# Baird Core Intermediate Municpl Bd Instl BMNIX

As steady as they come.

## Morningstar's Take BMNIX

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Overall Morningstar Rating™** | ★★★★ | | |
| 260 US Fund Muni National Interm (30 Apr 2026) | | | |
| | 3 Yr 260 funds | 5 Yr 238 funds | 10 Yr 180 funds |
| Morningstar Rating™ | 4★ | 4★ | 4★ |

| | |
|---|---|
| **Morningstar Medalist Rating™** | Gold |
| Analyst-Driven % | 100.00 |
| Data Coverage % | 100.00 |

| **Morningstar Pillars** | |
|---|---|
| Process (27 Apr 2026) | Above Average |
| People (27 Apr 2026) | Above Average |
| Parent (27 Feb 2026) | High |
| Performance (27 Apr 2026) | |
| Price (27 Apr 2026) | Price Score: 1.69 |

27 Apr 2026 | by Max Curtin

Baird Core Intermediate Municipal Bond's seasoned team and measured approach make for a great combination. A decade after starting up this franchise, Baird has earned its place among the top municipal-bond managers.

There's a lot to like about this muni team, including the methodical approach with which Baird has assembled it. Beginning in 2015, the firm hired managers Duane McAllister, Erik Schleicher, and Joseph Czechowicz from BMO. Over the ensuing decade, the firm doubled its stable of muni managers, who wear multiple hats as credit analysts and traders, to six from three. In 2019, Lyle Fitterer joined from Allspring (formerly Wells Fargo) to co-lead the platform alongside McAllister. Wells veterans Gabriel Diederich and Wendy Casetta would follow suit in 2020 and 2024, respectively, demonstrating the value Baird places on familiarity and cohesion. The team of six averages 28 years of industry experience and draws on the additional support of two dedicated muni credit analysts, a handful of operations specialists, and the firm's taxable-bond team. This team is by no means the industry's largest, but that hasn't stopped it from operating at an extremely high level.

Baird's sensible, risk-conscious approach is made possible by its modest fee hurdles, enabling the team to focus its energy on adding incremental value through credit selection, yield-curve positioning, and trade execution. The managers anchor the portfolio's duration (a measure of interest rate risk) to the benchmark, the Bloomberg 1-15 Year Municipal Index, resulting in a structurally shorter-duration posture versus muni-national intermediate Morningstar Category peers. A proprietary credit scoring system also eases the research burden on the leaner team, which focuses most of its fundamental research efforts on the least stable credits, such as senior-care and multifamily housing bonds. Meanwhile, Baird's deliberate lack of a dedicated high-yield muni strategy further lessens the credit-research workload across the team.

Consistently strong bond-picking and timely curve positioning within the firm's prudent risk mitigation framework have led to stellar downside protection during short periods of market stress and an enviable long-term track record dating back to the strategy's 2015 inception. The fund's institutional shares' 0.72 information ratio, which measures how well a manager adds value relative to a benchmark, beat all but one distinct peer through March 2026.

**Process** Above Average | Max Curtin | 27 Apr 2026

Baird's straightforward approach lacks some of the levers of more complex municipal-bond strategies, but not to its detriment. The strategy earns an Above Average Process rating.

The muni suite resembles Baird Advisors' highly successful taxable-bond platform in many respects. For starters, modest mutual fund fee hurdles limit the need for excessive risk-taking, and the managers avoid large duration bets. The team manages the strategy's duration (a measure of interest rate risk) tightly around its Bloomberg 1-15 Year Municipal Index's and forgoes the use of derivatives and leverage. Instead, the managers focus on bottom-up security selection, tactical yield-curve positioning, and competitive trade execution. In doing so, they aim to generate an average of 25-50 basis points of net outperformance versus the strategy's benchmark, on average, over a market cycle.

Fluid collaboration between the muni team and the firm's taxable cohorts, strong adherence to risk mitigation, and a proprietary credit scoring system ease concerns around the modestly sized team. Credits receive a score based on seven factors ranging from the obligor's underlying credit rating to third-party enhancements and are bucketed into one of three categories. The team allocates most of its research time to credits grouped in the weakest bucket, which often features bonds in the senior care, multifamily housing, and land development sectors.

High-quality, tax-exempt bonds are the focus of this strategy. Bonds rated A and above often constitute more than 80% of assets, the majority of which are rated AA. The team caps exposure to below-investment-grade (including nonrated) bonds at 10%, though this sleeve has seldom breached 6% since the strategy's 2015 inception. As a result, the strategy has consistently sat at or below its typical muni-national intermediate category peer, whose below-investment-grade allocation has risen from roughly 4% to 8% over the past decade. That quality bias has grown to be more pronounced over the past two years; the December 2025 portfolio's 3.1% stake was less than half of its median peer's 8.0%.

Housing bonds have long stood out as a preferred sector relative to the index. With a typical 10%-15% stake, the portfolio regularly maintains an index-relative overweighting of 10 percentage points, by far its largest. The portfolio's stake in housing bonds includes (but is not limited to) planned amortization class bonds, which are structured muni securities designed to deliver more predictable principal repayment by protecting investors from prepayment variability within a defined range.

The managers are also participating in the prepaid gas sector, which consists of revenue bonds issued to prepay for long-term supplies of natural gas on behalf of municipal utilities or retail providers. Baird is approaching this higher-yielding, growing portion of the market with an appropriate amount of caution, reflected by the portfolio's diversified positioning across guarantors.

By anchoring the portfolio's duration to its index, the strategy consistently sits in the shorter half of its category. In December 2025, the portfolio's 4.89-year duration was more than 0.8 years shorter than that of its median rival.

**People** Above Average | Max Curtin | 27 Apr 2026
This group's cohesion inspires confidence and underpins the strategy's Above Average People rating.

Two established veterans guide this eight-person investment team and oversee Baird's growing muni platform. With careers spanning over three decades, Duane McAllister and Lyle Fitterer each built impressive track records before joining Baird in 2015 and 2019, respectively. McAllister came aboard in 2015 from BMO, where he had success managing tax-exempt strategies across the yield curve between 2007 and 2015. He brought with him managers Erik Schleicher and Joseph Czechowicz as founding members of a muni franchise intended to complement Baird's standout taxable-bond unit. The addition of Fitterer signaled Baird's commitment to build out its muni capabilities. Fitterer, who joined from Allspring (formerly Wells Fargo), reunited with McAllister, whom he had worked with at Wells Fargo's predecessor firm more than a decade prior. Baird later brought over two additional former Wells managers in Gabriel Diederich (2020) and Wendy Casetta (2024), although Casetta is not yet named on any strategies.

Each member wears multiple hats, working as managers, analysts, and traders. Other contributors include two dedicated credit analysts, a handful of operations professionals, and Baird's taxable-bond team, which provides support in areas like corporate-backed and housing bonds. The eight-person muni investment team averages nearly 24 years of industry experience.

Baird's alignment with fundholders is as strong as that of any fixed-income shop. All five named managers are invested across the five-fund lineup, including at least USD 1 million in four funds for both McAllister and Fitterer.

**Parent** High | Max Curtin | 27 Feb 2026
A bond-heavy blend of asset management businesses.

Baird continues to merit a High Parent rating.

