

# Baird Core Intermediate Municipal Bond Fund

Institutional – BMNIX | Investor – BMNSX

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As of December 31, 2023

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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 intermediate range, investing in 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 10% of its net assets in non-investment grade municipal obligations. The Fund may also invest in unrated municipal 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 and ten years.

## MORNINGSTAR CATEGORY

Muni National Intermediate  
259 funds in category

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



(6/23/2023)

Analyst-Driven 100%  
Data Coverage 100%

## BENCHMARK

Bloomberg 1-15 Year Municipal Index

## OVERALL MORNINGSTAR RATING (Institutional class)<sup>2</sup>



Based on risk-adjusted returns as of 12/31/2023

## FUND STATISTICS

|                            |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Fund Assets                | \$2,974,621,026 |
| Average Effective Duration | 4.62 Years      |
| Average Effective Maturity | 4.57 Years      |
| Annual Turnover Rate       | 33.42%          |
| Number of Holdings         | 2,103           |

## YIELD INFORMATION

|                               | Institutional Shares | Investor Shares |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| SEC 30-Day Yield <sup>3</sup> | 3.41%                | 3.16%           |
| Distribution Frequency        | Monthly              | Monthly         |

## FUND INFORMATION

|                            | Institutional Shares | Investor Shares        |
|----------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Ticker                     | BMNIX                | BMNSX                  |
| CUSIP                      | 057071656            | 057071649              |
| Net Asset Value (NAV)      | \$10.34              | \$10.33                |
| 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               | 3.40%                | 3.40%                  |

## PERFORMANCE INFORMATION (as of December 31, 2023)

|               | Total Returns (%) |          | Average Annual Total Returns (%) |         |         |          |                           |
|---------------|-------------------|----------|----------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|---------------------------|
|               | YTD               | 3 Months | 1 Year                           | 3 Years | 5 Years | 10 Years | Since Inception (8/31/15) |
| Institutional | 5.54              | 5.89     | 5.54                             | 0.24    | 2.51    | N/A      | 2.66                      |
| Investor      | 5.28              | 5.72     | 5.28                             | -0.01   | 2.24    | N/A      | 2.40                      |
| Benchmark     | 5.26              | 6.38     | 5.26                             | -0.05   | 2.17    | N/A      | 2.23                      |

|               | Calendar Year Total Returns (%) |       |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|---------------|---------------------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|               | 2023                            | 2022  | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 |
| Institutional | 5.54                            | -6.07 | 1.60 | 5.26 | 6.75 | 1.30 | 5.26 | 1.14 | 1.98 | N/A  |
| Investor      | 5.28                            | -6.40 | 1.44 | 5.01 | 6.40 | 1.05 | 5.00 | 0.91 | 1.91 | N/A  |
| Benchmark     | 5.26                            | -5.95 | 0.86 | 4.73 | 6.44 | 1.58 | 4.33 | 0.01 | 1.84 | N/A  |

Performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. Investment return and principal value of an investment in the fund will fluctuate so that an investor's shares when redeemed may be worth more or less than their original cost. The fund's current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. For performance current to the most recent month-end, please visit bairdfunds.com.

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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:

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

## QUALITY PROFILE<sup>4,5</sup>

|               | Fund  | Index |
|---------------|-------|-------|
| U.S. Treasury | 1.2%  | 0.0%  |
| U.S. Agency   | 0.0%  | 0.0%  |
| AAA           | 12.2% | 16.8% |
| AA            | 50.5% | 57.0% |
| A             | 20.1% | 22.0% |
| BBB           | 10.5% | 4.3%  |
| Below BBB     | 1.0%  | 0.0%  |
| Not Rated     | 4.5%  | 0.0%  |

## SECTOR PROFILE<sup>5</sup>

|                                | Fund  | Index |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Pre-refunded ETM/U.S. Treasury | 10.5% | 4.1%  |
| General Obligation             | 20.9% | 31.5% |
| Revenue                        | 67.6% | 64.4% |
| Cash                           | 1.0%  | 0.0%  |

<sup>1</sup> 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 these ratings, including their methodology, please go to [global.morningstar.com/managerdisclosures/](https://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 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.**

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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.

All investments carry risk, including loss of principal. 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. Indices are unmanaged and direct investment is not possible.

<sup>3</sup>The SEC 30-Day Yield reflects the rate at which the fund is earning income on its current portfolio of holdings after expenses.

<sup>4</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>5</sup>Totals sum based on unrounded data. Breakouts are shown rounded to the nearest tenth and may not visually sum.

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