Fixed Income Investment Strategy

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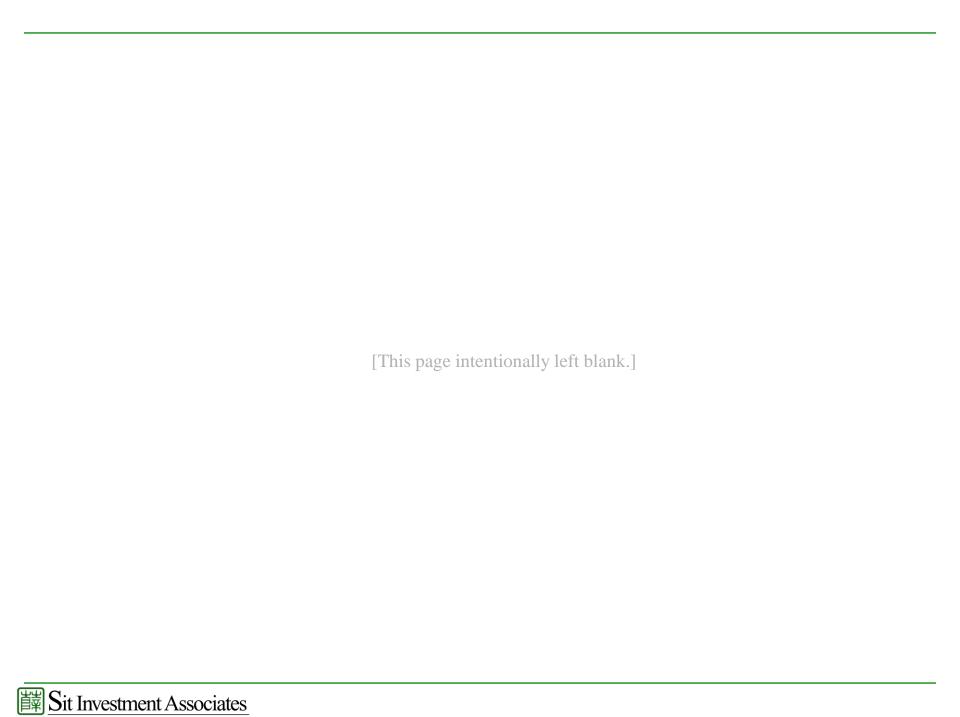
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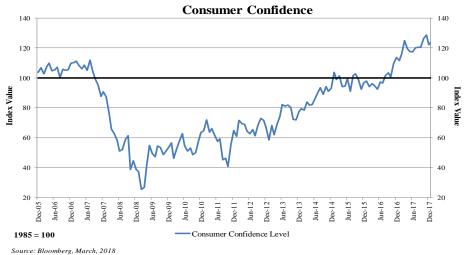
10-YEAR U.S. TREASURY RATES VS. FED FUNDS RATE



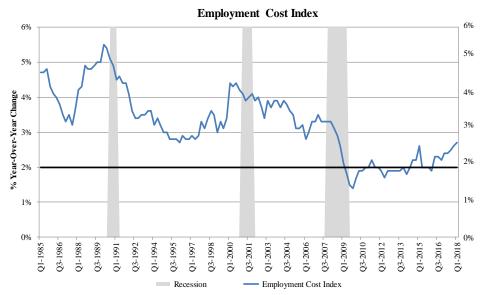
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Source: frbatlanta.org, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, March 2018



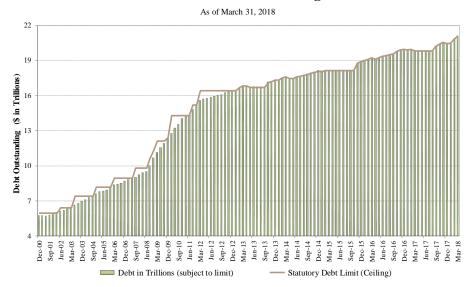


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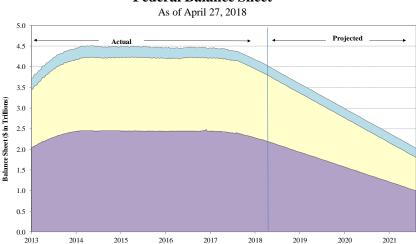