Although Robert W. Baird and Co.'s origins date to 1919, its Milwaukee-based asset management business has, over more than a quarter-century, grown into an industry stalwart through deft talent acquisition. In early 2000, senior leaders from rival Firstar Investment Research & Management Co. joined to form the fixed-income-focused Baird Advisors. With modest fees and an effective, benchmark-aware approach, Baird's collaborative taxable bond team runs the lion's share of its assets under management. The firm bolstered its municipal bond expertise in mid-2015 and in August 2019; that part of the business now has considerable promise as well.

Baird's equity efforts are smaller and more geographically diffuse but also center on the opportunistic addition of talent. Baird Equity Asset Management purchased the international and global growth equity team of Colorado-based Chautauqua Capital Management in 2016, and in late 2021, it strengthened ties with proven Baltimore-based investor Joseph Milano, formerly of T. Rowe Price, while removing a small value team that had struggled over the prior decade.

Another facet of Baird stems from the parent company's 2018 acquisition of Strategas, a New York-based institutional brokerage firm that provides macro research, capital market, and advisory services. Strategas now offers three thematic equity exchange-traded funds through a partnership with Vident Asset Management, the biggest of which is Strategas Macro Thematic Opportunities. This ETF has cycled through at least 15 themes since its early 2022 inception while turning its portfolio over about 1-1.5 times per year and often holding hefty cash stakes that in April 2025 consistently exceeded 20%. Performance has been strong within its large-blend peer group thus far, but the ETF through late February 2026 modestly lagged the S&P 500 over its lifetime.

Each asset management business faces its own challenges. At Baird Advisors, succession bears monitoring as each of the firm's four senior leaders from Firmco is now a veteran of more than 40 years. Baird Equity Asset Management's strategies have a mixed record that requires the right balance of patience, support, and, if necessary, change. Strategas' approach, which is hardly staid, must show it offers enduring value to investors who can achieve broad market equity exposure through passive options for a fraction of the cost.

With more than 95% of its assets under management in fixed income strategies, Baird's bond-heavy blend of asset management businesses serves investors well. Backed by a strong parent company, Baird offers reliable active strategies at a reasonable cost that can serve as a cornerstone for the fixed-income portion of portfolios while complementing the equity side.

**Performance** | Max Curtin | 27 Apr 2026
This strategy's track record is stellar versus both its Bloomberg 1-15 Year Municipal Index and muni-national intermediate category peers.

The managers' cautious yet opportunistic approach has so far translated to a lower-volatility strategy rivaling the category's best. Indeed, the institutional shares' 2.79% annualized return since September 2015 (the strategy's first full month) through April 2025 ranked in the category's top decile and outpaced its index by 50 basis points, net of fees. The strategy's volatility-adjusted performance (as measured by Sharpe ratio) was better than all but three distinct rivals during that period, indicating a very strong risk/reward trade-off.

The strong long-term numbers are largely a product of excellent downside protection during weaker muni market environments. Positioned as duration-neutral against its index, the portfolio's duration is structurally shorter than that of its peers, which will cause the strategy to lag in periods of falling long-term yields while helping limit losses when interest rates rise. For instance, the strategy's 6.07% loss in 2022, while painful, was less severe than about 85% of distinct peers. It also held up better than nearly 90% of peers when tariff-induced market uncertainty triggered an 87-basis-point increase in the Bloomberg BVAL Muni Benchmark 10-year Index's yield between April 7 and April 9, 2025.

Meanwhile, the team's measured approach to credit risk, including thoughtful position-sizing guardrails, enables the managers to steer clear of concentrated credit risk that can spell trouble during rocky credit markets. It proved so again in March 2026 when the onset of the Iran war caused taxable and tax-exempt credit spreads to widen; the fund's 1.69% loss on the month was again better than nearly 90% of peers.

**Price** | Max Curtin | 27 Apr 2026
Baird Core Intermediate Municpl Bd Instl's Prospectus Adjusted Expense Ratio is 0.3% per year. It places it in the cheapest quintile of the Morningstar US Fund Muni National Interm Category, where the median fee is 0.5% per year. This cost positioning translates into a Medalist Rating Price Score of 1.69, which reflects its relative price positioning within the category. The Price Score ranges from -2.50 (most expensive) to +2.50 (cheapest), with higher scores indicating better cost competitiveness.

# Disclosures

The Morningstar Medalist Report is supplemental sales literature, and therefore must be preceded or accompanied by the investment's current prospectus or an equivalent statement. Please read this information carefully. In all cases, this disclosure statement should accompany this report. Morningstar is not itself a FINRA-member firm. All data presented is based on the most recent information available to Morningstar as of the release date and may or may not be an accurate reflection of current data for securities included in the fund's portfolio. There is no assurance that the data will remain the same.

Most Morningstar rankings do not include any adjustment for one-time sales charges, or loads. Morningstar does publish load-adjusted returns and ranks such returns within a Morningstar Category in certain reports. The total returns for share classes without one-time loads are equal to Morningstar's calculation of load-adjusted returns. Share classes that are subject to one-time loads relating to advice or sales commissions have their returns adjusted as part of the load-adjusted return calculation to reflect those loads.

**Analyst-Driven and Quantitatively-Driven Content**

The Managed Investment Report ("Report") may contain a Morningstar Medalist Rating™ or Pillar Scores that were derived quantitatively and/or quantitatively-driven written analysis (collectively, "Quantitatively-Driven Content") generated by a series of statistical models intended to replicate Morningstar's analyst output ("Analyst-Driven Content"). Quantitatively-driven analysis is written by taking the underlying statistics and supporting data for an investment product and translating those values into sentences and paragraphs. The framework in which quantitatively-driven analysis is generated uses mental models meant to mirror analyst-driven written analysis. Given the nature of the Quantitatively Driven Content, there is no one analyst in which a given Report is fully attributable to; however, Mr. Lee Davidson, Chief Analytics Officer for Morningstar, Inc., is responsible for overseeing the methodology that supports the Quantitatively Driven Content. Mr. Davidson is guided by the Morningstar, Inc. Code of Ethics in carrying out his responsibilities. Morningstar's Research, Investment, and Analytics Group includes research employees of various Morningstar, Inc. subsidiaries who prepare analysis on investment products and quantitative research employees of Morningstar, Inc. or its subsidiaries who aim to help investors by providing innovative research, models, and software. In the United States, research employees are employed by Morningstar Research Services LLC, which is registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

**Risk Warning**

Please note that investments in securities are subject to market and other risks and there is no assurance or guarantee that the intended investment objectives will be achieved. Past performance of a security may or may not be sustained in future and is no indication of future performance. A security's investment return and an investor's principal value will fluctuate so that, when re-deemed, an investor's shares may be worth more or less than their original cost. A security's current investment performance may be lower or higher than the investment performance noted within the report. For investments in foreign markets there are further risks, generally based on exchange rate changes or changes in political and social conditions.

Ratings and Pillar Scores are not statements of fact. Morningstar does not guarantee the completeness or accuracy of the assumptions or models used in determining the content in this report. A change in the fundamental factors underlying the report's content can mean that the information shown herein is subsequently no longer accurate.

