

HMOP Hartford Municipal Opportunities ETF

Inception Date 12/13/17 Morningstar® Category Muni National Interm

Market Overview

US fixed-income markets delivered positive total returns in the fourth quarter of 2025 as policy uncertainty, fiscal developments, and divergent central-bank actions shaped the investment landscape. The US began the quarter with its longest government shutdown on record, which delayed key economic data and forced the Federal Reserve (Fed) to make policy decisions with limited visibility. The shutdown ended in mid-November, but data gaps persisted, adding to market uncertainty. US agency mortgage-backed securities (MBS), investment-grade corporate and high-yield corporate bonds produced positive total returns. MBS and high yield outperformed duration¹-equivalent US Treasuries, while investment-grade corporate bonds underperformed as spreads² widened. The Bloomberg Municipal 1-15 Year Blend (1-17) Index returned 1.41% during the quarter. The ratio of 10-year AAA general obligations (GOs) to 10-year Treasuries decreased from 69.1% to 66.7%, remaining below the long-term historical average of 86% over the last 20 years.*

Performance Summary

- The Hartford Municipal Opportunities ETF outperformed the Bloomberg Municipal 1-15 Year Blend (1-17) Index during the quarter.
- Duration and yield-curve positioning added to relative returns. The portfolio maintained an underweight in the front and belly of the curve and an overweight in longer maturities, which supported performance as shorter-maturity AAA municipal yields sold off and long yields rallied.
- Security selection in high-yield healthcare and investment-grade industrial-development bonds also contributed modestly to relative returns.
- Our underweight in investment-grade GO bonds partially offset the positive relative returns.

Positioning & Outlook

- Most states ended fiscal year 2025 with revenues above forecast. Although they have been declining recently, strong reserves keep us positive overall.
- Many municipal sectors have the ability to raise revenues quickly to address inflationary pressures. The more labor-constrained sectors such as healthcare and state and local governments will be more challenged if inflation persists, but local governments still have exceptional cash reserves, and hospitals are in the best financial position they have been in over the past 5 years.
- Expect municipals to behave defensively in a downturn given their high quality and strong balance sheets.
- Tax-exempts are somewhat attractive at the corporate tax rate vs. corporate bonds, particularly relative to their recent history and at longer maturities.
- Valuations are fair to rich across the curve, with the long end presenting the most value.
- Following a record-breaking year of issuance in 2025, we expect this trend to continue and to be met by continued demand. A sharp move higher in rates is likely to lead to outflows and a more challenging market environment.

*Source: Bloomberg

Overall Morningstar Rating™ *

★★★★

253 Products

Muni National Interm Category Based on Risk-Adjusted Returns as of 12/31/2025

Portfolio managers from Wellington Management and years of experience

Brad W. Libby, 30 years

Elizabeth J. Kleinerman, CFA, 25 years

Top Ten Holdings (%)

California Community Choice Financing Auth, CA, Rev	4.12
Southeast Energy Auth A Cooperative Dist, AL, Rev	2.91
Massachusetts Dev Finance Agency, MA, Rev	2.63
New Hampshire Business Finance Auth, NH, Rev	2.25
Public Finance Auth, WI, Rev	2.19
State of Illinois, IL, GO	2.10
Illinois Housing Dev Auth, IL, Rev	2.08
Main Street Natural Gas, Inc., GA, Rev	1.92
North Carolina Medical Care Commission, NC, Rev	1.90
Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corp., PR, Rev	1.80
Percentage Of Portfolio	23.90

Holdings and characteristics are subject to change. Percentages may be rounded.

¹**Duration** is a measure of the sensitivity of an investment's price to nominal interest-rate movement.

²**Spreads** are the difference in yields between two fixed-income securities with the same maturity but originating from different investment sectors.

Average Annual Total Returns (%)

	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	SI
HMOP NAV	1.48	4.90	4.90	4.67	1.37	—	2.71
HMOP Market Price	1.50	5.00	5.00	4.68	1.38	—	2.73
Benchmark	1.41	5.18	5.18	3.75	1.16	—	—
Morningstar Category	1.48	4.36	4.36	3.94	0.91	—	—

Expenses¹: 0.29%

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SI = Since Inception. Performance for periods of less than one year is not annualized

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ETF shares are bought and sold at market price, not net asset value (NAV). Total returns are calculated using the daily 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time NAV. Market price returns reflect the midpoint of the bid/ask spread as of the close of trading on the exchange where Fund shares are listed. Market price returns do not represent the returns an investor would receive if they traded shares at other times. Brokerage commissions apply and will reduce returns.

Benchmark: Bloomberg Municipal 1-15 Year Blend (1-17) Index is a sub-index of the Bloomberg Municipal Bond Index. It is a rules-based market value-weighted index of bonds with maturities of 1 year to 17 years engineered for the tax-exempt bond market. Indices are unmanaged and not available for direct investment.

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¹Expenses are the total annual operating expenses from the Fund's most recent prospectus at the time of publication.

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