FEDERAL DEBT COMPOSITION

Federal Debt Outstanding



Federal Balance Sheet



Agency MBS

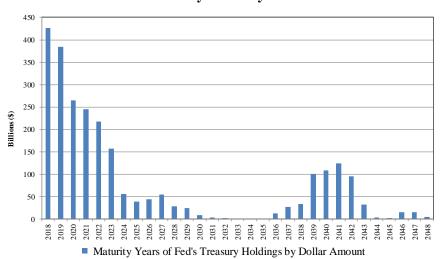
Other Facilities & Assets

Source: Actual - Congressional Budget Office; Projected - Sit Investment Associates based on CBO guidance from long-term budget projections

■ Treasuries

$Source: U.S.\ Department\ of\ the\ Treasury\ Bureau\ of\ the\ Public\ Debt$

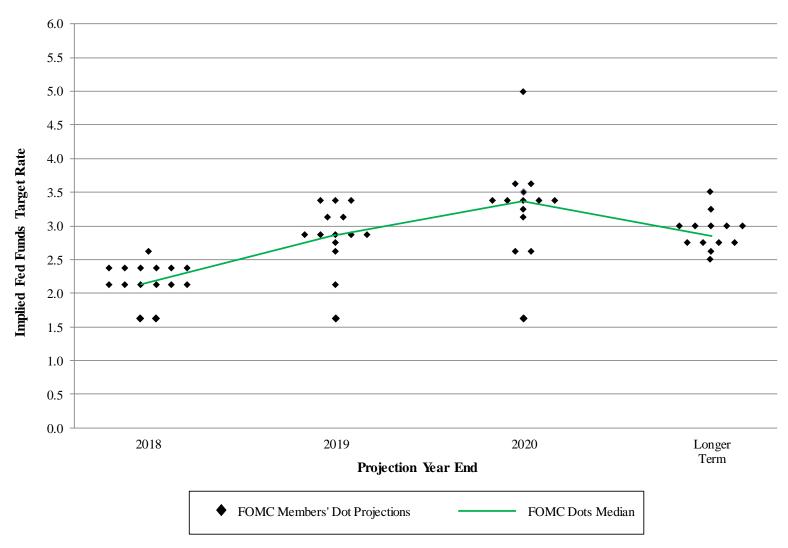
Fed Treasury Maturity Schedule



Treasury Purchases Over the Past Six Months

Treasuries	Total (\$Billions)	% Total	
2-Year 3-Year 5-Year 7-Year	27 9 27 22 11	26% 8% 26% 22% 10%	92% of all Treasuries purchased are 2-10 year bonds
30-Year	103		

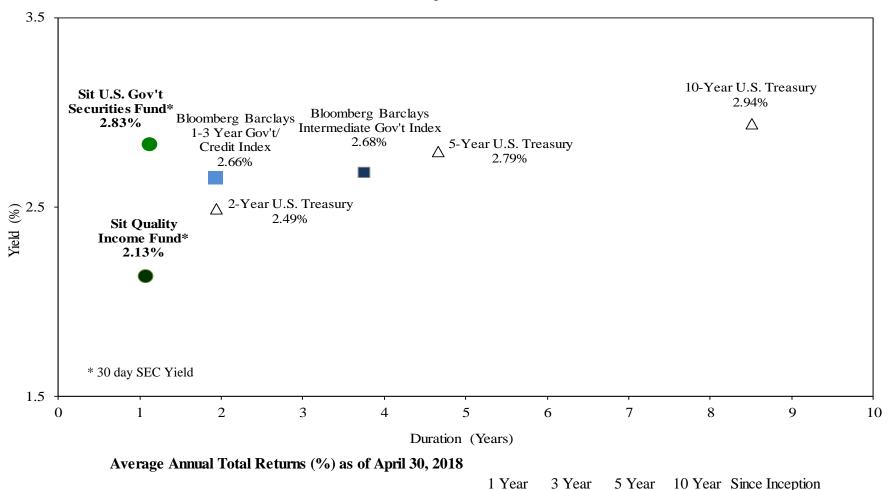
IMPLIED FED FUNDS TARGET RATE MARCH 2018 FOMC MEETING



Source: Bloomberg & Federal Reserve March 2018

TAXABLE BOND AND MUTUAL FUND YIELDS AND DURATIONS

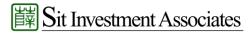
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Sit Quality Income Fund (SQIFX)