For more information about Morningstar's methodologies, please visit global.morningstar.com/equitydisclosures

**Conflict Disclosure**

This report is for informational purposes, should not be the sole piece of information used in making an investment decision, and has no regard to the specific investment objectives, financial situation or particular needs of any specific recipient. This publication is intended to provide information to assist investors in making their own investment decisions, not to provide investment advice to any specific investor. Therefore, investments discussed herein may not be suitable for all investors; investors must exercise their own independent judgment as to the suitability of such investments and recommendations in the light of their own investment objectives, experience, taxation status and financial position. Morningstar encourages report recipients to read all relevant issue documents (e.g., prospectus) pertaining to the security concerned, including without limitation, information relevant to its investment objectives, risks, and costs before making an investment decision and when deemed necessary, to seek the advice of a financial, legal, tax, and/or accounting professional.

"Morningstar" is used throughout this section to refer to Morningstar, Inc. and/or its affiliates, as applicable. Unless stated otherwise, the original distributor of the report is Morningstar Inc., a U.S.A. domiciled financial institution. Unless otherwise provided in a separate agreement, Morningstar makes no representation that the report contents meet all of the presentation and/or disclosure standards applicable in the jurisdiction where the recipient is located.

The report and its contents are not directed to, or intended for distribution to or use by, any person or entity who is a citizen or resident of or located in any locality, state, country or other jurisdiction where such distribution, publication, availability or use would be contrary to law or regulation or which would subject Morningstar or its affiliates to any registration or licensing requirements in such jurisdiction.

This report may be distributed in certain localities, countries and/or jurisdictions ("Territories") by independent third parties or independent intermediaries ("Distributors"). Such Distributors are not acting as agents or representatives of the analyst or Morningstar. In Territories where a Distributor distributes our report, the Distributor, and not the analyst or Morningstar, is solely responsible for complying with all applicable regulations, laws, rules, circulars, codes and guidelines established by local and/or regional regulatory bodies, including laws in connection with the distribution third-party research reports.

The opinions expressed within the report are given in good faith, are as of the date of the report and are subject to change without notice. Neither the analyst nor Morningstar commits themselves in advance to whether and in which intervals updates to the report are expected to be made. The written analysis, ratings and pillar scores within this report are statements of opinions; they are not statements of fact.

Morningstar believes reasonable efforts were made by its analysts to carefully research information contained in their analysis and by the Quantitative Research team in creating methodologies and choosing supporting data. The information on which the analysis is based has been obtained from sources which are believed to be reliable such as, for example, the fund's prospectus and shareholder reports (or their equivalents), managed investment company website, interviews with managed investment company personnel, and relevant and appropriate press sources as well as data, statistics and information within Morningstar's own database. While Morningstar, its analysts, and the Quantitative Research team has obtained data, statistics and information from sources it believes to be reliable, the data, statistics, and information has not been audited or independently verified.

For a list of managed investments which Morningstar currently covers and provides written analysis on or for information on a historical Morningstar Medalist RatingTM please contact your local Morningstar office. In certain jurisdictions, the report contents, except for the Morningstar Medalist Rating and key analysis/opinions, may be shared with the managed investment company prior to publication. In the unlikely event that Morningstar would change their analysis/opinions and/or the Morningstar Medalist Rating based on feedback as result of such review, the report would disclose such a fact.

## Conflicts of Interest

Analysts may own (actual or beneficial) interests in the managed investments that are the subject of the Re-port. No material interests are held by the analyst or their immediate family in the managed investments that are the subject of the Report. Analysts have not received or purchased shares in the managed investments that are the subject of the Report prior to a public offering of such shares.

In general, Morningstar will not hold a material interest in the managed investments that are the subject of the Report. If a material interest is held by Morning-star, or if Morningstar owns a net long or short position in the managed investment that is the subject of this Report that exceeds 0.5% of the total issued share capital of the security, it will be disclosed at https://www.morningstar.com/company/disclosures/holdings

Morningstar employees' compensation is derived from Morningstar's overall earnings and consists of salary, bonus and in some cases restricted stock.

Neither Morningstar nor its analysts receive compensation or material benefits from product issuers or third parties in connection with the Report.

Morningstar's overall earnings are generated in part by the activities of the Investment Management and Research groups, and other affiliates, who provide ser-vices to product issuers.

Morningstar does not receive commissions for providing research and does not charge managed investment issuers to be rated.

Morningstar employees may not pursue business and employment opportunities outside Morningstar within the investment industry (including but not limited to, working as a financial planner, an investment professional or investment professional representative, a broker-dealer or broker-dealer agent, a financial writer, reporter, or analyst) without the approval of Morning-star's Legal and if applicable, Compliance teams.

Morningstar may provide the investment product issuer or its related entities with services or products for a fee and on an arms' length basis including software products and licenses, research and consulting ser-vices, data services, licenses to republish our ratings and research in their promotional material, event sponsorship and website advertising.

Certain managed investments use an index created by and licensed from Morningstar, Inc. as their tracking index. We mitigate any actual or potential conflicts of interests resulting from that by not producing qualitative analysis on any such managed investment as well as imposing informational barriers (both technology and non-technology) where appropriate and monitoring by the compliance department.

Morningstar's Investment Management group has arrangements with financial institutions to provide port-folio management/investment advice, some of which an analyst may issue investment research reports on. In addition, the Investment Management group creates and maintains model portfolios whose underlying holdings can include financial products, including managed investments that may be the subject of this Report. However, analysts do not have authority over Morningstar's Investment Management group's business arrangements nor allow employees from the In-vestment Management group to participate or influence the analysis or opinion prepared by them.

Morningstar, Inc. is a publicly traded company (Ticker Symbol: MORN) and thus a managed investment which is the subject of this Report may own more than 5% of Morningstar, Inc.'s total outstanding shares. Please access Morningstar, Inc.'s most recent Proxy Statement and refer to the section titled "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management" at https://shareholders.morningstar.com/investor-relations/financials/sec-filings/default.aspx. A managed investment's holding of Morningstar stock has no bearing on and is not a requirement for managed investments Morningstar determines to cover.

Analysts do not have any other material conflicts of interest at the time of publication. Users wishing to obtain further information should contact their local Morningstar office.

## Data Definitions

**Data Coverage %**
The Data Coverage % data point is a summary metric describing the level of data completeness used to generate the overall rating. If the pillar is assigned directly or indirectly by analysts, the pillar has complete data availability, as no model was used to estimate the pillar score. If the pillar is assigned directly by algorithm, Morningstar counts the number of data points feeding both the positive and negative models and counts whether the vehicle has strategy-specific data available. A simple percentage is calculated per pillar. The overall data coverage % is then scaled by pillar weights.

**Analyst-Driven %**
The Analyst-Driven % data point displays the weighted percentage of a vehicle's pillar ratings assigned directly or indirectly by analysts. For example, if the People and Parent ratings are assigned directly or indirectly by analysts but the Process rating is assigned algorithmically, the Analyst-Driven % for an actively managed vehicle would disclose that 55% of the pillar weight was assigned by analysts and the Analyst-Driven % for a passively managed vehicle would disclose that 20% of the pillar weight was assigned by analysts.

