

# PIMCO Flexible Municipal Income Fund

One of the first municipal interval funds in the industry, PIMCO Flexible Municipal Income Fund (“MuniFlex”) aims to exploit inherent illiquidity in the muni market for enhanced tax-efficient income.

## Key Terms

**Distribution Rate<sup>1</sup>:** 4.42%

**Taxable Equivalent Distribution Rate<sup>2</sup>:** 7.47%

**12M Average Distribution Rate<sup>1</sup>:** 4.47%

**Taxable Equivalent 12M Average Distribution Rate<sup>2</sup>:** 7.55%

**Dividend Frequency:** Monthly with Daily Accrual

**Ticker:** PMFLX

**Fund AUM:** \$1,437M

**Inception Date:** 15 March 2019

**Tax Treatment:** 1099 Treatment

**Liquidity:** Quarterly share repurchases expected to equal 10% of outstanding shares

**Subscriptions:** Daily at NAV

**Registered:** 1940-Act / 1933-Act

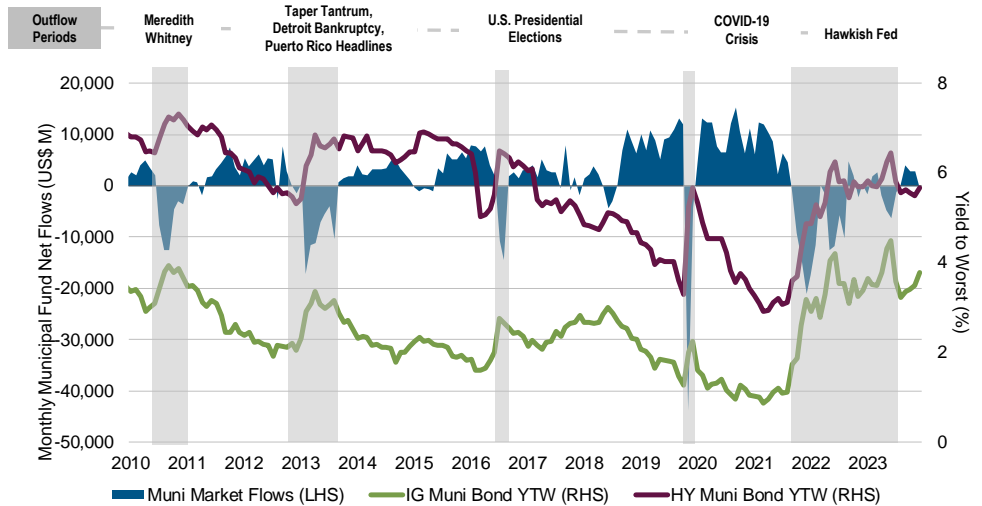
**Duration:** 7.23 years

**Effective Leverage Ratio:** 21.77%

## Why invest in MuniFlex?

- **Play offense in dislocated markets:** MuniFlex’s interval fund structure and freedom from daily redemptions helps the Fund stay invested during outflow periods, enabling opportunistic purchasing of bonds at discounted prices and potentially higher yields.
- **Tap into a broader opportunity set:** The Fund’s structure and flexible mandate enables access to less liquid, more complex and privately-issued muni bonds, which may have higher return potential

**Figure 1: The Fund aims to capitalize on persistent outflow periods during muni market stress**



**Figure 2: Total Return (%) for the Flexible Municipal Income Fund (Net of Fees)**

	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Year	S.I.*
<b>PMFLX</b>	-1.39	-0.09	12.92	0.67	6.54	-1.13	3.35	3.88
<b>70 IG/30 HY Muni Blended Index</b>	-1.05	-0.38	8.51	-0.87	3.43	-0.80	1.74	2.03
<b>Alpha (bps)</b>	-34	29	441	154	311	-33	161	185