Sit U.S. Government Securities Fund (SNGVX)

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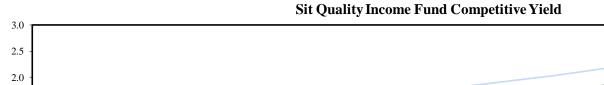
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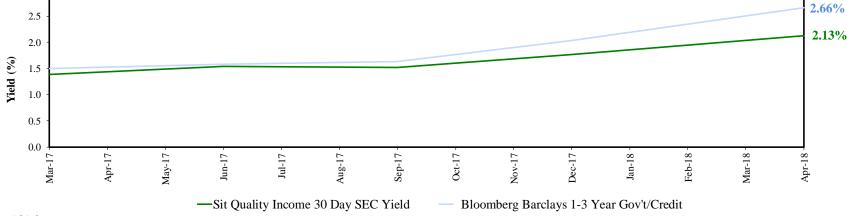
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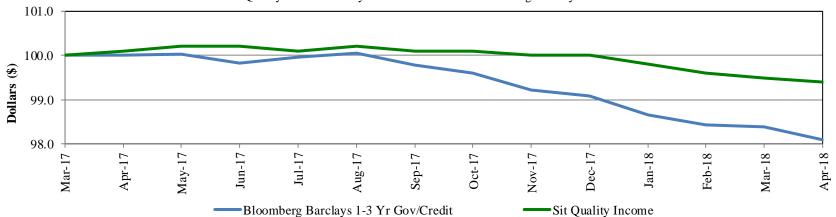
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SIT QUALITY INCOME FUND VS. BENCHMARK YIELD AND PRICE COMPARISON

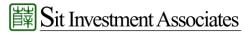






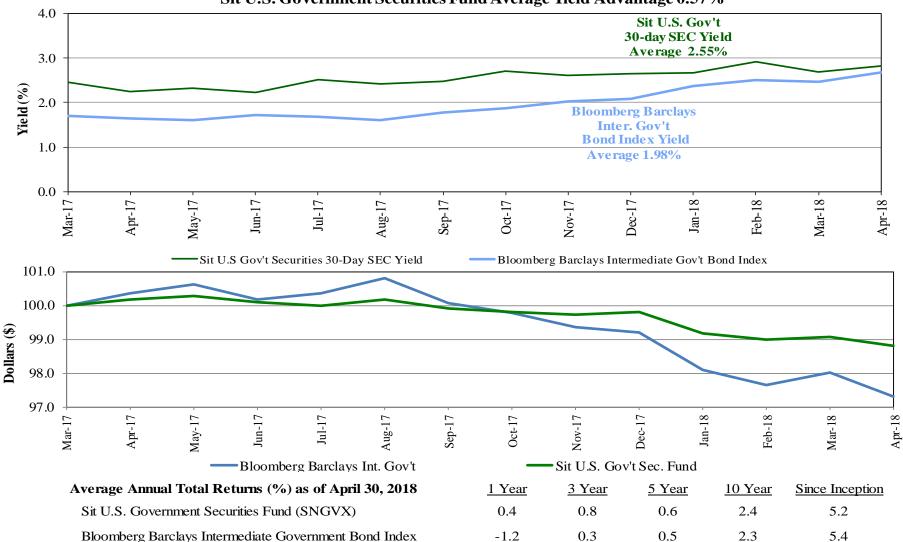
Average Annual Total Returns (%) as of April 30, 2018

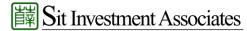
	<u> 1 Year</u>	<u>3 Year</u>	<u> 5 Year</u>	Since Incept. (12/31/12)
Sit Quality Income Fund (SQIFX)	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.5
Bloomberg Barclays 1-3 Yr Govt/Credit Index	-0.1	0.6	0.7	0.7