**Morningstar Medalist Rating™**
The Morningstar Medalist Rating is the summary expression of Morningstar's forward-looking analysis of investment strategies as offered via specific vehicles using a rating scale of Gold, Silver, Bronze, Neutral, and Negative. The Medalist Ratings indicate which investments Morningstar believes are likely to outperform a relevant index or peer group average on a risk-adjusted basis over time. Investment products are evaluated on three key pillars (People, Parent, and Process) which, when coupled with a fee assessment, forms the basis for Morningstar's conviction in those products' investment merits and determines the Medalist Rating they're assigned. Pillar ratings take the form of Low, Below Average, Average, Above Average, and High. Pillars may be evaluated via an analyst's qualitative assessment (either directly to a vehicle the analyst covers or indirectly when the pillar ratings of a covered vehicle are mapped to a related uncovered vehicle) or using algorithmic techniques. Vehicles are sorted by their expected performance into rating groups defined by their Morningstar Category and their active or passive status. When analysts directly cover a vehicle, they assign the three pillar ratings based on their qualitative assessment, subject to the oversight of the Analyst Rating Committee, and monitor and reevaluate them at least every 14 months. When the vehicles are covered either indirectly by analysts or by algorithm, the ratings are assigned monthly. For more detailed information about the Medalist Ratings, including their methodology, please go to http://global.morningstar. com/managerdisclosures

The Morningstar Medalist Ratings are not statements of fact, nor are they credit or risk ratings. The Morningstar Medalist Rating (i) should not be used as the sole basis in evaluating an investment product, (ii) involves unknown risks and uncertainties which may cause expectations not to occur or to differ significantly from what was expected, (iii)are not guaranteed to be based on complete or accurate assumptions or models when determined algorithmically, (iv) involve the risk that the return target will not be met due to such things as unforeseen changes in changes in management, technology, economic development, interest rate development, operating and/or material costs, competitive pressure, supervisory law, exchange rate, tax rates, exchange rate changes, and/or changes in political and social conditions, and (v) should not be considered an offer or solicitation to buy or sell the investment product. A change in the fundamental factors underlying the Morningstar Medalist Rating can mean that the rating is subsequently no longer accurate.

**Morningstar Pillar Ratings**
Morningstar Pillar Ratings are subjective evaluations of managed investments performed by manager research analysts of Morningstar. Morningstar evaluates managed investments based on five key pillars, which are people, process, parent, performance and price. Morningstar's analysts assign the people, process and parent pillars a rating of Low, Below Average, Average, Above Average, or High. Price and performance then used to help determine the managed investment's Morningstar Medalist Rating.

**Morningstar Rating™**
The Morningstar Rating™for funds, or "star rating", is

calculated for funds and separate accounts with at least a three-year history. Exchange-traded funds and open-ended mutual funds are considered a single population for comparative purposes. It is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product's monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The Morningstar Rating does not include any adjustment for sales loads. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a managed product is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its three-, five-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. For more information about the Morningstar Rating for funds, including its methodology, please go to global.morningstar.com/managerdisclosures.

## Investment Risks

**Bonds**
Bonds are subject to interest rate risk. As the prevailing level of bond interest rates rise, the value of bonds already held in a portfolio declines. Portfolios that hold bonds are subject to declines and increases in value due to general changes in interest rates. Portfolios that invest in lower-rated debt securities (i.e., "junk bonds") involve additional risks because of the lower credit quality of the securities in the portfolio. The investor should be aware of the possible higher level of volatility, and increased risk of default. Tax- free municipal bond funds may be subject to state and local taxation and the Alternative Minimum Tax.

**Equities**
Equities are typically subject to greater fluctuations in market value than other asset classes due to factors such as a company's business performance, investor perceptions, stock market trends and general economic conditions. Stocks of small or mid-sized companies involve additional risks; such companies may have a higher risk of failure, are not as well established as larger blue-chip companies, and have historically experienced a greater degree of market volatility than the overall market average.

**International/Emerging Markets Securities Risk**
Investing in international securities involves special additional risks. These risks include, but are not limited to, currency risk, political risk, and risk associated with varying accounting standards. Investing in emerging markets may accentuate these risks.

**Liquidity Risk**
Trading may be halted due to market conditions, impacting an investor's ability to sell a security.

**Market Price Risk**
The market price of securities traded on the secondary market is subject to the forces of supply and demand and thus independent of the NAV. This can result in the market price trading at a premium or discount to the NAV, which will affect an investor's value.

**Market Risk**
The market prices of securities can fluctuate as a result of several factors, such as security-specific factors or general investor sentiment. Therefore, investors should be aware of the prospect of market fluctuations and the impact it may have on the market price.

**Non-Diversified Strategies**
Portfolios that invest a significant percentage of assets in a single issuer involve additional risks, including share price fluctuations, because of the increased concentration of investments.

**Sector Strategies**
Portfolios that invest exclusively in one sector or industry involve additional risks. The lack of industry diversification subjects the investor to increased industry-specific risks.

**Important Disclosure Information**

*The performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. Investment returns and principal value will fluctuate and shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the data quoted. To obtain the most recent month-end performance data available, please visit bairdfunds.com.*

**Investors should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expense of each fund carefully before investing. This and other information is found in the prospectus and summary prospectus. For a prospectus or summary prospectus, visit bairdfunds.com. Please read the prospectus or summary prospectus carefully before investing.**



The average annual total returns for the Institutional Class of the Baird Core Intermediate Municipal Bond Fund as of April 30, 2026, are 5.68% for the one-year, 1.68% for the five-year, 2.60% for the ten-year periods and 2.85% since its August 31, 2015, inception date. The expense ratio of the Institutional Class is 0.30%.

The average annual total returns for the Bloomberg 1–15 Year Municipal Index as of April 30, 2026, are 5.98% for the one-year, 1.21% for the five-year, 2.12% for the ten-year periods and 2.35% since the fund's inception.

The Bloomberg Municipal Bond (1-15 Year) Index is an unmanaged, market value weighted index of investment-grade, tax-exempt, and fixed-rate securities with maturities between 1 and 17 years. Indices are unmanaged and are not available for direct investment.

Because the Fund may invest more than 25% of its total assets in municipal obligations issued by entities located in the same state or the interest on which is paid solely from revenues of similar projects, changes in economic, business, or political conditions relating to a particular state or types of projects may have a disproportionate impact on the Fund. In a rising interest rate environment, the value of fixed-income securities generally decline and conversely, in a falling interest rate environment, the value of fixed income securities generally increase. High yield securities may be subject to heightened market, interest rate or credit risk and should not be purchased solely because of the stated yield. Municipal securities may or may not be appropriate for all investors, especially for those in lower tax brackets. All investments carry risk, including loss of principal.

This reprint must be accompanied with performance data current through the most recent quarter. For Morningstar ratings data and Fund holdings current through the most recent month-end, as well as credit quality profile current through the most recent quarter-end, please visit [www.bairdfunds.com](http://www.bairdfunds.com).

# Baird Core Intermediate Municipl Bd Inv BMNSX

As steady as they come.