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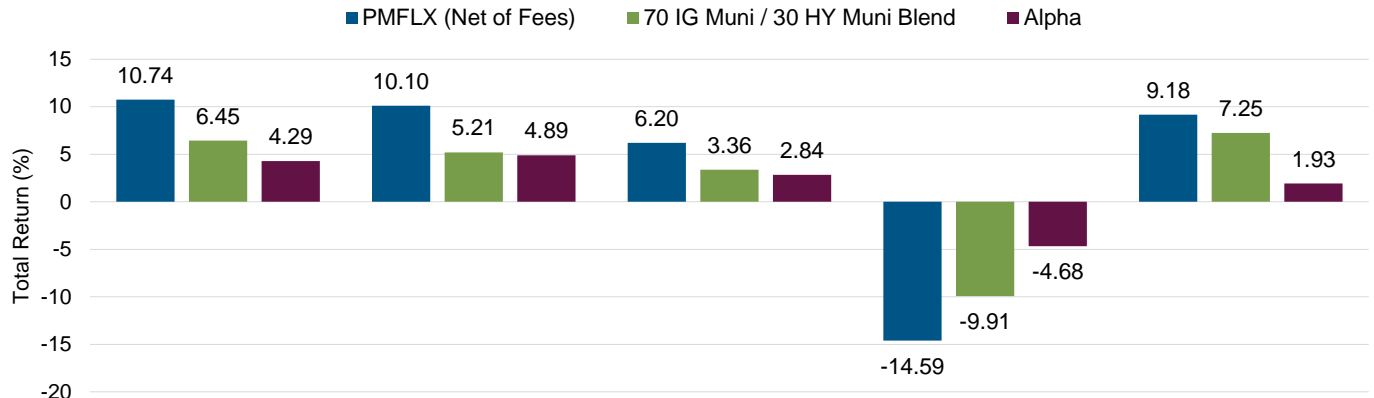
As of 30 April 2024, unless specified otherwise. \*Fund inception on 15 March 2019. Since inception returns annualized. Data shown for Institutional class shares. **Historical performance for the Fund has been positively impacted by fee waivers or expense limitations in place during some or all of the periods shown, if applicable. Future performance (including total return or yield) and distributions may be negatively impacted by the expiration or reduction of any such fee waivers or expense limitations.** IG Muni is represented by the Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index. HY Muni is represented by the Bloomberg High Yield Municipal Bond Index. Index returns are shown for comparison purposes to reflect a representative allocation matching the asset classes in which the fund seeks to invest. PMFLX is not managed to a benchmark. If the investment parameters of the fund changes, the comparison may be less meaningful. It is not possible to invest directly in an unmanaged index.

<sup>1</sup> Distributions are declared daily and paid monthly and the distribution rate is calculated by annualizing the most recent distribution per share (with such annualizing based on dividing the number of calendar days during the year by the number of calendar days over which the most recent distribution accumulated) and dividing it by the NAV as of the reported date. Distribution rate information is current as of the latest month end. The distribution rate is not estimated to include, and is not estimated to result in, a return of capital (“ROC”). Because a distribution may at times include a ROC, the distribution rate should not be confused with yield or performance. Please see the disclosures for additional information regarding distributions and the distribution rate. The 12-month average distribution rate is a simple average of the monthly distribution rates for the prior 12-months.

<sup>2</sup> Taxable equivalent distribution rate is calculated assuming the top federal tax rate (37.0%) and Medicare investment tax (3.8%).

Figure 1 Source: Bloomberg, ICI. Flow data prior to 12/31/2012 does not include ETFs, all data thereafter include both mutual fund and ETF flow data.

## Calendar year performance drivers for PMFLX



	2019*	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Muni Market Backdrop</b>	Inflows +\$92bn	Mixed Flows 1H '20: -\$6bn 2H '20: +\$46bn	Inflows +\$102bn	Outflows -\$122bn	Outflows -\$16bn
<b>Alpha</b>	+429 bps	+489 bps	+284 bps	-468 bps	+193 bps
<b>Key Perf. Drivers</b>	Investment Flexibility Private placement exposure	Capitalizing on Outflows 1H offense increased 2H upside	Investment Flexibility Private placement and taxable muni exposure	Modest Leverage Record outflows led to mark to market underperformance	Capitalizing on Outflows Offense over 2022 and 2023 led to Q4 upside

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As of 31 December 2023. SOURCE: PIMCO, Bloomberg

\*2019 performance shown since PIMCO Flexible Municipal Income Fund inception on 15 March 2019. Institutional class shares have no sales charge.

HY Muni Index represented by the Bloomberg High Yield Municipal Bond Index; IG Muni Index represented by the Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index. The views expressed are those of PIMCO as of the date specified and may not reflect recent market developments.

## PIMCO's municipal bond capabilities

PIMCO's municipal team, backed by the full resources of a global leader in fixed income, uses active management in seeking to provide municipal bond investors with three distinct benefits.

1. Uncover risks often overlooked in the marketplace, with a team dedicated to forward-looking and ongoing municipal credit selection
2. Identify economic trends through our time-tested macro process that informs our municipal bond investment decisions.
3. Reduce transaction costs for clients by leveraging economies of scale.



**\$74 billion**

in firm-wide municipal AUM



**30+**

Dedicated muni team members



**25+**

years managing municipal assets



**85+**

firm-wide credit research analysts



**\$1.89 trillion\***

in firm-wide AUM

As of 31 March 2024. Source: PIMCO \*Represents the combined dedicated (\$59bn) and non-dedicated (\$15bn) municipal assets managed by PIMCO.