SIT U.S GOVERNMENT SECURITIES FUND VS. BENCHMARK YIELD AND PRICE COMPARISON

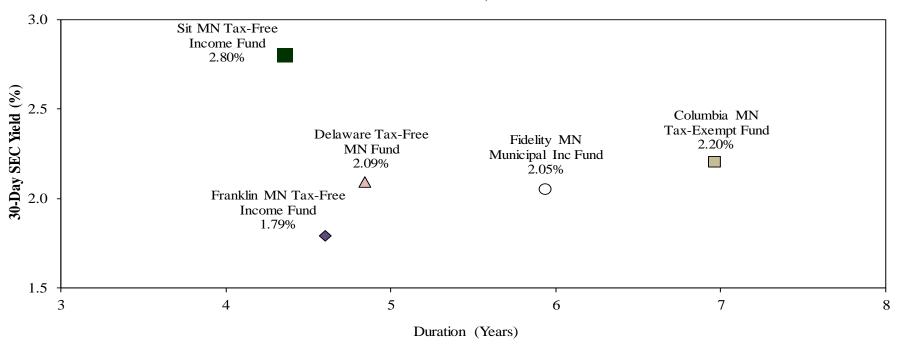




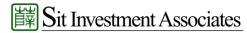


FIVE LARGEST MINNESOTA TAX-EXEMPT MUTUAL FUNDS' YIELDS AND DURATION

As of March 31, 2018



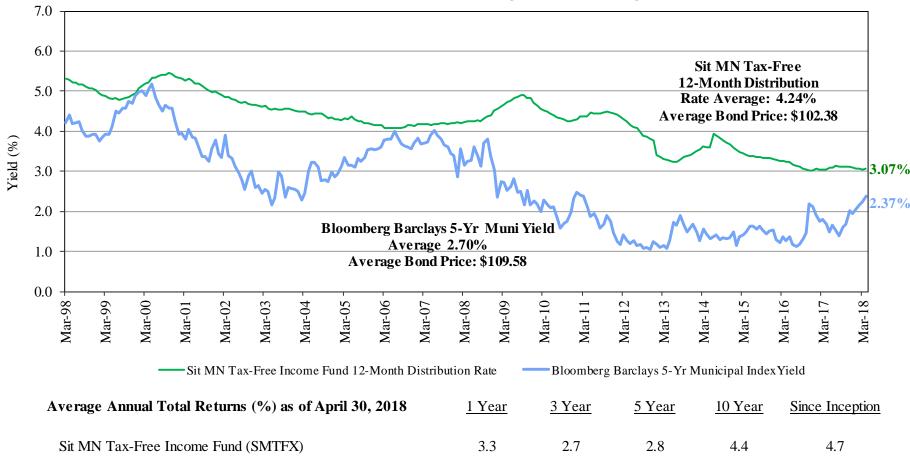
Average Annual Total Returns (%) as of March 31, 2018	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Sit MN Tax-Free Income Fund (SMTFX)	4.1	2.6	2.9	4.5
Columbia MN Tax-Exempt Fund	2.8	2.2	2.8	4.5
Delaware Tax-Free MN Fund	2.2	1.9	2.4	4.0
Fidelity MN Municipal Income Fund	1.9	1.8	2.1	3.7
Franklin MN Tax-Free Income Fund	1.7	1.4	1.9	3.8
Bloomberg Barclays 5-Year Municipal Bond Index	0.6	1.3	1.5	3.3



SIT MN TAX-FREE INCOME FUND VS. BLOOMBERG BARCLAYS 5-YR MUNICIPAL INDEX

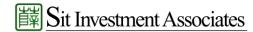
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Sit MN Tax-Free Income Fund Average Income Advantage 1.54%



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Bloomberg Barclays 5-Year Municipal Bond Index

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SIT MINNESOTA TAX-FREE INCOME FUND PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Average Annual Total Returns (%) as of March 31, 2018

Sector Performance Summary	% of Port.	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	<u>10 Year</u>
Multi-Family Housing Sector Holdings	20.3%	6.7	4.7	5.1	6.5
Single-Family Housing Sector Holdings	16.0%	3.7	3.1	3.2	4.8
Bloomberg Barclays Housing Index		3.1	2.8	3.4	5.1
Healthcare Sector Holdings	16.4%	5.9	3.8	4.7	6.1
Bloomberg Barclays Healthcare Index		3.9	2.9	3.8	5.6
Education Sector Holdings	13.4%	5.5	3.7	4.6	5.9
Bloomberg Barclays Education Index		2.9	2.3	2.9	4.7
Non-Rated Bond Performance Summary	% of Port.	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	<u>10 Year</u>
Non-Rated Holdings	28.8 %	6.8	4.4	5.1	6.1
Rated Holdings	71.2 %	3.8	3.0	3.3	5.2
Sit MN Tax-Free Income Fund Gross of Fees		5.0	3.4	3.8	5.3
Sit MN Tax-Free Income Fund Net of Fees		4.1	2.6	2.9	4.5
Bloomberg Barclays 5-Year Muni Bond Index		0.6	1.3	1.5	3.3