**Morningstar's Take** BMNSX

| **Overall Morningstar Rating™** | ★★★ | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 260 US Fund Muni National Interm (30 Apr 2026) | | | |
| | 3 Yr 260 funds | 5 Yr 238 funds | 10 Yr 180 funds |
| Morningstar Rating™ | 3★ | 4★ | 3★ |

| **Morningstar Medalist Rating™** | Bronze |
|---|---|
| Analyst-Driven % | 100.00 |
| Data Coverage % | 100.00 |

| **Morningstar Pillars** | |
|---|---|
| Process (27 Apr 2026) | Above Average |
| People (27 Apr 2026) | Above Average |
| Parent (27 Feb 2026) | High |
| Performance (27 Apr 2026) | |
| Price (27 Apr 2026) | Price Score: -0.25 |

27 Apr 2026 | by Max Curtin

Baird Core Intermediate Municipal Bond's seasoned team and measured approach make for a great combination. A decade after starting up this franchise, Baird has earned its place among the top municipal-bond managers.

There's a lot to like about this muni team, including the methodical approach with which Baird has assembled it. Beginning in 2015, the firm hired managers Duane McAllister, Erik Schleicher, and Joseph Czechowicz from BMO. Over the ensuing decade, the firm doubled its stable of muni managers, who wear multiple hats as credit analysts and traders, to six from three. In 2019, Lyle Fitterer joined from Allspring (formerly Wells Fargo) to co-lead the platform alongside McAllister. Wells veterans Gabriel Diederich and Wendy Casetta would follow suit in 2020 and 2024, respectively, demonstrating the value Baird places on familiarity and cohesion. The team of six averages 28 years of industry experience and draws on the additional support of two dedicated muni credit analysts, a handful of operations specialists, and the firm's taxable-bond team. This team is by no means the industry's largest, but that hasn't stopped it from operating at an extremely high level.

Baird's sensible, risk-conscious approach is made possible by its modest fee hurdles, enabling the team to focus its energy on adding incremental value through credit selection, yield-curve positioning, and trade execution. The managers anchor the portfolio's duration (a measure of interest rate risk) to the benchmark, the Bloomberg 1-15 Year Municipal Index, resulting in a structurally shorter-duration posture versus muni-national intermediate Morningstar Category peers. A proprietary credit scoring system also eases the research burden on the leaner team, which focuses most of its fundamental research efforts on the least stable credits, such as senior-care and multifamily housing bonds. Meanwhile, Baird's deliberate lack of a dedicated high-yield muni strategy further lessens the credit-research workload across the team.

Consistently strong bond-picking and timely curve positioning within the firm's prudent risk mitigation framework have led to stellar downside protection during short periods of market stress and an enviable long-term track record dating back to the strategy's 2015 inception. The fund's institutional shares' 0.72 information ratio, which measures how well a manager adds value relative to a benchmark, beat all but one distinct peer through March 2026.

**Process** Above Average | Max Curtin | 27 Apr 2026

Baird's straightforward approach lacks some of the levers of more complex municipal-bond strategies, but not to its detriment. The strategy earns an Above Average Process rating.

The muni suite resembles Baird Advisors' highly successful taxable-bond platform in many respects. For starters, modest mutual fund fee hurdles limit the need for excessive risk-taking, and the managers avoid large duration bets. The team manages the strategy's duration (a measure of interest rate risk) tightly around its Bloomberg 1-15 Year Municipal Index's and forgoes the use of derivatives and leverage. Instead, the managers focus on bottom-up security selection, tactical yield-curve positioning, and competitive trade execution. In doing so, they aim to generate an average of 25-50 basis points of net outperformance versus the strategy's benchmark, on average, over a market cycle.

Fluid collaboration between the muni team and the firm's taxable cohorts, strong adherence to risk mitigation, and a proprietary credit scoring system ease concerns around the modestly sized team. Credits receive a score based on seven factors ranging from the obligor's underlying credit rating to third-party enhancements and are bucketed into one of three categories. The team allocates most of its research time to credits grouped in the weakest bucket, which often features bonds in the senior care, multifamily housing, and land development sectors.

High-quality, tax-exempt bonds are the focus of this strategy. Bonds rated A and above often constitute more than 80% of assets, the majority of which are rated AA. The team caps exposure to below-investment-grade (including nonrated) bonds at 10%, though this sleeve has seldom breached 6% since the strategy's 2015 inception. As a result, the strategy has consistently sat at or below its typical muni-national intermediate category peer, whose below-investment-grade allocation has risen from roughly 4% to 8% over the past decade. That quality bias has grown to be more pronounced over the past two years; the December 2025 portfolio's 3.1% stake was less than half of its median peer's 8.0%.

Housing bonds have long stood out as a preferred sector relative to the index. With a typical 10%-15% stake, the portfolio regularly maintains an index-relative overweighting of 10 percentage points, by far its largest. The portfolio's stake in housing bonds includes (but is not limited to) planned amortization class bonds, which are structured muni securities designed to deliver more predictable principal repayment by protecting investors from prepayment variability within a defined range.

The managers are also participating in the prepaid gas sector, which consists of revenue bonds issued to prepay for long-term supplies of natural gas on behalf of municipal utilities or retail providers. Baird is approaching this higher-yielding, growing portion of the market with an appropriate amount of caution, reflected by the portfolio's diversified positioning across guarantors.

By anchoring the portfolio's duration to its index, the strategy consistently sits in the shorter half of its category. In December 2025, the portfolio's 4.89-year duration was more than 0.8 years shorter than that of its median rival.

**People** Above Average | Max Curtin | 27 Apr 2026
This group's cohesion inspires confidence and underpins the strategy's Above Average People rating.

Two established veterans guide this eight-person investment team and oversee Baird's growing muni platform. With careers spanning over three decades, Duane McAllister and Lyle Fitterer each built impressive track records before joining Baird in 2015 and 2019, respectively. McAllister came aboard in 2015 from BMO, where he had success managing tax-exempt strategies across the yield curve between 2007 and 2015. He brought with him managers Erik Schleicher and Joseph Czechowicz as founding members of a muni franchise intended to complement Baird's standout taxable-bond unit. The addition of Fitterer signaled Baird's commitment to build out its muni capabilities. Fitterer, who joined from Allspring (formerly Wells Fargo), reunited with McAllister, whom he had worked with at Wells Fargo's predecessor firm more than a decade prior. Baird later brought over two additional former Wells managers in Gabriel Diederich (2020) and Wendy Casetta (2024), although Casetta is not yet named on any strategies.

Each member wears multiple hats, working as managers, analysts, and traders. Other contributors include two dedicated credit analysts, a handful of operations professionals, and Baird's taxable-bond team, which provides support in areas like corporate-backed and housing bonds. The eight-person muni investment team averages nearly 24 years of industry experience.

Baird's alignment with fundholders is as strong as that of any fixed-income shop. All five named managers are invested across the five-fund lineup, including at least USD 1 million in four funds for both McAllister and Fitterer.

**Parent** High | Max Curtin | 27 Feb 2026
A bond-heavy blend of asset management businesses.

Baird continues to merit a High Parent rating.

