

# Baird Strategic Municipal Bond Fund

Institutional – BSNIX | Investor –BSNSX

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As of September 30, 2024

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## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The investment objective of the Fund is to seek a high level of current income that is exempt from federal income tax and is consistent with preservation of capital.

## INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY

The Fund utilizes a national strategy monitoring valuations across all municipal sectors including state and local general obligations, essential service revenue bonds, transportation and healthcare sectors, sales tax issues and other municipal obligations. It targets an average maturity in the short to intermediate-term range, investing across the 1-15 year segment of the yield curve. The team utilizes yield curve positioning in the investment management process to capture pricing inefficiencies and optimize yield and “roll” while striving for tax efficiency.

## INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The Fund invests in a broadly diversified portfolio of federally tax-exempt municipal obligations issued by governmental authorities throughout the U.S. and its territories. The Fund may invest in all types of municipal obligations, including pre-refunded bonds, general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, and municipal lease participations.

The Fund normally invests at least 80% of its net assets in municipal bonds and debentures, the income from which is exempt from federal income tax (including the federal alternative minimum tax). The Fund invests principally in investment grade municipal obligations, rated at the time of purchase by at least one major rating agency, but may invest up to 30% of its net assets in non-investment grade municipal obligations and may invest in unrated obligations that are determined by Baird Advisors to be comparable in quality to the rated obligations.

While obligations of any maturity may be purchased, under normal circumstances, the Fund’s dollar-weighted average effective maturity is generally expected to be between three months and ten years. The Fund has a targeted duration of +/- 2 years to its benchmark.

## MORNINGSTAR CATEGORY

Muni National Intermediate  
262 funds in category

## OVERALL MORNINGSTAR RATING (Institutional class)<sup>1</sup>



Based on risk-adjusted returns as of 9/30/2024

## BENCHMARK

Bloomberg 1-10 Year Municipal Blend Index

## FUND STATISTICS

Fund Assets	\$1,429,050,959
Average Effective Duration	4.05 Years
Average Effective Maturity	4.19 Years
Annual Turnover Rate	47.37%
Number of Holdings	1,236

## YIELD INFORMATION

	Institutional Shares	Investor Shares
SEC 30-Day Yield <sup>2</sup>	3.26%	3.01%
Distribution Frequency	Monthly	Monthly

## FUND INFORMATION

	Institutional Shares	Investor Shares
Ticker	BSNIX	BSNSX
CUSIP	057071516	057071524
Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$10.40	\$10.39
Load Type	No-Load	No-Load
12b-1 Fees	–	0.25%
Minimum Initial Investment	\$10,000	\$2,500 (IRA: \$1,000)
Expense Ratio	0.30%	0.55%
AMT Exposure	9.92%	9.92%

## PERFORMANCE INFORMATION (as of September 30, 2024)

	Total Returns (%)		Average Annual Total Returns (%)					Since Inception (11/15/19)
	YTD	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years		
Institutional	3.75	2.75	9.93	1.79	N/A	N/A	3.32	
Investor	3.47	2.59	9.57	1.51	N/A	N/A	3.05	
Benchmark	1.87	2.67	7.44	0.53	N/A	N/A	1.39	

	Calendar Year Total Returns (%)									
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Institutional	6.78	-5.31	2.26	8.39	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Investor	6.53	-5.55	2.00	8.13	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Benchmark	4.61	-4.84	0.53	4.23	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Returns over one year are annualized unless specified. The performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. Investment returns and principal value of an investment 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. Investment results assume all distributions are reinvested and reflected applicable fees and expenses.

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## FUND MANAGEMENT TEAM

The Fund is managed by a very deep and seasoned portfolio management team. Baird Advisors uses a holistic approach to portfolio management that integrates the sector focus and expertise of various team members.

All team members are involved in the bottom-up portfolio construction and optimization process across the duration spectrum with cross sector relative value analysis and security selection occurring collaboratively across the team.

Named Portfolio Managers:

- Lyle J. Fitterer, CFA
- Duane A. McAllister, CFA
- Gabriel G. Diederich, CFA
- Erik R. Schleicher, CFA
- Joseph J. Czechowicz, CFA

## QUALITY PROFILE<sup>3, 4</sup>

	Fund	Index
U.S. Treasury	0.0%	0.0%
U.S. Agency	0.0%	0.0%
AAA	12.6%	16.9%
AA	46.5%	56.8%
A	22.9%	22.2%
BBB	10.8%	4.1%
Below BBB	1.6%	0.0%
Not Rated	5.6%	0.0%
Net Derivatives Position	0.0%	0.0%

## SECTOR PROFILE<sup>4</sup>

	Fund	Index
Pre-refunded ETM/U.S. Treasury	5.0%	3.6%
General Obligation	19.1%	31.5%
Revenue	74.7%	65.0%
Cash	1.2%	0.0%
Net Derivatives Position	0.0%	0.0%

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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.

Bloomberg 1-10 Year Municipal Blend Index measures the performance of tax-exempt muni bonds with more than one year and less than ten years remaining until maturity. Indices are unmanaged and direct investment is not possible.

<sup>1</sup>The Morningstar Rating™ for funds, or "star rating", is calculated for managed products 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 3-, 5-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Rating metrics. While the 10-year overall star rating formula seems to give the most weight to the 10-year period, the most recent 3-year period has the greatest impact because it is included in all three rating periods. The Baird Strategic Municipal Bond Fund Institutional Class received a 5-star Overall Morningstar Rating rated against 262 funds in the Muni National Intermediate Bond category as of 9/30/2024. The fund was rated 5-stars of out 262 funds for the 3-year period.

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<sup>2</sup>The SEC 30-Day Yield reflects the rate at which the fund is earning income on its current portfolio net of any expense waivers.

<sup>3</sup>The quality profile is calculated on a market value-weighted basis. Per the Baird Funds prospectus, each security in the Fund is assigned the highest credit quality rating provided by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization (e.g. S&P, Moody's, Fitch). For pre-refunded securities, the reported credit quality reflects the highest reported rating from S&P, Moody's or Fitch for the underlying collateral. Per the Bloomberg Index controlling rating methodology, each security in the index is assigned a rating using S&P, Moody's, and Fitch (middle of three ratings, lower of two ratings, or singular rating if rated by one rating agency). Ratings are measured on a scale that generally ranges from AAA (highest) to D (lowest).

<sup>4</sup>Totals sum based on unrounded data. Breakouts are shown rounded to the nearest tenth and may not visually sum.

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