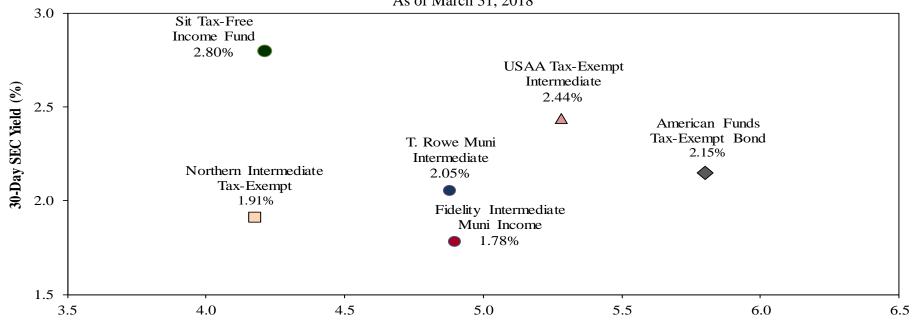


SIT MINNESOTA TAX-FREE INCOME FUND PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

QUALITY	12/31/06	12/31/07	12/31/08	12/31/09	12/31/10	12/31/11	12/31/12	12/31/13	12/31/14	12/31/15	12/31/16	12/31/17	4/30/18
AAA	19.6%	17.0%	9.8%	8.2%	6.8%	7.7%	7.1%	5.9%	4.6%	6.5%	4.4%	4.6%	6.0%
AA	10.7	8.1	16.8	18.7	19.1	22.6	19.7	22.4	22.2	24.5	30.2	28.5	29.0
A	10.9	13.5	15.8	16.9	18.8	17.3	16.3	20.8	20.7	20.4	20.0	20.4	18.2
BBB	13.4	17.4	15.5	15.8	15.6	15.8	12.0	13.0	10.2	7.9	7.8	9.9	10.2
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CASH EQUIVALENTS	5.2	3.3	1.2	5.0	3.1	3.5	10.2	2.2	9.1	7.8	2.3	4.1	3.6
PERCENT RATED	62.4%	62.4%	62.2%	65.9%	65.2%	67.5%	66.5%	65.3%	68.2%	70.7%	70.4%	73.4%	72.6%
NON-RATED (SIT INTERNAL RATINGS)													
(AAA)	1.7	0.5	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(AA)	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.4	2.7	3.0	1.8	2.6	2.0	1.2	0.0	0.5	0.5
(A)	9.3	7.6	7.5	7.7	3.7	3.0	1.2	0.9	0.8	0.4	0.3	0.9	0.9
(BBB)	17.8	19.1	18.2	15.8	14.4	13.9	11.7	10.0	7.8	8.0	8.7	5.7	4.7
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PERCENT NO N-RATED	37.6%	37.6%	37.8%	34.1%	34.8%	32.5%	33.5%	34.7%	31.8%	29.3%	29.6%	26.6%	27.4%
TO TAL PORTFOLIO	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
AVERAGE RATING	A2 / A	A2 / A	A3/A-	A2 / A	A3 / A-	A2 / A	A2 / A	A3 / A-	A2 / A	A3 / A-	A3/A-	A3/A-	A3/A-
PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION													
HOUSING	27.2%	28.9%	32.1%	32.5%	34.1%	34.4%	31.0%	39.1%	36.4%	36.6%	36.7%	35.6%	36.7%
SINGLE FAMILY	4.6	7.5	12.2	14.6	12.4	17.3	12.5	17.6	16.6	15.8	15.6	15.4	16.5
MULTI FAMILY	22.6	21.4	19.9	17.9	21.7	17.1	18.5	21.5	19.8	20.8	21.0	20.1	20.1
HOSPITAL	21.5	25.1	25.5	22.1	20.1	19.1	17.2	16.4	16.2	14.9	17.2	16.8	16.3
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EDUCATION	9.2	12.4	11.0	10.5	10.5	11.5	11.1	11.6	11.0	11.7	14.3	14.1	13.4
UTILITIES	0.8	3.8	6.4	5.3	7.2	5.6	5.0	4.8	5.2	4.2	4.8	4.8	4.5
INSURED	8.7	5.2	4.9	3.7	3.6	3.0	2.8	1.1	1.7	1.3	0.5	0.5	0.5
LEASES	3.3	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.5	2.9	4.2	4.3	4.5	4.8	7.0	6.8	5.7
IDR/PCR	5.7	2.7	3.5	2.7	2.6	2.1	1.3	1.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.5
ESC. TO MAT/PRE REF	6.6	4.3	0.3	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	1.4	0.9	3.3	1.9	3.6	3.3
MUTUAL FUNDS	0.0	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.7	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.1
GENERAL OBLIGATION	2.4	0.6	1.5	0.8	0.5	2.5	2.2	2.0	1.5	2.7	4.0	3.4	6.5
INSURED - G.O.	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.4	1.0	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
PUBLIC FACILITIES	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.2
CASH EQUIVALENTS	5.2	3.3	1.2	5.0	3.1	3.5	10.2	2.1	9.1	7.8	2.3	4.1	3.6
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
STATED MATURITY (Yrs)	14.0	15.5	14.6	14.7	15.4	16.1	14.5	16.6	15.3	15.2	16.5	15.7	15.9
WEIGHTED AVG CPN	5.4	5.3	5.3	5.1	5.4	5.2	4.6	5.0	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.5	4.5
WEIGHTED AVG PRICE	102.9	98.5	84.3	97.1	95.7	100.9	104.2	97.0	103.5	103.9	102.0	104.8	102.4
DURATION TO AVERAGE LIFE (Yrs)	4.2	4.9	5.1	4.9	5.5	5.4	4.2	5.4	4.7	4.8	5.8	4.2	4.4