Although Robert W. Baird and Co.'s origins date to 1919, its Milwaukee-based asset management business has, over more than a quarter-century, grown into an industry stalwart through deft talent acquisition. In early 2000, senior leaders from rival Firstar Investment Research & Management Co. joined to form the fixed-income-focused Baird Advisors. With modest fees and an effective, benchmark-aware approach, Baird's collaborative taxable bond team runs the lion's share of its assets under management. The firm bolstered its municipal bond expertise in mid-2015 and in August 2019; that part of the business now has considerable promise as well.

Baird's equity efforts are smaller and more geographically diffuse but also center on the opportunistic addition of talent. Baird Equity Asset Management purchased the international and global growth equity team of Colorado-based Chautauqua Capital Management in 2016, and in late 2021, it strengthened ties with proven Baltimore-based investor Joseph Milano, formerly of T. Rowe Price, while removing a small value team that had struggled over the prior decade.

Another facet of Baird stems from the parent company's 2018 acquisition of Strategas, a New York-based institutional brokerage firm that provides macro research, capital market, and advisory services. Strategas now offers three thematic equity exchange-traded funds through a partnership with Vident Asset Management, the biggest of which is Strategas Macro Thematic Opportunities. This ETF has cycled through at least 15 themes since its early 2022 inception while turning its portfolio over about 1-1.5 times per year and often holding hefty cash stakes that in April 2025 consistently exceeded 20%. Performance has been strong within its large-blend peer group thus far, but the ETF through late February 2026 modestly lagged the S&P 500 over its lifetime.

Each asset management business faces its own challenges. At Baird Advisors, succession bears monitoring as each of the firm's four senior leaders from Firmco is now a veteran of more than 40 years. Baird Equity Asset Management's strategies have a mixed record that requires the right balance of patience, support, and, if necessary, change. Strategas' approach, which is hardly staid, must show it offers enduring value to investors who can achieve broad market equity exposure through passive options for a fraction of the cost.

With more than 95% of its assets under management in fixed income strategies, Baird's bond-heavy blend of asset management businesses serves investors well. Backed by a strong parent company, Baird offers reliable active strategies at a reasonable cost that can serve as a cornerstone for the fixed-income portion of portfolios while complementing the equity side.

**Performance** | Max Curtin | 27 Apr 2026
This strategy's track record is stellar versus both its Bloomberg 1-15 Year Municipal Index and muni-national intermediate category peers.

The managers' cautious yet opportunistic approach has so far translated to a lower-volatility strategy rivaling the category's best. Indeed, the institutional shares' 2.79% annualized return since September 2015 (the strategy's first full month) through April 2025 ranked in the category's top decile and outpaced its index by 50 basis points, net of fees. The strategy's volatility-adjusted performance (as measured by Sharpe ratio) was better than all but three distinct rivals during that period, indicating a very strong risk/reward trade-off.

The strong long-term numbers are largely a product of excellent downside protection during weaker muni market environments. Positioned as duration-neutral against its index, the portfolio's duration is structurally shorter than that of its peers, which will cause the strategy to lag in periods of falling long-term yields while helping limit losses when interest rates rise. For instance, the strategy's 6.07% loss in 2022, while painful, was less severe than about 85% of distinct peers. It also held up better than nearly 90% of peers when tariff-induced market uncertainty triggered an 87-basis-point increase in the Bloomberg BVAL Muni Benchmark 10-year Index's yield between April 7 and April 9, 2025.

Meanwhile, the team's measured approach to credit risk, including thoughtful position-sizing guardrails, enables the managers to steer clear of concentrated credit risk that can spell trouble during rocky credit markets. It proved so again in March 2026 when the onset of the Iran war caused taxable and tax-exempt credit spreads to widen; the fund's 1.69% loss on the month was again better than nearly 90% of peers.

**Price** | Max Curtin | 27 Apr 2026
Baird Core Intermediate Municpl Bd Inv's Prospectus Adjusted Expense Ratio is 0.55% per year. It places it in the middle quintile of the Morningstar US Fund Muni National Interm Category, where the median fee is 0.5% per year. This cost positioning translates into a Medalist Rating Price Score of -0.25, which reflects its relative price positioning within the category. The Price Score ranges from -2.50 (most expensive) to +2.50 (cheapest), with higher scores indicating better cost competitiveness.

# Disclosures

The Morningstar Medalist Report is supplemental sales literature, and therefore must be preceded or accompanied by the investment's current prospectus or an equivalent statement. Please read this information carefully. In all cases, this disclosure statement should accompany this report. Morningstar is not itself a FINRA-member firm. All data presented is based on the most recent information available to Morningstar as of the release date and may or may not be an accurate reflection of current data for securities included in the fund's portfolio. There is no assurance that the data will remain the same.

Most Morningstar rankings do not include any adjustment for one-time sales charges, or loads. Morningstar does publish load-adjusted returns and ranks such returns within a Morningstar Category in certain reports. The total returns for share classes without one-time loads are equal to Morningstar's calculation of load-adjusted returns. Share classes that are subject to one-time loads relating to advice or sales commissions have their returns adjusted as part of the load-adjusted return calculation to reflect those loads.

**Analyst-Driven and Quantitatively-Driven Content**
The Managed Investment Report ("Report") may contain a Morningstar Medalist Rating$^{TM}$ or Pillar Scores that were derived quantitatively and/or quantitatively-driven written analysis (collectively, "Quantitatively-Driven Content") generated by a series of statistical models intended to replicate Morningstar's analyst output ("Analyst-Driven Content"). Quantitatively-driven analysis is written by taking the underlying statistics and supporting data for an investment product and translating those values into sentences and paragraphs. The framework in which quantitatively-driven analysis is generated uses mental models meant to mirror analyst-driven written analysis. Given the nature of the Quantitatively Driven Content, there is no one analyst in which a given Report is fully attributable to; however, Mr. Lee Davidson, Chief Analytics Officer for Morningstar, Inc., is responsible for overseeing the methodology that supports the Quantitatively Driven Content. Mr. Davidson is guided by the Morningstar, Inc. Code of Ethics in carrying out his responsibilities. Morningstar's Research, Investment, and Analytics Group includes research employees of various Morningstar, Inc. subsidiaries who prepare analysis on investment products and quantitative research employees of Morningstar, Inc. or its subsidiaries who aim to help investors by providing innovative research, models, and software. In the United States, research employees are employed by Morningstar Research Services LLC, which is registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

**Risk Warning**
Please note that investments in securities are subject to market and other risks and there is no assurance or guarantee that the intended investment objectives will be achieved. Past performance of a security may or may not be sustained in future and is no indication of future performance. A security's investment return and an investor's principal value will fluctuate so that, when re-deemed, an investor's shares may be worth more or less than their original cost. A security's current investment performance may be lower or higher than the investment performance noted within the report. For investments in foreign markets there are further risks, generally based on exchange rate changes or changes in political and social conditions.

Ratings and Pillar Scores are not statements of fact. Morningstar does not guarantee the completeness or accuracy of the assumptions or models used in determining the content in this report. A change in the fundamental factors underlying the report's content can mean that the information shown herein is subsequently no longer accurate.

