

**Fund information**

Fund inception date	31 December 1997	
Strategy	Municipal	
Total Net Assets (in millions)	\$1,892.2	
Portfolio manager(s)	David Hammer Rachel Betton	
Effective duration (yrs)	5.77	
Benchmark duration (yrs)	5.24	
Effective maturity (yrs)	6.25	
Inst. share 30-day SEC yield	1.35%	
Class	CUSIP	Ticker
Institutional	693391658	PFMIX

**Expenses**

Gross Expense Ratio (%)	0.51
Adjusted Expense Ratio (%)	0.44

The Adjusted Expense Ratio excludes certain investment expenses, such as interest expense from borrowings and repurchase agreements 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.

**Performance summary**

The PIMCO Municipal Bond Fund returned 2.06% after fees in November, outperforming the Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond Index by 0.55%. Year-to-date the Fund has returned 4.76% after fees, outperforming the benchmark by 0.18%.

The Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond Index posted a return of 1.51% in November. The Fund's duration positioning, along with an overweight exposure to the industrial revenue and special tax sectors contributed to performance. This was slightly offset by the Fund's select exposure within the water and sewer sector, underweight exposure to the education sector, and select exposure within the housing sector.

**Contributors**

- Duration positioning contributed to performance.
- An overweight exposure to the industrial revenue sector contributed to performance.
- An overweight to the special tax sector contributed to performance.

**Detractors**

- Select exposure within the water and sewer sector detracted from performance
- An underweight exposure to the education sector detracted from performance, as the sector outperformed the broader municipal market.
- Select exposure within the housing sector detracted from performance.



- PIMCO Municipal Bond Fund net of fees (%)
- Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond Index (%)
- Lipper General & Insured Municipal Debt Funds Index (%)

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Differences in the Fund's performance versus the index and related attribution information with respect to particular categories of securities or individual positions may be attributable, in part, to differences in the pricing methodologies used by the Fund and the index. There is no assurance that any fund, including any fund that has experienced high or unusual performance for one or more periods, will experience similar levels of performance in the future. High performance is defined as a significant increase in either 1) a fund's total return in excess of that of the fund's benchmark between reporting periods or 2) a fund's total return in excess of the fund's historical returns between reporting periods. Unusual performance is defined as a significant change in a fund's performance as compared to one or more previous reporting periods.

The minimum initial investment for institutional class shares is \$1 million; however, it may be modified for certain financial intermediaries who submit trades on behalf of eligible investors.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Please note that this material contains the opinions of the manager as of the date noted, and may not have been updated to reflect real time market developments. All opinions are subject to change without notice.

## Municipal sectors as of 30 November 2020

	% Market Value	Duration (years)	
	Fund	Fund	Index
State/Local GO	7.35	0.45	1.37
Pre-Refunded	0.16	0.00	0.03
Education Rev.	2.94	0.26	0.37
Hospital Rev.	12.25	1.01	0.53
Housing Rev.	1.30	0.09	0.18
Ind Dev/Pollution Ctrl	11.95	0.80	0.18
Lease Rev.	5.68	0.44	0.30
Power Rev.	3.77	0.22	0.21
Resource Recovery	0.03	0.00	0.00
Special Tax	14.01	1.02	0.53
Transportation	13.15	0.89	0.82
Water & Sewer	4.46	0.28	0.42
Tobacco	0.18	0.00	0.00
Net Other Short Duration Instruments Muni	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Muni	6.13	0.47	0.29
Net Other Short Duration Instruments ex-Muni	20.06	0.02	0.00
Non-Municipal Sectors	-3.44	-0.19	0.00

Portfolio structure is subject to change without notice and may not be representative of current or future allocations.  
MV% may not equal 100 due to rounding.

## Portfolio positioning

PIMCO continues to believe municipals provide attractive value when considering taxable equivalent yields relative to taxable fixed income, particularly on a risk-adjusted basis. The Fund maintains a neutral to slight underweight duration position, as we have taken advantage of richening on the long end of the yield curve to pare back some high quality long duration positions that we believed to be fully valued. After the prolonged rally in the highest quality segment of the municipal bond market in recent months, we're continuing to see more attractive relative value opportunities in high yield munis and lower-rated investment grade issues with strong fundamentals and limited sensitivity to a weaker than expected economic recovery.

The strategy currently and has historically favored revenue backed bonds, where we see better value and opportunity to use our credit research to ascertain the underlying health of individual issuers. We remain selective with respect to general obligation (GO) debt but have exposure to certain issuers with attractive valuation relative to fundamentals, and issuers that generally benefit from stronger economic and population trends along with more robust pension systems.