FIVE LARGEST NATIONAL FUNDS' YIELD AND DURATION COMPARED TO SIT TAX-FREE INCOME FUND

As of March 31, 2018



Duration (Years)

Average Annual Total Returns (%) as of March 31, 2018

	<u>1 Year</u>	3 Year	5 Year	<u> 10 Year</u>
Sit Tax-Free Income Fund (SNTIX)	6.0	3.7	4.1	4.7
USAA Tax Exempt Intermediate	3.7	2.0	2.4	4.3
American Funds Tax-Exempt Bond	3.1	2.3	2.7	4.3
Fidelity Intermediate Muni Income	1.9	1.3	1.7	3.2
Northern Intermediate Tax-Exempt	1.8	1.6	2.0	3.5
T. Rowe Muni Intermediate	1.8	1.7	2.2	3.8
Bloomberg Barclays 5-Year Municipal Index	0.6	1.3	1.5	3.3

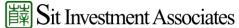


SIT NATIONAL TAX-FREE INCOME FUND PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Average Annual Total Returns (%) as of March 31, 2018

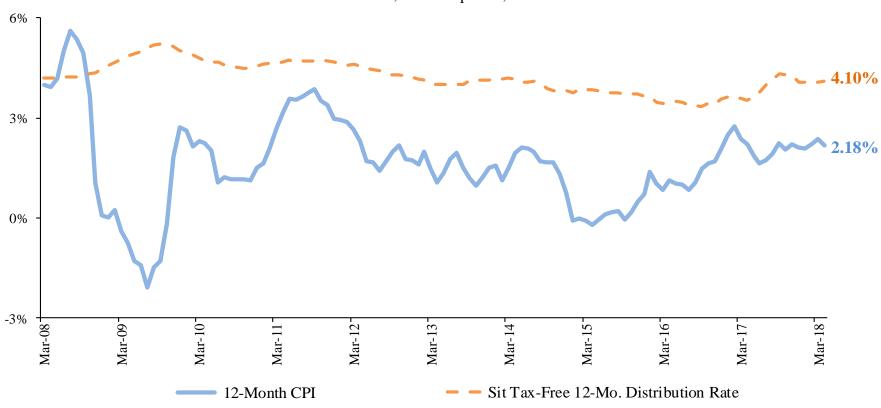
Sector Performance Summary	% of Port.	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Multi-Family Housing Sector Holdings	24.1%	7.4	5.0	5.9	4.8
Single-Family Housing Sector Holdings	23.4%	4.2	3.3	3.6	4.7
Bloomberg Barclays Housing Index		3.1	2.8	3.4	5.1