For more information about Morningstar's methodologies, please visit global.morningstar.com/equitydisclosures

**Conflict Disclosure**
This report is for informational purposes, should not be the sole piece of information used in making an investment decision, and has no regard to the specific investment objectives, financial situation or particular needs of any specific recipient. This publication is intended to provide information to assist investors in making their own investment decisions, not to provide investment advice to any specific investor. Therefore, investments discussed herein may not be suitable for all investors; investors must exercise their own independent judgment as to the suitability of such investments and recommendations in the light of their own investment objectives, experience, taxation status and financial position. Morningstar encourages report recipients to read all relevant issue documents (e.g., prospectus) pertaining to the security concerned, including without limitation, information relevant to its investment objectives, risks, and costs before making an investment decision and when deemed necessary, to seek the advice of a financial, legal, tax, and/or accounting professional.

"Morningstar" is used throughout this section to refer to Morningstar, Inc. and/or its affiliates, as applicable. Unless stated otherwise, the original distributor of the report is Morningstar Inc., a U.S.A. domiciled financial institution. Unless otherwise provided in a separate agreement, Morningstar makes no representation that the report contents meet all of the presentation and/or disclosure standards applicable in the jurisdiction where the recipient is located.

The report and its contents are not directed to, or intended for distribution to or use by, any person or entity who is a citizen or resident of or located in any locality, state, country or other jurisdiction where such distribution, publication, availability or use would be contrary to law or regulation or which would subject Morningstar or its affiliates to any registration or licensing requirements in such jurisdiction.

This report may be distributed in certain localities, countries and/or jurisdictions ("Territories") by independent third parties or independent intermediaries ("Distributors"). Such Distributors are not acting as agents or representatives of the analyst or Morningstar. In Territories where a Distributor distributes our report, the Distributor, and not the analyst or Morningstar, is solely responsible for complying with all applicable regulations, laws, rules, circulars, codes and guidelines established by local and/or regional regulatory bodies, including laws in connection with the distribution third-party research reports.

The opinions expressed within the report are given in good faith, are as of the date of the report and are subject to change without notice. Neither the analyst nor Morningstar commits themselves in advance to whether and in which intervals updates to the report are expected to be made. The written analysis, ratings and pillar scores within this report are statements of opinions; they are not statements of fact.

Morningstar believes reasonable efforts were made by its analysts to carefully research information contained in their analysis and by the Quantitative Research team in creating methodologies and choosing supporting data. The information on which the analysis is based has been obtained from sources which are believed to be reliable such as, for example, the fund's prospectus and shareholder reports (or their equivalents), managed investment company website, interviews with managed investment company personnel, and relevant and appropriate press sources as well as data, statistics and information within Morningstar's own database. While Morningstar, its analysts, and the Quantitative Research team has obtained data, statistics and information from sources it believes to be reliable, the data, statistics, and information has not been audited or independently verified.

For a list of managed investments which Morningstar currently covers and provides written analysis on or for information on a historical Morningstar Medalist RatingTM please contact your local Morningstar office. In certain jurisdictions, the report contents, except for the Morningstar Medalist Rating and key analysis/opinions, may be shared with the managed investment company prior to publication. In the unlikely event that Morningstar would change their analysis/opinions and/or the Morningstar Medalist Rating based on feedback as result of such review, the report would disclose such a fact.

## Conflicts of Interest

Analysts may own (actual or beneficial) interests in the managed investments that are the subject of the Re-port. No material interests are held by the analyst or their immediate family in the managed investments that are the subject of the Report. Analysts have not received or purchased shares in the managed investments that are the subject of the Report prior to a public offering of such shares.

In general, Morningstar will not hold a material interest in the managed investments that are the subject of the Report. If a material interest is held by Morning-star, or if Morningstar owns a net long or short position in the managed investment that is the subject of this Report that exceeds 0.5% of the total issued share capital of the security, it will be disclosed at https://www.morningstar.com/company/disclosures/holdings

Morningstar employees' compensation is derived from Morningstar's overall earnings and consists of salary, bonus and in some cases restricted stock.

Neither Morningstar nor its analysts receive compensation or material benefits from product issuers or third parties in connection with the Report.

Morningstar's overall earnings are generated in part by the activities of the Investment Management and Research groups, and other affiliates, who provide ser-vices to product issuers.

Morningstar does not receive commissions for providing research and does not charge managed investment issuers to be rated.

Morningstar employees may not pursue business and employment opportunities outside Morningstar within the investment industry (including but not limited to, working as a financial planner, an investment professional or investment professional representative, a broker-dealer or broker-dealer agent, a financial writer, reporter, or analyst) without the approval of Morning-star's Legal and if applicable, Compliance teams.

Morningstar may provide the investment product issuer or its related entities with services or products for a fee and on an arms' length basis including software products and licenses, research and consulting ser-vices, data services, licenses to republish our ratings and research in their promotional material, event sponsorship and website advertising.

Certain managed investments use an index created by and licensed from Morningstar, Inc. as their tracking index. We mitigate any actual or potential conflicts of interests resulting from that by not producing qualitative analysis on any such managed investment as well as imposing informational barriers (both technology and non-technology) where appropriate and monitoring by the compliance department.

Morningstar's Investment Management group has arrangements with financial institutions to provide port-folio management/investment advice, some of which an analyst may issue investment research reports on. In addition, the Investment Management group creates and maintains model portfolios whose underlying holdings can include financial products, including managed investments that may be the subject of this Report. However, analysts do not have authority over Morningstar's Investment Management group's business arrangements nor allow employees from the In-vestment Management group to participate or influence the analysis or opinion prepared by them.

Morningstar, Inc. is a publicly traded company (Ticker Symbol: MORN) and thus a managed investment which is the subject of this Report may own more than 5% of Morningstar, Inc.'s total outstanding shares. Please access Morningstar, Inc.'s most recent Proxy Statement and refer to the section titled "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management" at https://shareholders.morningstar.com/investor-relations/financials/sec-filings/default.aspx. A managed investment's holding of Morningstar stock has no bearing on and is not a requirement for managed investments Morningstar determines to cover.

Analysts do not have any other material conflicts of interest at the time of publication. Users wishing to obtain further information should contact their local Morningstar office.

## Data Definitions

**Data Coverage %**
The Data Coverage % data point is a summary metric describing the level of data completeness used to generate the overall rating. If the pillar is assigned directly or indirectly by analysts, the pillar has complete data availability, as no model was used to estimate the pillar score. If the pillar is assigned directly by algorithm, Morningstar counts the number of data points feeding both the positive and negative models and counts whether the vehicle has strategy-specific data available. A simple percentage is calculated per pillar. The overall data coverage % is then scaled by pillar weights.

**Analyst-Driven %**
The Analyst-Driven % data point displays the weighted percentage of a vehicle's pillar ratings assigned directly or indirectly by analysts. For example, if the People and Parent ratings are assigned directly or indirectly by analysts but the Process rating is assigned algorithmically, the Analyst-Driven % for an actively managed vehicle would disclose that 55% of the pillar weight was assigned by analysts and the Analyst-Driven % for a passively managed vehicle would disclose that 20% of the pillar weight was assigned by analysts.

