Manning & Napier Fund, Inc.

Diversified Tax Exempt Series



September 30, 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	55.01%	30.12%
Pre- Refunded/Escrowed to Maturity	0.03%	1.57%
Revenue	37.87%	68.25%
US Treasury	3.50%	
Cash and Equivalents	1.86%	
Other	1.72%	0.06%

What You Should Know About Investing

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

 ${\it Minimum investment may be waived for certain qualified plans and discretionary investment accounts of the Advisor.}$

Annualized Performance

	QTR	YTD	1Y	3Y	5Y	10Y	Inception (02/14/1994)
Class A	2.17%	2.96%	1.74%	3.30%	0.50%	1.46%	3.24%
BB Municipal 1- 15Y	2.59%	3.71%	2.61%	4.49%	1.15%	2.24%	2.67%

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 09/30/2025)	Yield
Class A	2.77%

If fees had not been waived, the 30-day SEC Yield (as of 09/30/2025) would have been 2.77% for Class A.

Effective Duration Breakdown

	Series	BB Municipal 1-15 Yr
Cash (<0)	1.86%	
<1 Year	9.86%	5.03%
1 - 3 Years	17.12%	24.22%
3 - 5 Years	21.10%	21.54%
5 - 7 Years	17.58%	20.78%
7 - 10 Years	32.02%	25.54%
10 + Years	0.45%	2.88%

Credit Quality Distribution

	Series	BB Municipal 1-15 Yr
AAA	17.76%	16.17%
AA	71.00%	58.08%
Α	10.61%	20.48%
BBB		3.82%
NR	0.63%	1.45%

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Fund Characteristics			
	Series	BB Municipal 1-15Y	
Average Effective Duration	5.09y	5.05y	
Average Effective Maturity	7.50y	5.78y	
Fund Assets (\$M)	\$221M		
Number of Holdings	152		
Annual Turnover	11%		
5 Yr Avg Turnover	21%		

Fund Commentary

The U.S. economy remained resilient this quarter, as strong consumer spending and an AI-driven capex boom offset labor market softness, tariff impact uncertainty, and sticky inflation. Job growth slowed sharply, with hiring plans at multi-year lows, prompting the Federal Reserve to cut rates in September and signal further easing ahead.

During the quarter, Treasury yields declined across the curve while credit spreads tightened, resulting in modest gains for bond markets overall. In this environment, longer-duration securities and corporate bonds emerged as the top performers. Within the municipal market, tax-exempt bonds outpaced their taxable counterparts, supported by favorable technical factors — most notably, sustained investor demand for tax-free income.

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 outlook for interest rates remains uncertain as markets contend with stickier inflation, a weakening labor market, and implications of both domestic and foreign policies. In our view, elevated market volatility is likely to persist for the foreseeable future.

In this environment, our active approach to fixed income management enables us to focus on risk mitigation while selectively pursuing compelling investment opportunities.

We remain confident that our disciplined investment process equips us with the tools necessary to navigate a challenging 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.

For more information about any of the Manning & Napier Fund, Inc. Series, you may obtain a prospectus at www.manning-napier.com or by calling (800) 466-3863. Before investing, carefully consider the objectives, risks, charges and expenses of the investment and read the prospectus carefully as it contains this and other information about the investment company.

Credit quality ratings: are measured on a scale that generally ranges from AAA (highest) to D (lowest). Not Rated (NR) is used to classify securities for which a rating is not available. Credit quality ratings reflect the median of Moody's Investors Services and Standard & Poor's ratings. Data obtained from Bloomberg.

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

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