Non-Rated Bond Performance Summary	% of Port.	1 Year	3 Year	<u>5 Year</u>	<u>10 Year</u>
Non-Rated Holdings	22.9 %	13.0	6.9	6.8	5.1
Rated Holdings	77.1 %	4.9	3.9	4.7	6.3
Sit MN Tax-Free Income Fund Gross of Fees		6.9	4.5	4.9	5.7
Sit Tax-Free Income Fund Net of Fees		6.0	<i>3.7</i>	<i>4.1</i>	4.7
Bloomberg Barclays 5-Year Muni Bond Index		0.6	1.3	1.5	3.3



SIT TAX-FREE INCOME FUND 12-MONTH DISTRIBUTION RATE

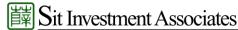
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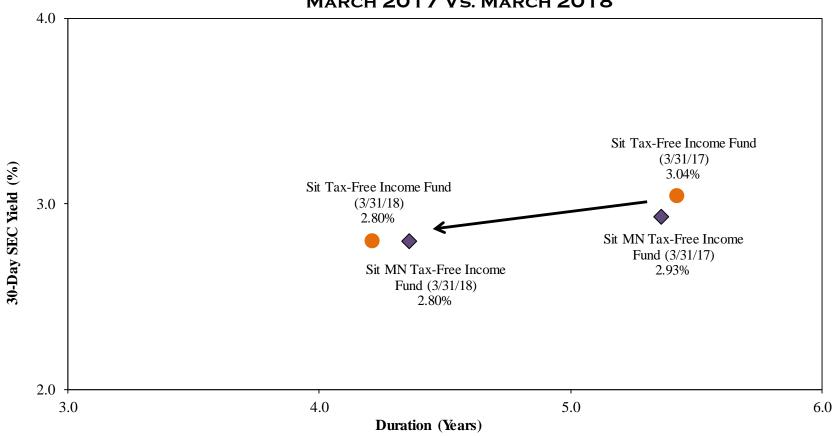
Source: U.S. Consumer Price Index Urban Consumers NSA

Average Annual Total Returns (%) as of April 30, 2018

	<u> 1 Year</u>	<u>3 Year</u>	<u> 5 Year</u>	10 Year	Since Inception
Sit Tax-Free Income Fund (SNTIX)	4.8	3.8	3.8	4.7	5.2
Bloomberg Barclays 5-Year Municipal Index	-0.4	1.2	1.4	3.3	4.5

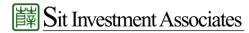


TAX-FREE INCOME FUNDS' YIELDS AND DURATIONS MARCH 2017 Vs. MARCH 2018



Average Annual Total Returns (%) as of March 31, 2018

	1 Year	3 Year	<u>5 Year</u>	<u> 10 Year</u>	Since Inception
Sit Minnesota Tax-Free Income Fund (SMTFX)	4.1	2.6	2.9	4.5	4.7
Sit Tax-Free Income Fund (SNTIX)	6.0	3.7	4.1	4.8	5.2
Bloomberg Barclays 5-Year Municipal Index	0.6	1.3	1.5	3.3	4.5



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The Bloomberg Barclays Intermediate Government Index is a sub-index of the Barclays Government Bond Index covering issues with remaining maturities of between three and five years. The Bloomberg Barclays Government Bond Index is an index that measures the performance of all public U.S. government obligations with remaining maturities of one year or more. The Bloomberg Barclays 1-3 Year U.S. Government/Credit Index includes all medium and larger issues of U.S. government, investment-grade corporate, and investment-grade international dollar-denominated bonds that have maturities of between 1 and 3 years and are publicly issued. The Bloomberg Barclays 5-Year Municipal Bond Index is an unmanaged index of long-term, fixed-rate, investment-grade, tax-exempt bonds representative of the municipal bond market and is the 5-year (4-6) component of the Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond Index. The Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Index is an unmanaged index considered representative of the tax-exempt bond market. The index returns include the reinvestment of income and do not include any transaction costs, management fees or other costs. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

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Duration is a measure of estimated price sensitivity relative to changes in interest rates. Portfolios with longer durations are typically more sensitive to changes in interest rates. For example, if interest rates rise by 1%, the market value of a security with an effective duration of 5 years would decrease by 5%, with all other factors being constant. The correlation between duration and price sensitivity is greater for securities rates investment-grade than it is for securities rated below investment-grade. Duration estimates are based on assumptions by Sit Investment and are subject to a number of limitations. **Effective duration** is calculated based on historical price changes of securities held by the Fund, and therefore is a more accurate estimate of price sensitivity provided interest rates remain within their historical range.