\* PIMCO manages \$1.89 trillion in assets, including \$1.51 trillion in third-party client assets as of 31 March 2024. Assets include \$83.2 billion (as of 31 December 2023) in assets managed by PIMCO Prime Real Estate (formerly Allianz Real Estate), an affiliate and wholly-owned subsidiary of PIMCO and PIMCO Europe GmbH that includes PIMCO Prime Real Estate GmbH, PIMCO Prime Real Estate LLC and their subsidiaries and affiliates. PIMCO Prime Real Estate LLC investment professionals provide investment management and other services as dual personnel through Pacific Investment Management Company LLC. PIMCO Prime Real Estate GmbH operates separately from PIMCO. Strategy breakdown is based on third-party assets.

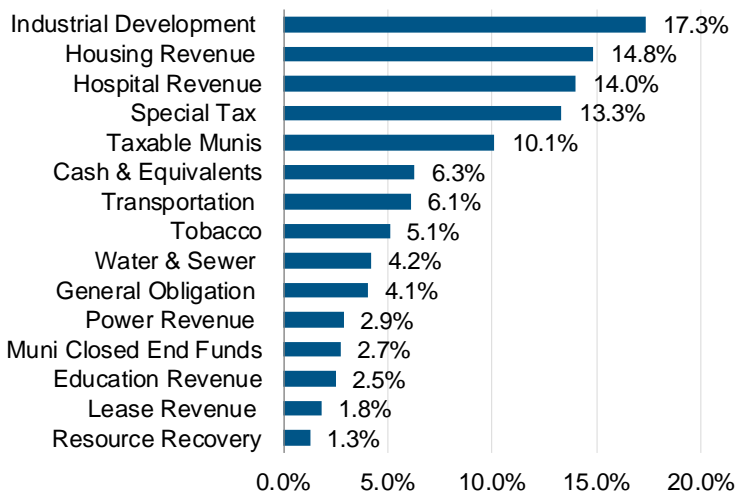
## Seek to improve risk-adjusted returns with a flexible investment mandate

The Fund aims to maximize flexibility with its approach – not only investing across the broad muni market, but also outside of direct muni bonds. This includes opportunistic allocations to tax-advantaged bank preferred securities, other taxable fixed income, and third-party municipal closed-end funds.

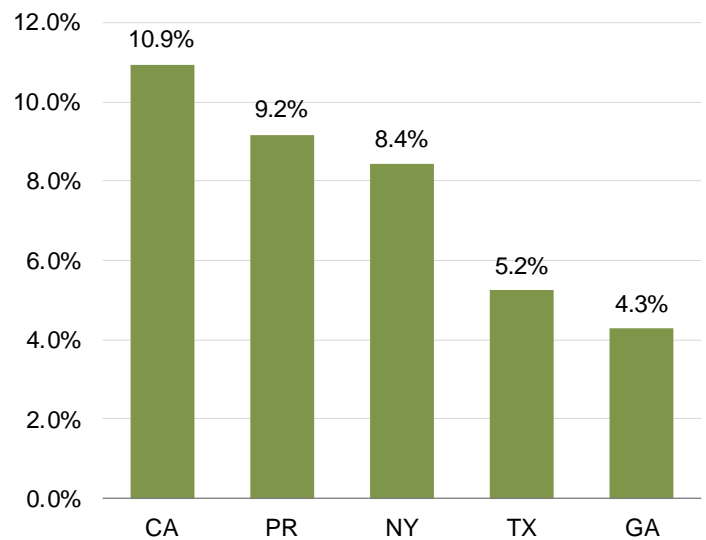
- We continue to favor revenue-backed muni bonds, where we see better value and opportunity to rely on our credit research capabilities to ascertain the underlying health of individual issuers
- Seek to take advantage of the interval fund structure to more effectively invest in less-liquid private placement muni bonds, which may earn additional compensation for complexity or liquidity risk
- The Fund can tactically adjust leverage using a combination of longer-term preferred share leverage and shorter-term tender-option bond leverage. The Fund can opportunistically increase leverage to help the Fund go on the offense during dislocations and utilize longer term leverage to mitigate rollover risk
- MuniFlex can allocate up to 20% in taxable fixed income including taxable munis and QDI-eligible bank preferreds when attractive on an after-tax yield and risk-adjusted return basis
- Allocate up to 5% in third party municipal closed-end funds when they exhibit price weakness much greater than that of the broader muni market

**Figure 4: MuniFlex portfolio positioning**

### Sector Allocations (Market Value %)



### Top 5 State Allocations (Market Value %)



**Figure 5: MuniFlex key statistics**

Effective Duration	7.23
Average Effective Maturity	11.15
Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) Eligible	14%
Quality Allocation: Investment Grade vs. High Yield Rated	62% IG / 38% HY
Quality Allocation: Not Rated	43%
Private Placement Allocation	25%
Total Effective Leverage Ratio	21.77%
<i>Tender Option Bonds</i>	0.00%
<i>Preferred Shares</i>	21.77%

As of 30 April 2024. SOURCE: PIMCO

There is no guarantee that these investment strategies will work under all market conditions or are appropriate for all investors and each investor should evaluate their ability to invest for a long-term especially during periods of downturn in the market. No representation is being made that any account, product, or strategy will or is likely to achieve profits, losses, or results similar to those shown.