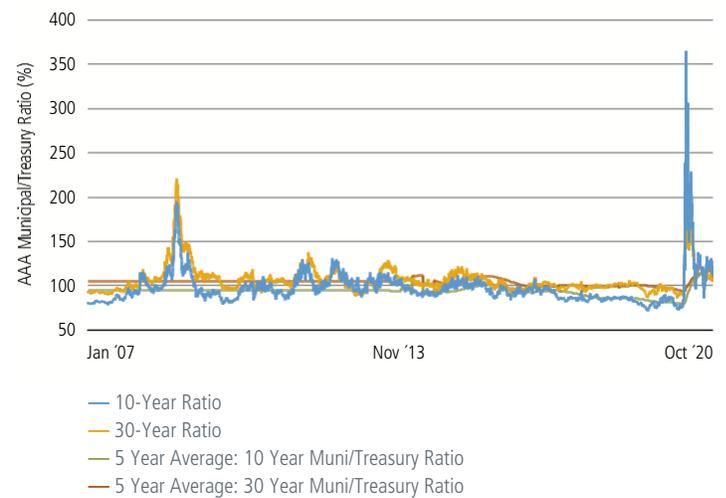
## Month in review

The Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond Index posted a return of 1.51% in November, increasing total return for the year to 4.58%. High yield munis outperformed their investment grade counterparts, generating a total return of 2.40%, increasing year-to-date total return to 2.96%.

Municipal bond mutual funds experienced inflows of \$6.3bn in November, according to Lipper. Total muni supply of \$19bn in November was down 75% versus October's record breaking issuance, as many issuers opted to rush deals through prior to the election. For the remainder of the year, low gross and net negative supply dynamics, along with persistent fund inflows, should provide a tailwind for the market.

Investors were able to digest the key implications of the election, including the likely Biden victory and a closely contested Senate. Participants were generally more risk-seeking during the month as a result of increased clarity and hopes surrounding vaccines, leading to muni yields rallying 5-30bps across the curve.<sup>1</sup> Munis broadly outperformed Treasuries, with Treasury yields moving 1-2bps lower in the 2-5 year spots and decreasing 3-9bps in the 10-30yr spots.<sup>2</sup>

## Municipal/Treasury Yield Ratio



Source: Thomson Reuters Municipal Market Data (MMD)

## Outlook and strategy

PIMCO believes that municipal credit was, in general, well positioned to withstand the current bout of economic disruption. Going forward, PIMCO is constructive on the municipal asset class over the secular horizon, as we believe tax-exempt income will remain in high demand given aging demographics and the potential for higher tax rates.

We believe that the municipal market could be subject to a slight uptick in default rates relative to historical norms, though we generally expect risk in the investment grade portion of the market to be skewed towards downgrades rather than defaults. We see attractive value in select issuers in the BBB and sub-investment grade portions of the municipal market as credit spreads have narrowed materially but still remain at historically elevated levels. We also see potential for volatility related opportunities given uncertainty around additional stimulus from congress and negative headlines in the muni market. However, we continue to avoid areas we see at higher risk of default given Covid-related uncertainties, as well as less-liquid, lower quality issuers in the sub-investment grade space.

While the final outcome for the Senate won't be known until January, we believe the prospect of divided government bodes well for the municipal market. While stimulus may not be as large as anticipated under full Democratic control, we believe States and Local governments are likely to see some additional aid in the coming months which combined with better than anticipated tax receipts should help to heal and balance budgets.

### Management profile



**David Hammer**  
Executive Vice President



**Rachel Betton**  
Senior Vice President

**1997**  
**31 DEC**  
INCEPTION DATE

**17**   
DEDICATED  
MUNICIPAL  
TEAM MEMBERS

**13YRS**  
AVERAGE TEAM  
MEMBER  
EXPERIENCE

High quality income potential

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Duration is a measure of a portfolio's price sensitivity expressed in years. Effective duration is the duration for a bond with an embedded option when the value is calculated to include the expected change in cash flow caused by the option as interest rates change.

Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond Index consists of a broad selection of investment-grade general obligation and revenue bonds of maturities ranging from one year to 30 years. It is an unmanaged index representative of the tax-exempt bond market. The index is made up of all investment grade municipal bonds issued after 12/31/90 having a remaining maturity of at least one year. Lipper General & Insured Municipal Debt Funds Index consists of funds that either invest primarily in municipal debt issues rated in the top four credit ratings or invest primarily in municipal debt issues insured as to timely payment. It does not reflect deductions for fees, expenses or taxes. It is not possible to invest directly in an unmanaged index.

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<sup>1</sup> Muni yields are from Thomson Reuters; MMD - Municipal Market Data. MMD Yield refers to the Thomson Reuters Municipal Market Data yield for AAA rated municipal bonds.

<sup>2</sup> The US Treasury yields are from the Bloomberg On/Off the run Treasury Curve

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