**Morningstar Medalist Rating™**
The Morningstar Medalist Rating is the summary expression of Morningstar's forward-looking analysis of investment strategies as offered via specific vehicles using a rating scale of Gold, Silver, Bronze, Neutral, and Negative. The Medalist Ratings indicate which investments Morningstar believes are likely to outperform a relevant index or peer group average on a risk-adjusted basis over time. Investment products are evaluated on three key pillars (People, Parent, and Process) which, when coupled with a fee assessment, forms the basis for Morningstar's conviction in those products' investment merits and determines the Medalist Rating they're assigned. Pillar ratings take the form of Low, Below Average, Average, Above Average, and High. Pillars may be evaluated via an analyst's qualitative assessment (either directly to a vehicle the analyst covers or indirectly when the pillar ratings of a covered vehicle are mapped to a related uncovered vehicle) or using algorithmic techniques. Vehicles are sorted by their expected performance into rating groups defined by their Morningstar Category and their active or passive status. When analysts directly cover a vehicle, they assign the three pillar ratings based on their qualitative assessment, subject to the oversight of the Analyst Rating Committee, and monitor and reevaluate them at least every 14 months. When the vehicles are covered either indirectly by analysts or by algorithm, the ratings are assigned monthly. For more detailed information about the Medalist Ratings, including their methodology, please go to http://global.morningstar. com/managerdisclosures

The Morningstar Medalist Ratings are not statements of fact, nor are they credit or risk ratings. The Morningstar Medalist Rating (i) should not be used as the sole basis in evaluating an investment product, (ii) involves unknown risks and uncertainties which may cause expectations not to occur or to differ significantly from what was expected, (iii)are not guaranteed to be based on complete or accurate assumptions or models when determined algorithmically, (iv) involve the risk that the return target will not be met due to such things as unforeseen changes in changes in management, technology, economic development, interest rate development, operating and/or material costs, competitive pressure, supervisory law, exchange rate, tax rates, exchange rate changes, and/or changes in political and social conditions, and (v) should not be considered an offer or solicitation to buy or sell the investment product. A change in the fundamental factors underlying the Morningstar Medalist Rating can mean that the rating is subsequently no longer accurate.

**Morningstar Pillar Ratings**
Morningstar Pillar Ratings are subjective evaluations of managed investments performed by manager research analysts of Morningstar. Morningstar evaluates managed investments based on five key pillars, which are people, process, parent, performance and price. Morningstar's analysts assign the people, process and parent pillars a rating of Low, Below Average, Average, Above Average, or High. Price and performance then used to help determine the managed investment's Morningstar Medalist Rating.

**Morningstar Rating™**
The Morningstar Rating™for funds, or "star rating", is

calculated for funds and separate accounts with at least a three-year history. Exchange-traded funds and open-ended mutual funds are considered a single population for comparative purposes. It is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product's monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. The Morningstar Rating does not include any adjustment for sales loads. The top 10% of products in each product category receive 5 stars, the next 22.5% receive 4 stars, the next 35% receive 3 stars, the next 22.5% receive 2 stars, and the bottom 10% receive 1 star. The Overall Morningstar Rating for a managed product is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its three-, five-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. For more information about the Morningstar Rating for funds, including its methodology, please go to global.morningstar.com/managerdisclosures.

## Investment Risks

**Bonds**
Bonds are subject to interest rate risk. As the prevailing level of bond interest rates rise, the value of bonds already held in a portfolio declines. Portfolios that hold bonds are subject to declines and increases in value due to general changes in interest rates. Portfolios that invest in lower-rated debt securities (i.e., "junk bonds") involve additional risks because of the lower credit quality of the securities in the portfolio. The investor should be aware of the possible higher level of volatility, and increased risk of default. Tax- free municipal bond funds may be subject to state and local taxation and the Alternative Minimum Tax.

**Equities**
Equities are typically subject to greater fluctuations in market value than other asset classes due to factors such as a company's business performance, investor perceptions, stock market trends and general economic conditions. Stocks of small or mid-sized companies involve additional risks; such companies may have a higher risk of failure, are not as well established as larger blue-chip companies, and have historically experienced a greater degree of market volatility than the overall market average.

**International/Emerging Markets Securities Risk**
Investing in international securities involves special additional risks. These risks include, but are not limited to, currency risk, political risk, and risk associated with varying accounting standards. Investing in emerging markets may accentuate these risks.

**Liquidity Risk**
Trading may be halted due to market conditions, impacting an investor's ability to sell a security.

**Market Price Risk**
The market price of securities traded on the secondary market is subject to the forces of supply and demand and thus independent of the NAV. This can result in the market price trading at a premium or discount to the NAV, which will affect an investor's value.

**Market Risk**
The market prices of securities can fluctuate as a result of several factors, such as security-specific factors or general investor sentiment. Therefore, investors should be aware of the prospect of market fluctuations and the impact it may have on the market price.

**Non-Diversified Strategies**
Portfolios that invest a significant percentage of assets in a single issuer involve additional risks, including share price fluctuations, because of the increased concentration of investments.

**Sector Strategies**
Portfolios that invest exclusively in one sector or industry involve additional risks. The lack of industry diversification subjects the investor to increased industry-specific risks.

**Important Disclosure Information**

*The performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. Investment returns and principal value will fluctuate and shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the data quoted. To obtain the most recent month-end performance data available, please visit bairdfunds.com.*

**Investors should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expense of each fund carefully before investing. This and other information is found in the prospectus and summary prospectus. For a prospectus or summary prospectus, visit bairdfunds.com. Please read the prospectus or summary prospectus carefully before investing.**



The average annual total returns for the Investor Class of the Baird Core Intermediate Municipal Bond Fund as of April 30, 2026, are 5.43% for the one-year, 1.42% for the five-year, 2.34% for the ten-year periods and 2.59% since its August 31, 2015, inception date. The expense ratio of the Institutional Class is 0.30%.

The average annual total returns for the Bloomberg 1–15 Year Municipal Index as of April 30, 2026, are 5.98% for the one-year, 1.21% for the five-year, 2.12% for the ten-year periods and 2.35% since the fund's inception.

The Bloomberg Municipal Bond (1-15 Year) Index is an unmanaged, market value weighted index of investment-grade, tax-exempt, and fixed-rate securities with maturities between 1 and 17 years. Indices are unmanaged and are not available for direct investment.

Because the Fund may invest more than 25% of its total assets in municipal obligations issued by entities located in the same state or the interest on which is paid solely from revenues of similar projects, changes in economic, business, or political conditions relating to a particular state or types of projects may have a disproportionate impact on the Fund. In a rising interest rate environment, the value of fixed-income securities generally decline and conversely, in a falling interest rate environment, the value of fixed income securities generally increase. High yield securities may be subject to heightened market, interest rate or credit risk and should not be purchased solely because of the stated yield. Municipal securities may or may not be appropriate for all investors, especially for those in lower tax brackets. All investments carry risk, including loss of principal.

This reprint must be accompanied with performance data current through the most recent quarter. For Morningstar ratings data and Fund holdings current through the most recent month-end, as well as credit quality profile current through the most recent quarter-end, please visit www.bairdfunds.com.