For the securities that are rated, the credit rating category (e.g., IG/HY) is based on the highest of ratings by an NRSRO assigned to holdings in the portfolio. Portfolio structure is subject to change without notice and may not be representative of current or future allocations.

**Expenses**

- Gross Expense Ratio 2.56%
- Adjusted Expense Ratio 1.05%

The Adjusted Expense Ratio excludes certain investment expenses, such as expense from borrowings and repurchase agreements, any dividend and other costs paid on preferred shares issued by the Fund, and dividend expense from investments on short sales, incurred directly by the Fund or indirectly through the Fund's investments in underlying PIMCO Funds (if applicable), none of which are paid to PIMCO.

*Investors should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of the fund carefully before investing. This and other information are contained in the fund's prospectus, which may be obtained by contacting your investment professional or PIMCO representative or by visiting [www.pimco.com](http://www.pimco.com). Please read the prospectus carefully before you invest or send money.*

The fund is an unlisted closed-end "interval fund." Limited liquidity is provided to shareholders only through the fund's quarterly offers to repurchase between 5% to 25% of its outstanding shares at net asset value (subject to applicable law and approval of the Board of Trustees, the Fund currently expects to offer to repurchase 10% of outstanding shares per quarter). Although interval funds provide limited liquidity to investors by offering to repurchase a limited amount of shares on a periodic basis, investors should consider shares of the Fund to be an illiquid investment.

**Past performance is not a guarantee or a reliable indicator of future results.** No assurance can be given that the Fund's investment objectives will be achieved, and you could lose all of your investment in the Fund. Performance reflects changes in share price, reinvestment of dividends and capital gains distributions. All periods longer than one year are annualized.

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The Fund's distribution rate may be affected by numerous factors, including, but not limited to, changes in realized and projected market returns, Fund performance, and other factors. There can be no assurance that a change in market conditions or other factors will not result in a change in the Fund distribution rate at a future time. Distribution rates are not performance. The distribution rate is calculated by annualizing the most recent distribution per share (with such annualizing based on dividing the number of calendar days during the year by the number of calendar days over which the most recent distribution accumulated) and dividing it by the NAV as of the reported date. Distributions may be comprised of ordinary income, net capital gains, and/or a return of capital (ROC) of your investment in the fund. Because a distribution may include a ROC, the distribution rate should not be confused with yield or performance. Please refer to the most recent Section 19 Notice, if applicable, for additional information regarding the estimated composition of distributions. Final determination of a distribution's tax character will be sent to shareholders when such information is available.

It is important to note that differences exist between the fund's daily internal accounting records, the fund's financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and recordkeeping practices under income tax regulations. It is possible that the fund may not issue a Section 19 Notice in situations where the fund's financial statements prepared later and in accordance with U.S. GAAP or the final tax character of those distributions might later report that the sources of those distributions included capital gains and/or a return of capital. Please see the fund's most recent shareholder report for more details.

**A word about risk:** Investing in **municipal bonds** involves the risks of investing in debt securities generally and certain other risks. Income from municipal bonds is exempt from federal income tax and may be subject to state and local taxes and at times the alternative minimum tax. Investing in the **bond market** is subject to risks, including market, interest rate, issuer, credit, inflation risk, and liquidity risk. The value of most bonds and bond strategies are impacted by changes in interest rates. Bonds and bond strategies with longer durations tend to be more sensitive and volatile than those with shorter durations; bond prices generally fall as interest rates rise, and low interest rate environments increase this risk. Reductions in bond counterparty capacity may contribute to decreased market liquidity and increased price volatility. Bond investments may be worth more or less than the original cost when redeemed.

**Equities** may decline in value due to both real and perceived general market, economic, and industry conditions. **High yield, lower-rated securities** involve greater risk than higher-rated securities; portfolios that invest in them may be subject to greater levels of credit and liquidity risk than portfolios that do not. **Concentration** of assets in one or a few states, territories (or a particular area) and projects will subject a portfolio to greater risk than if the assets were not concentrated. **Derivatives** may involve certain costs and risks such as liquidity, interest rate, market, credit, management and the risk that a position could not be closed when most advantageous. Investing in derivatives could lose more than the amount invested. Leveraging transactions, including borrowing, typically will cause a portfolio to be more volatile than if the portfolio had not been leveraged. Leveraging transactions typically involve expenses, which could exceed the rate of return on investments purchased by a fund with such leverage and reduce fund returns. **The use of leverage** may cause a portfolio to liquidate positions when it may not be advantageous to do so. Leveraging transactions may increase a fund's duration and sensitivity to interest rate movements.

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