Investment in debt securities typically decrease in value when interest rates rise. The risk is usually greater for longer-term debt securities. Mortgage-backed securities involve risk of loss due to prepayments and defaults.

Average Annual Total Returns (%) as of April 30, 2018

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception
<u>Taxable</u>					
Sit U.S. Government Securities Fund (SNGVX)	0.4	0.8	0.6	2.4	5.2
Bloomberg Barclays Intermediate Government Index	-1.2	0.3	0.5	2.3	5.4
Sit Quality Income Fund (SQIFX)	0.6	0.5	0.4	n/a	0.5
Bloomberg Barclays 1-3 Year Gov't/Credit Index	-0.1	0.6	0.8	n/a	0.7
<u>Tax-Free</u>					
Sit Minnesota Tax-Free Income Fund (SMTFX)	3.3	2.7	2.8	4.4	4.7
Sit Tax-Free Income Fund (SNTIX)	4.8	3.8	3.8	4.7	5.2
Bloomberg Barclays 5-Year Municipal Index	-0.4	1.2	1.4	3.3	4.2
Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Index	1.6	2.3	2.4	4.2	5.0

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Investment in debt securities typically decrease in value when interest rates rise. The risk is usually greater for longer-term debt securities. Mortgage-backed securities involve risk of loss due to prepayments and defaults. Income from tax-exempt funds may be subject to state & local taxes, and a portion of income may be subject to federal income tax including the alternative minimum tax (AMT). Capital gains distributions, if any, will be subject to tax.

Risks specific to Sit U.S. Government Securities Fund

Fixed-income securities present issuer default risk. Securities held by the Fund may not be backed by the full faith and credit of the United States. Market risk may affect a single issuer, sector of the economy, industry or the market as a whole. An increase in interest rates may lower the value of the fixed-income securities held by the Fund. Declining interest rates may compel borrowers to prepay mortgages and debt obligations underlying the mortgage-backed securities owned by the Fund. The proceeds received by the Fund from prepayments may be reinvested at interest rates lower than the original investment, thus resulting in a reduction of income to the Fund. Rising rates could reduce prepayments and extend the life of securities with lower interest rates, which may increase the sensitivity of the Fund's value to rising interest rates. There may be limited liquidity for certain fixed-income securities. The Fund may hold securities for which prices from pricing services may be unavailable or are deemed unreliable.

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Risks specific to Sit MN Tax-Free Fund

Fixed-income securities present issuer default risk, and the revenue bonds in which the Fund invests may entail greater credit risk than the Fund's investments in general obligation bonds. Market risk may affect a single issuer, sector of the economy, industry or the market as a whole. Tax, legislative, regulatory, demographic or political changes in Minnesota, as well as changes impacting Minnesota's financial, economic or other conditions may adversely impact the Fund. The Fund may be more adversely affected than other funds by future changes in federal or state income tax laws. A relatively small number of Minnesota tax-exempt issuers may necessitate the Fund investing a larger portion of its assets in a limited number of issuers than a more diversified fund, and the Fund may be more susceptible to an single economic, political or regulatory occurrence than a more diversified fund. The Fund invests a significant portion of its assets in certain sectors including health care facility bonds, housing authority bonds, and education bonds, and therefore the Fund may be more affected by events influencing these sectors than a fund that is more diversified across numerous sectors. Call risk exists as a fixed-income security may be called, prepaid or redeemed before maturity and that similar-yielding investments may not be available for purchase. An increase in interest rates may lower the value of the fixed-income securities held by the Fund. Falling interest rates may lower the income earned by the Fund and result in the Fund investing in lower-yielding securities., lowering the Fund's income and yield. Federal and state tax rules apply to capital gain distributions and any gains or losses on sales. Income may be subject to state, local or alternative minimum taxes. There may be limited liquidity for certain fixed-income securities. The Fund may hold securities for which prices from pricing services may be unavailable or are deemed unreliable.

Risks specific to Tax-Free Fund

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