

Parametric Total Return Portfolios

STRATEGY OVERVIEW | 2025

Investment Objective

An actively managed high-quality investment strategy focused on after-tax total return and capital preservation.

Investment Philosophy

We believe a process of systematic sector selection, security selection, and portfolio construction can potentially outperform, on a risk-adjusted basis, more aggressive strategies involving credit risk or market timing.

Investment Process

- Employ a quantitative investment process to systematically determine asset allocation based on after-tax relative value.
- Seek to add value by buying bonds on the institutional bid side while attempting to sell on the retail offered side.
- Seek to add value by adjusting positioning along the yield curve to benefit from yield curve forecasts.
- Employ year-round tax loss harvesting to generate tax alpha and elevate after-tax return potential.

Risk Management

- All key credit, portfolio management, and trading roles are filled by highly seasoned and experienced municipal market professionals.
- All credits are systematically analyzed and Parametric's credit research process is applied.

Why Total Return?

DURATION OPTIONS

- Limited
- Intermediate
- Long

FEATURES

- **Flexibility to "Crossover"**: Investment team can initiate a crossover trade into taxable U.S. government and/or agency securities at times when municipal bonds become overvalued
- **Relative Value Trading**: Actively exploit inefficiencies in the municipal market by offering bonds out for sale
- **Tax Loss Harvesting**: Continuous monitoring to harvest losses to lessen impact of capital gains taxes on portfolio returns

Transition of existing portfolios

- Portfolios incepted with in-kind bonds will be transitioned to client selected strategy

Additional highlights

- Minimum investment: \$250,000
- National mandate available only
- Minimum credit quality: AA-

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² Tax-Loss Harvesting customization will vary by firm and platform. There is no guarantee that the investment objectives will be met. All investments are subject to risk, including the risk of loss.

Tools for Transition

TRANSITION ANALYSIS REPORT

For clients with existing municipal portfolios, Parametric can provide a detailed analysis of current holdings and how they would be transitioned to Total Return portfolios.

SAMPLE PORTFOLIO REPORT

Get client personalized reports detailing the investment of new cash or review of existing bond holdings. The reports display details on structure, credit breakdown and sample purchases.

Parametric Difference



PERSONALIZED PORTFOLIOS

A wide range of customization options allows for a targeted allocation to match each individual client's risk-and-return profile.



ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY

Parametric's proprietary technology efficiently identifies the most attractive securities and optimizes the overall bond investing process.



TAX EFFICIENCY

We aim for enhanced after-tax returns through our differentiated year-round tax-loss harvesting, which focuses on minimizing transaction costs and cash drag.



EXCEPTIONAL CLIENT SERVICE

Direct access to the portfolio management team helps keep investors and advisors connected and on top of market insights and recommendations.

The information represents how the investment team generally applies their investment processes under normal market conditions. Diversification does not eliminate the possibility of loss. All investments are subject to risk.

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