price of a fixed income security falls when interest rates rise. Underlying Fund investments in lower-quality municipal bonds, known as high-yield or junk bonds, present greater risk of default than bonds of higher quality. Municipal securities are subject to the risk that legislature changes and economic developments may adversely affect the value of the Fund's investments. Shares of ETFs may trade at a discount or a premium in market price if there is a limited market in such shares and are also subject to brokerage and other trading costs, which could result in greater expenses to the Fund. In some instances it may be less expensive for an investor to invest in the Underlying Funds directly.

Past performance does not guarantee future results and there is no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objectives. Current and future portfolio holdings are subject to risk.

#### **TERMS & DEFINITIONS**

**Max Drawdown** is an indicator of the risk of a portfolio chosen based on a certain strategy. It measures the largest single drop from peak to bottom in the value of a portfolio (before a new peak is achieved) using month-end data

**Standard Deviation** is a statistical concept used in investment management to measure risk for the variability of return of a fund's performance. A high standard deviation represents greater risk.

**Sharpe Ratio** uses standard deviation to measure a fund's risk-adjusted returns. The higher a fund's Sharpe Ratio, the better a fund's returns have been relative to the risk it has taken on.

**Downside Deviation** is a risk statistic measuring volatility. It is a variation of Standard Deviation that focuses only upon the "bad" volatility.

**Sortino Ratio** is a modification of the Sharpe Ratio that differentiates harmful volatility from general volatility by taking into account the Standard Deviation of negative asset returns, called Downside Deviation.

**Trailing Stops** are a special type of trade order where the stop-loss price is not set at a single, absolute dollar amount, but instead is set at a certain percentage or a certain dollar amount below the market price.

### **ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES**

	Inst Class
Management Fees & Other Expenses	1.10%
12b-1 Fees	0.00%
Total Gross Annual Fund Operating Expenses	1.68%
Total Net Annual Fund Operating Expenses	1.63%

The expense ratios shown are as of January 28, 2021. Expenses include the underlying fund expenses. Please see the Fund's prospectus for more details.

The Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses includes the fees and expenses of the underlying funds, which are estimated at 0.58% per year. The Fund's investment advisor has voluntarily contracted to reduce its fees and/or absorb expenses until at least January 31, 2022 to limit expenses borne by the shareholder.



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## **Performance Metrics Since Inception\***

	Cumulative Return	Return	Standard Deviation	Sharpe Ratio	Downside Deviation	Sortino Ratio	Maximum Drawdown
Inst Class (STMEX)	16.16%	6.15%	7.06%	0.74%	5.65%	0.93%	-9.74%
Benchmark	14.42%	5.52%	4.25%	1.06%	2.74%	1.62%	-10.94%
Category	18.26%	6.92%	7.53%	0.80%	5.99%	1.00%	-14.84%

<sup>\*</sup>The inception date for the Sierra Tactical Municipal Fund, Instl Class shares, is December 26, 2018.

## **Historical Returns**

	YTD	2020	2019
Inst Class (STMEX)	3.34%	4.26%	7.81%
Benchmark	1.06%	5.21%	7.54%
Category	4.55%	3.45%	9.12%

## **Returns By Quarter**

Year	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2021	0.47%	2.85%	_	_
2020	-4.69%	3.66%	1.36%	4.12%
2019	2.75%	2.39%	1.86%	0.61%

## **Average Annual Total Returns and Volatility**

		Annualized			
	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception*
Inst Class (STMEX)	3.34%	9.05%	_	_	6.15%
Benchmark	1.06%	4.17%	_	_	5.52%
Downside Deviation					
Inst Class (STMEX)	_	1.36	_	_	5.65
Benchmark	_	1.69	_	_	2.74

Past performance does not guarantee future results and there is no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective.

The performance quoted herein represents past performance for Institutional Class (STMEX). For performance numbers to the most current month end, please call toll-free 1-844-727-1813 or visit our website, sierramutualfunds.com. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted above. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment in the Fund will fluctuate, so that an investors' share, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost.

Investors should carefully consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses of the Fund. This and other information about the Fund is contained in the prospectus and should be read carefully investing. The prospectus can be obtained at sierramutualfunds.com or by calling 1-844-727-1813. The Sierra Mutual Funds are distributed by Northern Lights Distributors, LLC, Member FINRA/SIPC.

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